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ComEd, CEDA Partner with Southside Church to Host Rate Relief Fair

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church is site for free assistance program enrollments on Aug. 23

CHICAGO (August 13, 2007) - ComEd and the Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, Inc. (CEDA) have partnered with Pastor Charles Jenkins to host a Rate Relief and Assistance Initiative fair on Aug. 23 from 6-8 p.m. ComEd customers may apply for bill credits and other forms of assistance at this free event held at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, 45th Place and Princeton Ave. in Chicago.

“ComEd is working to ensure that all customers who need assistance receive it,” said ComEd President Barry Mitchell. “In partnership with CEDA, we can make more customers aware of ComEd’s targeted rate relief programs to help those most in need pay their electricity bills.”

Even if customers have already received a bill credit, they can apply for additional assistance such as ComEd’s special hardship fund. Nearly 4,000 customers have already proactively applied for funds through the Rate Relief and Assistance Initiative.

ComEd customers who should apply include low-income households, low-income seniors and working families with household incomes up to 200 percent of the poverty level (\$40,000 for a family of four). Also eligible are residential customers with household incomes up to 400 percent of the poverty level (\$80,000 for a family of four) that identify a hardship issue such as medical, military, or disability hardships.

Customers who cannot attend the fair at Fellowship are encouraged to participate in one of the following upcoming fairs:

- Saturday, Aug. 25 - 9 a.m.-2 p.m. HispanoCare Community Health and Education, Muebleria Continental, 1921 N. Mannheim Rd., Melrose Park.
- Tuesday, Aug. 28 - 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Bloom Township, 425 S. Halsted St., Chicago Heights (across from Prairie State College).

Customers wishing to apply for assistance must bring the following documents:

- Proof of gross income from all household members for the 30-day period prior to the application date. (Pay stubs, social security benefit letter, etc.)
- A copy of your current ComEd bill (within 30 days).
- Proof of identification for the ComEd customer of record. (Gas, water, or telephone bills, photo ID, etc.)
- For those interested in applying for the Special Household Fund who have household incomes at or below 400 percent of poverty level, proof of hardship is required (medical, military or disability).

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ComEd rate relief eligibility information may be obtained by visiting www.ComEdCARE.com or calling 888-806-CARE (2273). For future event information, visit www.cedaorg.net.

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As one of the largest private non-profit organizations in the country, CEDA serves more than 200,000 Cook County residents annually through more than 30 programs and services in the areas of child and family development, health and nutrition services, senior citizen programs, economic development, employment and job training, housing services, education services and community development. CEDA constantly improves and expands our services to further our mission of assisting individuals, families and communities.