

April 2023

To: Members of ComEd /Exelon /Constellation Retired Employee Association (C/E R E A)

LATEST UPDATES:

January 2023- C/EREA Dues: Once again, there will be no dues this year, except for new members. We will notify you if there is a need for future dues.

In Memoriam – Dave Mindeman, CEREA Treasurer, passed away December 15, 2022.

Latest Update (1) – NRG Fossil Generating Stations - NRG officially closed the Waukegan and Will County Generating Stations in January 2023 and are maintaining the stations with skeleton crews. In July of 2022, NRG announced the closing of Joliet Station in June of 2023 because they claim Joliet Station is no longer competitive even though they converted from coal to natural gas. The Powerton Generating Station is scheduled to close near the end of 2027. The Kincaid Generating Station, operated by Vistra, is also scheduled to close by the end of 2027.

Latest Update (2) Exelon Splitting Utility and Generation Divisions. The split of Exelon to Exelon and Constellation has been completed. 2023 is the 1st year in which Constellation has been on their own providing benefits and open enrollment material. Once again, anyone who was employed at and retired from generation (nuclear, fossil, peaker) have been transferred to Constellation along with pension & retiree health care benefits. L-15 did a review of all Bargaining Unit Retirees, to the best of our ability, to determine if all retirees were placed with the proper Companies. There were some changes, retirees should have been notified and this should have been completed in January with new ID cards etc.. Take extra time to review all benefits updates to ensure there are no errors. So far, the transition to Constellation has gone pretty well considering all the moving parts associated with the split.

Retirees - Post 65 Ensure when you visit hospitals, physicians and other providers for treatment, that they accept Medicare. The large majority do accept Medicare but if they do not, you will not be covered for treatment.

Retirees – Pre-65 Moving to Medicare Remember you need to enroll in Medicare Parts A and B. Part A is hospitalization and Part B is doctor visits and tests. You transition to Medicare on the 1st of the month in which you turn 65 or if your birthday is the first of the month, you move to Medicare the prior month. Normally, Medicare mails you notice of your Medicare enrollment approx. 3 months prior to your transition but if you are not yet collecting Social Security you need to call Medicare, go on-line to enroll or visit a Social Security office.

From CEREA President Turngren: We are requesting your help in improving our organization. Many things have changed over time but one thing that has not changed is that we need your support. We are trying to make changes in how things have been done within our organization in the past. We are making a special request that whether you have attended meetings in the past or not, please make an effort to attend the next general meeting and bring another retiree with you. Hope to see you there.

CEREA Costs: In an attempt to hold down costs, we are considering emailing the annual newsletter. If you would like your newsletter emailed, please provide us your latest email address to Johnson@IBEW15.org

Spring Membership Meetings will be held at the following locations:

- **Wed., May 3th: Stone City Post VFW, 124 Stone City Rd. Joliet IL. @ 2:00 PM**
- **Thurs., May 4th: Elmhurst American Legion, 310 W. Butterfield Rd, Elmhurst @ 2:00 PM**
- We will have pizza at both meetings.

C/EREA applications are on the IBEW Local 15 web site listed below or they can call Local 15 (630 737-9996) and ask for Wayne Johnson and he will send out an application.

For further information regarding our organization, please write to C/E R E A., in care of Tom Turngren, 6330 Belmont Rd, Downers Grove, Il 60516, or call 630 737-9996. You may also communicate through the IBEW Local 15 web site at: ibew15.org - click on Retirees – email: Local15Retirees@IBEW15.org.

Added Note: Joliet will have a speaker discussing senior fraud issues.