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BERLIN'S ENERGY PROGRAM RATE 18% BELOW WINTER BASIC SERVICE RATE

BERLIN, MA – Beginning with the November 2021 meter reads, the Berlin Community Choice Power Supply Program will have a new supplier, NextEra Energy Services. The Town of Berlin signed a thirty-six-month contract with a new rate that is eighteen percent lower than National Grid's winter Residential Basic Service price of \$0.14821 per kWh. The Program rate will be \$0.12167 per kWh and uses 100 percent green energy which is largely derived from Maine Class II Renewable Energy Certificates.

“Residents have expressed concerns about the instability of the energy market and a strong desire to use more clean energy,” said Town Administrator Margaret Nartowicz. “Berlin’s Program responds to both of those concerns.”

No action is required by individual consumers. All accounts currently enrolled in the Program will remain in the Program at the new rate as of the November 2021 meter reads. This change will be noted on the November 2021 bills and will be seen on the December 2021 bills.

There are no enrollment, early termination, or cancellation fees attached to the Berlin electricity program. Residents who choose to opt-out can also opt-in at a later date if they so choose at no cost. However, anyone switching from a contract with a third-party supplier may be subject to penalties or early termination fees charged by that supplier. Ratepayers should verify terms before switching.

Basic Service rates change twice a year or more, depending on rate class. As a result, the aggregation rate may not always be lower than the Basic Service rate. The goal of the aggregation is to deliver savings over the life of the program against National Grid's Basic Service. However, such savings and future savings cannot be guaranteed.

Residents may also visit colonialpowergroup.com/berlin or call (866) 485-5858 ext. 1 to learn more about Berlin's Community Choice Power Supply Program or to opt-in or opt-out.

National Grid has several programs to help income-eligible families and customers needing special assistance meet their energy needs. To learn more visit nationalgridus.com/MA-Home/Bill-Help/Payment-Assistance-Programs.



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