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Amesbury Energy Program Announces New Rates

Amesbury, MA — — The City of Amesbury has signed a twenty-four month contract with its current supplier, First Point Power. Beginning with the October 2026 meter reads, the Amesbury Community Choice Power Supply Program, designed to meet the specific needs of the City's electricity ratepayers, will continue to offer the same options but at new rates:

- The standard product which meets the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Requirement (MA Req) plus an additional 5% Massachusetts Class I Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) at a rate of \$0.16761 per kWh.
- An optional product that meets the MA Req of 69.1% at a rate of \$0.16561 per kWh.
- A second optional product which is 100% renewable -- meets the MA Req plus an additional 31% National Wind RECs -- at a rate of \$0.16639 per kWh.

For Amesbury residents and businesses who are enrolled in the City's standard product, the current rate of \$0.14479 per kWh will expire and the new rate of \$0.16761 per kWh will take effect with the October 2026 meter reads. This represents an increase of \$14 per month on the supply side of the bill given average usage of 600 kWh. However, this new rate is 2 percent lower than National Grid's Residential Basic Service rate of \$0.17185 per kWh. Residents can

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expect to see an average savings of \$3 per month for the months of October 2026 through January 2027.

Amesbury launched its electricity program in October 2024 in an effort to develop an energy program that would be stable, affordable and incorporate renewable energy. From inception through March 2026, the Program has saved residents and small businesses over \$405,000 in electricity costs as compared to National Grid Basic Service.

It is important to note that no action is required by current participants. All accounts currently enrolled in the Program will remain with their current product selection and see the new rate and First Point Power printed under the "Supply Services" section of their monthly bill. This change will be seen on the November 2026 bills.

The Amesbury Community Choice Power Supply Program has no fees or charges. 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 National Grid Basic Service rate. The goal of the aggregation is to deliver savings over the life of the program against National Grid Basic Service. However, future savings cannot be guaranteed.

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

ABOUT COLONIAL POWER GROUP: Based in Marlborough, Mass., Colonial Power Group is the leading aggregation-consulting firm in Massachusetts. Colonial Power has been working with local governments since 2002 in the design, implementation and management of municipal aggregation programs.

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"It's becoming increasingly important to find savings wherever we can for our residents, especially as utility bills continue to climb. Every dollar matters right now, and even small savings can make a meaningful difference for the people we serve. This program continues to offer options for the supply service portion of their electric bill, with the flexibility of being able to join or withdraw at any time, without penalties or fees."

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