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BLACKSTONE ENERGY PROGRAM ANNOUNCES NEW RATES

BLACKSTONE, MA – The Town of Blackstone has signed a thirteen month contract with its current supplier, First Point Power. Beginning with the October 2026 meter reads, the Blackstone Community Choice Power Supply Program, which meets the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Requirement (MA Req) of 69.1%, will have a new rate of \$0.16399 per kWh. The Program will also continue to offer an optional 100% renewable product, which is derived from National Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs), at a rate of \$0.16477 per kWh.

For Blackstone residents and businesses who are enrolled in the Town's standard product, the current rate of \$0.13052 per kWh will expire and the new rate of \$0.16399 per kWh will take effect with the October 2026 meter reads. This represents an increase of \$20 per month on the supply side of the bill given average usage of 600 kWh. However, this new rate is 5 percent lower than National Grid's Residential Basic Service rate of \$0.17185 per kWh. Residents can expect to see an average savings of \$5 per month for the months of October 2026 through January 2027.

Blackstone launched its electricity program in April 2025 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 \$326,000 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 Blackstone 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 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/blackstone or call (866) 485-5858 ext. 1 to learn more about Blackstone's Community Choice Power Supply Program, to opt-in or opt-out, or to change product selection.



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