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Dudley Energy Programs Announce New Rates

The Town of Dudley has signed a 13-month contract with its current aggregate supplier, First Point Power. Beginning with the October 2026 meter reads, the Dudley Community Choice Power Supply Program, designed to meet the specific needs of the Town's electricity ratepayers, will continue to offer the same options but at new rates:

- The standard product which meets the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Requirement of 69.1% at a rate of \$0.16345 per kWh.
- An optional product that is 100% renewable - meets the MA Req plus an additional 31% National Wind Renewable Energy Certificates - at a rate of \$0.16423 per kWh.
- A second optional product which meets the MA Req plus an additional 5% Massachusetts Class I RECs at a rate of \$0.16545 per kWh.

For Dudley residents and businesses who are enrolled in the Town's standard product, the current rate of \$0.12826 per kWh will expire and the new rate of \$0.16345 per kWh will take effect with the October 2026 meter reads.

This represents an increase of \$21 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.

Dudley launched its electricity program in April 2025 in an effort to develop an option for residents that would be stable, affordable and incorporate renewable energy. From inception through March 2026, the program has saved residents and small businesses over \$499,000 in electricity costs as compared to National Grid Basic Service.

"While energy costs remain high given current market conditions, we are pleased that the Town has been able to secure a reduced rate that will provide some relief to our residents. We intentionally chose a shorter-term agreement rather than locking the community into a long-term rate in a volatile energy market," Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda said. "This approach gives us the flexibility to regularly reevaluate market conditions, test available pricing, and make sure we continue pursuing the best possible value for Dudley residents. Our goal is to provide savings where we can today while maintaining the flexibility to take advantage of better opportunities as the market changes."

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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 Dudley 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. 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/dudley or call (866) 485-5858 ext. 1 to learn more about Dudley's Community Choice Power Supply Program, to opt in or opt out, or to change product selection.