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HEATH ANNOUNCES NEW RATE AND SUPPLIER FOR ENERGY PROGRAM

HEATH, MA – The Town of Heath has signed a twelve month contract with a new supplier, Direct Energy Services. Beginning with the December 2026 meter reads, the Heath Community Choice Power Supply Program, which meets the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Requirement (MA Req) of 69.1%, will have a new rate of $0.16600 per kWh.

For Heath residents and businesses who are enrolled in the Town's Program, the current rate of $0.12804 per kWh will expire and the new rate of $0.16600 per kWh will take effect with the December 2026 meter reads. This represents an increase of $23 per month on the supply side of the bill given average usage of 600 kWh. However, this new rate is 3 percent lower than National Grid's Residential Basic Service rate of $0.17185 per kWh. Residents can expect to see an average savings of $4 per month for the months of December 2026 and January 2027. National Grid's Basic Service rates will change on February 1, 2027 and should be known in early November.

Heath launched its electricity program in December 2017 in an effort to develop an energy program that would be stable and affordable. From inception through June 2026, the Program has saved residents and small businesses over $568,000 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 see the new rate and Direct Energy printed under the "Supply Services" section of their monthly bill. This change will be seen on the January 2027 bills.

The Heath 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.

If you are a tax-exempt small business, you must email or fax a copy of your Energy Exemption Certificate directly to Direct Energy at usn.taxexemption@directenergy.com or (800) 504-7428 (fax) in order to maintain your tax-exempt status.

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

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