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UPTON ANNOUNCES NEW RATES AND SUPPLIER FOR ENERGY PROGRAM

UPTON, MA – The Town of Upton has signed a twelve month contract with a new supplier, First Point Power. Beginning with the October 2026 meter reads, the Upton 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 (MA Req) of 69.1% at a rate of \$0.16459 per kWh.
- An optional product that is 100% renewable -- meets the MA Req plus an additional 31% National Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) -- at a rate of \$0.16537 per kWh.
- A second optional product that provides 100% Massachusetts Class I RECs at a rate of \$0.19148 per kWh

For Upton residents and businesses who are enrolled in the Town's standard product, the current rate of \$0.14120 per kWh will expire and the new rate of \$0.16459 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 4 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 October 2026 through January 2027.

Upton re-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 \$309,000 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 Upton 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.

If you are a tax-exempt small business, you must email or fax a copy of your Energy Exemption Certificate directly to First Point Power at enroll@firstpointpower or (877) 206-4855 fax) in order to maintain your tax-exempt status.

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/upton or call (866) 485-5858 ext. 1 to learn more about Upton’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.