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WEST SPRINGFIELD ENERGY PROGRAM ANNOUNCES NEW RATE

WEST SPRINGFIELD, MA – The Town of West Springfield has signed a twelve month contract with its current supplier, First Point Power. Beginning with the December 2026 meter reads, the West Springfield Community Choice Power Supply Program, which meets the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Requirement (MA Req) of 69.1%, will have a new rate of $0.15371 per kWh.

For West Springfield residents and businesses who are enrolled in the Town's Program, the current rate of $0.15622 per kWh will expire and the new rate of $0.15371 per kWh will take effect with the December 2026 meter reads. This represents a decrease of $2 per month on the supply side of the bill given average usage of 600 kWh. Also, this new rate is 4 percent lower than Eversource's Residential Basic Service rate of $0.15934 per kWh. Residents can expect to see an average savings of $3 per month for the months of December 2026 and January 2027. Eversource's Basic Service rates will change on February 1, 2027 and should be known in mid-November.

West Springfield launched its electricity program in September 2019 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 $4.4 million in electricity costs as compared to Eversource 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 First Point Power printed under the "Supplier Services" section of their monthly bill. This change will be seen on the January 2027 bills.

The West Springfield 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 Eversource Basic Service. However, future savings cannot be guaranteed.

Eversource has several programs to help income-eligible families and customers needing special assistance meet their energy needs. To learn more visit eversource.com/residential/account-billing/payment-assistance.

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

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