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WINDSOR JOINS 17 BERKSHIRE COMMUNITIES TO SELECT NEW ENERGY SUPPLIER AND LONG-TERM RATES

WINDSOR, MA – The Town of Windsor has signed a thirty-six month contract with a new electricity supplier, First Point Power. Beginning with the November 2025 meter reads, the Windsor 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:

- A standard product that meets Massachusetts Renewable Energy Requirement (MA Req) of 63.1% at a rate of \$0.13042 per kWh.
- An optional product that meets MA Req plus an additional 5% Massachusetts Class I Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) at a rate of \$0.13242 per kWh.
- A second optional product that involves the use of 100% Massachusetts Class I Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) at a rate of \$0.15740 per kWh.

For Windsor residents and businesses who are enrolled in the Town's standard product, the current rate of \$0.12520 per kWh will expire and the new rate of \$0.13042 per kWh will take effect with the November 2025 meter reads. This represents an increase of \$3 per month on the supply side of the bill given average usage of 600 kWh. However, this new rate is 3 percent lower than Eversource's Residential Basic Service rate of \$0.13493 per kWh. Residents can expect to see an average savings of \$3 per month for the months of November 2025 through January 2026.

The Berkshire County municipal energy program has been in place since 2014, and Windsor has now joined for the first time, alongside 17 other participating communities. For the period September 2024 through November 2025, Windsor has participated in Community Choice

Aggregation as an individual town. Through this regional collaboration, Windsor was able to leverage collective purchasing power to negotiate competitive electricity supply terms.

It is important to note that <u>no action is required</u> by current participants. This change will be seen on the December 2025 bills. All accounts currently enrolled in the Program will remain with their current product offering and see the new rate and First Point Power printed under the "Supplier Services" section of their monthly bill.

The Windsor 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 Basic Service. However, future savings cannot be guaranteed.

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

Residents may also visit <u>colonialpowergroup.com/windsor</u> or call (866) 485-5858 ext. 1 to learn more about Windsor'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.