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SHELBURNE ENERGY PROGRAM ANNOUNCES NEW RATES AND OPTIONS

SHELBURNE, MA – The Town of Shelburne has signed a twenty-four month contract with its current supplier, Dynegy Energy Services. The Shelburne Community Choice Power Supply Program, tailored to meet the specific needs of the Town's electricity ratepayers, will continue to offer the same standard product and also offers two optional products.

CURRENT PRODUCT OFFERINGS		
STANDARD	OPTIONAL GREEN	
\$0.09345 / kWh	\$0.09433 / kWh	
Meets MA renewable energy requirements	100% National Wind RECs	
NEW PRODUCT OFFERINGS		
STANDARD	OPTIONAL GREEN 5*	[NEW] OPTIONAL GREEN
\$0.14159 / kWh	\$0.14354 / kWh	\$0.15643 / kWh
Meets MA renewable energy	5% MA Class I RECs above	100% renewable. Includes add'l
requirements	minimum state requirements	38% MA Class I RECs.
*Note: The renewable energy content of this product offering has changed.		

For Shelburne residents and businesses who are enrolled in the Town's standard product, the current rate of \$0.09345 per kWh will expire and the new rate of \$0.14159 per kWh will take effect with the January 2024 meter reads. This represents an increase of \$29 per month on the supply side of the bill given average usage of 600 kWh. However, this new rate is 11 percent lower than Eversource's recently announced Residential Basic Service rate of \$0.15845 per kWh. Residents can expect to see an average savings of \$10 per month for the months of January 2024 through July 2024*.

"Electricity costs have increased considerably since the last time we were in the market however, the new Program offers optional green products, provides an initial savings (*Eversource rates*

change every six months) and overall stability for the next two years," said Terry Narkewicz, Shelburne Town Administrator.

Shelburne launched its electricity program in August 2020 in an effort to develop an energy program that would be stable, affordable and incorporate renewable energy. From inception through June 2023, the Program has saved residents and small businesses over \$829,000 in electricity costs as compared to Basic Service.

It is important to note that no action will be required by individual consumers. This change will be seen on the February 2024 bills. All accounts currently enrolled in the Program will remain with their current product offering (consistent with the chart above, renewable energy content may have changed) and see the new rate under the "Supplier Services" section of their monthly bill. If you would like to choose the Town's new optional product, please visit <u>colonialpower group.com/shelburne</u> to opt-in.

The Shelburne 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, such savings and future savings cannot be guaranteed.

Eversource customers who meet certain means criteria can qualify to receive a discount on their electric bills. To learn more, please visit <u>eversource.com/content/residential/account-billing/payment-assistance/discount-rate</u>.

Residents may also visit <u>colonialpowergroup.com/shelburne</u> or call (866) 485-5858 ext. 1 to learn more about Shelburne's Community Choice Power Supply Program, to opt-in or opt-out, or to change your current product selection.

*Normally, the term would be through June 2024 but this is a transition term. The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities issued an Order on September 1, 2023 that requires Eversource change its residential and small business Basic Service periods to February through July and August through January. This is expected to mitigate large seasonal changes in Basic Service electricity supply prices and differences across electric distribution companies. [See mass.gov/news/dpu-orders-schedule-changes-to-basic-service-rates.]



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