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**BOLTON ANNOUNCES ENERGY PROGRAM START DATE**  
*Notifications mail in mid-October. Program will lower electricity costs and offer environmental benefits.*

BOLTON, MA – The Town of Bolton is pleased to announce that it’s launching its Community Choice Power Supply Program this winter to provide an energy program that is stable, affordable and incorporates additional renewable energy. Bolton signed a thirty-six month contract with First Point Power.

Beginning with the December 2024 meter reads, Bolton’s Program will offer three products with varying amounts of renewable energy content. “Our electricity program allows us to reduce our dependence on non-renewable energy sources and decrease our carbon emissions, while also stabilizing electricity bills,” said Marie Sobalvarro, Bolton Town Administrator.

Product	Renewable Energy Content	Program Rate (per kWh)	National Grid Rate* (per kWh)	% Savings	Est Monthly Savings
Standard (default)	10% MA Class I RECs above minimum state requirements	\$0.13225	\$0.16055	18%	\$17
Optional Basic	Meets MA renewable energy requirements	\$0.12815	\$0.16055	20%	\$19
Optional Renewable	100% MA Class I RECs	\$0.16013	\$0.16055	---	---

\*National Grid’s Residential Basic Service meets MA renewable energy requirements and is in effect from August 1, 2024 thru January 31, 2025. Assuming usage of 600-kilowatt hours of electricity per month, residents can expect to see an average savings for that period.

“This initiative was spearheaded by Bolton’s Community Choice Aggregation Committee -- Lynn Dischler, John Petrin and Sharon Shepela -- and we commend their forward-thinking approach to energy purchasing,” added Marie Sobalvarro. “Although the approval process took longer than we had all hoped, the CCA Committee remained engaged and committed which will ultimately help save residents and businesses money on their electricity costs while helping the environment.”

The Bolton Community Choice Power Supply Program is a municipal aggregation program which, according to Massachusetts law (M.G.L. c. 164, § 134), enables local government to combine the purchasing power of its residents and businesses so that it can provide them with an alternative electricity supply. Approximately 190 Massachusetts communities, to date, have chosen to develop community choice electricity programs to benefit their residents and small business owners.

Residents will not notice any change in their electricity service. The only discernible difference will be that First Point Power of Cranston, Rhode Island, will be printed under “Supply Services” on National Grid’s monthly bills. Residents and small business owners will continue to receive one bill from National Grid and to send payments to National Grid for processing. There will be no interruption in billing, power, or customer service.

No action is required by ratepayers to participate in this cost-saving program. The Program will be operated on an opt-out basis, meaning that all Bolton residential and business customers currently on National Grid’s Basic Service will be automatically enrolled into the Program unless they choose to opt-out.

There are no enrollment, early termination, or cancellation fees attached to the Bolton electricity program. Residents who choose to opt-out can also opt-in at a later date if they so choose at no cost. 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’s Basic Service. However, future savings cannot be guaranteed.

***Residents or business owners with a supplier block on their account must contact National Grid to request that the block be removed if they want to participate in Bolton’s electricity program.***

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](https://nationalgridus.com/MA-Home/Bill-Help/Payment-Assistance-Programs).

Information sessions to answer questions about Bolton's Community Choice Power Supply Program will be held by the Town and representatives of Colonial Power Group as follows:

- November 7, 2024 at 2 pm at Bolton Council on Aging, 600 Main Street, Bolton, MA
- November 13, 2024 at 7 pm at Bolton Public Library, 738 Main Street, Bolton, MA

Residents may also visit [colonialpowergroup.com/bolton](https://colonialpowergroup.com/bolton) or call (866) 485-5858 ext. 1 to learn more about Bolton's Community Choice Power Supply Program, or to opt-in or opt-out.



*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.*