******PUBLIC NOTICE*****

THE TOWN OF BOLTON'S COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM CONSUMER NOTIFICATION



The Town of Bolton is pleased to announce that **First Point Power** ("First Point") has been selected as the supplier for its Community Choice Power Supply Program ("Program"). First Point will provide electric power supply for all consumers currently on Basic Service in Bolton. This notice is intended to tell you about this Program for electric power supply. In accordance with state law, it also informs you of your rights and options if you choose not to participate in the Program.

YOU WILL NOT NOTICE ANY CHANGE IN YOUR ELECTRICITY SERVICE. The only difference you will see is that First Point will be printed under the "Supply Services" section of your monthly bill. You will continue to receive one bill from National Grid. You will continue to send your payments to National Grid for processing. National Grid will continue to respond to emergencies, read meters and maintain the distribution and transmission lines. Reliability and quality of service will remain the same. Furthermore, you will continue to have all existing consumer rights and protections.

COMPARATIVE RATES AND TERMS

		National Grid**			
		(Supply Services Only)			
67)	STANDARD	OPTIONAL BASIC	OPTIONAL RENEWABLE	BASIC SERVICE	
Rate	(default)	7,000	C 13/		
Residential	\$0.13225 per kWh	\$0.12815 per kWh	\$0.16013 per kWh	\$0.16029 per kWh \$0.14796 per kWh	
Commercial/Streetlight	\$0.13225 per kWh	\$0.12815 per kWh	\$0.16013 per kWh		
Industrial	\$0.13225 per kWh \$0.12815 per kWh \$0.16013 per kWh		\$0.15772 per kWh		
Renewable Energy Content (see below for required & voluntary percentages by year)	10% MA Class I RECs above minimum state requirements	Meets MA renewable energy requirements	100% MA Class I RECs	Meets Massachusetts renewable energy requirements	
Duration	[Rate	cember 2024 – Decen es apply to service beg on the days of the mo ter is read in your serv	November 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025 [Residential and Sm Comm rates change every 6 months. Lg Comm and Industrial rates change every 3 months.]		
Exit Terms		NO CHARGE	May receive a reconciliation charge or credit [Industrial G-2 & G-3 only]		

^{*}Rate includes Consultant Services Fee of \$0.001 per kWh to facilitate Bolton's Community Choice Power Supply Program.

IF YOU ARE A BASIC SERVICE CONSUMER WHO HAS BEEN MAILED A NOTIFICATION LETTER you do not need to take any action to participate. You will be AUTOMATICALLY enrolled and start benefiting from the aggregation rate beginning on the day of the month in December 2024 that your meter is read. This date varies by service area. Your meter reading date is shown on your bill.

WATCH YOUR NATIONAL GRID BILL FOR FURTHER NOTIFICATION of the Program.

- Your December 2024 bill will state that you are being switched to Bolton's Program.
- Your January 2025 bill will show Bolton's supplier and aggregation rate under "Supply Services".

BUDGET PLAN OR ELIGIBLE LOW-INCOME RATE CONSUMERS will continue to receive those benefits from National Grid.

SOLAR PANEL AND COMMUNITY SOLAR CONSUMERS will continue to receive net metering or on-bill credits while receiving electricity supply under the Program and the value of these credits will not be altered by participating in the Program.

ANY APPLICABLE TAXES WILL BE BILLED as part of the Program's power supply charge. You will be responsible for identifying and requesting an exemption from the collection of taxes by providing appropriate documentation.

TAX EXEMPT SMALL BUSINESS CONSUMERS <u>must</u> email or fax a copy of their Energy Exemption Certificate directly to First Point at <u>enroll@firstpointpower.com</u> or (877) 206-4855 (fax) in order to maintain their tax exempt status.

^{*}Rate may increase as a result of a change in law that results in a direct, material increase in costs during the term of the contract.

^{**}GreenUp options are available for \$0.022-\$0.038 per kWh in addition to National Grid's Basic Service rate.

TO CHOOSE A BASIC PRODUCT OR A PRODUCT WITH 100% NEW ENGLAND RENEWABLE ENERGY visit colonialpower group.com/bolton or you may call First Point at (888) 875-1711 and ask to be enrolled in one of the following products:

- <u>Bolton's Optional Basic Product</u> meets Massachusetts renewable energy requirements. This product is being offered at \$0.12815 per kWh for 36 months (December 2024 to December 2027).
- <u>Bolton's Optional Renewable Product</u> provides 100% MA Class I RECs achieved by purchasing 76% additional Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) above the state's then-current requirement for these renewables. This product is being offered at \$0.16013 per kWh for 36 months (December 2024 to December 2027).

IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE you must OPT-OUT by signing and returning the Opt-Out Reply Card included with the mailed notification letter **OR** visit <u>colonialpowergroup.com/bolton</u>, click the OPT-OUT button and follow the instructions specified **OR** call First Point at (888) 875-1711.

IF YOU WISH TO JOIN THIS PROGRAM you may OPT-IN at <u>colonialpowergroup.com/bolton</u> **OR** call First Point at (888) 875-1711 and ask to be enrolled. If you are currently contracted with your own competitive supplier, you should confirm with them that you will not incur any early termination fees or penalties for leaving their supply.

THROUGHOUT THE LIFE OF THE PROGRAM each subsequent contract may vary by rate, term and possibly supplier. You will be automatically enrolled in the next contract at the new aggregation rate unless you opt-out. The new aggregation rate may be higher or lower than the current rate and the voluntary renewable energy content may change. There will be advance notice of each automatic renewal to inform you of your supply options should you choose to opt-out.

TO ACCESS NATIONAL GRID'S BASIC SERVICE RATES please visit:

- Residential Rates nationalgridus.com/media/pdfs/billing-payments/electric-rates/ma/resitable.pdf.
- Commercial Rates nationalgridus.com/media/pdfs/billing-payments/electric-rates/ma/commtable.pdf.
- Industrial Rates nationalgridus.com/media/pdfs/billing-payments/electric-rates/ma/indtable.pdf.

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.

Colonial Power Group, Inc. is an energy consulting company chosen on a competitive basis by the Town of Bolton to facilitate the Community Choice Power Supply Program. For more detailed information, call us toll-free at (866) 485-5858 ext. 1.

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RENEWABLE ENERGY CONTENT – Required and Voluntary Percentages by Year

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Community Choice Power Supply		Year	Required by State*		Voluntary**		TOTAL
			MA Class I	Other	MA Class I	Other	IUIAL
OPTIONA OPTIONA OPTIONA		2024	24%	38%	10%		72%
	STANDARD	2025	27%	36%	10%		73%
	(default)	2026	30%	39%	10%		79%
		2027	33%	43%	10%		86%
	OPTIONAL BASIC	2024	24%	38%		1/59	62%
		2025	27%	36%		E31	63%
		2026	30%	39%	5/6	33	69%
		2027	33%	43%	CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE		76%
	OPTIONAL RENEWABLE	2024	24%	38%	76%		138%
		2025	27%	36%	73%		136%
		2026	30%	39%	70%		139%
		2027	33%	43%	67%		143%
National Grid BASIC SERVICE		2024	24%	38%			62%
		2025	27%	36%			63%
		2026	30%	39%			69%
		2027	33%	43%			76%

^{*}Required by State – Mandatory minimum percentage of renewable energy resources required by MA law.

^{**}Voluntary – Additional renewable energy that exceeds the minimum required by the state in the specified year. For additional detail on MA renewable energy requirements, please visit mass.gov/info-details/program-summaries.