## \*\*\*\*\*PUBLIC NOTICE\*\*\*\*\*

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



The Town of Dudley 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 Dudley. 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)			
	STANDARD	OPTIONAL GREEN	OPTIONAL GREEN 5	BASIC SERVICE	
Rate	(default)				
Residential	\$0.12826 per kWh	\$ <mark>0.12992 per kWh</mark>	\$0.130 <mark>3</mark> 1 per kWh	\$0.14672 per kWh	
Commercial/Streetlight	\$0.12826 per kWh	\$ <mark>0</mark> .12992 per kWh	\$0.130 <mark>31</mark> per kWh	\$0.13409 per kWh	
Industrial	\$0.12826 per kWh	\$0.129 <mark>92 per kWh</mark>	\$0.130 <mark>31</mark> per kWh	\$0.14445 per kWh	
Renewable Energy Content (see below for required & voluntary percentages by year)	Meets MA renewable energy requirements	100% renewable. Includes 37% National Wind RECs.	5% MA Class I RECs above minimum state requirements	Meets Massachusetts renewable energy requirements	
Duration	A [Rates ending or meter	February 1, 2025 – July 31, 2025 [Residential and Sm Comm rates change every 6 months. Lg Comm and Industrial rates change every 3 months.]			
Exit Terms		May receive a reconciliation charge or credit [Industrial G-2 & G-3 only]			

<sup>\*</sup>Rate include<mark>s Consu</mark>ltant Services F<mark>ee of \$</mark>0.001 per kWh to facilitate Dudley's Community <mark>Cho</mark>ice Power Sup<mark>ply Prog</mark>ram.

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 April 2025 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 April 2025 bill will state that you are being switched to Dudley's Program.
- Your May 2025 bill will show Dudley'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.

<sup>\*</sup>Rate may incr<mark>ease as a</mark> result of a change in law that results in a direct, material increase in costs during the term of the contract.

<sup>\*\*</sup>GreenUp options are available for \$0.022-\$0.038 per kWh in addition to National Grid's Basic Service rate.

**TO CHOOSE A PRODUCT WITH A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY** visit <u>colonialpowergroup.com/dudley</u> or you may call First Point at (888) 875-1711 and ask to be enrolled in one of the following products:

- <u>Dudley's Optional Green Product</u> provides 37% National Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) above the state's then-current minimum requirement for renewables [63% in 2025]. This product is being offered at \$0.12992 per kWh for 18 months (April 2025 to October 2026).
- <u>Dudley's Optional Green 5 Product</u> provides 5% MA Class I RECs above the state's then-current requirement for these renewables [27% in 2025; 30% in 2026]. This product is being offered at \$0.13031 per kWh for 18 months (April 2025 to October 2026).

**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/dudley</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/dudley</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 Dudley 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

Community Choice Power Supply		Year	Required by State*		Voluntary**		TOTAL
			MA Class I	Other	MA Class I	Other	IOIAL
Town of Dudley	STANDARD (default)	2025	27%	36%			63%
		2026	30%	39%			69%
	OPT <mark>IONAL</mark> GREEN	2025	27%	36%	- 1	37%	100%
		2026	30%	39%		3 <mark>7</mark> %	106%
	OPTIONAL GREEN 5	2025	27%	36%	5%		68%
		2026	30%	39%	5%	)	74%
National Grid BASIC SERVICE		2025	27%	36%			63%
		2026	30%	39%			69%

<sup>\*</sup>Required by State – Mandatory minimum percentage of renewable energy resources required by MA law.

<sup>\*\*</sup>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 <a href="mailto:mass.gov/info-details/program-summaries">mass.gov/info-details/program-summaries</a>.