

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

THE CITY OF GARDNER’S
COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM
CONSUMER NOTIFICATION



The City of Gardner is announcing 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 participating in Gardner’s Program. 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. You will see First Point 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.

NEW RATES AND TERMS

	Gardner’s Program* (Supply Services Only)	National Grid Basic Service (Supply Services Only)
Rate Residential Commercial/Streetlight Industrial	\$0.13931 per kWh \$0.13931 per kWh \$0.13931 per kWh	\$0.15484 per kWh \$0.14411 per kWh \$0.17130 per kWh
Renewable Energy Content <i>(see below for required & voluntary percentages by year)</i>	Meets Massachusetts renewable energy requirements	Meets Massachusetts renewable energy requirements
Duration	November 2025 – November 2028 <i>[Rates apply to service beginning and ending on the days of the month that your meter is read in your service area.]</i>	August 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026 <i>[Residential and Small Commercial rates change every 6 months. Large Commercial and Industrial rates change every 3 months.]</i>
Exit Terms	NO CHARGE	May receive a reconciliation charge or credit <i>[Industrial G-2 & G-3 only]</i>

*Rate includes (1) Consultant Services Fee of \$0.001 per kWh to facilitate Gardner’s Community Choice Power Supply Program and (2) Municipal Services Fee of \$0.001 per kWh to fund personnel costs associated with City’s Energy Manager position.
*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.

PARTICIPATING CONSUMERS will start benefiting from the aggregation rate beginning on the day of the month in November 2025 that their meter is read. This date varies by service area. Your meter reading date is shown on your bill.

IF YOU ARE A BASIC SERVICE CONSUMER WHO HAS BEEN MAILED A NOTIFICATION you do not need to take any action to participate. You will be automatically enrolled. If you do not wish to participate, please follow the instructions specified.

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 must email or fax a copy of their Energy Exemption Certificate directly to First Point at enroll@firstpointpower.com or (877) 206-4855 (fax) in order to maintain their tax exempt status.

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

RENEWABLE ENERGY CONTENT – Required and Voluntary Percentages by Year

Community Choice Electric Supply	Year	Required by State*		Voluntary**		Total
		MA Class I	Other	MA Class I	Other	
STANDARD	2025	27%	36%	---	---	
	2026	30%	39%	---	---	
	2027	33%	43%	---	---	
	2028	36%	45%	---	---	
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* 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-summary](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/program-summary)

OUT THE LIFE OF THE PROGRAM each subsequent contract may vary by rate, term and possibly supply. 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 no charge for each automatic renewal to inform you of your supply options should you choose to opt-out.

FOR 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.

Aggregation rates change twice a year or more, depending on rate class. As a result, the aggregation rate may be higher than the Basic Service rate. The goal of the aggregation is to deliver savings over the life of the Program. National Grid Basic Service. However, future savings cannot be guaranteed.

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Industrial Rates – nationalgridus.com/media/pdfs/billing-payments/electric-rates/ma/indtable.pdf.

Electric rates change twice a year or more, depending on rate class. As a result, the aggregation rate may be higher or lower than the Basic Service rate. The goal of the aggregation is to deliver savings over the life of the Program compared to the Grid Basic Service. However, future savings cannot be guaranteed.

Power Group, Inc. is an energy consulting company chosen on a competitive basis by the City of Gardner to provide services for the City's Choice Power Supply Program. For more detailed information, call us toll-free at (866) 485-5858 ext. 1.

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