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ORANGE ANNOUNCES NEW SUPPLIER AND REDUCED RATE FOR ENERGY PROGRAM

ORANGE, MA – The Town of Orange has signed a thirty-six month contract with a new supplier, First Point Power. Beginning with the November 2025 meter reads, the Orange Community Choice Power Supply Program will have a new rate of \$0.13763 per kWh for its standard product which meets the state's minimum renewable requirements (this is a change in renewable energy content). The Program will also continue to offer a 100 percent green product, (now as its optional product) which is derived from National Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs), at a rate of \$0.13874 per kWh.

For Orange residents and businesses who are enrolled in the Town's Program, the current rate of \$0.14137 per kWh will expire with the November 2025 meter reads and the new rate of \$0.13763 per kWh will take effect. This represents a decrease of \$2 per month on the supply side of the bill given average usage of 600 kWh. Additionally, this new rate is 11 percent lower than National Grid's Residential Basic Service rate of \$0.15484 per kWh. Residents can expect to see an average savings of \$10 per month for the months of November 2025 through January 2026.

Orange launched its electricity program in November 2017 in an effort to develop an energy program that would be stable, affordable and incorporate renewable energy. From inception through March 2025, the Program has saved residents and small businesses over \$2 million in electricity costs as compared to National Grid Basic Service.

It is important to note that <u>no action is required</u> by current participants. This change will be seen on the December 2025 bills. All accounts currently enrolled in the Program will remain with their current product offering and see the new rate and First Point Power printed under the "Supply Services" section of their monthly bill.

The Orange 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 National Grid Basic Service. However, future savings cannot be guaranteed.

National Grid has several programs to help income-eligible families and customers needing special assistance meet their energy needs. To learn more visit <u>nationalgridus.com/MA-Home/Bill-Help/Payment-Assistance-Programs</u>.

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



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