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## LENOX ENERGY PROGRAM ANNOUNCES NEW SUPPLIER AND LOWER RATES

LENOX, MA – The Town of Lenox has signed a long-term contract with a new supplier, First Point Power. Beginning with the November 2025 meter reads for National Grid customers and with the December meter reads for Eversource customers, the Lenox Community Choice Power Supply Program will have a new rates.

UTILITY	START DATE	TERM	NEW STANDARD RATE (per kWh)	BASIC SERVICE RATE (per kWh)	% SAVINGS	EST MONTHLY SAVINGS*
National Grid	November 2025	36 months	\$0.13750	\$0.15484	15%	\$14
Eversource	January 2026	34 months	\$0.13042	\$0.13493	3%	\$2

<sup>\*</sup>National Grid's and Eversource's Residential Basic Service meet MA renewable energy requirements and are in effect from August 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026. Assuming usage of 600-kilowatt hours of electricity per month, residents can expect to see average monthly savings during the period of November 2025 through January 2026 depending on the local utility's start date.

The current rates of \$0.15051 per kWh (National Grid) and \$0.13849 per kWh (Eversource) for the Town's Program will expire with the November 2025 and January 2026 meter reads respectively. The new rates represent an average decrease of \$6 per month on the supply side of the bill given average usage of 600 kWh. In addition, as seen from the table above the new rates are lower than the Residential Basic Service rates.

The Program will also continue to offer an optional product that meets MA Req plus an additional 50% Massachusetts Class I RECs at a rate \$0.15750 per kWh (National Grid) and \$0.15042 per kWh (Eversource).

Lenox launched its electricity program in November 2014 in an effort to develop an energy program that would be stable and affordable. From inception through March 2025, the Program has saved residents and small businesses over \$4.8 million in electricity costs as compared to 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 (National Grid) and the February 2026 bills (Eversource). 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 "Supplier Services" section of their monthly bill.

The Lenox 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 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 <a href="mailto:nationalgridus.com/MA-Home/Bill-Help/Payment-Assistance-Programs">nationalgridus.com/MA-Home/Bill-Help/Payment-Assistance-Programs</a>.

Eversource customers who meet certain means criteria can qualify to receive a discount on their electric bills. To learn more, please visit <u>eversource.com/content/residential/account-billing/payment-assistance/discount-rate</u>.

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



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