TOWN OF BECKET ANNOUNCES ELECTRICITY PROGRAM WITH LOW RATE AND GREEN ENERGY

BECKET, MA – The Town of Becket is pleased to announce a new municipally approved electricity program that will increase the amount of green energy being used while striving to secure lower costs for residents and small business owners.

Renewable Energy Options

The Becket Community Choice Power Supply Program will provide local ratepayers with two different options for their electricity. Both options use Massachusetts Class I Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) which may serve to increase Massachusetts job opportunities in the renewable energy field:

- The Standard Plan (default) meets the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS) plus 5% Massachusetts Class I RECs.
- The Optional Plan involves the use Massachusetts RPS plus 25% Massachusetts Class I RECs.

"By implementing this electricity program, Becket residents will have a real impact on how much energy is produced in the region," said Town Administrator William Caldwell. "We see the impact climate change is having on the world every day and taking positive steps to reduce that impact is imperative. Combine that with the ability to reduce residents' electricity costs and implementing this program is an obvious step to take."

The Town of Becket has entered into a 36-month contract with energy consultant Colonial Power Group and electricity supplier Dynegy Energy Services to manage the program and supply electricity. Scheduled to begin in January 2021, pricing changes will be seen in customer's February 2021 bills.

Anyone currently on Eversource's basic rate plan will be automatically enrolled in Becket's standard program unless they choose to "opt-out." Customers interested in using more renewable energy, reducing their carbon footprint even more, can request to be enrolled in the optional plan.

There are no enrollment, early termination, or cancellation fees attached to the Becket's electricity program. 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.

There will be no change in electricity service received. Becket customers will continue to receive one bill from Eversource for both supply and distribution of electricity, and Eversource will process all payments. The selected electricity supplier for Becket's energy program, Dynegy Energy Services, will be listed under the "Supplier Services" heading on residents' monthly Eversource bills.

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 Eversource Basic Service. However, such savings and future savings cannot be guaranteed.

Residents or business owners with a supplier block on their account must contact their utility company to request that the block be removed if they want to participate in Becket's electricity program.

The Town and representatives of Colonial Power Group will hold two Zoom information sessions on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, December 5, 2020 at 10 a.m. The links can be found on colonialpowergroup.com/becket and townofbecket.org . If you are unable to attend, recordings will also be posted to these sites.

To learn more about the Becket's Community Choice Power Supply Program, visit colonial powergroup.com/becket or call (866) 485-5858 ext. 1.

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ABOUT COLONIAL POWER GROUP: *Based in Marlborough, Mass., Colonial Power Group is the leading aggregation-consulting firm in Massachusetts. Colonial Power has been working with local governments since 2002 in the design, implementation and management of municipal aggregation programs.*