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**BUCKLAND RESIDENTS WILL SAVE ON ELECTRICITY COSTS  
WITH MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM**

*Optional program offers use of 100% renewable wind energy*

BUCKLAND, MA – Residents and small business owners will save a combined \$212,500 on their electricity bills thanks to a soon-to be-implemented town-managed program, which is designed to stabilize prices and increase local control.

Buckland has entered into a 41-month contract with energy consultant Colonial Power Group and electricity supplier Dynegy Energy Services as part of the Buckland Community Choice Power Supply Program. The program, which will begin in August 2020, will result in overall cost savings on residential and small business owner electricity bills.

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***The Power of  
Purchasing  
in Bulk***

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To achieve lower pricing, Buckland used the power of bulk purchasing by joining with 11 other Franklin County communities and the Town of Huntington to solicit electricity supply bids. **Buckland ratepayers will save a combined \$6,000 a month** over the term of the contract with the municipal energy aggregation program compared to Eversource’s Basic Service rates. Collectively, ratepayers will save more than \$212,500 over the entire term of the contract.

In recognition of climate change concerns, a separate “opt-in” **green energy plan** that ratepayers can select will use **100% wind power** to provide electricity to Buckland residents.

“This program provides the opportunity to bring price stability to residents and gives Buckland residents the opportunity to have more control of the electricity they use, including the option to use 100% renewable energy,” said Buckland Town Administrator Heather Butler. “Buckland residents will benefit and so will the environment.”

The Buckland Community Choice Power Supply Program will begin with the August 2020 meter reads (September 2020 billings). There will be no interruption in billing, power, or customer service. Ratepayers may notice that Dynegy Energy Services, the selected electricity supplier, will be listed under the “Supplier Services” section on Eversource’s monthly statement. Ratepayers will still receive one monthly bill from Eversource and Eversource will continue to process all payments.

The Buckland Community Choice Power Supply Program is an “opt-out” program, which means Buckland residents and small businesses whose electricity is currently supplied by Eversource will be automatically enrolled. The optional program using 100% wind power is an “opt-in” program, which requires Buckland residents to request enrollment.

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***100% wind power***

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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 and small business owners should be aware that anyone with a supplier block on their electricity account must contact Eversource to ask to have the block removed in order to be enrolled in Buckland’s energy program.

**The Buckland Community Choice Power Supply Program has no fees or charges** for either its standard program, its optional wind power program, or for opting out of the program entirely. Unlike with private electricity suppliers, ratepayers participating in the Buckland Community Choice Power Supply Program are able to opt-in or opt-out at any time, giving residents complete control over their electricity options.

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.

Visit [www.colonialpowergroup/buckland](http://www.colonialpowergroup/buckland) or call (866) 485-5858 ext. 1 to find out more about the Buckland’s Community Choice Power Supply Program.

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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.*