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GILL'S RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM WILL BENEFIT RESIDENTS AND ENVIRONMENT

GILL, MA – Local control and a significant increase in the amount of renewable energy the community uses to power their homes and businesses are two goals the Town of Gill listed as it worked to develop a new electricity program for residents and small business owners. Those goals have now been realized.

Renewable Energy

The Gill Community Choice Power Supply Program will offer three distinct plans that ratepayers may choose from for the source of their electricity:

The standard plan will include Massachusetts RPS of 28% plus 25% Massachusetts Class I Renewable Energy Certificates, adding to the amount of renewable energy created in the state. They will also offer 2 optional plans. The first will use 100% Mass Class I RECs. and the second will use MA RPS plus 5% Mass Class I RECs.

“We are thrilled to provide this multifaceted electricity program to Gill residents and business owners,” said John Ward, Chairman of the Gill Selectboard. “Residents have made it clear they want to reduce our carbon footprint and do our part toward creating a more sustainable world. This program will help the Town move forward on both of those goals.”

Residents and business owners currently on Eversource’s basic rate plan will be automatically enrolled in Gill’s standard program unless they choose to “opt-out.” Customers wishing to participate in either of the two optional plans offered by the Gill Community Choice Power Supply program must “opt-in” by requesting that they be enrolled in the program of their choice.

Cooperative Effort

Gill joined 11 other Franklin County communities and the Town of Huntington in a contract with energy consultant Colonial Power Group and electricity supplier Dynegy Energy Services to bring affordable, environmentally aware, and locally controlled electricity programs to the

region. The consortium of communities signed a 41-month agreement which will collectively save Gill customers more than \$41,000 in electricity costs during the contract term.

The program is scheduled to begin in August 2020, with pricing changes and use of additional renewable energy reflected in September 2020 bills.

Provides Customer Protection

The Gill electricity program provides customer protection by ensuring residents have a well-vetted, locally approved alternative to some third-party electricity suppliers that often use aggressive sales tactics, have hidden fees and escalating rates, and target vulnerable populations. There are no early termination or cancellation fees attached to the Gill Community Choice Power Supply Program. Participants may leave, or opt-out of, the program whenever they choose, with no financial penalty.

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.

If you have a supplier block on your electricity account, you must contact Eversource to request that the block be removed if you would like to enroll in Gill's electricity program.

There will be no noticeable change in service and no interruption in billing or power. Dynegy Energy Services, the selected electricity supplier for Gill's Community Choice Program, will be printed under the "Supplier Services" title on Eversource bills. Gill customers will continue to receive one bill from Eversource and Eversource will process all payments.

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.

To learn more about Gill's Community Choice Power Supply Program, visit www.colonialpowergroup/gill or call (866) 485-5858 ext. 1.

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