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TOWN OF HUNTINGTON ANNOUNCES ELECTRICITY PROGRAM WITH LOWER RATE AND INCREASED GREEN ENERGY

HUNTINGTON, MA – The Town of Huntington 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 Huntington Community Choice Power Supply Program will provide local ratepayers with two different options for their electricity:

- The Standard Plan meets the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS) of 28% plus 5% Massachusetts Class I Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs). Mass Class I RECs may serve to increase Massachusetts job opportunities in the renewable energy field.
- The Optional Plan involves the use MA RPS plus 25% Massachusetts Class I RECs

Participating in Huntington's energy program allows for greater control over the environmental characteristics and the price of the electricity residents use. Both program options will decrease ratepayers' carbon footprint.

Buying Electricity in Bulk

Huntington voted to join Franklin County Aggregation, along with 12 Franklin County communities, about two years ago. The group signed a 41-month agreement with energy consultant Colonial Power Group and electricity supplier Dynegy Energy Services to develop electricity programs that would be affordable and incorporate renewable energy. The communities signed a 41-month agreement during which time Huntington customers will collectively save more than \$205,000 in electricity costs. Scheduled to begin in August 2020, pricing changes will be seen in customer's September 2020 bills.

“It certainly takes time to get all the necessary approvals for a municipal electricity program but, given that we have secured a lower price than Eversource’s basic rate while increasing the amount of green energy we will be using, it was definitely time well spent,” said Huntington Selectboard Chair Ed Renauld. “This is a win-win for the entire community.”

Seamless Transition

To date, approximately 150 Massachusetts communities have chosen to create their own community choice electricity programs to benefit residents.

Anyone currently on Eversource’s basic rate plan will be automatically enrolled in Huntington’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 Huntington 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. Huntington 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 Huntington’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 Huntington’s electricity program.

To learn more about the Huntington’s Community Choice Power Supply Program, visit www.colonialpowergroup/huntington or call (866) 485-5858 ext. 1.

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