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WARWICK ANNOUNCES NEW ELECTRICITY PROGRAM USING 100% GREEN ENERGY

Residents and small businesses combined will save \$136,000

WARWICK, MA – Striving to be part of the climate change solution, the Town of Warwick is pleased to announce the start of its green energy municipal aggregation program that will help to increase the creation and use of renewable energy in Massachusetts.

In August 2020, Warwick will begin a 41-month term with Colonial Power Group and electricity supplier Dynegy Energy Services in support of the Warwick Community Choice Power Supply program. The program will allow Warwick’s electricity ratepayers to buy, through the purchase of **National Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (or RECs)**, 100% wind power to light up their homes and businesses. A separate “opt-in” program will allow interested ratepayers to use energy derived from **100% Mass Class I Renewable Energy Certificates**. Benefits to choosing “local” energy include:

- Building local renewable energy capacity
- Creating local green energy sector employment opportunities
- Supporting the local economy
- Enhancing environmental sustainability

“We all recognize that bold action is needed to reduce our carbon footprint and improve our environment,” said Warwick Town Coordinator David Young. “By working together, our communities are able to get more affordable electricity prices for residents, bring additional local renewable energy to Franklin County, and help support the Massachusetts green jobs sector.”

The Warwick electricity program will result in a combined savings of more than \$136,000 for the Town’s residential and small business ratepayers over the term of the contract. Warwick joined with 11 other Franklin County communities and the Town of Huntington to combine their buying power and achieve better pricing for electricity ratepayers in all 13 towns.

Warwick ratepayers can expect the Community Choice Power Supply program to begin with the August 2020 meter reads (reflected in customers’ September 2020 billings). Billing, power, and customer service will not be interrupted. The one small change will be that Dynegy Energy Services, the selected electricity supplier for the Warwick Community Choice program, will be printed under “Supply Services” on National Grid’s monthly bills. National Grid will continue to send one bill to each ratepayer, which will contain the cost of both supply and distribution.

The Warwick Community Choice Power Supply program is an “opt-out” program, which means Warwick residents and small businesses currently on National Grid’s Basic Service do not need to take any action to participate in this green energy program. However, the optional program that includes the use of 100% MA Class I RECs is an “opt-in” program, meaning Warwick ratepayers must request that they be enrolled. Choosing this (slightly) higher cost option will add about \$10 to the current average monthly electric bill, less in the winter and more in the summer.

It is important to note that any ratepayer with a supplier block on their electricity account must contact National Grid to ask to have the block removed or they cannot be enrolled in Warwick’s electricity program. Also, anyone who already has a contract with a competitive supplier will not be automatically switched. Residents can opt to switch from a contract with a competitive supplier but may be subject to penalties or early termination fees charged by that supplier. Ratepayers should verify terms with their competitive supplier before switching.

The Warwick Community Choice Power Supply program has no fees or charges for either the standard green energy program or higher renewable energy program or for opting out of the program entirely. Residents and small business owners are free to opt-in or opt-out of the Warwick electricity program at any time.

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

Communities have been aggregating electricity since a provision of a 1997 law allowed towns and cities to negotiate directly with power suppliers on behalf of their residents. Since then, more than 150 Massachusetts communities have initiated municipal aggregation programs.

Visit www.colonialpowergroup/warwick or call (866) 485-5858 ext. 1 for more information regarding Warwick’s Community Choice Power Supply program.



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.