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Marlborough's Community Choice Power Supply Participants Will Reap Significant Savings this Heating Season

MARLBOROUGH—The Colonial Power Group, the City's aggregate broker, reported second quarter **savings of nearly \$580,000 for residents** who take part in the City of Marlborough's Community Choice Power Supply Program. Residents participating in the program have saved over \$1,600,000 on their electricity bill for the first six months of 2022. **The City's rate with energy supplier Inspire Energy is \$0.09390 per kWh** for all rate classes and this rate will be in effect until January 2024. Residents' total savings with Inspire (since 2019) to date is over \$5.5 million and the energy is 100% wind renewable energy.

National Grid's recently announced winter rate (November 2022 to April 2023) is projected to be \$0.33891 per kWh compared to the City's \$0.0939 per kWh. *The average homeowner uses 600 kWh per month and the **anticipated savings will be \$147.00 per month or \$882.00 during this winter season.*** Overall, the anticipated savings for all residents in the program during the winter period will be in excess \$9,960,000.

This program is a municipal aggregation that enables local government to combine the purchasing power on behalf of its residents and businesses to provide them with an alternative to National Grid Basic Service (M.G.L. c. 164, § 134).

By leveraging its purchasing power, the City is able to negotiate a lower rate. The City estimates there are around 4000 customers who are using other energy suppliers who may be paying a higher rate this winter season.

“Last year we were about five cents below National Grid's rate. This year we are **24.5 cents below** the National Grid rate. If you compare a monthly bill to a friend or family member who is not on our aggregate program, their bill is going to be significantly higher. Rates have never

been so high and Marlborough residents will reap the savings from our program this heating season,” cited Mayor Arthur Vigeant.

A special thanks to Aggregation Committee Chair Michael Ossing and members who review rates and trends getting the best possible rate for our residents.

If you would like to take part in the program, please contact Colonial Power at 866-485-5858 x1 and to learn more about the program, visit <http://colonialpower.com/Marlborough>

For more information, please contact the Mayor’s Office at 508-460-3770 or go to the Department of Public Utilities website, frequently asked questions about my electricity: [Energy Switch Massachusetts | The Massachusetts Department Of Public Utilities' Shopping for Electric Supply website](#)

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