

*******PUBLIC NOTICE*******

**THE CITY OF NEWBURYPORT’S
COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM
CONSUMER NOTIFICATION**

The City of Newburyport is pleased to announce that **Direct Energy Services** (“Direct Energy”) has been selected as the supplier for its Community Choice Power Supply Program (“Program”). Direct Energy will provide electric power supply for all consumers currently on Basic Service in Newburyport. This notice is intended to tell you about this Program for electric power supply. In accordance with state law, it also informs you of your rights and options if you choose not to participate in the Program.

YOU WILL NOT NOTICE ANY CHANGE IN YOUR ELECTRICITY SERVICE. The only difference you will see is that Direct Energy will be printed under the “Supply Services” section of your monthly bill. You will continue to receive one bill from National Grid. You will continue to send your payments to National Grid for processing. National Grid will continue to respond to emergencies, read meters and maintain the distribution and transmission lines. Reliability and quality of service will remain the same. Furthermore, you will continue to have all existing consumer rights and protections.

COMPARATIVE RATES AND TERMS

	Newburyport’s Program* (Supply Services Only)		National Grid Basic Service (Supply Services Only)
Rate			
Residential	\$0.21760 per kWh	\$0.13320 per kWh	\$0.33891 per kWh
Commercial/Streetlight	\$0.21760 per kWh	\$0.13320 per kWh	\$0.32287 per kWh
Industrial	\$0.21760 per kWh	\$0.13320 per kWh	\$0.28736 per kWh
Duration	January 2023 – April 2023	May 2023 – November 2023	November 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023
	<i>[Rates apply to service beginning and ending on the days of the month that your meter is read in your service area.]</i>		<i>[Residential and Small Commercial rates change every 6 months. Large Commercial and Industrial rates change every 3 months.]</i>
Renewable Energy Content	Meets Massachusetts renewable energy requirements		Meets Massachusetts renewable energy requirements
Exit Terms	NO CHARGE		May receive a reconciliation charge or credit <i>[Industrial G-2 & G-3 only]</i>

*Rate includes Consultant Fee of \$0.001 per kWh to facilitate Newburyport’s Community Choice Power Supply Program.

*Rate may increase as a result of a change in law that results in a direct, material increase in costs during the term of the contract.

IF YOU ARE A BASIC SERVICE CONSUMER WHO HAS BEEN MAILED A NOTIFICATION you do not need to take any action to participate. You will be AUTOMATICALLY enrolled and start benefiting from the aggregation rate beginning on the day of the month in January 2023 that your meter is read. This date varies by service area. Your meter reading date is shown on your bill.

WATCH YOUR NATIONAL GRID BILL FOR FURTHER NOTIFICATION of the Program.

- Your January 2023 bill will state that you are being switched to Newburyport's Program.
- Your February 2023 bill will show Newburyport's supplier and aggregation rate under "Supply Services".

BUDGET PLAN OR ELIGIBLE LOW-INCOME RATE CONSUMERS will continue to receive those benefits from National Grid.

SOLAR PANEL AND COMMUNITY SOLAR CONSUMERS will continue to receive net metering or on-bill credits while receiving electricity supply under the Program and the value of these credits will not be altered by participating in the Program.

ANY APPLICABLE TAXES WILL BE BILLED as part of the Program's power supply charge. You will be responsible for identifying and requesting an exemption from the collection of taxes by providing appropriate documentation.

TAX EXEMPT SMALL BUSINESS CONSUMERS must send, email or fax a copy of their Energy Exemption Certificate directly to Direct Energy Attn: USN Tax Exemption at P.O. Box 180, Tulsa, OK 74101-0180 or usn.taxexemption@directenergy.com (email) or (800) 504-7428 (fax) in order to maintain their tax exempt status.

IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE you must OPT-OUT by signing and returning the Opt-Out Reply Card included with the mailed notification **OR** visit colonialpowergroup.com/newburyport, click the OPT-OUT button and follow the instructions specified **OR** call Direct Energy at (866) 968-8065.

IF YOU WISH TO JOIN THIS PROGRAM you may OPT-IN at colonialpowergroup.com/newburyport **OR** call Direct Energy at (866) 968-8065 and ask to be enrolled. If you are currently contracted with your own competitive supplier, you should confirm with them that you will not incur any early termination fees or penalties for leaving their supply.

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.

Colonial Power Group, Inc. is an energy consulting company chosen on a competitive basis by the City of Newburyport to facilitate the Community Choice Power Supply Program. For more detailed information, call us toll-free at (866) 485-5858 ext. 1.