

CLEAN ENERGY LAW REVISION REQUIRES NOMINAL PRICE CHANGE IN SALISBURY'S COMMUNITY CHOICE ELECTRICITY PROGRAM

SALISBURY, MA – A revision in Massachusetts law has resulted in the need for a nominal price adjustment in Salisbury's Community Choice electricity program. Importantly, the rate residents pay will continue to remain below National Grid's current Basic Service rate.

In October 2022, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection finalized several changes to the state's Clean Energy Standard. In part, these changes increase the amount of clean energy that utilities and suppliers need to purchase, and also increases certain compliance payments that suppliers are required to make to the state. This revision has resulted in a minor increase of \$0.00121 per kilowatt hour in the overall cost of electricity.

Consumers typically use an average of 600-kilowatt hours of electricity per month. With the adjusted cost included, this means Salisbury ratepayers' average bill will increase by approximately \$0.73 a month compared to the current program rate. This price adjustment will be effective with the May 2023 meter reads and remain fixed through January 2025, when the current contract ends.

The program's initial cost per kilowatt hour and adjusted cost per kilowatt hour are detailed in the chart below.

Salisbury Community Choice Program Product Rate Per Kilowatt Hour

Product	Current Rate Per kWh	Price Increase Per kWh	New Rate Per kWh	% Increase
100% renewable. Includes 49% National Wind RECs	\$0.11134	\$0.00121	\$0.11255	1.09%

It is important to note that all electricity suppliers operating in Massachusetts, including National Grid, are subject to the Clean Energy Standard regulation changes and the related pricing adjustment.

Increased Local Control, Renewable Energy

Salisbury launched its electricity program in January 2019 in an effort to develop an energy program that would be stable, affordable and incorporate renewable energy. The creation of Salisbury's energy program has allowed for greater control over the price and environmental characteristics of the electricity residents use. Salisbury's current program offering supports renewable energy as the power supply is 100 percent green, largely offset with National Wind Renewable Energy Certificates.

For added consumer protection, there are no enrollment, early termination, or cancellation fees attached to the Salisbury electricity program. To date, approximately 170 Massachusetts communities have created their own community choice electricity programs to benefit residents.

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.

National Grid has several programs to help income-eligible families and customers needing special assistance meet their energy needs. To learn more visit nationalgrid.com/MA-Home/Bill-Help/Payment-Assistance-Programs.

For additional information about the Salisbury Community Choice Power Supply Program, visit colonialpowergroup.com/salisbury or call (866) 485-5858 ext. 1.