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# THE CITY OF LOWELL'S COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM CONSUMER NOTIFICATION

October 16, 2023

Dear Lowell Basic Service Consumer:

The City of Lowell is pleased to announce that **NextEra Energy Services** ("NextEra") has been selected as the supplier for its Community Choice Power Supply Program ("Program"). This Program is a municipal aggregation which enables local government to combine the purchasing power of its residents and businesses to provide them with an alternative to National Grid Basic Service (M.G.L. c. 164, § 134). This Program only affects the supply portion of your monthly bill. It will not affect the delivery portion of your monthly bill. National Grid will continue to deliver your electricity but Lowell has chosen the supplier for the Program. NextEra will provide electric power supply for all consumers currently on Basic Service in Lowell. This letter 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 BE AUTOMATICALLY ENROLLED IN THIS PROGRAM UNLESS YOU CHOOSE NOT TO PARTICIPATE AND OPT-OUT.**
- ✓ **YOU MUST RESPOND BY NOVEMBER 20, 2023 IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE AUTOMATICALLY ENROLLED.**

**YOU WILL NOT NOTICE ANY CHANGE IN YOUR ELECTRICITY SERVICE.** The only difference you will see is that NextEra 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

	<b>Lowell's Program*</b> (Supply Services Only)	<b>National Grid Basic Service**</b> (Supply Services Only)
<b>Rate</b> Residential Commercial/Streetlight Industrial	\$0.14449 per kWh \$0.14449 per kWh \$0.14449 per kWh	\$0.18213 per kWh \$0.17262 per kWh \$0.21015 per kWh
<b>Renewable Energy Content</b>	67% MA Class I RECs – 45% above the 22% currently required by the state	Meets Massachusetts renewable energy requirements
<b>Duration</b>	<b>December 2021 – December 2024</b> <i>[Rates apply to service beginning and ending on the days of the month that your meter is read in your service area.]</i>	<b>November 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024***</b> <i>[Residential and Small Commercial rates change every 6 months. Large Commercial and Industrial rates change every 3 months.]</i>
<b>Exit Terms</b>	<b>NO CHARGE</b>	May receive a reconciliation charge or credit <i>[Industrial G-2 &amp; G-3 only]</i>

\*Rate includes (1) Consultant Fee of \$0.001 per kWh to facilitate Lowell's Community Choice Power Supply Program and (2) Operational Adder of \$0.001 per kWh to fund personnel costs associated with City's Energy Manager position.

\*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.

\*\*GreenUp options are available for \$0.012-\$0.038 per kWh in addition to National Grid's Basic Service rate.

\*\*\*Per D.P.U. 23-50-A Order issued September 1, 2023 (see [mass.gov/news/dpu-orders-schedule-changes-to-basic-service-rates](https://www.mass.gov/news/dpu-orders-schedule-changes-to-basic-service-rates)).

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- At present, the aggregation rate is lower than National Grid's Basic Service rate. The aggregation rate is fixed for 36 months (December 2021 to December 2024) while National Grid's Basic Service rate changes twice a year, in August and February. As a result, the aggregation rate may not always be lower than National Grid's Basic Service rate. The goal of the aggregation is to deliver savings over the life of the Program against National Grid's Basic Service rate. However, **SUCH SAVINGS AND FUTURE SAVINGS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED.**
- There is **NO CHARGE TO OPT-OUT** of the Program and return to National Grid Basic Service.

« SEE BACK FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION »

**IF YOU HAVE BEEN MAILED THIS NOTIFICATION** you do not need to take any action to participate in the Program.

**ALL BASIC SERVICE CONSUMERS** who have been mailed this notification will be AUTOMATICALLY enrolled in the Program and start benefiting from the aggregation rate beginning on the day of the month in December 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 December 2023 bill will state that you are being switched to Lowell's Program.
- Your January 2024 bill will show Lowell'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 or email a copy of their Energy Exemption Certificate directly to NextEra Energy Attn: Commercial Sales Tax Exemptions at 601 Travis Street, Suite 1400, Houston, TX 77002 or [Tax\\_Exemption\\_Forms@nexteraenergyservices.com](mailto:Tax_Exemption_Forms@nexteraenergyservices.com) (email) in order to maintain their tax exempt status.

**IF YOU HAVE ALREADY CHOSEN A COMPETITIVE SUPPLIER ON YOUR OWN** you must opt-out of this Program. This will ensure you continue to get your electricity from that Competitive Supplier.

**IF YOU HAVE ALREADY CHOSEN A GREEN POWER SUPPLY OPTION THROUGH NATIONAL GRID** you must opt-out of this Program. This will ensure you continue to get your electricity from that Green Power Supply.

**IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM** you may: 1) Opt-out and continue paying National Grid's Basic Service rate; or 2) Opt-out and choose your own Competitive Supplier (if one is available to you).

#### **HOW TO OPT-OUT**

- Sign and return the enclosed opt-out card in the postage paid envelope provided; **OR**
- Visit [colonialpowergroup.com/lowell](http://colonialpowergroup.com/lowell) and click the opt-out button, then fill out and submit the Opt-Out Form; **OR**
- Call NextEra at (855) 259-1175 and ask to remain on National Grid Basic Service.

**ANY TIME AFTER ENROLLMENT** you can still opt-out with NO CHARGE. It may take a couple of billing cycles before you are back on National Grid Basic Service. If you choose to opt-out after the initial enrollment, you may submit an Opt-Out form at [colonialpowergroup.com/lowell](http://colonialpowergroup.com/lowell) **OR** call NextEra at (855) 259-1175 and ask to be placed on National Grid Basic Service.

**FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION** regarding Lowell's Program, please visit [colonialpowergroup.com/lowell](http://colonialpowergroup.com/lowell) or call us toll-free at (866) 485-5858 ext. 1. To learn more about NextEra, please visit [nexteraenergyservices.com/aggregations/massachusetts/city-of-lowell](http://nexteraenergyservices.com/aggregations/massachusetts/city-of-lowell).

**TO ACCESS NATIONAL GRID'S BASIC SERVICE RATES** please visit:

- Residential Rates – [nationalgridus.com/media/pdfs/billing-payments/electric-rates/ma/resitable.pdf](http://nationalgridus.com/media/pdfs/billing-payments/electric-rates/ma/resitable.pdf).
- Commercial Rates – [nationalgridus.com/media/pdfs/billing-payments/electric-rates/ma/commtable.pdf](http://nationalgridus.com/media/pdfs/billing-payments/electric-rates/ma/commtable.pdf).
- Industrial Rates – [nationalgridus.com/media/pdfs/billing-payments/electric-rates/ma/indtable.pdf](http://nationalgridus.com/media/pdfs/billing-payments/electric-rates/ma/indtable.pdf).

*Colonial Power Group, Inc. is an energy consulting company chosen on a competitive basis by the City of Lowell to facilitate the Community Choice Power Supply Program.*



**THE CITY OF LOWELL'S  
COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM**



**IMPORTANT NOTICE**



**(866) 485-5858 ext. 1**



**TTY (800) 720-3480 / Español (866) 930-9252**



**colonialpowergroup.com/lowell**

The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities directs that we include the following message in all of these different languages. The message states: "Important notice enclosed from City of Lowell about your electricity service. Translate the notice immediately. Call the number or visit the website, above, for help."

<p><b>SPANISH/ESPAÑOL</b> Incluye notificación importante del <b>City of Lowell</b> sobre su servicio de electricidad. Traduzca el aviso inmediatamente. Si necesita ayuda, llame al número o visite el sitio web indicado anteriormente.</p>	<p><b>POLISH/POLSKI</b> Załączono ważną informację od <b>City of Lowell</b> na temat usług energetycznych. Niezłownicznie przetłumacz powiadomienie. Zadzwoń pod numer lub odwiedź powyższą witrynę, aby uzyskać pomoc.</p>
<p><b>PORTUGUESE/PORTUGUÊS</b> Aviso importante incluído da <b>City of Lowell</b> sobre seu serviço de eletricidade. Traduza o aviso imediatamente. Ligue para o número ou visite o site, acima, para obter ajuda.</p>	<p><b>NEPALI/नेपाली</b> तपाईंको विद्युतीय सेवा बारे <b>City of Lowell</b> संलग्न गरिएको महत्त्वपूर्ण सूचना। सूचनालाई तुरुन्तै अनुवादन गर्नुहोस्। मद्दतको लागि माथि भएका नम्बरमा फोन गर्नुहोस् वा वेबसाइटमा जानुहोस्।</p>
<p><b>CHINESE (SIMPLIFIED)/ 中文</b> 随函附上来自 <b>City of Lowell</b> 有关您供电服务的重要通知。请立即翻译该通知。如需帮助，请依上述信息致电或访问网站。</p>	<p><b>MARATHI/मराठी</b> आपल्या विद्युत सेवेसंबंधी <b>City of Lowell</b> महत्त्वाची सूचना सलग्न केली आहे. या सुचनेचा अनुवाद त्वरित करावा. मदतीसाठी वरील क्रमांकावर फोन करा किंवा वेबसाइटला/संकेतस्थळाला भेट द्या.</p>
<p><b>CHINESE (TRADITIONAL)/ 中文</b> 隨附 <b>City of Lowell</b> 有關您電力服務的重要通知。請立即翻譯此通知。若需協助，請撥打電話或瀏覽上方所列網站。</p>	<p><b>YORUBA/YORÙBÁ</b> Àkíyèsí pàtàkì tí a fi sínú rẹ̀ láti ọ̀dọ́ <b>City of Lowell</b> nípa isẹ́ iná mọ̀nà mọ̀nà rẹ̀. Túmọ̀ àkíyèsí náà lẹ̀sẹ̀kẹ̀sẹ̀. Pe nọ̀nbà náà tàbí kànsì ayélujára, lókè, fún irànlọ̀wọ̀.</p>
<p><b>HAITIAN/KREYÒL</b> Ou gen yon notifikasyon enpòtan de <b>City of Lowell</b> sou sèvis elektrisite ou. Tradwi notifikasyon sa imedyatman. Rele nimewo a oubyen vizite sit entènèt, ki anlè a, si ou bezwen èd.</p>	<p><b>IGBO/NDI IGBO</b> Ọkwa dị mkpa ezitere maka ọrụ latrik gị si n'aka <b>City of Lowell</b>. Tugharịa asụsụ ọkwa ahụ ozugbo. Kpọọ nọmba ahụ ma ọ bụ gaa na weebụsaịtị ahụ, dị n'elu, maka enyemaka.</p>
<p><b>VIETNAMESE/TIẾNG VIỆT</b> Đính kèm thông báo quan trọng từ <b>City of Lowell</b> về dịch vụ điện của quý vị. Xin dịch thông báo này ngay. Vui lòng gọi điện hoặc truy cập trang web ở trên để được giúp đỡ.</p>	<p><b>AMHARIC/አማርኛ</b> የኤሌክትሪክ አገልግሎትዎን በተመለከተ የተሰጠ አስፈላጊ ማስታወቂያ ከዚህ ጋር በ <b>City of Lowell</b> እንደ ዓባሪ ተያይዟል። ማስታወቂያውን በአስቸኳይ ያስተርጉሙት። እገዛ ለማግኘት ከላይ ወደተገለጸው ስልክ ቁጥር ይደውሉ ወይም ድር ጣቢያውን ይጎብኙ።</p>

<p><b>RUSSIAN/РУССКИЙ</b>          Прилагается важное уведомление от <b>City of Lowell</b> о вашей услуге снабжения электроэнергией. Переведите уведомление безотлагательно. Позвоните по вышеуказанному номеру или зайдите на вышеуказанный вебсайт, чтобы получить помощь.</p>	<p><b>SOMALI/SOOMAALI</b>          Oageysiis muhiim oo ka yimid <b>City of Lowell</b> kuna saabsan adeegga korontada. Si degdeg ah u turjun ogaysiiska. Wac nambarka ama booqo webseetka, kore, si aad u hesho caawimaad.</p>
<p><b>ARABIC/عربي</b>          مرفق إخطار مهم من <b>City of Lowell</b> عن خدمة الكهرباء الخاصة بكم. يُرجى ترجمة الإخطار فورًا. اتصل بالرقم أو قم بزيارة الموقع الإلكتروني عبر الإنترنت المذكورة أعلاه طلبًا للمساعدة.</p>	<p><b>JAPANESE/倭弁铂</b>          「電気供給サービスに関する <b>City of Lowell</b> からの重要なお知らせを同封しております。本通知を速やかに翻訳してください。ご質問は上記の電話番号もしくはウェブサイトをご覧ください。」</p>
<p><b>KHMER/ខ្មែរ</b>          សេចក្តីជូនដំណឹងសំខាន់ដែលភ្ជាប់មកជាមួយមកពីទីក្រុង <b>City of Lowell</b> គឺនិយាយអំពីសេវាកម្មភ្លើងរបស់អ្នក។ ចូរបកប្រែសេចក្តីជូនដំណឹងនេះភ្លាមៗ។ សូមទូរស័ព្ទទៅលេខ ឬចូលទៅកាន់គេហទំព័រខាងលើ ដើម្បីសុំជំនួយ។</p>	<p><b>GUJARATI/ગુજરાતી</b>          તમારી વીજળી સેવા અંગે <b>City of Lowell</b> તરફથી મહત્વપૂર્ણ સૂચના બીડલ છે. સૂચનાનું તુરંત જ ભાષાંતર કરો. મદદ માટે ઉપરના નંબર પર કોલ કરો અથવા વેબસાઇટની મુલાકાત લો.</p>
<p><b>FRENCH/FRANÇAIS</b>          Avis important de <b>City of Lowell</b> concernant votre service d'électricité. Traduisez immédiatement l'avis. Appelez le numéro ou visitez le Site Web, ci-dessus, si vous avez besoin d'aide.</p>	<p><b>SWAHILI/KISWAHILI</b>          Notisi muhimu ambayo imeambathishwa kutoka <b>City of Lowell</b> kuhusu huduma yako ya umeme. Itafsiri notisi mara moja. Piga simu kwa nambari au tembelea tovuti iliyo hapo juu ili upate usaidizi.</p>
<p><b>ITALIAN/ITALIANO</b>          Comunicazione importante in allegato della <b>City of Lowell</b> riguardante il suo servizio di fornitura di energia elettrica. Tradurre il comunicato immediatamente. Qualora occorra assistenza, chiami il numero o visiti il sito Internet sopra indicati.</p>	<p><b>HINDI/हिंदी</b>          आपकी बिजली सेवा के बारे में <b>City of Lowell</b> से महत्वपूर्ण सूचना संलग्न है। सूचना का तुरंत अनुवाद करें। सहायता के लिए ऊपर के नंबर पर कॉल करें या वेबसाइट पर जाएं।</p>
<p><b>KOREAN/한국어</b>          귀하의 전기 서비스와 관련하여 <b>City of Lowell</b> 에서 온 중요한 통지 사항이 동봉되어 있습니다. 통지 사항을 즉시 번역하시기 바랍니다. 도움이 필요할 경우 위의 전화번호로 연락하거나 웹사이트를 방문해 주십시오.</p>	<p><b>THAI/ไทย</b>          ประกาศสำคัญที่แนบมาจาก <b>City of Lowell</b> เกี่ยวกับการบริการไฟฟ้าของคุณ กรุณาแปลประกาศทันที โทรไปยังหมายเลขหรือไปที่เว็บไซต์ด้านบนเพื่อขอความช่วยเหลือ</p>
<p><b>GREEK/ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΑ</b>          Εσωκλείεται σημαντική ειδοποίηση από την <b>City of Lowell</b> που αφορά τον πάροχο ηλεκτρικής ενέργειας σας. Μεταφράστε την ειδοποίηση άμεσα. Καλέστε τον τηλεφωνικό αριθμό ή επισκεφθείτε την ιστοσελίδα που αναφέρεται παραπάνω, για βοήθεια.</p>	<p><b>LAO/ລາວ</b>          ແຈ້ງການສໍາຄັນທີ່ຕິດຄັດມາຈາກ <b>City of Lowell</b> ແມ່ນກ່ຽວກັບການບໍລິການໄຟຟ້າຂອງທ່ານ. ແບ່ງແຈ້ງການທັນທີ. ໂທຫາໝາຍເລກ ຫຼື ເຂົ້າເບິ່ງເວັບໄຊທີ່ຂ້າງເທິງສໍາລັບຄວາມຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອ.</p>



## LOWELL COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM OPT-OUT REPLY CARD

If you want to participate in the Lowell Community Choice Power Supply Program, you do not need to take any action. You will be automatically enrolled.

### OPT-OUT INSTRUCTIONS

#### **If you do not want to participate:**

- 1) Sign and date
- 2) Place in envelope provided
- 3) Drop in the mail

The card must be signed by the customer of record whose name appears in the address on this card.

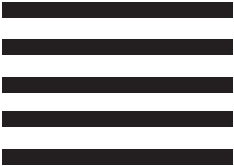
**The envelope must be postmarked by November 20, 2023 to opt-out of the Program before being automatically enrolled.**

Acct No:

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date



NO POSTAGE  
NECESSARY  
IF MAILED  
IN THE  
UNITED STATES



**BUSINESS REPLY MAIL**  
FIRST-CLASS MAIL PERMIT NO. 263 NEW ORLEANS, LA

POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE

CITY OF LOWELL MA AGGREGATION PROGRAM  
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