

\*\*\*\*\***PUBLIC NOTICE**\*\*\*\*\*

**THE TOWN OF SALISBURY'S  
COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM  
RATE INCREASE NOTIFICATION**

**IMPORTANT UPDATE:** The Town of Salisbury's current aggregation rate **will increase by \$0.00344 per kWh effective with the December 2023 meter reads** to incorporate the enrollment of the Town's 56 electricity accounts. The new rate (increasing from \$0.11255 per kWh to \$0.11599 per kWh) will be fixed through the remainder of the term, ending January 2025.

**WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF THE RATE INCREASE?** Given average usage of 600 kWh per month, the new aggregation rate represents an increase of \$2.06 per month versus the current rate. However, switching the Town's electricity accounts to the Town's Program will also save Salisbury taxpayers an estimated \$50,000 in calendar year 2024. [For a per kWh comparison against National Grid's Basic Service rates effective November 1, 2023, please see the **NEW RATES AND TERMS** chart below.]

For questions about the rate increase or your options, please call Colonial Power Group at (866) 485-5858 ext. 1.

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The Town of Salisbury is announcing that **First Point Power** ("First Point") has been selected as the supplier for its Community Choice Power Supply Program ("Program"). First Point will provide electric power supply for all consumers participating in Salisbury's Program. 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.** You will continue to see First Point 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.

**NEW RATES AND TERMS**

	<b>Salisbury's Program* (Supply Services Only)</b>	<b>National Grid Basic Service** (Supply Services Only)</b>
<b>Rate</b> Residential Commercial/Streetlight Industrial	\$0.11599 per kWh \$0.11599 per kWh \$0.11599 per kWh	\$0.18213 per kWh \$0.17262 per kWh \$0.21450 per kWh
<b>Renewable Energy Content</b>	100% renewable. Includes 49% National Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs).	Meets Massachusetts renewable energy requirements
<b>Duration</b>	<b>December 2023 – January 2025</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 Consultant Fee of \$0.001 per kWh to facilitate Salisbury'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.

\*\*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)).

**PARTICIPATING CONSUMERS** will start benefiting from the aggregation rate beginning on the day of the month in December 2023 that their meter is read. This date varies by service area. Your meter reading date is shown on your bill.

**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. If you do not wish to participate, please follow the instructions specified.

**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 email or fax a copy of their Energy Exemption Certificate directly to First Point at [enroll@firstpointpower.com](mailto:enroll@firstpointpower.com) or (877) 206-4855 (fax) in order to maintain their tax exempt status.

**IF YOU WISH TO JOIN THIS PROGRAM** you may OPT-IN at [colonialpowergroup.com/salisbury](http://colonialpowergroup.com/salisbury) **OR** call First Point at (888) 875-1711 and ask to be enrolled.

**IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE** you must OPT-OUT at [colonialpowergroup.com/salisbury](http://colonialpowergroup.com/salisbury), click the OPT-OUT button and follow the instructions specified **OR** call First Point at (888) 875-1711.

**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).

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 Town of Salisbury to facilitate the Community Choice Power Supply Program. For more detailed information, call us toll-free at (866) 485-5858 ext. 1.*

