

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

**THE TOWN OF UPTON'S
COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM
CONSUMER NOTIFICATION**



The Town of Upton is pleased to announce that **Direct Energy Services, LLC** (“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 Upton. 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

	Upton’s Program* (Supply Services Only)			National Grid** (Supply Services Only)
	STANDARD (default)	OPTIONAL NATIONAL RENEWABLE	OPTIONAL NEW ENGLAND RENEWABLE	BASIC SERVICE
Rate				
Residential	\$0.14120 per kWh	\$0.14250 per kWh	\$0.17200 per kWh	\$0.16055 per kWh
Commercial/Streetlight	\$0.14120 per kWh	\$0.14250 per kWh	\$0.17200 per kWh	\$0.14823 per kWh
Industrial	\$0.14120 per kWh	\$0.14250 per kWh	\$0.17200 per kWh	\$0.12262 per kWh
Renewable Energy Content (see insert for required & voluntary percentages by year)	Meets MA renewable energy requirements	100% renewable. Includes 38% National Wind RECs.	100% MA Class I RECs	Meets Massachusetts renewable energy requirements
Duration	October 2024 – October 2026 <i>[Rates apply to service beginning and ending on the days of the month that your meter is read in your service area.]</i>			August 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025 <i>[Residential and Sm Comm rates change every 6 months. Lg Comm and Industrial rates change every 3 months.]</i>
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 Upton’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 \$0.022-\$0.038 per kWh in addition to National Grid’s Basic Service rate.

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 October 2024 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 October 2024 bill will state that you are being switched to Upton’s Program.
- Your November 2024 bill will show Upton’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.

TO CHOOSE A PRODUCT WITH 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY visit colonialpowergroup.com/upton or you may call Direct Energy at (866) 968-8065 and ask to be enrolled in one of the following products:

- **Upton’s Optional National Renewable Product** provides 38% National Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) above the state’s then-current minimum requirement for renewables [62% in 2024]. This product is being offered at \$0.14250 per kWh for 24 months (October 2024 to October 2026).
- **Upton’s Optional New England Renewable Product** provides 100% MA Class I RECs achieved by purchasing 76% additional RECs above the state’s then-current requirement for these renewables. This product is being offered at \$0.17200 per kWh for 24 months (October 2024 to October 2026).

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/upton, 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/upton **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.

TO ACCESS NATIONAL GRID’S BASIC SERVICE RATES please visit:

- Residential Rates – nationalgridus.com/media/pdfs/billing-payments/electric-rates/ma/resitable.pdf.
- Commercial Rates – nationalgridus.com/media/pdfs/billing-payments/electric-rates/ma/commtable.pdf.
- Industrial Rates – 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 Upton to facilitate the Community Choice Power Supply Program. For more detailed information, call us toll-free at (866) 485-5858 ext. 1.

RENEWABLE ENERGY CONTENT – Required and Voluntary Percentages by Year

Community Choice Power Supply	Year	Required by State*		Voluntary**		TOTAL	
		MA Class I	Other	MA Class I	Other		
Town of Upton	STANDARD (default)	2024	24%	38%	---	---	62%
		2025	27%	36%	---	---	63%
		2026	30%	39%	---	---	69%
	OPTIONAL NATIONAL RENEWABLE	2024	24%	38%	---	38%	100%
		2025	27%	36%	---	38%	101%
		2026	30%	39%	---	38%	107%
	OPTIONAL NEW ENGLAND RENEWABLE	2024	24%	38%	76%	---	138%
		2025	27%	36%	73%	---	136%
		2026	30%	39%	70%	---	139%
National Grid BASIC SERVICE	2024	24%	38%	---	---	62%	
	2025	27%	36%	---	---	63%	
	2026	30%	39%	---	---	69%	

*Required by State – Mandatory minimum percentage of renewable energy resources required by MA law.

**Voluntary – Additional renewable energy that exceeds the minimum required by the state in the specified year.

For additional detail on MA renewable energy requirements, please visit mass.gov/info-details/program-summaries.