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**Gloucester Community Electricity Aggregation program, offered by the City of Gloucester to residents and businesses, will continue for another three years with new rates and cleaner electricity**

Gloucester, MA – The City of Gloucester announces that it will continue its electricity aggregation program, called Gloucester Community Electricity Aggregation, or Gloucester CEA for short, for an additional three years, from December 2021 through December 2024. Those who already participate in the program – and that’s most of Gloucester residents and small businesses – **don’t need to do anything to continue their participation.** Those who have not been part of Gloucester CEA can read more about the program on the program website **Gloucester-CEA.com**.

“We’re very excited that the program has been able to secure pricing for another three years, doubling the amount of additional renewable electricity from 5% to 10% while keeping the cost of our Local Green option essentially the same,” said Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken. “We are looking forward to the program continuing to provide benefits for our community for years to come.”\*

Gloucester CEA offers three electricity choices with different amounts of renewable energy. Most participants are enrolled in Gloucester Local Green, but participants can change products at any time without penalty or fee.

National Grid	Gloucester Community Electricity Aggregation		
Basic Service (residential customers)	Gloucester Local Green	Gloucester Local Green 100%	Gloucester Basic
Meets MA renewable energy standards	<b>10% in addition to MA renewable energy standards</b>	100% in addition to MA renewable energy standards	Meets MA renewable energy standards
\$0.14821/kWh	<b>\$0.11071/kWh</b>	\$0.14356/kWh	\$0.10706/kWh
<p><b>Duration</b> November 2021- April 2022</p>	<p><b>Duration: December 2021 - December 2024</b> Products described as <b>Green</b> contain additional renewable energy certificates (RECs) above that required by MA law. The additional RECs qualify for MA Class I designation and come only from solar, wind, anaerobic digestion, and low-impact hydro. <b>Local</b> means 100% of the additional RECs are sourced from New England.</p>		

**\*Disclaimer: Savings cannot be guaranteed** as compared to National Grid Basic Service rates which change every six months for residential and commercial accounts, and every three months for industrial accounts.

The rate for the standard product, Gloucester Local Green, will decrease ever so slightly from \$0.11085 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) to \$0.11071/kWh. The new rate is still much lower than the National Grid rate for Basic Service Residential customers of \$0.14821/kWh for the period between November 2021 and April 2022. While future savings cannot be guaranteed because future National Grid Basic Service rates beyond April 2022 are unknown, the City of Gloucester is committed to working towards affordable and stable electricity rates through the Gloucester CEA program.

Gloucester has used the power of thousands of participants in its program to increase the demand for more renewable energy since the program's start in 2018. The additional renewables are sourced entirely from New England, and annually, the program now purchases approximately 4,000 megawatt-hours (MWh) more renewable electricity (in MA Class I Renewable Energy Certificates, which are a measure of renewable electricity), than required by MA law. That additional consumption is sourced from, and nearly equal to the annual output of one turbine at the Blackburn Industrial Park located in Gloucester.

For Gloucester CEA program participants, the new electricity rates automatically take effect as of their December 2021 meter read dates. Participants will see the new rate for their current Gloucester CEA product reflected in the supply portion of the bills received after December.

Constellation will be the new electricity supplier for the program and National Grid, the electric utility in Gloucester, will continue to deliver electricity and bill program participants.

The Gloucester CEA program is part of a larger movement in Massachusetts to provide more local control and electricity choices to residents and small businesses: over 160 Massachusetts cities and towns have an electricity aggregation program.

For more information about the program, visit [Gloucester-CEA.com](http://Gloucester-CEA.com)