

City of Gloucester Community Electricity Aggregation

November 15, 2021

Dear Gloucester electricity customer,

We are writing to you to let you know that the City of Gloucester will continue its electricity program, Gloucester Community Electricity Aggregation or CEA for short, for another three years to December 2024. You already participate in the program along with most Gloucester residents and small businesses, and you **don't need to do anything to continue your participation.**

Our new program rates starting in December are:

Gloucester Local Green	Gloucester Local Green 100%	Gloucester Basic	National Grid Basic Service (residential customers)
11.071¢/kWh	14.356¢/kWh	10.706¢/kWh	14.821¢/kWh
December 2021 – December 2024			November 2021- April 2022

As you may know, National Grid rates change every three or six months, thus **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.**

What else is changing? Most Gloucester CEA participants are enrolled in Gloucester Local Green, the standard product which adds 5% of additional renewable energy above Massachusetts requirements (18% in 2021). Gloucester Local Green's additional renewable energy content will increase to 10% starting in December all while keeping the rate essentially the same (old rate was 11.085¢/kWh, new rate is 11.071¢/kWh). Gloucester CEA offers three electricity choices with different amounts of renewable energy, including a 100% option (Gloucester Local Green 100%) and an option with no additional renewable energy (Gloucester Basic). Participants can change products at any time without penalty on the program website Gloucester-cea.com.

As a participant, you will see a notice on the National Grid bill you open in December notifying you of a supplier change. While the program continues seamlessly for another three years, we will have a new supplier: Constellation. You will see the new supplier (Gloucester CEA - Constellation NewEnergy) and the new rates reflected in the Supply Services section of the bills you receive after December 2021.

Have more questions about electricity and your options? Join us at a virtual community meeting on Tuesday, December 7, at 6pm via Zoom. The link is on the program website, Gloucester-CEA.com and the City Calendar. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,



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Mayor

Frequently Asked Questions about Gloucester CEA program

Why did the City of Gloucester start this program?

The City of Gloucester was looking for ways to reduce our combined emissions by adding more renewable energy into the electricity mix. Also, the program offers stable rates for multiple years, as compared to National Grid's rate for Basic Service Residential customers which changes every six months. Gloucester CEA has produced savings for residential customers in Gloucester over the last few years. While future savings cannot be guaranteed, the City is committed to working towards stable and affordable electricity rates through the Gloucester CEA program.

How can I tell what product option I have?

Take a look at your electricity bill! In the Supply Services section, you will see a line for Energy Charge. Compare the rate to the rates on the Gloucester-CEA.com website to determine your current product.

My neighbor didn't get this letter. What does that mean for them?

If they didn't receive this letter, they are not participating in the Gloucester CEA program. They can attend the virtual community meeting on **Tuesday, December 7, at 6pm** or visit the website Gloucester-CEA.com to learn more about the program and their options for participating.

If I have solar panels, can I still participate in Gloucester CEA?

Yes, and solar electricity consumers continue to receive their net metering credits while participating in the program.

If I get a discount from the utility, do I lose it if I am a program participant?

Budget Plan or Eligible Low-Income delivery rate consumers will continue to receive those benefits from the utility.

Who can I contact if I have questions?

Contact support_ma@goodenergy.com or call 866-456-8232 with general program questions. If you would like to change your selected product, i.e. sign up for the 100% option, call the program supplier at (833) 942-3018.

Clean Energy in the Gloucester CEA program

The City of Gloucester seeks to support renewable energy resources that are in Massachusetts (MA) or as close to the state as possible. The Gloucester CEA program presents a unique opportunity for the City to influence the development of renewable energy resources by going above and beyond MA requirements. By switching to **Gloucester Local Green 100%**, you support the transition from fossil fuels (such as natural gas) to sustainable sources.

On Our Grid and Close to Home

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. With the increase in the Local Green product to 10%, the program is expected to use the annual output of both turbines at the Park.

Don't be fooled by electricity suppliers who obtain their renewable energy from national sources (e.g. the Midwest or Texas) because including them in the electricity mix does not move our region away from fossil fuels.

Our Local Partner

Gloucester CEA sources the additional renewable energy, above and beyond MA requirements, through Green Energy Consumers Alliance, a local non-profit.

Sign up for your clean energy!

It takes less than five minutes using our online form to switch to Gloucester Local Green 100%:

Gloucester-CEA.com