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The City of Gloucester is pleased to announce that our electricity supply program, Gloucester Community Electricity Aggregation (Gloucester CEA), has been renewed! Gloucester CEA is a group purchasing program, operated by the City since 2018, which provides electricity supply options to help residents and businesses manage costs and increase renewable energy use. If you currently receive one of Gloucester's supply options, this letter explains upcoming changes to the products and your options.

Gloucester's new pricing takes effect starting on your December 2024 meter read.

All Gloucester prices will be lower than National Grid's current residential Basic Service prices. For most customers, no action is needed to receive the new pricing.

Our current pricing has been fixed since December 2021, providing multiple years of price stability. During this time, Gloucester CEA has collectively saved \$18,033,522 for the community, or \$1,455 per average residential customer, compared to National Grid's supply cost.

The program has also provided cleaner electricity, sourcing voluntary renewables from New England-based Class I sources. These voluntary purchases now amount to 8,019 megawatt hours (MWh) annually, avoiding 6,078,132 pounds of carbon pollution each year.

GLOUCESTER'S NEW SUPPLY OPTIONS

The City has increased the amount of renewable energy in our most popular option, Gloucester Local Green, so that it will now provide 15% renewable energy. We estimate the new products in the program will increase annual voluntary renewable energy purchases to total 11,631 MWh, avoiding 8,816,434 pounds of carbon pollution each year. All products will <u>cost less</u> than National Grid's Basic Service residential supply when the new prices go into effect.

All new Gloucester CEA product prices will be fixed for **36 months**, from **December 2024 through December 2027 meter reads**.

Gloucester Basic

13.786 ¢/kWh

Meets MA renewable energy requirements

(62% renewable in 2024)

Gloucester Local Green

14.405 ¢/kWh

Adds 15% voluntary renewable energy (MA Class I RECs)

(77% renewable in 2024)

Gloucester 100% Local Green

15.065 ¢/kWh

Adds voluntary renewable energy (MA Class I RECs) to total 100%

(100% renewable in 2024)

The National Grid Basic Service residential price is 16.055 ¢/kilowatt-hour (kWh) from Aug 1, 2024 – Jan 31, 2025, and contains only the required minimum renewable energy. As National Grid prices change frequently, and future rates are unknown, future savings cannot be guaranteed.

- No action is necessary to receive the new pricing for your current Gloucester supply option, unless you have voluntarily placed a "supplier block" on your National Grid account, which prevents any changes.
- You may switch to another Gloucester supply option at any time OR you may leave the Gloucester CEA program at any time, without penalty and return to Basic Service with National Grid. To switch options or leave the

program, call our program's new electricity supplier, Dynegy, at (866) 220-5696 24 hours a day, or submit a request at Gloucester-CEA.com.

GLOUCESTER CURRENT & NEW PRICES

The table below shows the current and new prices based on which supply option you use. Unless you have affirmatively selected another option in the past, you use the Gloucester Local Green supply option.

	Gloucester Basic		Gloucester Local Green		Gloucester 100% Local Green	
	Current	New	Current	New	Current	New
Price	10.706 ¢/kWh	13.786 ¢/kWh	11.071 ¢/kWh	14.405 ¢/kWh	14.356 ¢/kWh	15.065 ¢/kWh
Duration	Dec 2021 - Dec 2024	Dec 2024 – Dec 2027	Dec 2021 - Dec 2024	Dec 2024 - Dec 2027	Dec 2021 - Dec 2024	Dec 2024 - Dec 2027
Required Renewable Energy	62%	62%	62%	62%	62%	62%
Voluntary Renewable Energy (Class I sources)	None	None	10%	15%	100%	38%
Total	62%	62%	72%	77%	138%	100%
Supplier	Constellation	Dynegy	Constellation	Dynegy	Constellation	Dynegy

- Program prices only apply to the **supply** portion of your electric bill. National Grid will continue to set the charges on the **delivery** on your electric bill and will repair outages and manage all billing.
- Gloucester CEA has no impact on any solar benefits, low-income discounts, or budget billing plans.
- At the end of the pricing term, you will be automatically renewed in your current product which may have a higher or lower price and a different percentage of voluntary renewable energy as negotiated by the City. The City will announce price changes at least 30 days before any such price change takes effect. Product details will always be available on the City's website for the Program: Gloucester-CEA.com.
- Wind, solar, and low-impact hydropower are some of the most common sources that qualify for Class I. For more details on Class I sources and the required minimum renewable energy, see www.mass.gov/service-details/program-summaries.

NEXT STEPS

- The first bill to show the new pricing will be the bill you receive showing usage from your December to January meter read. Most customers can expect to receive this bill in early January.
- To check if you have a "supplier block", and/or remove it, contact National Grid at (800) 322-3223. If you have a block and do not remove it, your account will be returned to National Grid Basic Service on your December 2024 meter read.
- <u>Tax-exempt small business</u> customers participating in the Program must provide a copy of their Tax-Exemption Certificate directly to Dynegy via email at Salestax_geotax@vistraenergy.com, or mail at Dynegy, ATTN: Customer Care, P.O. Box 650764, Dallas, TX 75264. There is no penalty charge for leaving National Grid's Basic Service, however, Industrial customers (G-2 and G-3) may receive a reconciliation charge or credit.
- If you have already chosen a Green Power supply option on your own, you must opt out of this Program, in order to maintain their tax-exempt status.
- If you are receiving electricity supply from a competitive supplier, you may have signed up after this mailing list was created. To ensure that you continue to receive your electricity from that competitive supplier and prevent any possible early termination fees, you must contact Gloucester's supplier to opt out of the Gloucester CEA program.

QUESTIONS & SUPPORT

• For questions or troubleshooting, please contact the city's consultant that manages the Gloucester CEA Program, Good Energy, by using the online form at Gloucester-CEA.com, or by calling (866) 456-8232.