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With Gloucester Community Electricity Aggregation, Most Gloucester Residents Unaffected by National Grid Winter Rate Hike

Gloucester, MA—Gloucester residents and businesses enrolled in Gloucester Community Electricity Aggregation (Gloucester CEA) will not be impacted by the rate hike recently announced by National Grid. Gloucester, which is under contract with electricity supplier Constellation, offers electricity program rates that are fixed and will not change through December 2024. The vast majority of Gloucester households participate in the Gloucester CEA program.

As widely reported, National Grid announced that as of November 1, 2022, the default Residential Basic Service Fixed supply rate will be \$0.33891/kWh, which is significantly higher than the standard Gloucester supply rate of \$0.11071 cents/kWh. National Grid's rates change twice a year for Residential and Small Business customers on May 1 and November 1, but Gloucester CEA rates are fixed for the duration of the municipality's contract, which expires in December 2024.

“Gloucester's Community Electricity Aggregation program will be a major relief for so many Gloucester residents with the hike in electricity rates,” said Mayor Greg Verga. “It is such a challenging time with rising costs and as we prepare for the cold months, I encourage all residents to see if they are eligible to enroll.”

Gloucester residents and businesses can confirm that they are enrolled in Gloucester Community Electricity Aggregation by looking at the Supply Services Section of a recent National Grid electric bill. If it says “Supplier: Gloucester CEA - Constellation NewEnergy”, then that account is enrolled. If it says something else such as Basic Service Fixed or names a supplier other than Constellation then that account is not enrolled.

Gloucester Community Electricity Aggregation offers contract rate options:

- Gloucester Local Green — \$0.11071/kWh
- Gloucester 100% Local Green — \$0.14356/kWh
- Gloucester Basic — \$0.10706/kWh

Availability to Customers Seeking to Join the Program:

- The contract rates above are available to any Residential and Small Business customer that has never participated in the program.
- The following customers may be offered a market rate, determined by the supplier:
 - Residential and Small Businesses customers that have previously opted-out of the program and are seeking to re-join
 - Any Large Business customers

Residents and businesses can enroll in Gloucester Community Electricity Aggregation or switch rate options at any time online at Gloucester-CEA.com or by calling (866) 456-8232. It can take one or two billing cycles for the supplier change to appear on the National Grid bill.

Please note that because National Grid Basic Service rates are not known past April 2023 for Residential and Small Business customers or October 2022 for Large Business customers, future savings for the Gloucester Community Electricity Aggregation cannot be guaranteed.

For more information, see Gloucester-CEA.com.

About The City of Gloucester, Massachusetts

America's oldest seaport, the City of Gloucester, is known throughout the world as an authentic, working waterfront community, a place of spectacular natural beauty, and home to a diverse population of approximately 30,000 residents. Its sharp focus on economic development has helped build its reputation as the ideal location to live, work, and play. An important center for the fishing industry, Gloucester is also proud of its vibrant cultural life and rich art heritage. Gloucester is a destination for thousands of visitors who visit the harbor and its beaches during the summer months. The City will be celebrating its 400th Anniversary in 2023. For more information, please visit www.gloucester-ma.gov.