

D.P.U. Municipal Aggregation Annual Report Town of Stoughton

2017

Date	Residential Meters	Residential Usage	Commercial Meters	Commercial Usage	Industrial Meters	Industrial Usage	Total Meters	Total Usage	Competitive Supplier	Term	Renewable Supply Options
Sep-17							-	-			
Aug-17							-	-			
Jul-17							-	-			
Jun-17							-	-			
May-17							-	-			
Apr-17							-	-			
Mar-17							-	-			
Feb-17							-	-			
Jan-17							-	-			
Dec-16							-	-			
Nov-16							-	-			
Oct-16							-	-			

Website:
[Stoughton Community Choice Power Supply Program](#)



Education:



Renewable Energy Supply Options:

STANDARD Competitive Supplier shall include Renewable Energy in the All Requirements Power Supply mix in an amount equal to the DPU's Renewable Portfolio Standards and Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards.

100% RECS The Municipality has procured Renewable Energy Credit's (REC's) for 100% of the its Municipal Aggregation. It is Standard power covered by RECs. Participants in the Municipality's Aggregation will not have a

Alternative Information Disclosure:

Colonial posts updated disclosure labels on each Municipality's page of the Colonial website as they become available.

NO ESA

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Date	RESIDENTIAL			COMMERCIAL			INDUSTRIAL			TOTAL	AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL USAGE/METER
	Basic Svc Rate	Agg Rate	Savings	Basic Svc Rate	Agg Rate	Savings	Basic Svc Rate WCMA	Agg Rate	Savings	Savings	
Sep-17			-			-		-	-	-	-
Aug-17			-			-			-	-	-
Jul-17			-			-			-	-	-
Jun-17			-			-			-	-	-
May-17			-			-			-	-	-
Apr-17			-			-			-	-	-
Mar-17			-			-			-	-	-
Feb-17			-			-			-	-	-
Jan-17			-			-			-	-	-
Dec-16			-			-			-	-	-
Nov-16			-			-			-	-	-
Oct-16			-			-			-	-	-

TOWN OF STOUGHTON
COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. WHAT IS THE “COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM”?

The Community Choice Power Supply Program is a Municipal Aggregation Program which allows local government to combine the purchasing power of its residents to achieve savings on electricity costs. In doing so, it creates competition among Competitive Suppliers which helps ensure aggressive rates. Consumers are no longer “stuck” with the cost and fluctuation of Basic Service rates because the Program offers them another option.

2. WHAT IS A "COMPETITIVE SUPPLIER"?

A Competitive Supplier is a power supplier other than your Local Utility. Competitive Suppliers provide power supply to consumers either through a Municipal Aggregation Program or through a Competitive Supplier Program. Your electricity is currently being supplied by your Local Utility unless you have switched to a Competitive Supplier Program on your own. Your electric bill is divided into two parts: **Delivery and Supply**. The supply is no longer regulated and therefore can be provided by a Competitive Supplier. Delivery is still regulated and can only be provided by your Local Utility. Your Local Utility will continue to deliver your power supply over the wires. However, the power running through those wires can be provided by a Competitive Supplier.

3. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PROGRAMS ADVERTISED TO “LOWER YOUR ELECTRIC BILL” AND MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION PROGRAMS?

Programs you see advertised are Competitive Supplier Programs in which the Competitive Supplier contracts directly with the individual consumer. While both Programs seek to lower your electric bill, they are run very differently. Competitive Supplier Programs set their own terms and conditions. Once signed up, it is up to the consumer to monitor the rates. Competitive Supplier Programs usually have a clause in the terms and conditions that states the consumer remains in the Program after the original rate and term have ended unless specific action is taken to cancel the contract. In many cases, there may be an exit fee. Municipal Aggregation Programs are run by cities or towns. Once signed up, it is up to the city or town to monitor the rates. Having knowledge of the electricity market, the city or town continually looks out for their citizens’ best interests. Their goals are to provide low, stable rates and possibly green options to their citizens. Municipal Aggregation Programs have no entrance or exit fees.

BEWARE OF OTHER ENERGY OFFERS claiming to be associated with your community or Local Utility. You may receive direct mail, phone calls or even visits to your door from energy marketers for the Competitive Supplier Programs mentioned above. These marketers are NOT associated with the Community Choice Power Supply Program or with your Local Utility. The Community Choice Power Supply Program will notify you of the Program ONLY through mail direct from your community (look for your Town’s seal).

4. WHY HAVE I RECEIVED A CONSUMER NOTIFICATION LETTER?

Your Town has signed a contract with a Competitive Supplier on behalf of your community as part of their Community Choice Power Supply Program.

5. WHY HAVEN'T I RECEIVED A CONSUMER NOTIFICATION LETTER?

You will not receive a Consumer Notification Letter if your Local Utility has your account listed as being contracted with a Competitive Supplier or if you have requested the Local Utility put a "Supplier Block" on your account so that it is removed from all supplier marketing lists. However, there is a lag between the date the utility provides the account data and the date the Consumer Notification Letters are mailed so there may be some accounts that are categorized wrong at the time of the mailing.

6. HOW WILL BEING A PART OF THIS PROGRAM AFFECT ME?

You will receive the benefit of potentially lower rates on your electricity and therefore a lower electric bill. Otherwise, YOU WILL NOT NOTICE ANY CHANGE. The only difference you will see is that the name of the chosen Competitive Supplier will be printed under the "Supply/Generation Services Charge" section of your monthly bill. You will continue to receive one bill from your Local Utility. You will continue to send your payments to your Local Utility for processing. Your Local Utility will continue to 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.

7. WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM?

If you have received a Consumer Notification Letter AND you have not opted out AND your account is not listed with the Local Utility as having a "Supplier Block" (a request to have your account removed from all supplier marketing lists), you will not need to do anything to participate. You will be automatically enrolled in the Program.

8. WHY HAVE I NOT BEEN ENROLLED, I THOUGHT IT WAS AUTOMATIC?

Enrollment is automatic ONLY IF you have received a Consumer Notification Letter and have not opted out. Enrollment is NOT AUTOMATIC if you have not received a Consumer Notification Letter OR if your Local Utility has your account listed as being contracted with a Competitive Supplier at the time of the enrollment. Also, you will not receive a Consumer Notification Letter, and therefore will not be enrolled, if you have requested the Local Utility put a "Supplier Block" on your account so that it is removed from all supplier marketing lists. If that is the case, consumers may have to call their Local Utility to be enrolled in the Program.

9. CAN I PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM IF I DID NOT RECEIVE A CONSUMER NOTIFICATION LETTER?

Yes, as long as your community has a DPU approved aggregation working with Colonial Power Group. You may OPT-IN AT ANY TIME by filling out the online Opt-In Form on your community's page at www.colonialpowergroup.com OR by calling the Competitive Supplier chosen by your community (listed on your community's page) OR by calling Colonial Power Group at (508) 485-5858 ext. 1. To

avoid delays in your enrollment, before opting in, please make sure that if you have a “Supplier Block” on your account that it is removed. Also, if you have previously contracted with your own Competitive Supplier, you should confirm with them that you will not incur any fees for leaving their supply.

10. WHEN WILL MY ENROLLMENT TAKE EFFECT?

Your enrollment will start on the meter read date stated on the Consumer Notification Letter. You will see the new rate on your bill the following month. For example, if your meter read enrollment date is January 1, your usage from January 1 - January 31 will be charged the new rate and billed on February 1. If you opt-in at any other time, enrollment may take up to two billing cycles before taking effect.

11. WHAT IF I DO NOT WANT POWER FROM THIS SUPPLIER?

Each consumer has the right to choose his/her supplier. Enclosed in the Consumer Notification mailing is an Opt-Out Return Card. If you do not want to participate in the Community Choice Power Supply Program, you can sign and date the card, place it in the envelope provided and drop it in the mail OR fill out the Opt-Out Form on your community's page at www.colonialpowergroup.com OR call the Competitive Supplier chosen by your community (listed on your community's page) OR call Colonial Power Group at (508) 485-5858 ext. 1. You will then be removed from the list of participating consumers. The initial opt-out period is thirty (30) days from the mailing date of the Consumer Notification Letter.

12. WHAT IF I DECIDE I WANT TO OPT-OUT AFTER THE 30-DAY INITIAL OPT-OUT PERIOD?

Participation is designed to be as flexible as possible. You may leave the Community Choice Power Supply Program at no charge and be placed on your Local Utility's Basic Service or choose another Competitive Supplier on your own. Opting out of the Community Choice Power Supply Program is easy. You may fill out the online Opt-Out Form on your community's page at www.colonialpowergroup.com OR call the Competitive Supplier chosen by your community (listed on your community's page) OR call Colonial Power Group at (508) 485-5858 ext. 1. It may take a couple of billing cycles before you are back on your Local Utility's Basic Service. There is NO PENALTY CHARGE to opt-out.

Commercial consumers (G2, G3), if you participate initially and then choose to leave the Community Choice Power Supply Program, you may return only if accepted by the Competitive Supplier and at prevailing market rates.

13. WHAT IF I HAVE ALREADY CHOSEN A COMPETITIVE SUPPLIER?

The Local Utility records should indicate that you already have a Competitive Supplier. If so, you will not be enrolled in the Community Choice Power Supply Program. However, there is a lag between the date the utility provides the account data and the date the Consumer Notification Letters are mailed so there may be some accounts that are categorized wrong at the time of the mailing. This is why we recommend that you opt-out if you have received a Consumer Notification Letter but have contracted with a Competitive Supplier or have chosen a Green Power Supply Option.

14. WHAT IF I AM ON A BUDGET PLAN OR ELIGIBLE LOW-INCOME DELIVERY RATE?

You will continue to receive those benefits from your Local Utility.

15. WHAT IF I OPERATE A BUSINESS AND HAVE A "TAX EXEMPT" STATUS, WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO MAINTAIN MY STATUS UNDER THIS PROGRAM?

According to Massachusetts law, in order to maintain your tax exempt status for your electric bill, you must send a copy of your tax exempt certificate directly to the Competitive Supplier chosen by your community. (The Competitive Supplier's name is listed on your community's page at www.colonialpowergroup.com.)

16. WHAT IF I HAVE SOLAR PANELS ON MY RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS?

Net Metering will work the same way with the Community Choice Power Supply Program. You will continue to receive your net metering credits while benefiting from the aggregation rate on your electricity. The Local Utility will continue to post your net meter credits to your electric bill at your Local Utility's Basic Service rate.

17. HOW LONG DOES THE COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM LAST?

The Community Choice Power Supply Program is in effect until the local government terminates the Program. Throughout the life of the Program, each subsequent contract will vary by rate, term and possibly Competitive Supplier. The latest rates, terms and contracted Competitive Supplier can be found on your community's page at www.colonialpowergroup.com or by calling Colonial Power Group at (508) 485-5858 ext. 1.

TOWN OF STOUGHTON COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Town of Stoughton is pleased to announce that **NextEra Energy Services** (“NextEra”) has been selected as the supplier for its Community Choice Power Supply Program. NextEra will provide electric power supply for all consumers currently on Basic Service in Stoughton.

Check your mailbox for an envelope with the Town Seal on it. It contains information about the Program including a Consumer Notification Letter and Opt-Out Reply Card.

BASIC SERVICE CONSUMERS do not need to take any action to participate. You will be AUTOMATICALLY enrolled.

IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE you must OPT-OUT by signing and returning the Opt-Out Reply Card **OR** visit www.colonialpowergroup.com/stoughton/, click the OPT-OUT button and follow the instructions specified **OR** call NextEra at (855) 639-8049.

IF YOU WISH TO JOIN THIS PROGRAM you may OPT-IN at www.colonialpowergroup.com/stoughton/ **OR** call NextEra at (855) 639-8049 and ask to be enrolled.

Colonial Power Group, Inc. is an energy consulting company chosen on a competitive basis by the Town of Stoughton to facilitate the Community Choice Power Supply Program. For more detailed information, call us toll-free at (866) 485-5858 ext. 1.

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COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM

SOCIAL MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

The Town of Stoughton is pleased to announce that **NextEra Energy Services** (“NextEra”) has been selected as the supplier for its Community Choice Power Supply Program (“Program”). This Program is a municipal aggregation which enables local government to combine the purchasing power of its residents and businesses to provide them with an alternative to National Grid Basic Service (M.G.L. c. 164, § 134). This Program only affects the supply portion of your monthly bill. It will not affect the delivery portion of your monthly bill. National Grid will continue to deliver your electricity but Stoughton has chosen the supplier for the Program. NextEra will provide electric power supply for all consumers currently on Basic Service in Stoughton.

Check your mailbox for an envelope with the Town Seal on it. It contains information about the Program including a Consumer Notification Letter and Opt-Out Reply Card.

BASIC SERVICE CONSUMERS do not need to take any action to participate. You will be AUTOMATICALLY enrolled. The aggregation rate is fixed at \$0.10995 per kWh for all rate classes for 6 months (January 2018 to July 2018).

WATCH YOUR NATIONAL GRID BILL FOR FURTHER NOTIFICATION of the Program.

- Your January 2018 bill will state that you are being switched to Stoughton’s Program.
- Your February 2018 bill will show Stoughton’s supplier and aggregation rate under “Supply Services”.

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TO CHOOSE A GREENER PRODUCT WITH A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY you may call NextEra at (855) 639-8049 and ask to be enrolled in Stoughton’s Optional Green Product. Stoughton’s Optional Green Product provides 100% National Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs). This product is being offered at \$0.11057 per kWh for 6 months (January 2018 to July 2018).

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Town of Stoughton Municipal Aggregation Procurement and Outreach

- Supply Bidding
 - Town signed contract with NextEra Energy 11/06/17
 - 6-month term at \$0.10995 per kWh (fixed price)
 - Starts with January 2018 meter reads
 - National Grid Residential Basic Service rate is \$0.12673 per kWh
 - Average Residential Savings is \$12.25 per Month or \$522,620 for the community through May 2018
 - Average Commercial Savings is \$23.78 per Month or \$127,434 for the community through May 2018
- Public Information/Customer Notification
 - Statutory customer notification letters sent by NextEra to all Basic Service accounts
 - CPG provided press release issued upon Town approval
 - Informational meetings
 - Local cable programs, if any
 - Social Media content, if applicable, provided by CPG
- Implementation
 - CPG manages opt-out process and all public requests for information and questions
- Ongoing Service
 - CPG manages future opt-outs and opt-ins
 - CPG files required reports
 - CPG manages ongoing requests for information
 - CPG conducts regular meeting with Town as required/
requested



STOUGHTON COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM

The Town and representatives of Colonial Power Group will hold an informational session during the month of December. The meeting details will be posted here as well as on the Town of Stoughton website.

The Stoughton Community Choice Power Supply Program is a municipal aggregation program. According to Massachusetts law (M.G.L. c. 164, § 134), municipal aggregation enables local government to combine the purchasing power of its residents and businesses so that it can provide them with an alternative electricity supply. Once in place, the local government can monitor and set its own energy-related goals for the program.

Program Rate

January 2018 - July 2018

\$0.10995 / kWh

ALL RATE CLASSES

[Click here for more rate information including](#) [Select Language »](#)

Municipal Aggregation Plan for Electricity

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In May 2016, Town Meeting passed the Municipal Aggregation Article which authorized the Town Manager with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to participate in a contract to negotiate the electricity load of residential and commercial customers while retaining the right to opt out.

During the September 13, 2016 Board of Selectmen's Meeting the consultants, Mark Cappadona of Colonial Power Group and Bernard Lynch of Community Paradigm Associates discussed the next steps in the process. (see attached power point). During the month of October 2016 the Municipal Aggregation Plan was posted on this webpage as well as at the Town Clerk's Office. The public had the opportunity to comment on the plan (See attached plan).

The Town Signed a contract with NextEra Energy on November 6, 2017. The contract is for a six month term starting with the January 2018 meter read. The Town's residents and businesses will collectively save \$650,000 during this timeframe. All basic service customers are automatically enrolled unless you decide to opt out. You may also select a green option. All basic service customers will be receiving a mailing from Nextera that will be sent out on November 22nd. The mailing will have a Town of Stoughton seal on it so that the community knows that this mailing is for Stoughton's Community Choice Power Supply Program. This mailing will let people know how to opt out of the program if they desire to do so and how to select a green energy option. You should respond to the mailing by December 26th. No action is required unless you want to opt out or select a green energy option. You will not notice any change in service and you will continue to receive your bills from National Grid.

See attached Frequently Asked Questions, Press Release, Sample Mailing and Public Service Announcement for further details. You may direct questions to the Town's Consultant, Colonial Power Group by calling 866-485-5858 x1 or sending an email to <http://www.colonialpowergroup.com/stoughton>.

You may also contact Pamela McCarthy, Economic Development Director at (781) 341-1300 ext. 9265.

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Attachment	Size
Frequently Asked Questions	331.58 KB
Presentation to Board of Selectmen Sept. 13th	193.19 KB
Municipal Aggregation Timeline	188.06 KB
Department of Public Utilities - Notice of Filing and Public Hearing	57.44 KB
Press Release - Stoughton Energy Program Will Generate \$650,000 in Savings	212.22 KB
Sample Mailing That All Basic Service Consumers Will Receive	1.05 MB
Community Choice Power Supply Public Service Announcement	465.02 KB
Municipal Aggregation Plan	676.09 KB