

# TOWN OF STOUGHTON

## COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM

### SOCIAL MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

The Town of Stoughton is pleased to announce that **Direct Energy Services** (“Direct”) 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. Direct will provide electric power supply for all consumers currently on Basic Service in Stoughton.

Following the approval of Article 41 at Town Meeting in May 2016, the Town of Stoughton developed and published its Aggregation Plan (“Plan”) in compliance with Massachusetts law regarding municipal aggregation of electric consumers (M.G.L. c. 164, § 134). The Select Board approved the Plan in January 2019, and a power supply agreement was executed this October to take effect January 2023.

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 \$0.26230 per kWh for all rate classes for the first 4 months (January 2023 to April 2023), then decreases and is fixed at \$0.12400 per kWh for all rate classes for the remaining 6 months (May 2023 to November 2023). This product meets MA renewable energy requirements.

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

- Your January 2023 bill will state that you are being switched to Stoughton’s Program.
- Your February 2023 bill will show Stoughton’s supplier and aggregation rate under “Supply Services”.

**IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE** you must OPT-OUT by signing and returning the Opt-Out Reply Card **OR** visit [colonialpowergroup.com/stoughton](https://colonialpowergroup.com/stoughton), click the OPT-OUT button and follow the instructions specified **OR** call Direct at (866) 968-8065. There is **NO CHARGE TO OPT-OUT** of the Program and return to National Grid Basic Service.

**IF YOU WISH TO JOIN THIS PROGRAM** you may OPT-IN at [colonialpowergroup.com/stoughton](https://colonialpowergroup.com/stoughton) **OR** call Direct at (866) 968-8065 and ask to be enrolled. If you are currently contracted with your own competitive supplier, you should confirm with them that you will not incur any early termination fees or penalties for leaving their supply.

**TO CHOOSE A PRODUCT WITH 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY** visit [colonialpowergroup.com/stoughton](https://colonialpowergroup.com/stoughton) or you may call Direct at (866) 968-8065 and ask to be enrolled in Stoughton’s Optional Green Product. Stoughton’s Optional Green Product provides 46% National Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) above the state’s then-current minimum requirement for renewables [54% in 2023]. This product is being offered at \$0.26360 per kWh for the first 4 months (January 2023 to April 2023), then changes and is being offered at \$0.12530 per kWh for the remaining 6 months (May 2023 to November 2023).

Basic Service rates change twice a year or more, depending on rate class. As a result, the aggregation rate may not always be lower than the Basic Service rate. The goal of the aggregation is to deliver savings over the life of the Program against National Grid Basic Service. However, such savings and future savings cannot be guaranteed.

*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.*