



THE CITY OF GARDNER'S COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM



The City of Gardner is announcing the new rate and term for its Community Choice Power Supply Program through its current electricity supplier, **NextEra Energy Services**. The City's new aggregation rate is fixed **for all rate classes for 12 months** as follows:

Term	New Rate (Supply Only)	Renewable Energy Content
November 2022 to November 2023	\$0.23787 per kWh	Meets MA renewable energy requirements
<i>[Rate applies to service beginning and ending on the days of the month that your meter is read in your service area. This date varies by account.]</i>		

For comparison purposes, National Grid's Residential Basic Service rate is fixed at \$0.33891 per kWh from November 1, 2022 thru April 30, 2023. **Due to economic and geo-political conditions worldwide, electricity prices are higher now than in prior years. However, the City's new rate is fixed which provides protection against market spikes over the 12-month term but doesn't lock the City into the elevated prices beyond that should the market stabilize.**

It is important to note that **no action will be required** by individual consumers. All accounts currently enrolled in the City's Program will continue to see NextEra printed under the "Supply Services" section of their monthly bill. This rate change will be seen on the December 2022 bills. Consumers with questions about the Program should call Colonial Power Group, the City's aggregation consultant, at (866) 485-5858 ext. 1.

For more detailed information about the City's Program, including how to OPT-OUT or OPT-IN, or to access National Grid's Basic Service rates, please visit colonialpowergroup.com/gardner or call NextEra at (855) 639-8076. You may OPT-OUT or OPT-IN at any time in the future with NO CHARGE.

National Grid has several programs to help income-eligible families and customers needing special assistance meet their energy needs. To learn more, please visit nationalgridus.com/MA-Home/Bill-Help/Payment-Assistance-Programs.

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.