



# The Town of Wareham

## Community Electricity Aggregation Program

February 17, 2021

Dear Basic Service Customer,

The town of Wareham approved the Wareham Community Electricity Aggregation program authorizing our community to aggregate the electricity load (usage) of those residents and businesses that are on Basic Service with NStar Electric Company (Eversource). The goals of the Program are to provide you with competitive choice, longer-term price stability and more renewable energy options, however, future savings cannot be guaranteed because future Basic Service rates are not known.

**You will be automatically enrolled in the Wareham Community Electricity Aggregation program unless you choose not to participate (opt out).**

**YOU MUST MAIL AND POSTMARK YOUR OPT-OUT CARD ON OR BEFORE MARCH 22, 2021 TO AVOID AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT IN THE AGGREGATION PROGRAM.**

After a competitive bid process, Constellation was selected as our Electricity Supplier for a contract starting on the January 2021 meter reading through the December 2023 meter reading. If you do not opt out of the program, your participation will start on your April electricity meter reading. A comparison of the rates for the aggregation program and current rates for Eversource Basic Service are shown below.

| Rate Class          | Wareham Basic<br>Community Electricity Aggregation Program<br>(Standard Product - No Action Required)   | "50% Local Green"<br>(50) Percent Local<br>Renewable Energy | "100% Local Green"<br>(100) Percent Local<br>Renewable Energy | Current Eversource<br>(NStar Electric Company)<br>Basic Service   |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Residential         | \$0.10470/kWh   | \$0.12244/kWh   | \$0.14019/kWh   | \$0.11882/kWh   |
| Small<br>Commercial | \$0.10470/kWh   | \$0.12244/kWh   | \$0.14019/kWh   | \$0.11173/kWh   |
| Industrial*         | \$0.10470/kWh   | \$0.12244/kWh   | \$0.14019/kWh   | \$0.10749/kWh *SEMA   |
| Duration            | <b>January 2021 – December 2023</b><br>Rates apply to service beginning and ending on the days of the month that your meter is read in your service area. |   |   | <b>January 1 – June 30, 2021, or March 31, 2021*</b><br>Residential and Small Commercial rates change every six months.<br>*Industrial rates change every three months. |

Rates indicated above are for Supply Services only. Under the contract, the rate per kWh (kilowatt-hour) for electric supply will be fixed until your December 2023 meter reading. The Standard Product rate for Residential and Small Commercial customers will remain below Eversource's Basic Service rate until Eversource Basic Service rates for Residential and Small Commercial customers change on July 1, 2021. The Standard Product rate for Industrial customers will remain below Eversource's current Basic Service Industrial rate until the Eversource Basic Service rate for Industrial customers changes on April 1, 2021. Program prices could increase as the result of a change in law that results in a direct material increase in costs during the term of the electric supply agreement.

**There is no guarantee of savings. The primary intent of the Program is to provide price stability and savings over the duration of the 35-month term. However, future savings cannot be guaranteed because Eversource Basic Service rates change every six months for Residential and Small Commercial customers and every three months for Industrial customers. Thus, Eversource's Basic Service rates may be above or below the Program rate during any subsequent period.**

**AGGREGATION FEE** for all Wareham products is included in the above rates. This fee is \$0.001/kWh for the aggregation consultant.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

- As an eligible participant, your account will be automatically enrolled in the Program unless you choose to opt out.
- You may leave the Program at any time without early termination fees.
- You will continue to receive one bill from Eversource.
- You will continue to send payment to Eversource.
- Eversource will continue to respond to emergencies and outages.
- Reliability and quality of service will remain the same.
- Program rates include taxes which are billed as part of the power supply charge.

| Participation  | Needed  |
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| If you want to participate in this program →               | No action required  |
| If you do <b>NOT</b> want to participate in this program → | Sign the enclosed opt-out card. Mail the card in the enclosed postage-paid envelope no later than <b><u>MARCH 22, 2021.</u></b> |

**IF YOU HAVE BEEN MAILED THIS NOTIFICATION**, you do not need to take any action to participate in the Program.

**ALL BASIC SERVICE CUSTOMERS** who have been mailed this notification will be automatically enrolled in the Program and start benefiting from this fixed rate beginning on the day of the month that your meter read occurs. The new rate will be reflected on your subsequent month's bill. This date varies by service area. Your meter reading date is shown on your bill.

**BUDGET PLAN OR ELIGIBLE LOW-INCOME DELIVERY RATE CONSUMERS** will continue to receive those benefits from Eversource.

**TAX-EXEMPT SMALL COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS** must send a copy of their Energy Exemption Certificate directly to Constellation via email: [CNETaxForms@constellation.com](mailto:CNETaxForms@constellation.com), fax: (877) 243-4968, or by mail: ATTN: Tax Team, 1001 Louisiana Street, Suite 2300, Houston, TX 77002

**IF YOU ARE RECEIVING ELECTRICITY SUPPLY FROM A COMPETITIVE SUPPLIER AND BELIEVE YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS OPT-OUT LETTER IN ERROR**, you **must** sign the attached card and opt out of this Program. This will ensure you continue to receive your electricity from that Competitive Supplier and prevent any possible early termination fees.

#### **RENEWABLE ENERGY**

- **OPTION: "50% LOCAL GREEN" – FIFTY (50) PERCENT LOCAL RENEWABLE ENERGY**

The optional product offers an elective fifty (50) percent local renewable energy originating from qualified Massachusetts Class I renewable energy sources. Call Constellation at (833) 461-0813 to select this option. The price of this offer is \$0.12244/kWh.

- **OPTION: "100% LOCAL GREEN" – ONE HUNDRED (100) PERCENT LOCAL RENEWABLE ENERGY**

The optional product offers an elective one hundred (100) percent local renewable energy originating from qualified Massachusetts Class I renewable energy sources. Call Constellation at (833) 461-0813 to select this option. The price of this offer is \$0.14019/kWh.

Products described as **Green** contain renewable energy above that required by state law. The additional renewable energy qualifies for MA Class I designation. **Local** refers to geographic areas permitted under MA Class I designation, namely New England, New York and eastern Canada.

**IF YOU HAVE ALREADY CHOSEN A GREEN POWER SUPPLY OPTION ON YOUR OWN**, you **must** opt out of this Program. This will ensure you continue to receive your electricity from that Green Power Supply.

**SOLAR ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS** will not be impacted and will continue to receive their net metering credits while participating in the Program.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO OPT OUT**

If you do not wish to participate in the Program, simply sign and return the enclosed card in the postage-paid envelope. **The envelope must be mailed or postmarked on or before MARCH 22, 2021 to avoid automatic enrollment in the aggregation program.** There is no penalty to opt out in order to remain on Eversource Basic Service.

**ANY TIME AFTER ENROLLMENT**, you can leave the Program with no early termination fees. This will occur during the next available billing cycle, whereupon your account(s) will be returned to Eversource's Basic Service.

**EXIT TERMS FOR BASIC SERVICE:** There is no penalty charge for leaving Eversource's Basic Service, however large commercial and industrial customers may receive a billing adjustment charge or credit.

#### **HOW TO ACCESS BASIC SERVICE IF YOU WANT TO LEAVE THE PROGRAM**

Additional information about Eversource Basic Service electricity rates may be found on the [MASS.GOV](http://MASS.GOV) website here: [www.mass.gov/information-for-consumers-about-the-electric-industry](http://www.mass.gov/information-for-consumers-about-the-electric-industry). For residential accounts, visit the Eversource website [www.eversource.com/content/ema-c/residential/my-account](http://www.eversource.com/content/ema-c/residential/my-account). Please refer to the Basic Service category to determine the best option for you. For business accounts, visit the Eversource website [www.eversource.com/content/ema-c/business/my-account](http://www.eversource.com/content/ema-c/business/my-account). Account holders may also call Eversource (NSTAR Electric Company) for assistance at (800) 592-2000 for residential, or (800) 340-9822 for business.

**FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION** regarding your community's Program, visit [MassCEA.com/wareham](http://MassCEA.com/wareham), or call toll-free at [\(844\) 627-7232](tel:8446277232).

#### **SUPPLIER INFORMATION**

The aggregation supplier is Constellation. You may contact the supplier at [\(833\) 461-0813](tel:8334610813) between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, or via email at [vst@constellation.com](mailto:vst@constellation.com).

#### **THERE IS NO GUARANTEE OF SAVINGS**

The primary intent of the Program is to provide price stability and savings over the duration of the 35-month term. However, future savings cannot be guaranteed because Eversource Basic Service rates change every six months for Residential and Small Commercial customers and every three months for Industrial customers. Thus, Eversource's Basic Service rates may be above or below the Program rate during any subsequent period.