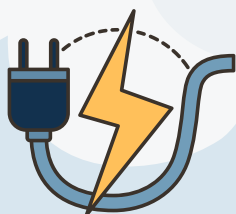


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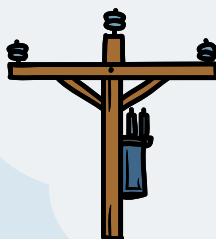
Community Power is a New Hampshire program that allows municipalities to procure electricity on behalf of its residents and small businesses with the objectives of 1) reducing energy costs and 2) increasing options for renewable energy usage. Newbury Community Power gives residents and small businesses the option to choose whether their electricity is supplied by their current provider (i.e. Eversource) or through an alternative and often more competitively priced provider. Energy delivery (i.e. wires and poles) will continue to be provided and supported by Eversource.



SUPPLY

Sources of electricity

You can choose



DELIVERY

Wires and poles

Always Eversource



CUSTOMER

Single electricity bill

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT MY ELECTRIC BILL AND SERVICE?

This program only affects the supply cost line on your electricity bill. It does not affect the delivery line.

WILL NEWBURY BECOME A UTILITY?

No. Eversource will continue to own and manage the distribution poles and wires, emergency services, and billing. Charges for these remain the same. Eversource will continue to respond to outages and provide customer services.

DOES THE PROGRAM AFFECT SERVICE FROM EVERSOURCE, OR THEIR PROFIT?

No. Eversource profits from providing transmission and distribution services. They do not make money on the electricity itself. This is a 'pass-through' cost.

DOES THE PROGRAM AFFECT MY ELECTRICITY DISCOUNTS OR NET METERING PROGRAM BENEFITS?

No. Utility programs for electric assistance and net metering customers will be unchanged.

IF I VOTE YES ON COMMUNITY POWER AT TOWN MEETING, DO I HAVE TO PARTICIPATE?

No. The program will provide a new default service for eligible customers, but any customer can opt out, change products, join, or leave the program at any time with no program penalty or fees.

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WHAT IS THE EFFECT ON THE NEWBURY TOWN BUDGET?

Community Power will have no impact on the Newbury town budget.

HOW WILL COMMUNITY POWER GET BETTER ELECTRICITY RATES THAN THE UTILITY DEFAULT?

The Eversource default rate for electricity changes twice a year, but Newbury Community Power is not bound by this rigid schedule. Market timing, buying power, and strategies, like group net metering, are used to lower rates. Newbury Community Power will not enter an agreement until rates are favorable.

DOES COMMUNITY POWER OFFER LOWEST COST ENERGY CHOICES?

Yes. A 'Basic' option offers the best price possible. The Basic option has no additional renewable energy above the New Hampshire required minimum.

DOES COMMUNITY POWER OFFER RENEWABLE ENERGY CHOICES?

Yes. Community Power offers four choices, three of which include renewable energy above the required state minimum.

Newbury Basic	Newbury Plus	Newbury 50%	Newbury 100%
Lowest Rate	Competitive Rate	Small Increase	Market Rate
Meets state requirements	Targets 5-10% additional renewable energy	Targets 50% renewable energy	Targets 100% renewable energy

WHERE DOES THE RENEWABLE ENERGY COME FROM?

The program can choose to purchase renewable energy certificates (RECs) from certified renewable energy providers, mostly solar and small hydro projects. RECs are the accepted and verified currency for renewability across the country. The Newbury Community Power program will purchase only RECs attached to the New England electricity grid and as close to town as possible.

THIS SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, COST SAVINGS AND MORE RENEWABLE ENERGY.

Community Power Programs across the region and country have demonstrated good results over years of operation. Savings can't be guaranteed, but Standard Power has years of history of lower rates and increased options for renewable electricity supply.

For More information on Newbury Community Power, please join us for an information session at Veterans Hall on Feb 21st at 7:00PM.

