

Chelmsford Choice to offer lower prices and a greater focus on renewable energy starting in November

CHELMSFORD, MA. Prices for Chelmsford Choice, Chelmsford's group electricity buying program, will move lower for all participants in November. At the same time, most participants will also begin to receive more electricity from renewable sources like solar and wind. The changes will come as the current electricity supply contract ends and a new, 24-month contract with Direct Energy Services, LLC, (Direct Energy) takes effect.

Under the new contract with Direct Energy, Chelmsford Choice will continue to offer three program options, and they will be refined to reflect the community's increasing commitment to moving away from fossil fuels and toward more sustainable sources of energy.

Basic Green option – Under the new contract, the Select Board has selected this mid-tier price as the program's new default option. With this change, the Basic Green option will provide most participants with an additional 20% of their electricity from renewable sources for a price of 14.720 ¢/kWh. The choice strikes a balance between advancing our community's sustainability goals and keeping costs affordable.

Greenest option – The Greenest option is available by request and will provide electricity that is 100% from new renewable sources in the New England region (MA Class I RECs) for 16.490 ¢/kWh.

Economy option – The Economy option is also available by request and will provide only the minimum from renewable sources required by state law for 14.000 ¢/kWh.

All participants will see their prices lower compared with current program prices when the new contract takes effect. Prices for both the Basic Green and Economy options will also provide savings when compared with National Grid's current residential Basic Service price of 15.484 ¢/kWh.

The new lower prices build on the program's history of providing measurable value to the community. Since the program launched in 2016, Chelmsford Choice has saved participants more than \$27 million compared with National Grid's Basic Service prices. The new contract will also provide two years of stable prices. All of the new Chelmsford Choice prices are fixed for 24 months from November 2025 to November 2027. National Grid's current residential and commercial Basic Service prices are in effect through January 31, 2026, and their future prices are unknown, so savings beyond that date cannot be guaranteed.

No action is required for current Chelmsford Choice participants. All active program participants will be automatically enrolled into the new Direct Energy contract with their November 2025 meter read. New program prices will first appear on December 2025 National Grid electric bills, and the electricity supplier will be listed as "Direct Energy–Chelmsford Choice."

Participants may choose a different program option or leave the program before the contract with Direct Energy takes effect, and at any time in the future, with no fee or penalty.

Tax-exempt account holders will need to submit tax-exemption documentation to Direct Energy to retain their tax-exempt status in the program. This documentation must be submitted to Direct Energy even if it

was submitted previously to National Grid and Dynegy. Information about where to submit tax-exemption documentation is available at ChelmsfordChoice.com.

To enroll, make changes to enrollment, or get more information, participants are encouraged to visit the program website at **ChelmsfordChoice.com** or contact customer support with Chelmsford's program consultants at **844-483-5004**.

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