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STOCKBRIDGE JOINS 17 BERKSHIRE COMMUNITIES TO SELECT NEW ENERGY SUPPLIER AND LONG-TERM RATES

STOCKBRIDGE, MA – The Town of Stockbridge has signed a thirty-six month contract with a new electricity supplier, First Point Power. Beginning with the November 2025 meter reads, the Stockbridge Community Choice Power Supply Program, designed to meet the specific needs of the Town's electricity ratepayers, will continue to offer the same options but at new rates:

- A standard product that meets Massachusetts Renewable Energy Requirement (MA Req) of 63.1% plus an additional 25% Massachusetts Class I Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) at a rate of \$0.14750 per kWh.
- An optional product that meets MA Req plus an additional 50% Massachusetts Class I Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) at a rate of \$0.15750 per kWh.
- A second optional product that involves the use of 100% Massachusetts Class I Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) at a rate of \$0.16448 per kWh.

For Stockbridge residents and businesses who are enrolled in the Town's standard product, the current rate of \$0.12290 per kWh will expire and the new rate of \$0.14750 per kWh will take effect with the November 2025 meter reads. This represents an increase of \$15 per month on the supply side of the bill given average usage of 600 kWh. However, this new rate is 5 percent lower than National Grid's Residential Basic Service rate of \$0.15484 per kWh. Residents can expect to see an average savings of \$4 per month for the months of November 2025 through January 2026.

The Berkshire County municipal energy program has been in place since 2014, and Stockbridge has now joined for the first time, alongside 17 other participating communities. Through this

regional collaboration, Stockbridge was able to leverage collective purchasing power to negotiate competitive electricity supply terms.

It is important to note that no action is required by current participants. This change will be seen on the December 2025 bills. All accounts currently enrolled in the Program will remain with their current product offering and see the new rate and First Point Power printed under the “Supply Services” section of their monthly bill.

The Stockbridge Community Choice Power Supply Program has no fees or charges. However, anyone switching from a contract with a third-party supplier may be subject to penalties or early termination fees charged by that supplier. Ratepayers should verify terms before switching.

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 Basic Service. However, future savings cannot be guaranteed.

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

Residents may also visit colonialpowergroup.com/stockbridge or call (866) 485-5858 ext. 1 to learn more about Stockbridge’s Community Choice Power Supply Program, to opt-in or opt-out, or to change product selection.



ABOUT COLONIAL POWER GROUP: Based in Marlborough, Mass., Colonial Power Group is the leading aggregation-consulting firm in Massachusetts. Colonial Power has been working with local governments since 2002 in the design, implementation and management of municipal aggregation programs.