



SUSTAINABLE  
WESTCHESTER



The Town of Somers is continuing its participation in the Westchester Power Community Energy Program. Your participation has helped to make a positive impact – providing clean renewable energy, offsetting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and building a healthier, more resilient community.

## WHY AM I RECEIVING THIS LETTER?

Your town has designated Westchester Power, administered by Sustainable Westchester, to be the default electricity supply for residents and small businesses.

**You are receiving this letter because you are a Westchester Power participant and beginning on December 1, 2020 there will be new rates, a new energy company, Eligo, and as consistent with the past, there will be two supply options.**

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

*No action is needed — you will be re-enrolled on your first meter read after November 30, 2020 unless you choose to opt out. If you chose to opt-out, you can do so by returning the enclosed card or contacting Sustainable Westchester as noted below.*

To learn more, tune into the Westchester Power information Zoom webinar on October 15, 2020 at 7 pm. RSVP for the webinar at [sustainablewestchester.org](https://sustainablewestchester.org).



*Westchester Power works for our town by purchasing clean electrical power as a group for our residents and small businesses at competitive fixed rates.*

*-Rick Morrissey, Town Supervisor*



### POWER of Community!

The program serves 27 municipalities and 115,000 customers!

### POWER of Choice!

Great news! The Westchester Power program has collaborated with Eligo Energy to bring two fixed-rate supply options:

- **100% Renewable Option:** your entire electricity supply is matched by New York State qualified [hydropower] Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs).
- **Standard Option:** your electricity supply is a mixture of fossil fuels, nuclear, and some renewable energy.
- You can **Opt-out** or **switch** supply option at any time.

To learn more, change supply options or opt-out visit [sustainablewestchester.org/wp](https://sustainablewestchester.org/wp), email [westchesterpower@sustainablewestchester.org](mailto:westchesterpower@sustainablewestchester.org) or call 914-242-4725.

Para acceder a nuestros servicios de traducción, llame a nuestras oficinas, al (914) 242-4725.



## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE WESTCHESTER POWER PROGRAM?

- **100% renewable supply** vs. utility supply, which is primarily non-renewable fossil fuel and nuclear (although a standard option is offered)
- **Significant environmental benefits**; since 2016, the program has reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions Countywide equivalent to taking 142,600 cars off the road for 1 year
- Increasing the **health of the environment, the community, and its residents**
- **Cost control via fixed rates** offers insurance against fluctuations in energy supply pricing. However, savings vs. the utility cannot be guaranteed.
- **Offers competitive pricing vs. other renewable energy supply options**
- **Opt-out at any time**; no contracts, penalties, predatory practices, or surprises
- Provides a **foundation for a clean energy future**

## WHAT ARE THE WESTCHESTER POWER RATES?

### 2021 Rates for Residents and Small Businesses:

- **Standard supply option is 6.719 cents per kilowatt hour. Somers's default supply.**
- **100% Renewable supply is 7.190 cents per kilowatt hour.**
  - Somers has enabled its residents and small businesses to benefit from fixed rates without having to sort through dozens of energy service company (ESCO) offerings.
  - The program uses a competitive bidding process among qualified suppliers to get the lowest possible rate. **Savings are not guaranteed.**
  - **Eligo was the lowest bidder for our 2021 bulk purchase and will show on your NYSEG bill as the supplier.**

## HOW DOES ENROLLMENT WORK?

- Your municipality elected participation in the 100% renewable supply **and eligible customers who take no action are automatically enrolled after the 30 day opt-out period.**
- You may also switch between supply options or leave the program at any time (see sidebar page 1). **There are no exit fees with this community energy program.**
- **Delivery, billing, and maintenance remain the responsibility of the utility (NYSEG).**
- **NO fees or penalties** for opting out or changing supply. You may do so at any time by returning the enclosed card or calling our offices.
- If you choose to stay with the program, **your account information will be provided to the supplier and you will seamlessly be enrolled after the 30-day period.**
- This supply refers only to your **ELECTRICITY**, natural gas (if applicable) will continue to be supplied and delivered via the utility.

## WESTCHESTER POWER:

### Making an Impact

**Your participation  
has made a  
positive impact**

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OR



**10.9 million  
tree seedlings  
grown for 10 years**

### Foundation for Other Sustainable Westchester Energy Programs

**Community Solar:** No panel installation: guaranteed savings up to 10% on electricity bill!

**EnergySmart HOMES:** Home energy efficiency, fossil-fuel free solutions means comfort & savings for your home!

To learn more about these programs visit:

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The success of the Westchester Power energy program is because of you! We thank you for your participation, and that of your neighbors, who together leveraged collective power to pave the way for a clean energy future that will have a positive impact in your community, where it matters most!



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