



## DEAR NEIGHBOR,

You are receiving this letter because you are a participant in the Westchester Power Community Electricity program. Please take note of this time sensitive information.

## GREAT NEWS NEW CASTLE!

The Town of New Castle and 26 other municipalities are continuing their participation in a community electricity program known as Westchester Power. The Westchester Power program is administered by Sustainable Westchester, a local nonprofit based out of Mount Kisco, which aims to bring renewable electricity to Westchester residents at an affordable price.

By purchasing electricity as a group, we have been able to provide more than 115,000 residents and small businesses with low-cost, fixed rates for electricity supply since 2016 and it's made an positive impact – providing clean renewable energy, offsetting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and building a healthier, more resilient community.

## SUPPLY OPTIONS

Beginning on January 1, 2021 there will be new rates, and as consistent with the past, there will be two supply options: renewable and standard.

- **100% Renewable Option:** your entire electricity supply is matched by New York State-qualified Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs).
- **Standard Option:** your electricity supply is a mixture of fossil fuels, nuclear, and some renewable energy.

**The Town of New Castle has chosen the 100% Renewable Option as the default. You will be enrolled in this option unless you choose to switch or opt out or have previously switched supply options. If you would like to opt out, please return the enclosed postcard before December 23, 2020 or at any time in the future by contacting Sustainable Westchester. You can visit [SustainableWestchester.org/WP](https://SustainableWestchester.org/WP), call (914) 242-4725, or email [westchesterpowers@sustainablewestchester.org](mailto:westchesterpowers@sustainablewestchester.org).**

To stay with Westchester Power, no action is needed.

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



*"Our continued partnership with Westchester Power has helped the Town of New Castle transition to clean energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We are leading by example and doing our part to mitigate climate change, and meet crucial climate goals as described in our Sustainability Plan."*

*-Ivy Pool, New Castle Town Supervisor*

## WEBINAR INFO SESSION

To learn more about the benefits of 100% renewable energy, tune into the Westchester Power informational webinar on Zoom, December 3, 2020 at 7 pm. RSVP for the webinar at [sustainablewestchester.org/events](https://sustainablewestchester.org/events).



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

- 100% renewable electricity supply, instead of the traditional utility supply, which is primarily non-renewable fossil fuels and nuclear.
- Significant environmental benefits; improving the health of the environment, the community, and its residents to build our clean energy future.
- Offers competitive pricing vs. other renewable energy supply company (ESCO) options.
- Fixed rates provide insurance against fluctuations in energy supply pricing.  
**However, savings vs. the utility cannot be guaranteed.**

## WHAT ARE THE WESTCHESTER POWER RATES?

- Your municipality has enabled its residents and small businesses to benefit from competitive fixed rates through a bidding process among ESCOs, thereby eliminating the need to sort through many ESCO offerings.
- Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. was the lowest bidder and will be listed on your Con Ed bill as the electricity supplier, beginning on your first meter read date after December 31, 2020 and rates will remain fixed until June 2022.
- This program is for electricity supply only. Natural gas (if applicable) and electricity delivery will remain the responsibility of Con Edison, and they will continue to bill you in the exact same way. Contact Con Ed in the event of any service issues.

### 2021 RATES FOR RESIDENTS AND SMALL BUSINESSES

	12 month trailing average, Con Ed *	Standard Supply, Westchester Power	Green Supply, Westchester Power **	Lowest Comparable Green Product ***
Residential (EL1)	5.60 cents per kWh	6.749 cents per kWh	7.405 cents per kWh	7.800 cents per kWh
Small Commercial (EL2)	5.29 cents per kWh	6.445 cents per kWh	7.100 cents per kWh	N/A

\* Based on the 12-month period from October 2019 to September 2020.

\*\* Backed by 100% New York State Hydropower Renewable Energy Certificates.

\*\*\* Based on prices displayed on NYS DPS Power to Choose website as of 10/15/2020 for a comparable green product (100% renewable NYS electricity supply at a fixed rate for 12 months without a cancellation fee) in zip code 10601.

Rates do not include Gross Receipts Tax (GRT). If your municipality collects GRT, it will be added to these rates.

## HOW DOES ENROLLMENT WORK?

Eligible residents and small businesses are automatically enrolled, unless you choose to opt-out within 30 days of the date on this letter. If you would like to stay with Westchester Power, your account information, including energy usage data and Assistance Program Participant (APP) status, will be provided to the supplier and you will be seamlessly enrolled after the 30-day opt out period. You always have the ability to opt out at any time thereafter with no penalty or fees.



**Your participation  
has made a  
positive impact**

SINCE 2016, WE HAVE OFFSET  
660,000 METRIC TONS OF  
CARBON DIOXIDE EQUIVALENT TO:



**142,600**

**cars taken off the road  
for 1 year**



OR

**10.9 million  
tree seedlings**

**grown for 10 years**

**SAVE MONEY with Additional  
Sustainable Westchester Programs**

**Community Solar:** No panel installation; fees or cost. Solar with savings up to 10% on your electricity bill!

**GridRewards:** Download the "GridRewards" app, enroll & earn cash back (up to 20% of your annual electricity bill) for taking simple energy actions during high demand usage periods.

**EnergySmart HOMES:** Home energy efficiency; fossil-fuel free heating & cooling solutions that create comfort & generate savings!

To learn more visit:  
[www.sustainablewestchester.org](http://www.sustainablewestchester.org)

**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!**