WESTCHESTER POWER
ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW!

Yonkers Program Launch – January 2022
MUNICIPAL PARTICIPATION

Ardsley
Bedford
Briarcliff Manor
Bronxville
Cortlandt
Croton-on-Hudson
Dobbs Ferry
Eastchester
Elmsford
Greenburgh
Harrison
Hastings-on-Hudson
Irvington
Larchmont
Lewisboro
Mamaroneck Village
Mamaroneck Town
Mount Kisco
Mount Pleasant
Mount Vernon
New Castle
New Rochelle
North Castle
North Salem
Ossining Village
Ossining Town
Peekskill
Pelham Manor
Pelham Village
Town of Pelham
Pleasantville
Port Chester
Pound Ridge
Rye Brook
Rye City
Rye Town
Scarsdale
Sleepy Hollow
Somers
Tarrytown
Tuckahoe
White Plains
Yonkers
Yorktown

AND WESTCHESTER COUNTY ITSELF
WHAT IS WESTCHESTER POWER?

- Program of Sustainable Westchester – the flagship energy program
- It is Community Energy program that affects your electricity SUPPLY only
- Provides clean 100% New York State renewable energy at a competitive prices
Q: HOW DOES IT WORK?

ELECTRICITY GENERATION AND DELIVERY

SOURCE (SUPPLY)
WESTCHESTER POWER
contracts and administers electricity supply

DELIVERY
CON EDISON
delivers energy, maintains lines, bills customers

CUSTOMER
YOU
have energy choice, support clean energy

Adapted from original Lean Energy image
IS THIS ONLY FOR YONKERS?

- Program began in May 2016 and as of December 2021 has 28 participating municipalities in Westchester County and 115,000+ customers.

- New York State model for Community Energy programs (also called Community Choice Aggregation). Regulated by the Public Service Commission.
Q: WHAT ARE THE PROGRAM BENEFITS?

- Program offers access to affordable clean, renewable power through a nonprofit program vetted by your municipality.
- Safe and easy way for municipal residents to participate in renewable energy without having to navigate the confusing world of Energy Service Companies (ESCOs).
- Controls costs through fixed-rates provides insurance against potential rate fluctuation in the energy market.
- Builds a foundation for a healthy environment, a significant path to mitigating CO2 emissions resulting in a more vibrant community.
Q: WILL I SAVE MONEY OR PAY MORE?

- Since Con Ed rates are variable month to month and we cannot know what they will be in the future, the program cannot guarantee savings.

- Westchester Power offers two rates for Yonkers residents that are fixed through November 2023:
  - 100% Renewable Supply = 8.71 cents/kWh
  - Standard Supply = 7.287 cents/kWh

- The program’s renewable rates are consistently competitive with other renewable supply products.

- Remember though Con Ed is “mixed supply” that includes fossil fuels, not 100% renewable energy so comparing the two is a little “apples to oranges”.

- Opt-out, opt-back in, or switch supplies at any time.

- Taxes & delivery charges have always been a part of your bill and remain consistent.
Q: WHY IS IT AN OPT-OUT PROGRAM?

- There is always a default supply (Con Edison is an opt-out format also)
- Communities that participate in the Westchester Power program have the decision about that default supply brought into the community
- Your municipality designated Westchester Power as the default energy supplier
  - Program is approved as an alternative to confusing ESCO offerings
  - Cost-effective means of bringing more renewable energy to the community
- Opt-out structure ensures that we are able to fully leverage the buying clout of all participating municipalities
Q: WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

• Each eligible community members received a letter (letters were mailed 1/7/2022), which:
  • Notifies eligible residents of City participation in the program
  • Describes the energy supply options, rates, and terms
  • Explains the several convenient ways to opt-out if they don’t want to be enrolled
  • Provides the pre-enrollment ID # for use in opting-out through the Sustainable Westchester website

• To participate – no action is needed

• To opt-out or change supply, utilize any of the methods set out in the letter
  • Complete the online form with your pre-enrollment ID on our website: https://sustainablewestchester.org/wp/
  • Call or Email us and provide your account name and address
  • Mail in the card included in your notification letter packet
Q: AM I ENROLLED?

- No - After 2/9/2022, enrollments for all eligible customers who do not opt-out are submitted to Con Edison, and participation begins with their first meter read after March 1, 2022.

- If you opt out before 2/9/2022 you will not be enrolled. It's important to note that you can opt-out, opt-in, or switch supply options any time thereafter as well with no fee or penalty.
Q: **WHAT IF I DID NOT GET A LETTER?**

• This might mean that you were ineligible for the program due to
   a current contract you might have with a private ESCO or,
   you may have a “block” on your account
   you receive benefits from the Con Edison - administered Home Energy Assistance Program

• Or perhaps you missed it or mistook it for something else

If you are unsure if you’ve received a letter, please email info@sustainablewestchester.org and we will get back to you within 48 hours
Q: WHAT IF THERE ARE OUTAGES OR EMERGENCIES?

• Con Ed will continue to provide all of those delivery services and maintenance

• They are required by law to provide the same level of service to all customers regardless of where they choose to get their energy supply
Q: WILL I GET A SEPARATE BILL [WHAT WILL CHANGE ON MY BILL]?

• Your bill will now show **Constellation New Energy** as the supplier
  • Constellation is the company that won the bid for Sustainable Westchester’s Westchester Power program

• Your bill summary will now show two separate charges for *supply* and *delivery*, the two components that make up rates for your utility bill
  • Supply – refers to the source of the actual energy
  • Delivery – refers to how it gets to you (the lines, etc.)

• **You were always paying these two charges**, you have simply changed your supplier
Q: RECAP: WHO IS...?

- **Sustainable Westchester** is the nonprofit that administers the program
- **Westchester Power** is the program name for this City vetted and designated 100% renewable energy program
- **Constellation** is the actual energy company (or ESCO) that supplies the energy
- **Con Ed** is the state designated utility that delivers the energy to the power lines and to your home – they maintain the bills, lines and all emergency related issues (e.g. power outages)
Q: IS WESTCHESTER POWER AN ESCO?

While the program procures electricity supply from ESCOs, we are nonprofit entity:

• Sustainable Westchester/Westchester Power is not a commercial endeavor
• Will never solicit your account information or payment over the phone
• No low “teaser rates” that get increased without your knowledge
• You will never be asked to sign a contract
• Information that we mail to you will include our municipal seal, so you can be assured it’s authentic
Q: MY NEIGHBORS MAY HAVE QUESTIONS – WHERE CAN I DIRECT THEM?

• Visit sustainablewestchester.org/wp/yonkers for a list of all events & the links to join them

• We are currently holding a series of community information sessions & office hours

• There will be posting in local media & on social media pages

• Look for information from the Mayor’s office

• Email info@sustainablewestchester.org or westchesterpower@sustainablewestchester.org, or call our offices M-F 9-5 at (914)-242-4725

• The notification letter packet sent to eligible customers