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[Municipality Name] participates in a Community Energy Program known as Westchester Power, which provides residents and small businesses with a municipally vetted and selected default electricity supply. **You are receiving this letter because you were either a participant prior to the program pause, or are newly eligible for the program (typically because of an address change or exit from an energy service agreement).** You will be enrolled in the supply option selected by your municipality after October 31st, 2022 (or your prior enrollment selection if you participated in the program prior to the pause) unless you choose to change supply or opt out. Instructions to do so are included within.

WHAT IS WESTCHESTER POWER?

Westchester Power is a community energy program managed by local nonprofit Sustainable Westchester. The program was established in 2016 and today includes 29 Westchester County municipalities who buy their electricity in bulk to provide competitive fixed-rates. The program provides 100% Renewable energy to over 140,000 Westchester residents and small businesses (and Standard energy to another 7,000 accounts).

WHAT ARE THE PROGRAM BENEFITS?

Through its participation, [Munic.] has enabled its residents and small businesses to access 100% Renewable NYS energy through this vetted, proven program without having to sort through dozens of energy service company (ESCO) offerings. The benefits of which are:

- A positive environmental impact resulting in greater community resilience and a healthier environment
- Fixed rates provide cost control and insurance against fluctuating variable utility rates
- Competitive pricing vs. other 100% Renewable ESCO pricing
- No contracts, fees, surprise increases or penalty payments

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

- There are two supply options: 100% Renewable and Standard (see sidebar). [Munic.] has chosen the Renewable Supply option as the default. You will be enrolled in this option (or your enrollment selection prior to the pause) unless you choose to switch or opt out.
- You may also switch between supply options or leave the program at any time (see sidebar). There are no exit fees with this community energy program.
- The new rate for your electricity supply will take effect beginning on your first meter-read date on or after November 1st, 2022 and will remain fixed until your first meter-read date after October 31st, 2024.
- **If you want to be part of the program NO ACTION is required;** your account information, including energy usage data and Assistance Program Participant (APP) status, will be provided to the supplier and you will seamlessly be enrolled after the 30-day period.
- **If you elect to opt-out, return the enclosed card by October 17th, 2022 or call Sustainable Westchester/Westchester Power at 914-242-4725 ext. 111.**
- **The power to choose is yours.**



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CALL OUR OFFICE AT:

(914) 242-4725 ext. 111 or visit:
sustainablewestchester.org/wp/energy-choices/#energychoices to:

- Learn more
- Change supply option
- Opt-out

*You may also opt out by returning the accompanying **opt-out reply card**.*

SUPPLY OPTIONS

The Westchester Power program is an electricity supply program only. Billing, delivery, and maintenance remain the responsibility of Con Ed. There are two supply options under our program:

• 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.

HOW DOES ENROLLMENT WORK?

Just as with standard utility supply that you are used to, participation is on an “opt-out” basis; that is, it does not require any action on your part. Historically, the electricity supply default is designated by the state. Now, [Municipality] has designated the Westchester Power program as the default supplier in order to provide access to 100% Renewable energy through this vetted, proven community program and offering you choice for your energy supply.

RATES STARTING NOVEMBER 1ST, 2022

Westchester Power uses an open bidding process in order to get the lowest possible rate. Constellation New Energy was selected through that process for our 2022 bulk purchase and will show on your Con Ed bill as the ESCO supplier.

The Westchester Power fixed-rate program does not guarantee a savings against the utility’s monthly rates. Con Ed rates vary with the market and cannot be predicted.

Rate Class	Westchester Power 100% Renewable Option	Westchester Power Standard Option	Con Edison 12-month Average*	Con Edison 3-month Average*
Residential (EL1)	15.128 ¢	13.364 ¢	9.453 ¢	11.671 ¢
Small Commercial (EL2)	15.128 ¢	13.364 ¢	9.091 ¢	11.585 ¢

*Period ending July 2022

Rates do not include Gross Receipt Tax (GRT). If your municipality collects GRT, it will be added to these rates. Westchester County lies in Con Edison zones H and I; the 12-month average rates shown here represent the average of the two zones.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

To learn more about the program, rates, how to change your supply option or opt out and ask any questions you may have, please join one of the eight informational webinars we will be holding during the opt-out period. Find event details at: sustainablewestchester.org/wp/conedterritory or call our office at (914) 242-4725 extension 111 for information about upcoming online and in-person meetings.

Sustainable Westchester is a nonprofit consortium of Westchester County municipalities whose goal is to develop and deploy socially responsible, environmentally sound, and economically viable solutions that create resilient, healthy, vibrant, and sustainable communities.

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ENABLING OTHER MONEY SAVING PROGRAMS VIA SUSTAINABLE WESTCHESTER:

GridRewards™

Download the GridRewards app, enroll & earn cash back (average households can earn over \$100/year) for taking simple energy actions during high demand usage periods. (sustainablewestchester.org/gridrewards/)

EnergySmart HOMES

Home energy efficiency; fossil-fuel free heating & cooling solutions that create comfort & generate savings! (sustainablewestchester.org/energysmarthomes/)

Driving positive environmental impact since 2016

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS OFFSET 166,000 METRIC TONS OF CARBON DIOXIDE IN 2021, EQUIVALENT TO:



36,800
cars taken off the road for 1 year

OR



2.7 million
tree seedlings grown for 10 years

