

Electricity Aggregation Program

- In the spring of 2015 Westport's Town Meeting voted to participate in a program offered by the Southeastern Regional Planning and Development District ("SRPEDD"), which serves 23 towns in southeastern Massachusetts. As described on the SRPEDD web site (<http://www.srpedd.org/energy-aggregation>), "The program was formed to leverage bulk purchasing power by creating a large buying group with the goal of purchasing electricity at a better rate and preferential terms than currently available through default service." The program involves only the supply cost and not the delivery portion of a resident's monthly bill.
- Unless individuals opted out, the program automatically enrolled all residential ratepayers in Westport and some 22 other southeastern towns for a period of two years, commencing in **January 2016**.
- At the time it commenced, the Eversource Six-Month Fixed Basic Rate (the supply portion of your bill) was \$0.10804/kWh, whereas the rate offered in the aggregation program was \$0.09490/kWh. This provided a substantial savings to Town residents.
- As the Eversource Basic Rate changes every six months due to changes in the world energy market prices, the savings realized through the aggregation program will vary. The residential rate for January – June 2017 was \$0.10318, so the aggregation program again provided subscribers with a savings.
- SRPEDD has extended the aggregation program for another three years, commencing in **January 2018**, under the same terms and conditions for ratepayers.
- Commencing in January 2018, the aggregation rate was \$0.10122 per kWh, providing an immediate savings to participating Westport rate payers, as the Eversource rate for the first half of 2018 was \$0.13157 per kWh, and the National Grid rate was \$0.12673 per kWh.
- Due to an unexpected state regulatory change, the aggregated power supplier, Public Power, requested a rate increase. Following protest by the communities in the program, a settlement was reached whereby a one-time increase in the rate to \$0.1043 was approved. This rate commenced on September 15, 2018, and still compares favorably to those provided by Eversource and National Grid, as their rates for the first part of 2019 are \$0.13588 and \$0.13718 respectively.
- Ratepayers should understand that they may opt out of the program at any time with no termination penalty.
- For detailed information regarding the rate change and participation in the program please see <https://masscea.com/westport/>.
- As Good Energy LLC now manages the program, for additional information regarding the program, please see the Good Energy web site at <http://www.goodenergy.com/>.