



**Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea**  
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### **Municipal Aggregation Update: Providing Residents Electricity Supply Options**

**Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA** - At the April 2023 Annual Town Meeting, residents voted and approved an article to allow the Select Board to study and enter a Municipal Energy Aggregation contract. After a detailed review and public comment period, a final plan was approved by the Select Board on April 7, 2025 and a contract was locked in last week.

Municipal energy aggregation is a program where a city or town buys electricity in bulk for its residents and businesses, leveraging collective purchasing power to secure lower rates and more renewable energy options than individuals could get on their own. Energy aggregation provides stability. It's important to note, residents will have the choice to opt out of this program at any time, and at no cost.

On September 16, 2025, the Town executed a 35-month energy supply contract with Dynegy, and it contains three electricity supply options for residents to consider. The supply options being offered to residents vary based on the percentage of renewables and their unit price.

#### Energy Supply Options:

1. Baseline Plan (default option): All National Grid supply customers will automatically be enrolled in this option, which meets all MA energy requirements. This default plan features the same percentage of renewables (63% for 2025) as National Grid's Basic Service. However, because of the aggregation process, it is offered at the lower fixed rate of \$0.14146/kwh compared to \$0.15484/kwh.
2. Baseline Plan + 10% Renewables: An option that is offered at the lower fixed rate of \$0.14525/kwh.
3. Baseline Plan + 100% Renewables: An option that is offered at \$0.16790/kwh which is higher than National Grid's current basic service.

Residents will only need to take action if they prefer to be enrolled with supply option 2, supply option 3, or to opt out of the program.



Based on a comparison between National Grid's current electricity rates and the fixed rates offered by Dynegy, residents can expect an average savings of \$8 per month starting with the January 2026 bill. The Town will continue to monitor National Grid's variable rate, which changes every six months in February and August, and will communicate these updates to residents.

Customers currently enrolled with a third-party competitive supplier will not automatically be enrolled in the Town's Municipal Aggregation program. However, they will receive information about the program for consideration and are advised to contact their supplier to compare rates and evaluate the process of switching to the aggregation program.

To ensure a smooth transition, the Town enlisted the help of Colonial Power Group, Inc., an independent energy consulting company that specializes in helping local municipalities to create and manage energy aggregation programs. Once the program is launched, Colonial Power will create a special website portal and act as a customer service contact to answer questions from residents.

Complete details will be broadly communicated to residents in October. A public forum is scheduled for Thursday, October 23 at 6:30 PM to answer questions and residents are invited to participate in person at Town Hall or virtually on Zoom.