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# THE TOWN OF HALIFAX'S COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM CONSUMER NOTIFICATION

July 28, 2017

Dear Halifax Basic Service Consumer:

The Town of Halifax is pleased to announce that NextEra Energy Services (“NextEra”) has been selected as the supplier for its Community Choice Power Supply Program (“Program”). This Program is a municipal aggregation which enables local government to combine the purchasing power of its residents and businesses to provide them with an alternative to National Grid Basic Service (M.G.L. c. 164, § 134). This Program only affects the supply portion of your monthly bill. It will not affect the delivery portion of your monthly bill. National Grid will continue to deliver your electricity but Halifax has chosen the supplier for the Program. NextEra will provide electric power supply for all consumers currently on Basic Service in Halifax. This letter is intended to tell you about this Program for electric power supply. In accordance with state law, it also informs you of your rights and options if you choose not to participate in the Program.

**YOU WILL NOT NOTICE ANY CHANGE IN YOUR ELECTRICITY SERVICE.** The only difference you will see is that NextEra will be printed under the “Supply Services” section of your monthly bill. You will continue to receive one bill from National Grid. You will continue to send your payments to National Grid for processing. National Grid will continue to respond to emergencies, read meters and maintain the distribution and transmission lines. Reliability and quality of service will remain the same. Furthermore, you will continue to have all existing consumer rights and protections.

### COMPARATIVE RATES AND TERMS

	<b>Halifax's Program*</b> (Supply Services Only)		<b>National Grid Basic Service</b> (Supply Services Only)
<b>Rate</b>			
Residential	\$0.09299 per kWh	\$0.10876 per kWh	\$0.09432 per kWh
Commercial/Streetlight	\$0.09299 per kWh	\$0.10876 per kWh	\$0.08791 per kWh
Industrial	\$0.09299 per kWh	\$0.10876 per kWh	\$0.08263 per kWh
<b>Duration</b>	<b>September 2017 &amp; October 2017</b>	<b>November 2017 – September 2020</b>	<b>May 1, 2017 – October 31, 2017</b>
	<i>[Rates apply to service beginning and ending on the days of the month that your meter is read in your service area.]</i>		<i>[Residential and Small Commercial rates change every 6 months. Large Commercial and Industrial rates change every 3 months.]</i>
<b>Renewable Energy Content</b>	Meets Massachusetts renewable energy requirements		Meets Massachusetts renewable energy requirements
<b>Exit Terms</b>	<b>NO PENALTY CHARGE</b>		May receive a reconciliation charge or credit <i>[Industrial G-2 &amp; G-3 only]</i>

\*Rate includes Consultant Fee of \$0.001 per kWh to facilitate Halifax's Community Choice Power Supply Program.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **YOU WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY ENROLLED** in the Program unless you choose not to participate and opt-out.
- At Program launch, the Residential aggregation rate is lower than National Grid's Basic Service rate. However, **THIS DOES NOT GUARANTEE FUTURE SAVINGS.** The aggregation rate is fixed for the first 2 months (September 2017 and October 2017), then changes and is fixed for the remaining 34 months (November 2017 to September 2020) while National Grid's Basic Service rate changes twice a year, in May and November. As a result, the aggregation rate may not always be lower than National Grid's Basic Service rate. The goal of the aggregation is to deliver savings over the life of the Program against National Grid's Basic Service rate.
- There is **NO PENALTY CHARGE TO OPT-OUT** of the Program and return to National Grid Basic Service.

« SEE BACK FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION »

**IF YOU HAVE BEEN MAILED THIS NOTIFICATION** you do not need to take any action to participate in the Program.

**ALL BASIC SERVICE CONSUMERS** who have been mailed this notification will be AUTOMATICALLY enrolled in the Program and start benefiting from the aggregation rate beginning on the day of the month in September 2017 that your meter is read. This date varies by service area. Your meter reading date is shown on your bill.

**WATCH YOUR NATIONAL GRID BILL FOR FURTHER NOTIFICATION** of the Program.

- Your September 2017 bill will state that you are being switched to Halifax's Program.
- Your October 2017 bill will show Halifax's supplier and aggregation rate under "Supply Services".

**BUDGET PLAN OR ELIGIBLE LOW-INCOME DELIVERY RATE CONSUMERS** will continue to receive those benefits from National Grid.

**SOLAR PANEL CONSUMERS** will continue to receive their net metering credits while benefiting from the aggregation rate.

**TAX EXEMPT SMALL BUSINESS CONSUMERS** must send or email a copy of their Energy Exemption Certificate directly to NextEra Energy, Attn: CAM Team – Tax Exempt Certificates at 20455 State Highway 249, Houston, TX 77070 or [email.Taxinbox@gexaenergy.com](mailto:email.Taxinbox@gexaenergy.com) (email) in order to maintain their tax exempt status.

**IF YOU HAVE ALREADY CHOSEN A COMPETITIVE SUPPLIER ON YOUR OWN** you must opt-out of this Program. This will ensure you continue to get your electricity from that Competitive Supplier.

**IF YOU HAVE ALREADY CHOSEN A GREEN POWER SUPPLY OPTION ON YOUR OWN** you must opt-out of this Program. This will ensure you continue to get your electricity from that Green Power Supply.

**IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM** you may: 1) Opt-out and continue paying National Grid's Basic Service rate; or 2) Opt-out and choose your own Competitive Supplier (if one is available to you).

#### **HOW TO OPT-OUT**

Sign and return the enclosed card in the postage paid envelope provided **OR** visit [www.colonialpowergroup.com/halifax/](http://www.colonialpowergroup.com/halifax/) and click the opt-out button, then fill out and submit the Opt-Out Form.

**ANY TIME AFTER ENROLLMENT** you can still opt-out with NO PENALTY CHARGE. It may take a couple of billing cycles before you are back on National Grid Basic Service. If you choose to opt-out after the initial enrollment, you may submit an Opt-Out form at [www.colonialpowergroup.com/halifax/](http://www.colonialpowergroup.com/halifax/) **OR** call NextEra at (855) 724-6301 and ask to be placed on National Grid Basic Service.

**FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION** regarding Halifax's Program, please visit [www.colonialpowergroup.com/halifax/](http://www.colonialpowergroup.com/halifax/) or call us toll-free at (866) 485-5858. To learn more about NextEra, please visit [www.nexteraenergyservices.com](http://www.nexteraenergyservices.com).

**TO ACCESS NATIONAL GRID'S BASIC SERVICE RATES** please visit:

- Residential Rates – [http://www9.nationalgridus.com/masselectric/non\\_html/MA\\_Residential\\_Table.pdf](http://www9.nationalgridus.com/masselectric/non_html/MA_Residential_Table.pdf).
- Commercial Rates – [http://www9.nationalgridus.com/masselectric/non\\_html/MA\\_Commercial\\_Table.pdf](http://www9.nationalgridus.com/masselectric/non_html/MA_Commercial_Table.pdf).
- Industrial Rates – [http://www9.nationalgridus.com/masselectric/non\\_html/MA\\_Industrial\\_Table.pdf](http://www9.nationalgridus.com/masselectric/non_html/MA_Industrial_Table.pdf).

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## HALIFAX COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM OPT-OUT REPLY CARD



X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

If you want to participate in the Halifax Community Choice Power Supply Program, you do not need to take any action. You will be automatically enrolled.

### OPT-OUT INSTRUCTIONS

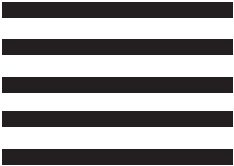
#### **If you do not want to participate:**

- 1) Sign and date
- 2) Place in envelope provided
- 3) Drop in the mail

The card must be signed by the customer of record whose name appears in the address on this card. Please return within 30 days of receiving this Consumer Notification.



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