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Acton Power Choice Reaches Agreement With New Provider, Expanding Commitment to Renewable Energy

ACTON -- Town Manager John Mangiaratti is pleased to announce that Acton Power Choice has reached an agreement with Constellation to provide more renewable electricity for most program participants.

The new three-year contract, which will include new rates, will go into effect with September electricity meter reads and subsequent bills. The revised program will also add a new basic option. Current participants will be automatically enrolled by Constellation and do not need to take any action.

"With this new contract, Acton Power Choice is expanding its value to the community and its impact on the fight against climate change," said Acton Town Manager John Mangiaratti. "By adding more renewable electricity from renewable energy projects in New England, Acton Power Choice will advance the town's environmental goals and increase support for the local jobs that go with those projects. At the same time, the new basic option will ensure that the program's stable prices and consumer protections can provide peace of mind to residents for years to come. With this new contract, Acton will continue its role as a sustainability leader in Massachusetts while offering a program with diverse options that cater to all of our residents."

Specific program changes will be as follows:

Power Choice Standard: the default program offering, currently offers 5 percent additional renewable electricity from renewable energy projects in New England, over and above the minimum amount required by state law. When the new contract with Constellation takes effect in September, the amount of additional renewable electricity from projects in New England will double from 5% to 10%. At the same time, the price

for Power Choice Standard will change to 10.985 cents/kWh. Most program participants are enrolled in Power Choice Standard.

Power Choice Green: an option that is available upon request, will continue to provide 100% renewable electricity as before, all from renewable energy projects in New England (100% MA Class 1 RECs). The Power Choice Green price will change to 12.671 cents/kWh.

Power Choice Basic: a new option that will also be available upon request. Power Choice Basic will not include any additional renewable energy above the minimum that is required by state law, which is 14% in 2019. The Power Choice Basic price will be 10.741 cents/kWh.

The Acton Power Choice price will be fixed for the duration of the contract with Constellation, while Eversource's Basic Service price will change every six months for residential and commercial customers and every three months for industrial customers. The new contract will provide a long-term stable price, but because future Eversource prices are not known, savings compared to Eversource's Basic Service price cannot be guaranteed.

Participants will first see the new prices and the name Constellation under the supply portion of their October 2019 Eversource electricity bill, which covers electricity use in September. The prices are fixed until September 2022 meter reads. The new prices apply to all rate classes, including residential, commercial and industrial accounts. Program prices only impact the supply portion of participants' Eversource electricity bills. Eversource's delivery charges are not affected by participation in Acton Power Choice.

Customers who are enrolled in Acton Power Choice in August will be automatically enrolled under the new contract with Constellation in September.

Customers who have their own electricity supplier agreement or who chose to opt out of Acton's current contract with Dynegy will not be automatically enrolled in the new contract with Constellation, but they may be added to an enrollment waiting list by contacting the Town's program consultants by calling 1-844-379-9933 or emailing acton@masspowerchoice.com.

About Acton Power Choice:

Acton Power Choice is a group electricity purchasing program provided by the Town of Acton to the community. Through the program, the town chooses an electricity supplier for the community and determines the price for -- and the amount of renewable energy in -- the community's electricity supply. The program provides a town-vetted alternative to Eversource's Basic Service and to other electricity supply offers in the marketplace. New electricity accounts in Acton are automatically enrolled in Acton Power Choice. The Town of Acton does not receive any financial compensation from the program. All program participants have the right to opt out at any time.

Because of the program's commitment to renewable electricity, Acton Power Choice participants have helped to reduce the city's carbon footprint by 5.5 million pounds of CO₂ since the program launched in September 2017. This is equivalent to the annual output of more than 700 residential rooftop solar systems or an 18-acre solar field, or to

removing 530 passenger cars from the road for one year.

Additional information is available at ActonPowerChoice.com. Customer support is available from the Town's program consultants via email at acton@masspowerchoice.com or by phone at 1-844-379-9933.

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