

January 18, 2021

*The Village of Croton-on-Hudson participates in a Community Energy Program known as Westchester Power, which provides residents and small businesses with a new default electricity supply. **You are receiving this letter because you have recently moved into the community or changed your Con Edison electricity account status in some way, and thereby become eligible.** You will be enrolled in the supply option selected by your municipality after March 1st unless you choose to opt out [instructions to do so are included within].*

WHAT IS WESTCHESTER POWER?

Westchester Power is a community electricity program managed by local nonprofit Sustainable Westchester. The program was established in 2016 and today includes 27 Westchester County municipalities who buy their electricity in bulk to provide low-cost fixed rates. The program provides 100% renewable energy to 100,000 Westchester residents and small businesses (and standard energy to another 15,000 accounts).

WHAT ARE THE PROGRAM BENEFITS?

Through its participation, Croton 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 Con Edison 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). Croton has chosen the Renewable Supply Option as the default. You will be enrolled in this option 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 electricity program.
- The new rate for your electricity supply will take effect beginning on your first meter-read date after March 1, 2021 and will remain fixed until your first meter-read date after June 30, 2022.
- **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 February 17, 2021 or call Sustainable Westchester/Westchester Power at 914-242-4725.**
- **The power to choose is yours.**



Para acceder a nuestros servicios de traducción, llame a nuestras oficinas, al (914) 242-4725.

CALL OUR OFFICE AT:

(914) 242-4725 or visit:
sustainablewestchester.org/wp
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 Edison. 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, Croton 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 additional choice for your energy supply.

2021 RATES

Westchester Power uses a competitive bidding process in order to get the lowest possible rate. Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. was the lowest bidder for our 2021 bulk purchase and will show on your Con Edison bill as an ESCO supplier.

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

Rate Class	100% Renewable Option	Standard Option	Con Ed 12-month Average*
Residential (EL1)	7.405 ¢	6.749 ¢	5.637 ¢
Small Commercial (EL2)	7.100 ¢	6.445 ¢	5.251 ¢

* From January 2020 to December 2020

Con Edison's average residential supply rate for December 2020 was 6.68 cents and small commercial 6.52 cents.

The lowest rate for comparable renewable energy supply, 1 year contract on NY Dept of Public Service Power to Choose website as of January 6, 2021 is 7.40 ¢.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

To learn more, tune in to the informational webinar on ZOOM, February 3rd at 6:00pm. **RSVP for the webinar at sustainablewestchester.org/events. Or contact our offices at info@sustainablewestchester.org or call 914-242-4725.**

“Westchester Power works for our Village by purchasing clean electrical power as a group for our residents and small business at competitive fixed rates. Mayor Brian Pugh, Village of Croton-on-Hudson”

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.



ENABLING OTHER MONEY SAVING PROGRAMS VIA SUSTAINABLE WESTCHESTER:

COMMUNITY SOLAR

No panel installation, fees or cost. Solar with savings up to 10% on your electricity bill!

GridRewards™

Download the GridRewards app, enroll & earn cash back (up to 20% of your annual electricity bill) for taking simple energy actions during high demand usage periods.

EnergySmart HOMES

Home energy efficiency; fossil-fuel free heating & cooling solutions that create comfort & generate savings!

**Your participation
has made a
positive impact**

SINCE 2016, WE HAVE OFFSET
660,000 METRIC TONS OF
CARBON DIOXIDE EQUIVALENT TO:

 **142,600**
**cars taken off the road
for 1 year**

OR
 **10.9 million**
**tree seedlings
grown for 10 years**