

# MELROSE

## COMMUNITY ELECTRICITY CHOICE PROGRAM



In July 2019 the City of Melrose launched a bulk purchasing program for electricity supply for our residents and businesses. The Melrose program was approved by the Board of Aldermen and the MA Department of Public Utilities and is an initiative of the Melrose Office of Planning and Community Development with support from the Melrose Energy Commission.

### Benefits and Features

- Rate stability over the contract term to November 2021
- Avoid the ups and downs of Basic Service rates which change twice a year
- Competitive pricing
- One bill from National Grid – continue to contact them about billing and service issues
- Continue to receive budget billing and low-income discounts
- Consumer protections including no early termination fees
- Opt out or opt in at any time
- Includes local renewable energy (more info on the reverse)
- A choice of rate options up to 100% Green

### Rate Options

- Melrose Local Green (additional 5% renewables) is the standard product: **\$0.10521/kWh**
- Opt up to Melrose Premium Local Green (100% renewables): **\$0.12801/kWh**
- Opt down to Melrose Basic (same amount of renewables as Basic Service): **\$0.10401**

## OPT UP TO 100% GREEN

**Opting up to 100% Melrose Premium Local Green** is the simplest and most cost effective climate action you can take for your household or business. For **\$0.12801/kWh** residents and businesses can invest in local renewable energy. For the average household that uses about 650 kWh per month, that amounts to less than \$15 more a month over the standard product, Melrose Local Green.

### Where does the renewable energy come from?

The Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) purchased by our supplier, NextEra, come from energy produced by wind turbines in places such as Plymouth, Ipswich, Gloucester, and others in the Commonwealth; from photovoltaic solar projects in MA, RI, VT, and ME; and anaerobic digesters (i.e. from dairy farms or sewage facilities). The RECs are purchased from a local non-profit called the Green Energy Consumers Alliance.

### Why is LOCAL renewable energy important?

Renewable energy produced in our region has many benefits over renewable energy from faraway states like Texas because it:

- Shifts our local electric grid away from fossil fuels such as natural gas and oil
- Results in Massachusetts being less dependent on imported fossil fuels and decreases the need to build more expensive gas pipelines
- Leads to more jobs in our region
- Makes the air we breathe cleaner
- Reduces the harmful health impacts from fossil fuel generation including asthma and other public health problems

## Enrollment Information

Call the supplier NextEra Energy Services at (855) 639-8058 to opt in, opt out, opt up, or opt down.

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