## Aver Officials To Release the Town's Community Choice Power Supply Program Aggregation Plan

The Town of Ayer has developed an Aggregation Plan in compliance with Massachusetts law regarding public aggregation of electric consumers. It contains required information on the structure, operations, services, funding, and policies of the Town's Plan. The Plan has been developed in consultation with the Town's municipal aggregation consultant, Colonial Power Group, Inc. (CPG) and the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER).

The purpose of this Plan is to represent consumer interests in competitive markets for electricity. It seeks to aggregate consumers in the Town to negotiate rates for power supply. It brings together the buying power of more than 8,400 consumers. Furthermore, the Town seeks to take greater control of its energy options, including enhancing the ability to pursue price stability, savings opportunities and the amount of renewable energy procured. However, savings cannot be guaranteed. Participation is voluntary for each consumer. Consumers have the opportunity to decline service provided through the Plan and to choose any Competitive Supplier they wish. The Town has distributed this Plan for public review prior to submitting it to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU).

Basic Service rates change twice a year or more, depending on rate class. As a result, the aggregation rate may not always be lower than the Basic Service rate. The goal of the aggregation is to deliver savings over the life of the Program against National Grid Basic Service. However, such savings and future savings cannot be guaranteed.

## **Public Review and Comment Period**

The Town of Ayer's Aggregation Plan is available for public review and comment from Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 9 a.m. through Friday, August 20, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. The document will be on the Town's website at <u>ayer.ma.us/energy</u> and available Select Board's Office or in the Town Clerk's Office.

Any person who desires to comment may do so in person at the Select Board's office or submit written comments using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail to <u>cantonellis@ayer.ma.us</u>; or (2) by postal mail to the address below.

Comments must be clearly marked Town of Ayer's Aggregation Plan and must be received (not postmarked) by the end of the comment period in order to be addressed.

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