



TOWN OF NEW CASTLE

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Dear New Castle Resident or Small Business,

Recently you should have received a letter (with a postcard) in the mail from Westchester Power if you currently participate in the Westchester Power program. The letter provided details on pricing for the supply portion of your electricity bill under Westchester Power’s new 18-month contract with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. that begins January 1, 2021. **You may not need to do anything in response, but please review your options below.**

The Town Board and the Town’s Sustainability Advisory Board continue to support Westchester Power’s program with the 100% Renewable Option because it provides residents and small businesses with **lower fixed rates** for electricity using **clean renewable energy**--a greener, healthier choice.

What Are Your Options?

No action is needed by you if:

- You are currently in the Westchester Power program and want to continue your current supply option (100% renewable or standard)
- You previously opted out of the Westchester Power program and want to remain opted out (since you are with another energy supply company (ESCO) or Con Ed)

Return the Westchester Power postcard (or contact Westchester Power*) if:

- You are currently in the Westchester Power program and want to switch your supply option
- You are currently in the Westchester Power program and want to opt out
- You previously opted out of the Westchester Program and would like to opt in

*see reverse side for contact information

Background

Over the last few years, New Castle and 26 other communities in Westchester have participated in the Westchester Power program. As of Dec 2019, over 4,500 customers in New Castle were participating in the program, almost 99% of whom were using renewable electricity.

Con Ed’s rates are currently lower than the Westchester Power negotiated fixed rates. However, the Con Ed rates are **variable** and may increase at any time over the next 18 months (as is anticipated by electricity traders). Also, electricity from Con Ed is primarily supplied from fossil fuels and nuclear power—**Con Ed does not offer a 100% renewable option.** Note that regardless of where you get your supply, Con Ed will continue to distribute electricity along their lines, bill you, and respond to emergencies like downed wires and power outages.

It’s Your Choice

You can opt out of Westchester Power (or if you have previously opted out, you can opt back in) with no penalty or fees payable to Westchester Power or Constellation NewEnergy. If you are currently using an ESCO for your supply and want to switch to Westchester Power, please check with the ESCO to see if you will be charged an exit penalty or termination fee. Residents or small businesses that have moved into New Castle recently and are not currently a part of the Westchester Power program will need to contact Westchester Power—see the reverse side for contact information.

We are proud of our residents for participating in the Westchester Power program, helping to decrease New Castle’s carbon footprint by 16,700 tons per year.

Sincerely,
Ivy Pool
Supervisor, Town of New Castle

Steven Wolk
Chairperson, New Castle Sustainability Advisory Board

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q1: What are the rates for Residents and Small Businesses?

A1: The prices negotiated by Westchester Power are lower than any fixed rate offerings currently available to individual customers in the marketplace and 7% lower than the program's current fixed rate for green supply for residents (11% lower for small businesses). The following table compares the new contract's rates to the prior contract's rates:

Cents/kWh	100% Renewable (Green) Supply			Standard (Brown) Supply		
	Westchester Power 2021/2022	Westchester Power 2019/2020	Lowest Comparable ESCO 2021	Westchester Power 2021/2022	Westchester Power 2019/2020	Con Ed (Last 12-month avg.)
Residential	7.405	7.959	7.800	6.749	6.030	5.600*
Commercial	7.100	7.959	N/A	6.445	6.030	5.290*

* Con Ed's variable rate may increase at any time over the next 18 months (as is anticipated by electricity traders)

Q2: I just moved to New Castle. Will I be automatically enrolled in the Westchester Power program?

A2: No, you will not be automatically enrolled. Please contact Westchester Power (A6 below).

Q3: Who are each of Westchester Power, Sustainable Westchester and Constellation NewEnergy?

A3: **Westchester Power** is the name of the Community Choice Aggregation electricity program for New Castle and the 26 other Westchester municipalities.

Sustainable Westchester is the nonprofit organization that administers the Westchester Power program.

Constellation NewEnergy is the electricity supplier that won the bid to provide electric supply through Westchester Power.

Q4: Why is the Westchester Power fixed rate lower than what I can get as an individual?

A4: By aggregating the demand of more than 115,000 residents and small businesses, Westchester Power is able to negotiate a lower fixed-rate cost, and we can receive this supply from 100% renewables instead of fossil fuels and nuclear power.

Q5: How will this rate impact my electric bill?

A5: The bill you receive from Con Edison shows two electricity charges: 1) supply charges, and 2) Con Ed electricity charges (see example to the right). Westchester Power ONLY impacts the supply charges. The Con Ed charges are the cost of delivering the electricity to you on Con Ed's electric lines. Note that both supply and Con Ed electricity charges and their relative proportion on your bill may be different from the example depending on how much electricity you use.

Q6: How do I contact Westchester Power?

A6: Call (914) 242-4725 or email westchesterpower@sustainablewestchester.org.

For more information, go to the following websites:
<https://sustainablewestchester.org/wp/>,
<http://www.newcastlesab.org/projects/westchesterpower>,
 or email the New Castle Sustainability Advisory Board at newcastlesab@gmail.com.



Your account number:

Service delivered to:

Your electric rate: EL1 Residential or Religious

Your gas rate: GS3 Residential or Religious Heating

Next billing date: Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Your billing summary as of Nov 5, 2020

Your previous charges and payments

Total charges from your last bill	\$237.43
Payments through Nov 3, thank you	-\$237.43

Remaining balance **None**

Your new charges - details start on page 2

Billing period: Oct 06, 2020 to Nov 04, 2020

- Esco electricity supply charges - for 29 days	\$44.52
Con Edison electricity charges	\$90.10
Gas charges - for 29 days	\$163.86

Total new charges **\$298.48**

Total amount due **\$298.48**

Direct Payment Plan - The amount of \$298.48 will be automatically deducted from your bank on Nov 18, 2020.