

# Municipal Energy Aggregation

with Peregrine Energy Group & Bay State Consultants

Municipal aggregation is a form of **group purchasing** in which a city or town arranges electricity supply on behalf of its citizens. Both **residential and commercial** electricity customers can participate in an aggregation.

Benefits can include:

- **Transparency and choice** with a safe, trustworthy alternative to electricity supply deals that may be marketed directly to you
- Cost-effective access to **greener power**, including the option to incorporate electricity generated by **local renewable energy projects**
- **Protection** from dramatic changes in electricity prices with a contract that offers predictable pricing
- **Savings** as your city or town negotiates a price with the goal of beating the utility's electricity supply price

*Participating in an aggregation is easy. If you are a Basic Service customer of your utility, you will be automatically enrolled.*

*If you do not wish to participate in an aggregation, you may opt out, or leave, at any time with no penalty.*

## What is electricity supply?

Electricity service has two parts: supply and delivery. Electricity supply refers to the electricity itself. Delivery is the process of bringing that electricity to you over the wires.

Traditionally, a utility like National Grid chooses your electricity supplier and delivers the electricity to you. With a municipal aggregation, National Grid will continue to deliver your electricity, but your city or town will choose the supplier.

*See the back for other common questions and answers.*

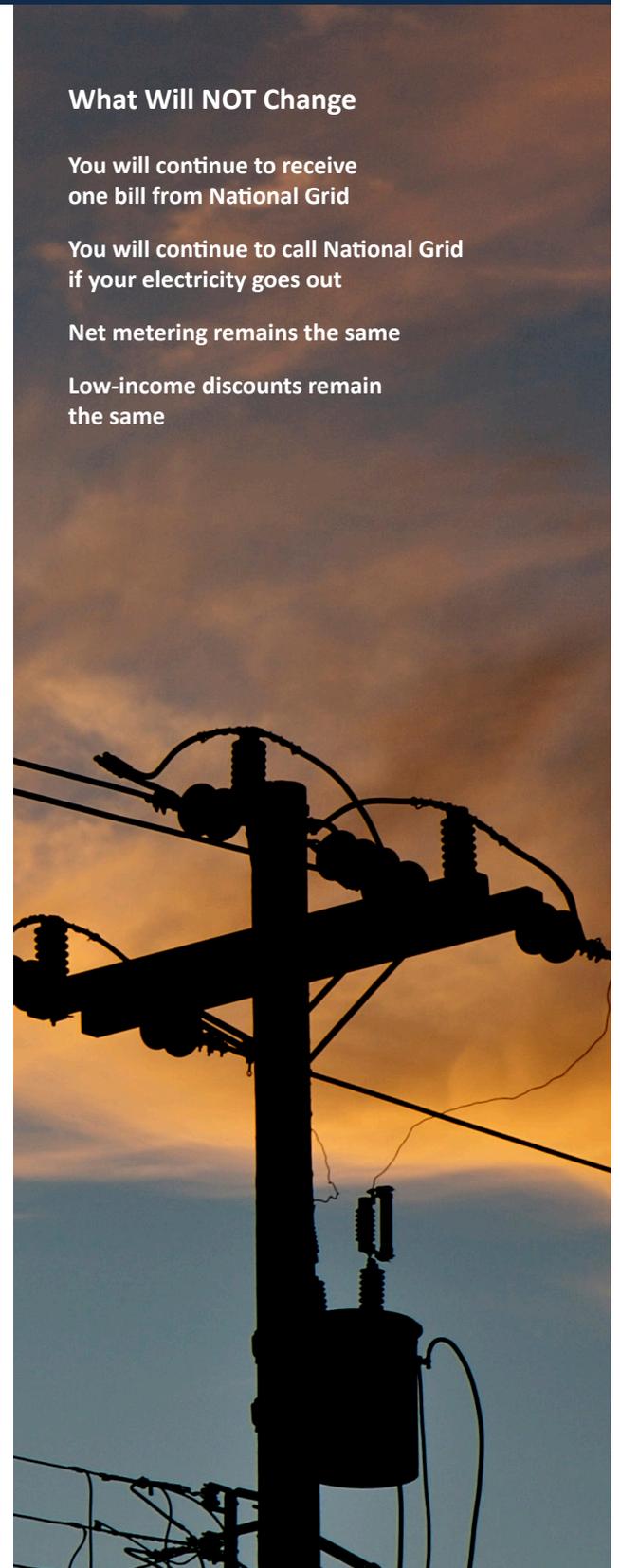
## What Will NOT Change

You will continue to receive one bill from National Grid

You will continue to call National Grid if your electricity goes out

Net metering remains the same

Low-income discounts remain the same



# Frequently Asked Questions about Municipal Energy Aggregation

## **How will I know when an aggregation is being implemented?**

Your city or town begins by voting publicly to move forward with an aggregation. The planning and regulatory approval process comes next and can take the better part of a year. As a part of that process, your town will post a copy of the aggregation plan publicly, and you will have an opportunity to review it.

After the aggregation is approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) but before it is implemented, you will receive an informational mailing that explains the pricing and a reply card. You can use that reply card to opt out of the aggregation before it begins, if you wish. Also, your community will hold events to explain the program, the pricing, and your rights.

## **How long does an aggregation last?**

Your city or town will establish a contract with an electricity supplier with a duration that provides the best possible pricing for your electricity supply. Some contracts are as short as six months, while others can be for several years.

## **Will an aggregation provide guaranteed savings?**

Your community will negotiate an aggregation price with the goal of beating the utility supply price, on average, over the course of the aggregation. However, utility prices change every six months. As a result, it is possible for the aggregation price to be temporarily higher than the utility price. But even if the price does move temporarily higher than the utility price, the aggregation will continue to offer price stability and a transparent, trustworthy alternative to other electricity supply options in the marketplace.

## **Can I participate in a municipal aggregation if I have already selected an electricity supplier?**

Yes, you may choose to enroll in the aggregation. However, we strongly recommend checking the details of your supply agreement before making any changes.

## **What is the role of an aggregation consultant?**

Aggregation consultants, such as the Pererine Energy Group / Bay State Consultants team, help communities to develop an aggregation plan, navigate the regulatory approval process, choose an electricity supplier and secure the best electricity supply contract possible, communicate the details of the aggregation to the community, and provide customer support once the aggregation launches.