

CARVER BOARD OF SELECTMEN SAVE MONEY FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS THIS WINTER WITH NEW REGIONAL BULK ELECTRICITY BUYING PROGRAM APPROVED BY TOWN MEETING

Carver Mass -- November 10, 2015 – Carver Board of Selectmen announced the launch of a regional Community Electricity Aggregation program. Working with 22 other Massachusetts-based communities and the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) the Carver has succeeded in using their combined purchasing power to establish new power rates that will bring savings to residents and businesses in our community this winter.

“Spiking utility costs over the last two winters have placed a real burden on household budgets,” said Ron Clarke, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. “Working closely with other Massachusetts communities as well as SRPEDD and our consultant Good Energy, we have secured a fixed-term contract that effectively addresses this concern and brings budget stability to our residents and businesses.”

Under the new contract, beginning in January 2016, the rate per kWh for electricity supply will be fixed for 24 months at \$0.0949 per kWh. In comparison, Eversource winter rates for this year are \$0.108 per kWh. Eligible accounts will be automatically enrolled unless they choose to opt-out during a 30 day opt-out period. There will be no early termination fees at any time for those who wish to leave the program. Further additional information will be forth coming to each household in Carver over the next 45 days.

This program mirrors, the successful collaboration in Carver according to Michael Milanoski, Town Administrator. This summer the Town and School secured rates at \$0.0926 per kWh taking advantage of group municipal purchase pricing for a 2 year term.

Cities participating in the SRPEDD program include Acushnet, Attleboro, Carver, Dartmouth, Dedham, Dighton, Douglas, Dracut, Fairhaven, Fall River, Freetown, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Northbridge, Norton, Plainville, Rehoboth, Seekonk, Somerset, Swansea, Westford, and Westport for a combined 225,000 eligible households and businesses.

The program is expected to bring in excess of an estimated \$15 million a year in combined electricity savings when compared to January utility winter rates.