

Aggregation plan summary

Aggregation plan background

On April 23, 2018, the City Council approved a resolution directing the Mayor's office to research, develop and implement an electricity aggregation plan. The plan describes a program to create a new default electricity supply for Quincy residents and businesses. Instead of utilizing National Grid's electricity supply, Quincy will bundle together the electricity usage of its residents and businesses and put out a Request For Proposal for electricity suppliers to provide the electricity supply. With the program, the City is able to:

- make strategic decisions about when to solicit bids;
- lock in fixed pricing for multiple years, and
- increase the amount of renewable energy above the existing statewide minimum.

To give Quincy residents and businesses an opportunity to give input into the development of the electricity aggregation program, the City of Quincy will conduct a public review process from November 9 to December 7 culminating in a public hearing on its Draft Quincy Community Electricity (QCE) program plan on December 7. The public review process is an opportunity for residents and businesses to add their voice to the ways that electricity should be sourced for Quincy's community.

Key elements of the electricity aggregation plan

- The City will oversee day-to-day administration of the program, in coordination with the City's aggregation consultant, Good Energy.
- The program will have a default electricity product with the goal of including 10% extra renewable energy with the goal of reducing electricity costs compared to Basic Service of National Grid, although savings cannot be guaranteed.
- The program will have three optional electricity products:
 - a. 100% renewable energy – this maximizes environmental impact;
 - b. 50% renewable energy – this has significant environmental impact;
 - c. Basic - with the state-mandated minimum renewable energy.
- The program includes a comprehensive education and outreach plan which includes:
 - a. developing information in multiple languages to reach the non-English speaking community;
 - b. messaging to show that this is a City-sponsored program;
 - c. information about automatic enrollment, leaving the program and program rates;
 - d. digital and printed marketing materials.
- National Grid will continue to deliver the electricity, manage billing and repair service outages, however, the electricity supplier will be chosen through a competitive bidding process overseen by the City.