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**Community Electricity Launching January 2026 in North Kingstown: Will Offer New Choices to Manage Electricity Supply Costs**

North Kingstown, RI - (November 5, 2025) – A new program, Ocean State Community Electricity, is launching for North Kingstown residents and businesses to help manage their electricity supply costs and provide options for renewable energy use. The program starts in January 2026 and interested electricity customers can learn more at one of four community meetings in November and December. The program is being offered to the community via the town's selected consultant, Good Energy, who also manages the seven other active community electricity programs in the state, including neighboring South Kingstown and Narragansett.

The community electricity program will offer three new electricity supply options to all North Kingstown residents and businesses. The program's primary offering, *Standard*, will cost less than the current Rhode Island Energy Last Resort Service supply rate, while also providing an additional 5% renewable energy from RI-based sources.

North Kingstown residents and businesses may also choose from two other options: *Plus*, which has 100% renewable energy, and *Basic*, which meets Rhode Island's minimum standards for renewable energy.

The community electricity program will impact roughly half of a customer's Rhode Island Energy electricity bill by changing the price of the "Supply" section. There will be no impact to reliability, as Rhode Island Energy will continue to deliver the power and to handle all maintenance, including responding to outages. Customers will still receive only a single bill from Rhode Island Energy for all electricity costs. Budget billing and low-income rate discounts will continue without interruption. Similarly, customers receiving net metering or other solar benefits will continue to receive those benefits.

The program is being offered to the community via the town's selected consultant, Good Energy. The launch of the program comes after a local and state approval process. In summer of 2024, the town conducted a public review of its plan for the program. In fall of 2024, the state's Public Utilities Commission approved the plan. The Town Council then authorized the program in February 2025, implemented according to RI Gen L § 39-3-1.2.

Following Rhode Island law, most residential and small business electricity customers in North Kingstown are eligible for automatic enrollment in the program's *Standard*. Specifically, any electricity customer that has not already contracted with their own electricity supplier is eligible for automatic enrollment. The concept behind the law was to provide small electricity customers the buying power on par with large electricity customers.

Importantly, participation in the program is voluntary. Anyone that does not want to participate may opt out without penalty, either before the program begins or at any time during the program. To facilitate this, in mid-November, all customers eligible for automatic enrollment will receive a Notification Letter from the program's chosen electricity supplier, NextEra Energy Services. The letter will start a 30-day consideration period and contain all program details along with instructions to select a different program option or to opt out of the program. The deadline to opt out and not participate before the program begins is December 13, 2025. After that time, you may still opt out, and your request will be processed on your next monthly utility bill cycle.

Electricity customers who currently have an electricity contract with a third-party supplier will not receive the

Notification Letter and will not be automatically enrolled. These customers can voluntarily join the program, but they are advised to check with their current supplier in case it may charge penalties or early termination fees if they leave that supplier during the term of their contract.

**We invite you to join us at a community meeting to learn more about the program:**

IN-PERSON	VIRTUAL
<u>Town Council Chambers (80 Boston Neck Rd)</u> Wednesday 11/19 at 6pm Wednesday 12/3 at 6pm	<u>Virtual access links at</u> <a href="http://OceanStateCommunityElectricity.com">OceanStateCommunityElectricity.com</a>
<u>Beechwood (44 Beach St)</u> Thursday 12/4 at 10am	Thursday 11/13 at 6pm
<i>This event is intended for seniors, but all are welcome.</i>	

The table below shows the prices for Ocean State Community Electricity residential customers compared to Rhode Island Energy Last Resort Service. You can find all prices for residential, commercial and industrial customers at [OceanStateCommunityElectricity.com](http://OceanStateCommunityElectricity.com).

All prices are fixed until your meter read day in May 2026. In early April 2026, the program will announce new pricing to take effect in May. The program will always provide advanced notification of any price change so that participants can make their own choices about whether to continue participation. Currently, residential prices are expected to change roughly every six months, similar to the duration of Rhode Island Energy's supply prices.

	Ocean State Community Electricity			RI Energy Last Resort Service (if you opt out)
	Basic	Standard (automatic)	Plus	
<b>Residential Price</b>	14.447 ¢/kWh	14.690 ¢/kWh	17.652 ¢/kWh	14.770 ¢/kWh
<b>Renewable Energy</b>	No additional renewable energy	Adds 5% RI New renewable energy	Adds RI New renewable energy to total 100%	No additional renewable energy
	41% total in 2026	46% total in 2026	100% total in 2026	41% total in 2026
<b>Duration</b>	January until May 2026 meter read dates			Oct. 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026

The Program cannot guarantee savings beyond the current term of Last Resort Service, as stated in the table above, because future Last Resort Service rates are unknown.

\*Voluntary Renewable Energy is in addition to the State's required renewable energy content for all electricity supplies. The State's required renewable energy content is 41% in 2026. For more details, see resources on [OceanStateCommunityElectricity.com](http://OceanStateCommunityElectricity.com)

For more information about the Ocean State Community Electricity program, go to [OceanStateCommunityElectricity.com](http://OceanStateCommunityElectricity.com) or call (401) 203-3400 to reach Good Energy, the consultant for the program.