

Overview for Nelsonville, 11/18/19

- What is Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)?
- The Hudson Valley Community Power CCA Program (2019)
- CCA Process in New York State (Nelsonville's next steps)
- Frequent CCA questions (and answers)

What is CCA?



Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) is:

A **policy** enabling **municipalities** to source energy on behalf of its residents and businesses.

Why? "Public Benefit" win-win-win:

- 1) Save money
- 2) Clean Energy
- 3) Consumer Protection

What is CCA? a New York State Priority



NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Program

- Action 1: Benchmarking
- Action 2: Clean Energy Upgrades
- Action 3: LED Streetlights
- Action 4: Clean Fleets
- Action 5: Solarize
- Action 6: Unified Solar Permit
- Action 7: Energy Code Training
- Action 8: Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Certification

Action 9: Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

Action 10: Energize New York Finance

NYSERDA CEC Website:

https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/Clean-Energy-Communities/Action-Items



What is CCA? a New York State Priority ... and a pathway to the future grid



New Governor's budget unlocks some \$1.4 billion in lower cost financing for clean energy projects across New York State

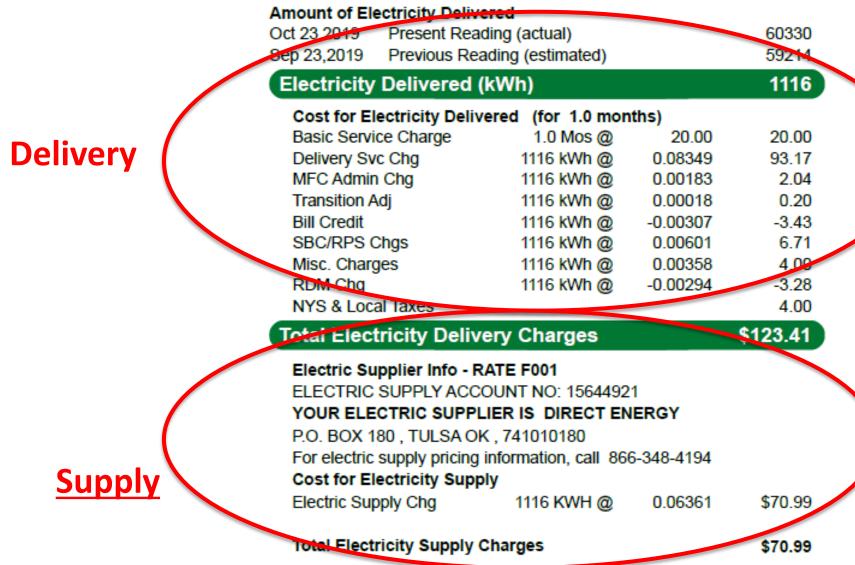
New York Power Authority (NYPA) Is Granted Authority To Finance Renewable Projects And Directly Provide Electricity To Energy Supply Companies(Executive Budget, Section S1508/A2008, Parts kk & II)

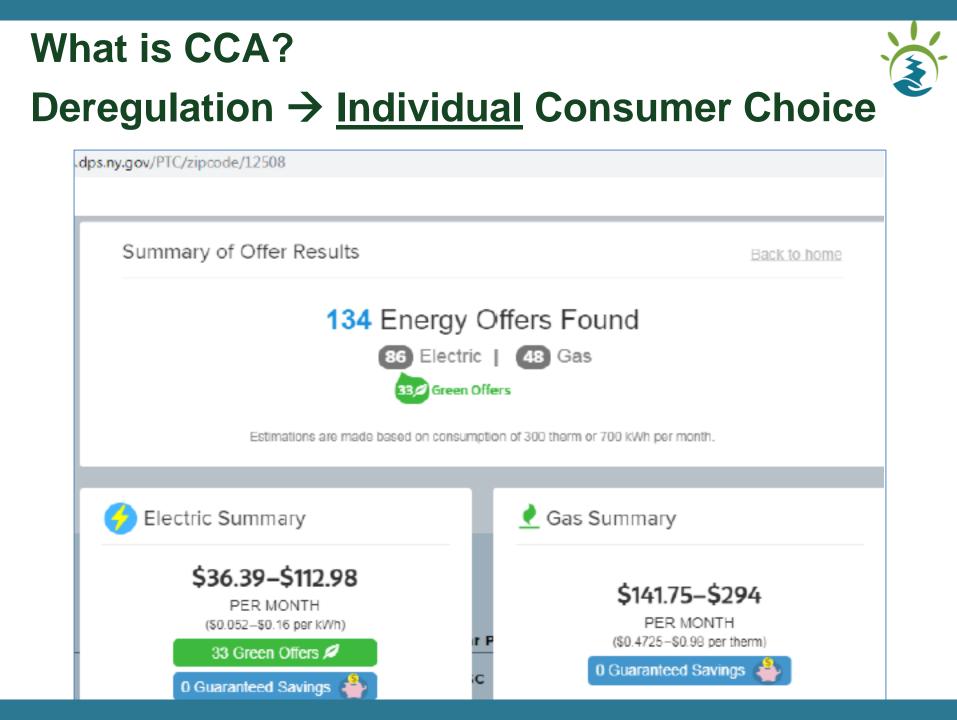
"As a result, communities that pass a CCA local law will now be able to contract for lower-cost renewable power for their residents and small businesses. NYPA's cost of capital is so much lower than what has previously been offered to the market, that these 'CCA communities' will gain terms for their residents unavailable elsewhere. CCA community residents are slated to gain access to new, inexpensive local renewable power," Joule Assets said

SOURCE: http://www.energychoicematters.com/stories/20190423zw.html

What is CCA?

An opportunity to improve Electricity Supply







Let's create change together



Energy

Follow us to learn more about how you can make Community Choice a reality in the Hudson Valley.

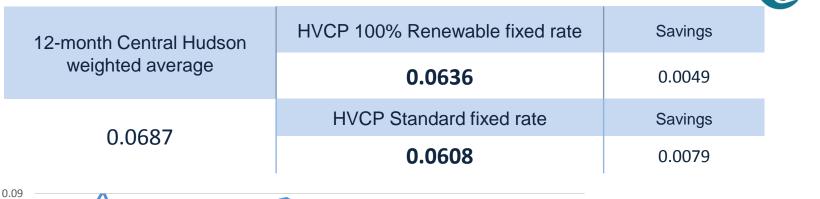
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Electricity Rate Comparison (HVCP)





Central Hudson 2019

August rate:\$0.0673Sept. rate:\$0.0517"Sept" rate:\$0.0477

100% Clean Average: \$0.0750

HVCP CCA Contract:

24-month term No minimum participation No Exit / Termination fee No individual contract



- Launched May 2016
- 110,000+ customers in 25 communities
- \$15 million in savings (as of 12/2018)
- 24 of 25 communities 100% renewable default
- Largest renewable energy purchase in NYS history



Program Opt-Out Choices



If you do not wish to participate in the program, you may opt out, as follows:

Opt-out by <u>mail</u>: Fill out the prepaid opt-out card enclosed in the Notification Mailing

Opt-out by <u>phone</u>: Call us at **845-859-9099**.

Opt-out <u>online</u>: Visit <u>www.HudsonValleyCommunityPower.com</u> to use the Opt-out Form. Enter Enrollment Account Number when prompted.



Common Questions



• Does this replace my utility company?

No. All through utility bill (line item change).

• Why are you doing this? How can you do this?

Public benefit – for the 3 goals (above).

• Will this save me money?

5-10% on Supply price, not guaranteed.

• Am I locked into this for 2 years?

No. Can exit freely at any time.

• What happens after 2 years? Will the rate go crazy?

No – contract ends, back to utility. Can repeat.

• Where does the energy come from?

Renewable electricity from New York State.

Community Solar – local + guaranteed ~10% savings

The Process for "new" Communities



- 1. Approve Community Choice Local Law
 - Enabling calls upon municipal home rule authority to establish a CCA program.
 - Establishes principles and desired outcomes ...
 - ... but gives municipality flexibility to explore and implement on their own terms.

The Process for "new" Communities



2. Select Community Choice Administrator/Approved Program

- Entity authorized to represent the municipality in CCA implementation process with utilities, regulators, energy suppliers, project developers.
- Does not commit the municipality to CCA -- simply authorizes Administrator to collect data and present contract options. Municipality determines threshold criteria for execution.
- Public Open House / Q & A meetings (min. 2) in each community to build awareness
- Administrative fee paid by contracted energy suppliers, not by municipality or as a line item on residents' utility bills.

The Process for "new" Communities



3. Identify Suppliers and Terms

- Administrator represents municipality in negotiations with local renewable operators / retail suppliers to find available resources, arrive at pricing benchmarks and contract terms.
- Municipality (and counsel) has final authority, establishes binding terms for contract execution through MOU.
- Issue Request for Proposal (RFP) to electricity Suppliers
- More Public meetings follow to build awareness

Resources



About Community Choice

NYSERDA: <u>https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/Clean-Energy-Communities/Clean-Energy-Communities-Program-High-Impact-Action-Toolkits/Community-Choice-Aggregation</u>

"LEAN": <u>http://leanenergyus.org/</u>

Hudson Valley Community Power: https://www.hudsonvalleycommunitypower.com/

NYS Public Service Commission "CCA Order"

https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/-/media/Files/Programs/Clean-Energy-Communities/Public-Service-Commission-CCA-Order.pdf

NYS DEC Webinar

https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/NYSDEC/bulletins/20259e6

Questions?



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