



Eatontown Community Energy Aggregation

November 2017 Program Update

In 2014, the Borough of Eatontown launched the Eatontown Community Energy Aggregation for the purpose of creating purchasing leverage and providing an opportunity for residents of the Borough to save money on their electric bills. The Borough issued a competitive bid in Fall 2015, and awarded a contract to South Jersey Energy for a power supply contract starting in March 2016. Since the program's inception, residents have enjoyed prices for power supply from South Jersey Energy at rates significantly below those offered by JCP&L. The contract with South Jersey Energy has a term of 21-months, which is set to expire in December 2017. The contract with South Jersey Energy is estimated to have resulted in about \$315 in electricity cost savings for the average participating residence, producing aggregate savings for Borough residents of about \$1.6 million.

With the pending expiration of the contract, the Borough conducted a public bid in August 2017 to solicit a new round of price proposals from independent energy suppliers. Upon receipt of pricing results in the recent bid, the Borough determined that the new price offers did not produce sufficient savings and that, therefore, it was not in the best interest of Eatontown residents to accept a contract at that time. The Borough will be accepting refreshed proposals on December 6th, 2017 and if they offer sufficient savings a contract will be awarded that evening at the Council Meeting. If an award is made it should take effect in Spring 2018.

In the meantime, residents are being transitioned South Jersey Energy back to the JCP&L tariff in December 2017. For participating residents, no action is need on your part. During the month of November 2017, JCP&L is sending notices to residents informing them that service with South Jersey Energy will be ending effective on your December 2017 meter read date. Again, there is nothing further that a resident needs to do. Effective on your December meter read, JCP&L will resume as your power supplier (as they had been prior to March 2016). Starting with your January bill, you will notice on your JCP&L bill that South Jersey Energy power supply charges will be replaced with a line item for JCP&L 'Basic Generation Service' power supply.

If the Borough receives improved savings from the bids being received on December 6th and awards a new contract for Round 2 of the Eatontown Community Energy Aggregation program, you will receive a mailing in early 2018 providing details about the new contract and, if you do not opt-out of the program, you will automatically be transferred to the new supplier for service beginning in Spring 2018. Until such time as a new contract takes effect

you will continue to have your energy supplied by JCP&L (unless you elect to sign-on with your own 3rd party supplier).