

COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION (CCA)

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Is the Town of Saugerties choosing our electricity supply?

No. The town is offering you a choice. You can choose to power your electricity from 100% clean, renewable energy by participating in this CCA program, or you can choose not to participate by just opting out of the program by August 13.

Why do I have to opt out? Why can't I opt in?

The CCA program is regulated by the Public Service Commission (PSC) and administered by a PSC approved company. Joule Assets, the company administering the program, structured it as an opt-out program.

Why is the town doing this?

The town has become a leader in fighting climate change. Saugerties is the first town in Ulster County to be awarded NYS climate smart certification at the Bronze level. We have reduced Greenhouse Gas emissions from government operations by 20% in 2020 compared to 2017. This CCA program will reduce the town's CO2 emissions by an estimated 90,000 metric tons over the thirty-four months of the contract. Reducing future Greenhouse Gas emissions is essential. In a nut shell, renewable energy is our future, and this program enables our fellow townspeople to participate in shaping that future.

Will my taxes go up?

No. The CCA is not taxpayer funded.

Will the CCA program replace Central Hudson?

No. Central Hudson remains our utility. It will continue to deliver reliable power to our homes and businesses, maintain power lines, and respond to service outages. The only difference is that Central Hudson will no longer choose your electricity supply, and the SUPPLY line on your monthly bill from Central Hudson will be from 100% renewable energy generated in New York State. Customers will still receive one bill each month directly from the utility.



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As required by law, Central Hudson will provide the same service to all customers regardless of whether they are in the program, or opt out.

Don't we already get renewable energy from Central Hudson?

Unfortunately, very little. About 10% of Central Hudson energy supply is 100% renewable energy. The largest percentage of the electricity Central Hudson purchases and sells to customers is natural gas, which is a fossil fuel and generates greenhouse gases.

Will workers at Central Hudson lose their jobs because of this program?

No. As noted above there will be no change in what Central Hudson does. And, for those who opt out of the CCA program, Central Hudson will still be choosing their energy supply.

What if I'm a Central Hudson Time-of-Use customer?

You are NOT automatically enrolled in Community Choice Aggregation CCA and may want to weigh the benefits of participating in each program.

Why should I pay more for my electricity if Central Hudson offers a lower price?

As stated above, you're getting 100% Clean, Renewable Energy. Another reason: Stability. Central Hudson has a variable rate that goes up or down monthly. One month the rate may be less than the CCA rate, another month it may be more, or the same as the CCA rate. The CCA price is locked in for 34 months. Your per KWH price will not change. If you don't like the CCA 100% renewable rate, you just opt by August 13. There is no contract or exit fee.

Am I eligible to participate if I'm on budget billing or level payment program with Central Hudson?

Yes! There should be no change to the way Central Hudson calculates the budget plan amount, except to reflect the program's fixed supply rate.