

# **TOWN OF SAUGERTIES**

# **Hudson Valley Community Power**



Dear Town of Saugerties Resident,

The Town of Saugerties is pleased to announce that we are joining Hudson Valley Community Power, a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program¹ that allows us to pool local electricity demand with other Hudson Valley municipalities to provide low cost, **fixed-rate renewable electricity supply**. Each participating community has selected Joule Community Power² as Program Administrator. Joule works on behalf of the municipalities to secure clean energy supply at the most favorable terms and ensures there are **no contract or exit fees** for consumers. Also included in this mailing is a letter from the Town summarizing the program.

### **100%** Renewable Electricity

The Town of Saugerties has chosen 100% Renewable default electricity supply. Your electricity supply is matched by Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) provided by New York State renewable power plants (hydropower, wind, solar). You will automatically be enrolled in the 100% Renewable Option unless you choose to opt-out of the program.

July 14, 2021

Join the Hudson Valley Community Power team at an information session and Q&A to learn more about the Program. We want to hear yourquestions!

> Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 7 PM

Remote on Zoom www.tinyurl.com/Saugerties29July

Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 7 PM Remote on Zoom www.tinyurl.com/Saugerties4Aug

OR by calling (845) 859-9099 x2

#### To opt-out, you may:

- Return the enclosed "Opt-Out Reply Card" by August 13, OR
- Call the Hudson Valley Community Power program hotline at (845) 859-9099 x2, OR
- Go to www. hudsonvalleycommunitypower.com and submit your information (name on utility account, service address, and Pre Enrollment ID number from the opt-out card included in this letter) through the Enrollment/Change Form on the homepage.

Note: This mailing was not paid for by taxpayer dollars. All funding was provided by the electricity supplier chosen by the municipality.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  Municipal authority enabled by NY State regulation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A division of Joule Assets, Inc

### **Hudson Valley Community Power Rates**

Hudson Valley Community Power has secured a rate for electricity supply through a competitive bidding process that will remain stable for 34 months and enables you to power your home or business with 100% renewable electricity.

- Columbia Utilities Power, LLC will be your new supplier, beginning on your first meter-read after September 1, 2021.
- The new rate will remain fixed for a 34-month period through June 2024.

#### ¡Se habla español, también!

For translation services, please call our office at (845) 859-9099, Option 3.

Para acceder a nuestros servicios de traducción, llame a nuestras oficinas, al (845) 859-9099 Opcion 3.

### Rates (\$/kWh)\*

Service Class	Default 100% Renewable Fixed Rate
Residential	\$0.07289
Small Commercial	\$0.07176

<sup>\*</sup> Rates do not include Gross Receipt Tax (GRT). If GRT is collected in your municipality, it will be added to your rate.

From April 2020 to March 2021, Central Hudson reports the 12-month average price for residential customers as \$0.05578/kWh and small commercial customers as \$0.05538/kWh. Throughout the pandemic electricity supply prices were extremely low and as life begins to return to normal electricity prices are increasing. The program's fixed-rate electricity supply option is for September 2021 to June 2024 and is 100% renewable, this accounts for this anticipated increase in electricity supply price.

Central Hudson will continue to be responsible for the power lines that deliver your electricity and will continue to bill you. Please contact Central Hudson in the event of any service interruption.

## Enrollment and your right to opt-out of this program

If you wish to opt-out of the program, please let Hudson Valley Community Power know by August 13. If they do not hear from you, you will be enrolled automatically in the 100% Renewable Option, and your account information (including energy usage and utility assistance program participant status) will be shared with Columbia Utilities Power, LLC. However, you may leave the program at any time without any fee or penalty. If you choose to remain in the program, your new rate will take effect in September.

Sincerely



