

## Community Choice Aggregation (CCA): Our New Electricity Program

Lower, fixed price electricity is coming this summer!

Learn more about it: May 6<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm & 7-8pm at the Town Hall

The Town of Horseheads is offering our residents and small businesses a new electricity supply option through a program called [Community Choice Aggregation \(CCA\)](#). The Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance (MEGA) brought together 21 municipalities in our region to join in bulk purchasing of electricity through the CCA Program. CCA Programs focus on providing electric supply choices while continuing to rely on the delivery service and physical infrastructure of the local electric utility (NYSEG). Only residents and small businesses who currently receive their electric supply from NYSEG are automatically eligible to participate.

As a Participant in MEGA's CCA You May:

- Save money on your electric bill
- Avoid sudden spikes in the price of your electricity
- Have access to 100% renewable 'green' electricity
- Stop energy telemarketers and door-to-door sales

The CCA will offer our residents and small business a fully fixed price of **\$0.05092/kWh for 24 months**, starting in July 2019. The CCA price is lower than NYSEG's average supply price for the previous year.

### CCA Programs Provide Choices:

**Opt-Up:** if you want 100% renewable electricity at a fully fixed price of \$0.05692/kWh for 24 months

**Opt-In:** if you have another supplier and wish to switch to the CCA

**Opt-Out:** if you wish not to participate and to keep NYSEG as your electric supplier

### Other Important Reminders

- Participants are also able to leave the Program at any time during the 24 months without a penalty
- The CCA Program is compatible with budget billing, community solar and rooftop solar
- Customers with day/night or time-of-use rates will not be automatically included in the Program

### What Happens Next?

1. Attend an Education Session
  - a. May 6<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm & 7-8pm at Horseheads Town Hall, 150 Wygant Road
  - b. May 8<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm & 7-8pm at Horseheads Village Hall, 202 S. Main Street
  - c. There are sessions at 6 pm and 7 pm, each starts with a presentation
  - d. Please come at any time and feel free to bring your bill
2. Expect to Receive a Letter Mid-May
  - a. Those who are automatically eligible to participate in the CCA Program will receive a letter
3. Participate in CCA
  - a. No need to take action if you want to participate in CCA
  - b. If you do not wish to participate in CCA, you can opt-out via mail, phone or online

More information can also be found in the FAQs and online at [megacca.org](http://megacca.org).

Questions can be directed to [megaCCAteam@energynext.com](mailto:megaCCAteam@energynext.com) or 518.533.5399.

[MEGA](#), is a not-for-profit local development corporation who has been serving the Town of Horseheads with energy services since 2011.



## **Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) FAQs for Residents**

If you have a question that isn't answered below, please contact us at:  
megaCCAteam@energynext.com or 518.533.5399

### **Q. What happens with my current utility?**

A. Your electric bill has two main sections, delivery and supply. With a CCA you will still pay the delivery portion of your bill to your utility (e.g. NYSEG), see example bill. The delivery portion includes charges to deliver electricity to your location, to maintain infrastructure and address electricity outages.

### **Q. How do I know if the utility is my electric supplier?**

A. Your electric bill has two main sections, delivery and supply. Check the supply portion of your bill to see if it lists the name of a company that is different from your utility, see example bill. If you receive two bills for your electric supply you have already selected a supplier other than the utility. If you are still not sure, contact us and we'll help you out.

### **Q. Can I join (opt-into) the CCA if I already selected a company other than the utility?**

A. Yes, you can opt-into the CCA, but if you signed a contract for a certain length of time there may be a fee to terminate that contract. Please reach out to us and we can help you join the CCA. Not sure if you have a contract with a termination fee? Contact us and we'll help you figure it out.

### **Q. Can I participate?**

A. To get the benefits of CCA you must:

- live within a city, town or village that is participating in the Program,
- receive your electricity supply from NYSEG,
- be a resident or small business (usually using less than 2,000 kWh/month) and,
- not have a block on your account.

If you meet these 4 criteria, you will automatically be included in the CCA. Customers with day/night or time-of-use rates will not be automatically included in the Program. The CCA Program is compatible with budget billing, community solar and rooftop solar.

### **Q. What if I don't want to participate in the CCA?**

A. CCA is all about choice and you have the opportunity to opt-out. If you are automatically eligible to participate in CCA you will receive an opt-out letter with details on how to opt-out via mail, phone or online. You have 30 days to opt-out.

### **Q. What if I don't opt-out within 30 days?**

A. If you don't opt-out within 30 days you will be switched to the CCA. You are still able to return to NYSEG for your electric supply at any time without a penalty. It will take 1 to 2 billing cycles to return to NYSEG.

### **Q. What if I move?**

A. If you move to another community participating in CCA you are able to join that group for the remainder of the Program term.

**Q. Where does the electricity come from?**

A. Unless a community specifically requests the source of the electricity it will be generated from a variety of fossil fuel and renewable resources, which could include natural gas, hydro and nuclear. Some communities selected a CCA supplied by 100% renewable electricity.

**Q. Can I get renewable electricity through the CCA?**

A. Yes. Some communities selected a CCA supplied by 100% renewable electricity. Residents and small businesses can opt-up to 100% renewable electricity, though it does cost a small amount more. Residents and small businesses can also opt-down into a standard grid mix if your community selected 100% renewables.

**Q. What electric suppliers serve CCAs?**

A. Third-party electric services companies, ESCOs, compete to win the business of the CCA by responding to a Request for Proposal (RFP).

**Q. How can an ESCO offer a better rate than my utility?**

A. Utilities must purchase electricity as it's used and pass through the cost to the customer. ESCOs can purchase hedges and other financial transactions allowing for more purchase options that can result in lower prices.

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**Example: Residential Electric Bill**

Your electric bill includes two main types of charges:

- 1. Delivery
- 2. Supply

**With CCA:**

- 1. Delivery: NYSEG will still be responsible for power outages and maintenance
- 2. Supply: best value was selected

JOHN DOE  
Account Number: 0000-0000-000  
Statement Date: February 21, 2014

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Service Address: 123 MAIN STREET, ANYTOWN, NY 12345  
NYSEG DETAILED ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

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Electricity Service - Residential  
Electricity Rate - 12001 NYSEG Supply Service Service from: 01/18/14 - 02/18/14  
PoD ID: N01000000000000

Meter Number	Current Meter Read Date	Current Meter Read Reading	Previous Meter Read Date	Previous Meter Read Reading	Reading Difference	Billed Usage	Billing Period
00000000	02/18/14	40500 A	01/18/14	39892 E	708	708 kwh	32 days

Type of read: A - Actual, E - Estimate, C - Customer, R - Remote and N - No read

Electricity Delivery Charges				
Basic service charge				15.11
Delivery charge	708 kwh	@	0.0333	23.58
Transition charge	708 kwh	@	-0.01043563	-7.39
Revenue decoupling mech	708 kwh	@	-0.002816	-1.99
Reliability support svcs. chg	708 kwh	@	0.001934	1.37
NY state assessment	708 kwh	@	0.001418	1.00
SBC/RPS charge	708 kwh	@	0.005891	4.17
Subtotal Electricity Delivery				\$35.85

Electricity Supply Charges				
Supply charge	708 kwh	@	0.06276665	44.44
Merchant function charge - Jan	309 kwh	@	0.003689	1.14
Merchant function charge - Feb	399 kwh	@	0.003413	1.36
Subtotal Electricity Supply				\$46.94