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# Agenda

- What is Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)?
- The Hudson Valley Community Power CCA Program (2019)
- Next Steps for Clinton
- Frequent CCA questions (and answers) a review
- Community Solar + CCA
- If time allows
  - Community Solar Sustainability fund workshop
  - Discuss local networks

## 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

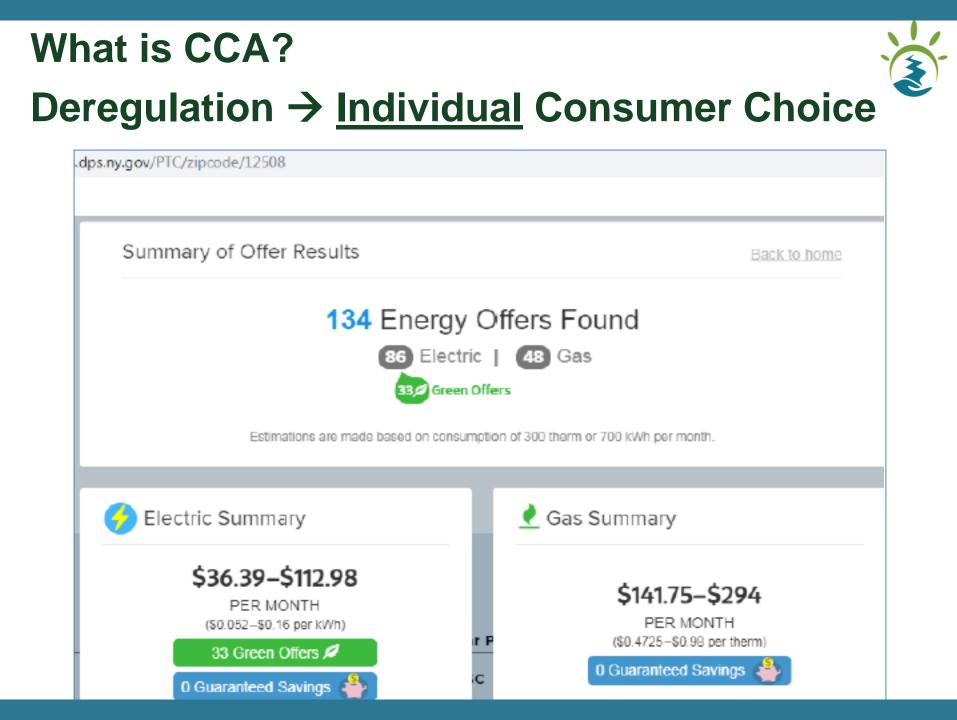


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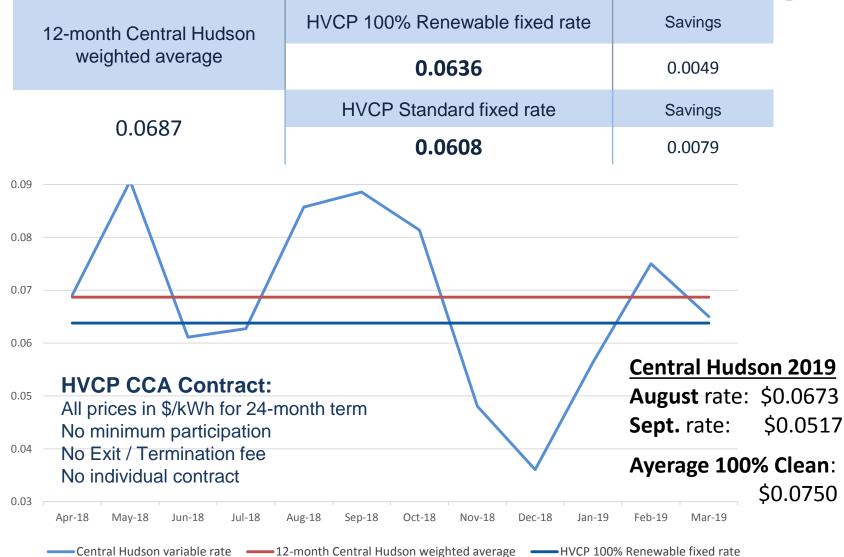
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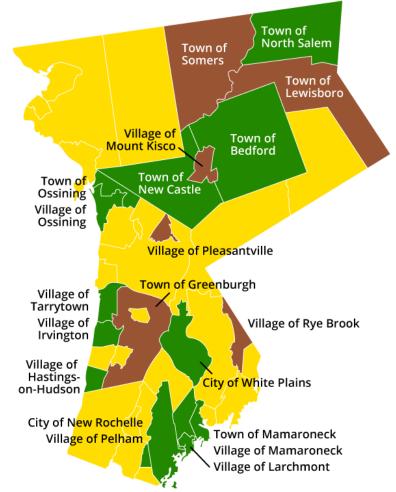
## **Electricity Rate Comparison**





## What is CCA? New York Pilot Project Westchester Power SUR CRADER

- Launched May 2016
- 110,000+ customers in 25 communities
- \$17 million in savings (as of 10/2018)
- 24 of 25 communities 100% renewable default
- Largest renewable energy purchase
   in NYS history



Where we are ...



Hudson Valley Community Power on September Central Bill ("Direct Energy Services")

100% New York State Renewable Energy is the new default supply.

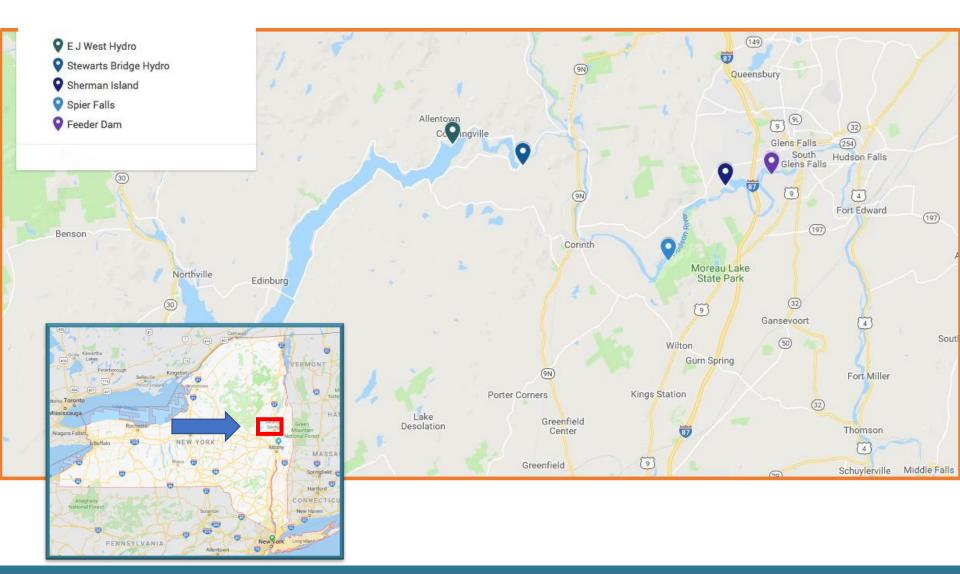
Letters in the mail will describe program details and options as consumers



# **Supply Source Options**

## Hudson Valley Community Power Renewable Hydropower Facilities





# **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.



## **Next Steps**



- Department of Public Service (DPS) Approval Meetings, articles, outreach
- Notification Mailing package will be mailed to eligible customers in November?
- 30-Day Opt-Out period follows Mailing Goal: in Program by January 2019
- Program supply rate on Central Hudson bills on billing cycle following Opt-Out
- Public education Q&A sessions **ongoing + CAC meeting attendance**
- For questions or to learn more:
  - **Email**: info@HudsonValleyCommunityPower.com
  - **Program Hotline**: 845 859-9099
  - <u>Website</u>: <u>www.HudsonValleyCommunityPower.com</u>
  - Visit us at our Community-hosted Office Hours ...

Mondays 12:30 – 1:30 pm Elting Public Library, 93 Main St., New Paltz

Tuesdays 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Poughkeepsie Public Safety Building, 505 Main St.

Wednesdays 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Beacon Recreation Center, 23 West Center St.

> **Thursdays** 11:00 am – 12:30 pm **Cold Spring** Village Hall, 85 Main St.

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... OR call or email us at your convenience!

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## **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

# **CCA + Community Solar**



	Cost saving opportunity by a low, fixed rate				
CCA	100% Clean New York State electricity				
	Consumer protection – no bad contracts or hidden fees				
Community Solar	100% Local Clean Electricity				
	Guaranteed Savings – typically 10% more off entire bill				

### CCA Partner Communities Advantage:

By signing up to be part of a local Community Solar project, you also help build a Sustainability Fund, which your city/town can use to create an even more sustainable community.

## 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: <u>https://www.hudsonvalleycommunitypower.com/</u>

### 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?**



RENEWABLE HIGHLANDS

www.HudsonValleyCommunityPower.com email: <u>cca@hudsonvalleyenergy.org</u> Program hotline: 845-859-9099

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Hudson Valley Energy 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

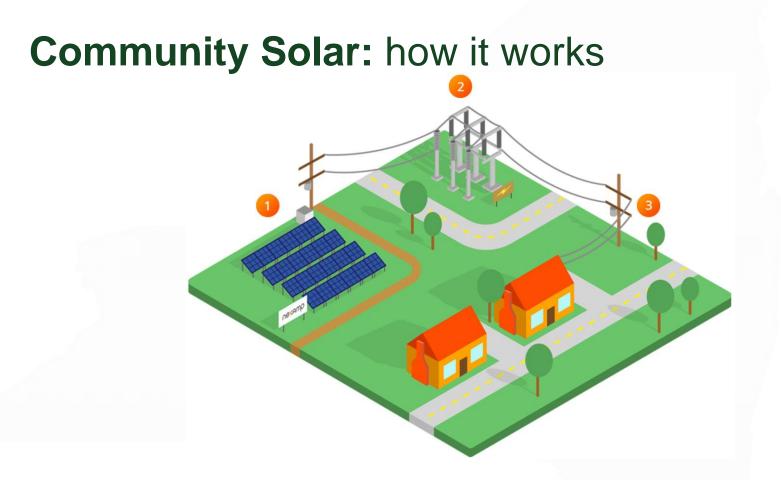
- Entity authorized to represent the municipality in CCA implementation process with utilities, regulators, energy suppliers, project developers.
- Selecting an Administrator does not commit the municipality to CCA; simply authorizes Administrator to collect data and present contract options. Municipality determines threshold criteria for execution.
- 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.



- 1. You subscribe to a share of a solar farms.
- 2. The solar farm feeds clean power into the grid while earning you energy credits.
- You purchase these energy credits at a discount, reducing your electricity costs by ~10%.

## **Billing & Payments: Sample Utility Bill**

#### Your credits will appear as a line item on your bill called "CDG Generation Credit"



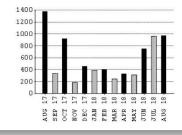
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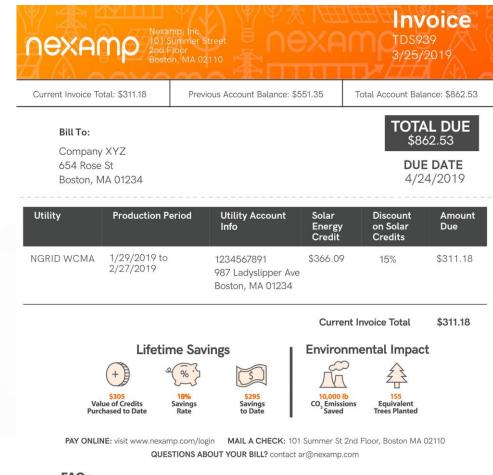
For this billing period, the average cost of energy we purchased for you was \$0.07105 per kWh (excluding taxes). You can use this number to compare our price to other suppliers' prices.

#### Graph (black bars = actual, gray bars = estimate)

#### YOUR RECENT ELECTRIC USAGE



## Sample Nexamp Invoice



#### FAQs

#### I have no credits on my utility bill. What do I do?

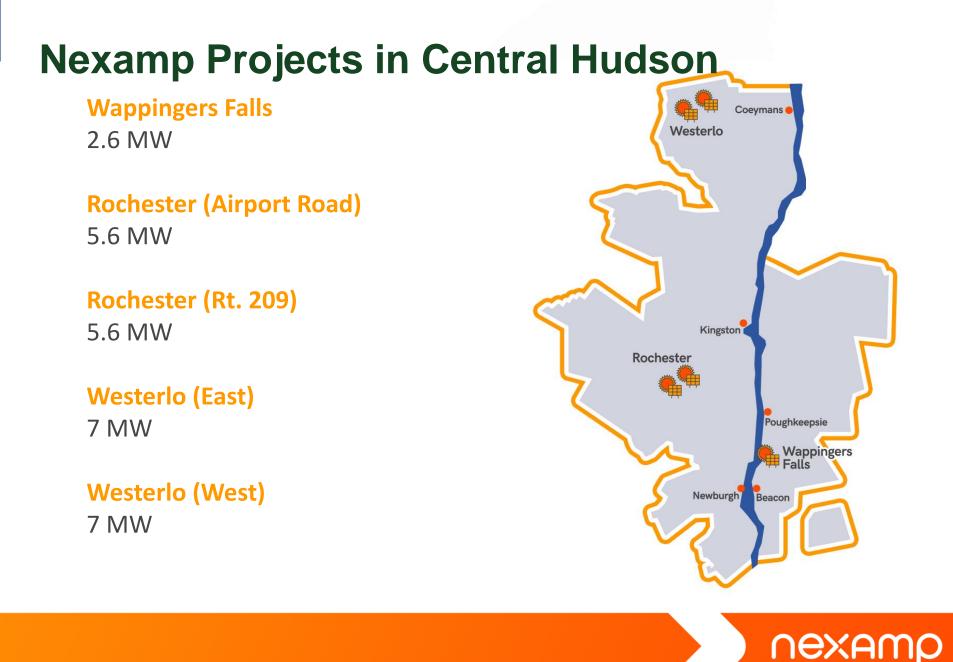
If there are credits missing from your utility bill, your utility bill was likely generated before the utility was able to transfer the credits. Customers have two options: I) check your online utility account to confirm that the credits have been transferred to your account and applied to your balance or 2) wait for your next utility bill to confirm the transfer of credits. Please feel free to hold off on paying your Nexamp invoice until you have confirmed the transfer of credits to your account – we do not want our customers paying for credits they have not seen!

#### Does this change my relationship with the utility?

Not at all: the utility delivers electricity to your home as usual, and will continue to service all equipment and resolve all power outages. Nexamp will handle all communication with your utility regarding your enrollment in community solar. If there are any remaining charges after the Nexamp credits are applied to your utility bill, you are responsible for paying that amount to the utility.

#### When is it important to contact Nexamp?

If at any point you intend to move or change the details of your utility account, we need to hear from you as soon as possible! We have minimal visibility into your utility account, and therefore we rely on the customer to inform us of any impending changes that might disrupt your crediting service.



## **Sustainability Fund**

Enrolling community solar customers through CCA raises funds for participating communities.

Where does the funding come from? CCA enrollment efficiency.

We are making more community solar viable.

For every 1 Enrollment	Reward = \$50		
50	\$2,500		
200	\$10,000		
400	\$20,000		

A minimum threshold of 2.5% accounts must be reached to receive funds.

2.5% of Beacon's 5,884 households\* is 147 enrollments for \$7,355

Enrollment targets must be met by November 30th. Municipalities may combine funds for shared projects.

## **Case Study**

## GENEVA COMMUNITY POWER

## More than just savings & renewable energy

Finger Lakes Town earned \$25,000 15% of residents enrolled

#### The Supervisor and Sustainability Coordinator led the way



#### Local organizations took up the cause



Residents became enthusiastic ambassadors

## **Local Engagement Mapping**

Who are the local organizers and organizations? Fill in your forms.

**Associations:** 

Nonprofits:

Facebook:

Media: