



## Manchester Community Energy Aggregation Program Program Announcement 2025

### ***Dear Manchester Township Resident:***

In the face of rising electric utility rates, the Township is constantly exploring actions it can take to assist its residents. The Manchester Community Energy Aggregation ("MCEA") program was authorized by Ordinance No. #13-009. The Manchester Community Energy Aggregation Program ("MEAPC") provides the Township, along with Plumsted, with the ability to use bulk purchasing power to seek competitive proposals from third-party power suppliers to provide electric power supply to Manchester residents at a price lower than that offered by Jersey Central Power & Light ("JCP&L").

Since its inception in 2019, the Township has previously implemented three rounds of the MCEA program, resulting in the aggregate in millions of dollars in electricity cost savings. The most recent MCEA program contract expired in December 2023; since that time market conditions have been unfavorable and have prevented the Township from finding a contract opportunity that provided electricity supply at a price lower than the JCP&L tariff price

*With looming JCP&L tariff price hikes, earlier this summer Manchester, along with Plumsted Township, initiated a competitive bid for pricing for Round 4 of the program. On August 20, 2025, the Township of Manchester awarded a contract to the low bidder, Constellation NewEnergy ("CNE"). The new contract with CNE will start November 2025 and run 18 months, through May 2027, and provide electric supply at a price of \$0.14644/kWh. As compared to the JCP&L price that fluctuates by season and periodically throughout the year, the \$0.14644/kWh price will remain steady. While savings will fluctuate on a monthly basis due to fluctuations in electricity usage and the nature of JCP&L's tariff price for power supply, the contract is projected to save the typical participating Township resident more than \$100 over the full 18-month contract term with no change to the level of service.*

All residential customers of JCP&L residing in the Township of Manchester who: a) have not previously indicated a desire to be removed from the MCEA program; or b) do not currently have a third-party supply contract, are eligible to be included.

If you do not wish to participate in the program for any reason, you may simply opt out, with no strings or penalties. If you do nothing, you will automatically be enrolled in the program and enjoy the electricity savings. Attached is more detailed information about the MCEA program and the MCEA-Round 4 contract with CNE, as well as information on how to opt out of the program should you not wish to participate. We have also posted MCEA program information on the Township's website at [www.manchestertwp.com](http://www.manchestertwp.com), and program documents may be reviewed in-person by visiting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at Town Hall located at 1 Colonial Drive, Manchester Twp., NJ.

Manchester and Plumsted residents are invited to a Virtual Public Information Session on Tuesday September 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00PM to 7:30PM. The Township's energy consultant, Gabel Associates, will make presentations and will then open up the session to questions from residents. You are encouraged to attend should you have questions. To access the meeting, copy the entire link in the Footnote 1<sup>1</sup> into your phone or computer browser; Meeting ID: 213 181 656 581 3; Passcode: xq2TG9mH. Or call into the meeting at [+1 323-433-2351](tel:+13234332351); [Passcode: 554871106#](tel:+13234332351). Manchester residents are invited to walk into the Manchester Civic Center in the Basement of Manchester Town Hall on Monday October 6<sup>th</sup> between 10am and 4pm and Gabel Associates, the Township's energy consultant, will answer program questions.

The energy aggregation program is only for the energy supply portion of your electric service. The delivery portion will continue to be provided by JCP&L at regulated rates and JCP&L will continue to provide all emergency and safety services. JCP&L will also continue to provide customer services such as meter readings, billing and service restoration. If you are on a JCP&L budget billing plan, you will continue to receive that service. ***Please take the time to read the enclosed materials and familiarize yourself with this program.***

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1. [https://teams.microsoft.com/join%2F19%3Ameeting\\_NiAxMzQxZDgtYjg2OC00NGFjLW15NTEtYjllYjAyMzhjOWMx%40thread.v2%2F0%3Fcontext%3D%257b%2522id%2522%253a%252298a8e6a9-1b0a-441d-b7f9-0ebdf987854f%2522%252c%2522oid%2522%253a%2522ab0984c9-1ade-4911-80df-e297d52590c7%2522%257d%26anon%3Dtrue&type=meetup-join&deeplinkId=8770ac80-c486-4cc6-9714-76096116943f&directDl=true&msLaunch=true&enableMobilePage=true&suppressPrompt=true](https://teams.microsoft.com/join%2F19%3Ameeting_NiAxMzQxZDgtYjg2OC00NGFjLW15NTEtYjllYjAyMzhjOWMx%40thread.v2%2F0%3Fcontext%3D%257b%2522id%2522%253a%252298a8e6a9-1b0a-441d-b7f9-0ebdf987854f%2522%252c%2522oid%2522%253a%2522ab0984c9-1ade-4911-80df-e297d52590c7%2522%257d%26anon%3Dtrue&type=meetup-join&deeplinkId=8770ac80-c486-4cc6-9714-76096116943f&directDl=true&msLaunch=true&enableMobilePage=true&suppressPrompt=true)

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***Please note: If you do not opt-out, you will receive a notice from JCP&L in approximately 30-45 days confirming your switch to Constellation. Again, NO ACTION is required in order to participate in the MEAPC program.***

## Manchester Community Energy Aggregation Program Summary

Constellation New Energy Information:	Constellation NewEnergy (BPU License # ESL-0016) Toll Free Telephone Number: 1- 844-551-8582 Website: <a href="https://www.constellation.com/nj-manchester">https://www.constellation.com/nj-manchester</a> Address: 1310 Point Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21231 Email Address: <a href="mailto:vst@constellation.com">vst@constellation.com</a>
Price Structure:	Non-Variable Price <sup>2</sup>
Generation/Supply Price:	\$0.14644 per kilowatt-hour (kWh)
Statement Regarding Savings:	The contract supply price is below the current average JCP&L tariff supply price of about \$0.154/kwh. Savings, while not guaranteed, are estimated to be more than \$100 over the contract term versus the average JCP&L BGS tariff price for the typical resident. Actual savings will vary monthly due to fluctuations in JCP&L's net price and customer usage. For budget billing details, see footnote below <sup>3</sup>
Amount of Time Required to Change Back to Default Service or Another TPS:	The request to switch out of the MEAPC program will become effective on the next available meter read date in accordance with processes implemented by JCP&L
Incentives:	None
Right to Opt Out / Rescind / Cancel:	<b>IMPORTANT: You will be AUTOMATICALLY ENROLLED enrolled in the MCEA program unless you submit an 'opt-out' request within the 30-day opt-out period, which ends October 10, 2025. If you choose to 'opt out', please sign and return the enclosed postage-paid card, call Constellation NewEnergy ("CNE") toll-free at 1- 844-551-8582 or email <a href="mailto:vst@constellation.com">vst@constellation.com</a> by October 10, 2025. If you do not opt out by October 10, 2025 you will be enrolled; however, you may still leave the MCEA program at any time thereafter</b>  <i>You may also opt out through the Township's Energy Consultant at <a href="http://www.gabelassociates.com/GEA">www.gabelassociates.com/GEA</a> or <a href="mailto:gea-program@gabelassociates.com">gea-program@gabelassociates.com</a>.</i>
Program Start Date:	Service will begin with your November 2025 meter read date
Program Term/Length:	18 months, until your May 2027 meter read date
Cancellation/Early Termination Fees:	None. You can opt out at any time, with no penalty or cancellation fee
Renewal Terms:	No automatic roll-over or renewal. If a new contract is awarded by the Township, you will be notified, provided a new Program Summary, and will again be given the opportunity to participate in the program or opt out. If no new contract is awarded by the Township, program participants will be returned to JCP&L supply service in May 2027.
JCP&L Contact Information:	Toll-Free Telephone Number: 800-662-3115 <b>Telephone Number for Emergencies and Outages: 1-888-544-8477</b>

***Para obtener esta información en Español por favor llame á este numero: 1-844-551-8582***

***Residents receiving this notice who are outside the geographic boundaries of Manchester, please contact CNE to be removed from the program. Manchester residents who do not receive this notice are permitted to join the program any time.***

<sup>2</sup> Supplier cannot vary prices monthly or adjust prices for changed market conditions, or change the rate after an initial 'teaser' period. The contract price can only be changed in the event of a change law or regulation that imposes cost levels on the supplier that were unknown at the time the contract was executed, and that similarly impacts the cost of power supply under the JCP&L tariff.

<sup>3</sup> Equal payment plans (EPP) will be provided to residents who currently have EPP billing with JCP&L. Under budget billing service, CNE will calculate your budgeted amount based on your average electric usage over the prior 12 months. Periodically, CNE will examine your budget and may adjust to more closely match your usage from the previous year. CNE will also conduct a final true-up at the end of the contract - or upon your leaving the program should you 'opt-out' before the end of the 18-month term - to reconcile between the amount of electricity actually used and the amount paid under the plan. The new budget amount may vary from the level of your current budget payment. You will continue to receive a leveled amount from JCP&L for delivery service, and you may experience true-ups with JCP&L during the contract.