



Hamilton Township

Hamilton Township Community Energy Aggregation Program (“HCEA”) Round 2 Program Update August 2020

In March 2019, the Township awarded a contract to Constellation New Energy (“CNE”) for the second round of the Hamilton Community Energy Aggregation (“HCEA”) program. The Township’s contract with CNE under Round 2 of the HCEA program began in June 2019 and will be coming to an end in September 2020. Residents currently participating in the HCEA program will receive a notice from PSE&G in August 2020 and will be transitioned back to utility-provided power supply effective with their September 2020 meter read dates. Starting with your October PSE&G bill, you will notice that CNE power supply charges no longer appear on your bill; in addition to PSE&G delivery service charges, power supply will be assessed at PSE&G’s ‘Basic Generation Service’ tariff price.

Please check back periodically for further updates, and read below for further details.

➤ Background and Details

There have been significant changes in energy markets which have significantly increased the cost of power supply available in the marketplace since the last time the Township went out to bid for the HCEA program in March 2019. Therefore, upon the expiration of the current contract with Constellation New Energy in September 2020, the residents’ interests can be best achieved, at least in the short-term, by allowing residents to return to PSE&G for power supply at the State-regulated tariff price.

The Township assures residents that the transition from Constellation New Energy back to the PSE&G tariff in September will be seamless. This month, PSE&G will send notices to residents informing them that service with Constellation New Energy will be ending effective on your September 2020 meter read date. There is nothing further that residents need to do. Effective on your September meter read, PSE&G will resume as your power supplier. Starting with your October bill, you will notice on your PSE&G bill that

Constellation New Energy power supply charges will be replaced with a line item for PSE&G 'Basic Generation Service' power supply. For those of you who have had a budget billing (equal payment) plan with Constellation New Energy, your September 2020 PSE&G bill will include a final true-up of your budget payments – a credit, if your total budget payments have been greater than the actual amount of electricity consumed during the past 15 months; a charge if your total budget payments have been less than the actual amount of electricity consumed during the past 15 months.

PSE&G has been and will continue to be your local utility responsible for reading your meter and maintaining the reliability of the delivery system. Therefore, there will be no change in day-to-day electric service related to the transition back to PSE&G for power supply.

The Township will be monitoring market conditions and assessing whether it will be in residents' interests to renew the HCEA program in the future.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free reach out to Gabel Associates at HCEA-info@gabelassociates.com.