High Bridge Borough
Hunterdon Area Energy Cooperative (HAEC)
Program Announcement

July 2024

Dear High Bridge Borough Resident:

The Hunterdon Area Energy Cooperative (HAEC) was established in 2018 for the purpose of offering residents reduced electricity supply rates by purchasing electricity in bulk for several municipalities through a Community Energy Aggregation Program.

Community Energy Aggregation is different from other third-party supply contracts and offers protections to you that individual contracts may not offer:

- the program rate is the same from month-to-month
- the ability to leave the program at ANY TIME without penalties or fees

The HAEC originally started with three towns and has grown over the past six years to 18 towns, including High Bridge Borough, spanning five counties. Savings to residents through the HAEC Community Energy Aggregation Program totaled over $1.6 million between March 2019 and December 2021.

I am proud to announce that as a result of the HAEC's recent energy auction on May 22, 2024, the Borough of Califon, as Lead Agency for the cooperative, awarded a 15-month contract to IDT Energy, Inc., beginning in September 2024. Municipalities participating in the HAEC thought it was important to continue offering renewable options in this next round of the CEA program, so in addition to the reduced rate of $0.1119/kWh (referred to as the "Standard Option"), this new CEA program offers residents the option to select 100% Renewable Energy (referred to as the "Green Option") for fractions of a penny more at $0.1176/kWh.

The following pages contain additional information about the HAEC's new CEA program, and we have also scheduled public information sessions so that everyone can learn more and get their questions answered:

Monday, July 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2711774979?pwd=emFtR0lIcGs3RmJwTEJEU0ZwcGVaZz09&omn=82042286366

Monday, July 29, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
High Bridge Firehouse, 7 Maryland Avenue, High Bridge, NJ

In addition, a program video has been posted to the HAEC Program's web page at https://njaggregation.us/haec.

As always, residents can call the HAEC's energy consultants toll free at 866-688-5197 with any questions about the CEA program, to opt-out of the program, and to opt-up to the Green Option.

Sincerely,

Michele I. Lee
Mayor

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

This CEA program's Standard Option offers a reduced rate on the supply portion of your electric bill. The Standard Option rate offered will remain the same throughout the term of the contract and is a non-variable rate. The CEA program rate and JCP&L's prevailing Basic Generation Service (BGS) price to compare will be printed on your bill each month, making it easy for you to compare the two rates.

All current services including delivery, meter readings, billing, payments, emergency services,etc., are provided by JCP&L just as they are today, and you'll continue to receive one bill from JCP&L. You can continue to call JCP&L with billing questions, or you can call IDT Energy. Telephone numbers are provided on the enclosed program summary and on your monthly JCP&L bills.

JCP&L does not generate the electricity provided to consumers through their utility. Utilities purchase the electricity through a statewide auction called the BGS auction, which stands for Basic Generation Service. This is the default service all residents receive if they don't select their own third party supplier. Information about the BGS auction can be found at www.bgs-auction.com.

This CEA program offers protections for residents that are generally not available in individual third party supplier contracts. There are no fees to be a part of this CEA program. You may opt out at any time with no fees or penalties, even after the initial opt-out period. If you opted out and wish to reenroll, you can do so at any time, again at no fee. Budget billing will be offered and details are included on the following page.

There is nothing you need to do to obtain the Standard Option rate. Eligible residents will be automatically enrolled in the program at the Standard Option rate unless they choose to opt in to the Green Option of 100% renewable energy or to opt out. The opt-out feature is a mandate of the state's regulations governing this CEA program; an opt-in program is not available for residential service accounts.

Residents receiving financial assistance for their utility bills will continue to receive that assistance when they enroll in the CEA program.

Residents participating in this CEA program at the end of the term will be notified in writing if the program will be continuing at a new rate for a new term or if accounts will be switched back to the BGS through JCP&L in the event that a new reduced rate can't be offered.

This mailer is sent only to those residents who have not chosen a third party supplier. Residents who already have a third party provider will not automatically be included in the program but can enroll by calling the program's energy consultants at 866-688-5197. Prior to enrolling in the HAEC, you should contact your current third party supplier regarding early termination fees. In addition, solar customers with net meters will not automatically be included in the program.

This CEA program is overseen by the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) and the Division of Rate Counsel through N.J.A.C. 14:4-6 et seq. Your municipality does not receive any monetary benefit for providing this benefit to residents.

All information regarding this program is mailed through the US Postal Service. No one from the CEA program will call you or knock on your door regarding this program. Please be wary of anyone trying to get your utility account information otherwise. For more information, visit https://njaggregation.us/haec.

BUDGET BILLING

If you are currently on Budget Billing with JCP&L, you will automatically be enrolled in Budget Billing in this CEA program through IDT Energy, Inc.

Prior to entering the program, you will receive a reconciliation or "true up" bill from JCP&L. This is to bring your account to zero prior to entering the CEA program.

The reconciliation amount may be substantial depending on how much you are over or under on the budgeted amount, and this reconciliation may come as a charge or a credit on your bill.

This new budget amount will be based on your most current usage history for the last 12 months. After six months in the program, IDT Energy may conduct an adjustment to your monthly budget amount to ensure your budget is in line with your usage.

After three months with the program, IDT Energy will conduct a reconciliation or "true up" to keep the amount of money owed to or by you at a manageable level.

If you choose to leave the program, you will be provided another true up which will bring your account to zero prior to leaving the program.

If a new rate is not offered to program participants at the end of this initial contract term, you will receive a reconciliation or "true up" bill on the last bill. Just as above, this will zero out your account prior to returning to the BGS through JCP&L. The resulting credit or charges *may* be substantial if your usage is significantly lower or higher than the prior year.

If you have a credit against your budgeted amount, meaning you used less energy than budgeted for, your credit will be applied to any future charges on your bill.

Any resulting reconciliation charge or "true up" amount represents your usage over and above the amount you were budgeted for and is not for "extra charges". **We encourage you to track your usage vs. your budgeted amount so you can stay current on your usage and charges.**

If you have questions about budget billing, please call the CEA program's customer care team at 866-688-5197.

PROGRAM DETAILS

How the Program Works: The HAEC obtained an energy supply rate, referred to as the Standard Option, that is lower than what JCP&L is currently charging Basic Generation Service (BGS) customers.[1] The Standard Option offered in this CEA program is a flat rate and is designed to offer a reduced rate without the risk of unexpected rate increases, unlike variable third party supplier contracts. This means the Standard Option rate will remain the same from month to month throughout the term of the contract. The amount of renewable energy included in the Standard Option meets the minimum requirements of NJ's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS).

The HAEC also obtained an energy supply rate for 100% renewable energy, referred to as the Green Option. The rate for the Green Option is slightly higher than the Standard Option rate.[2] Residents wishing to enroll in the Green Option must opt in by completing and returning the enclosed green response card.

Electricity Auction Results: An energy auction for the HAEC's CEA program was held on May 22, 2024, and the results were:

1) a Standard Option program rate of **$0.1119/kWh** offered by IDT Energy, Inc., as compared to JCP&L average Price-to-Compare rate of $0.117824/kWh at the time of the auction. By way of example, if a resident uses 611 kWh in October 2024, their electricity supply charges through the Standard Option of this program would be $68.37 as compared to the $71.99 they would have paid through JCP&L's BGS; and

2) a Green Option program rate of **$0.1176/kWh** offered by IDT Energy, Inc., as compared to JCP&L average Price-to-Compare price of $0.117824/kWh at the time of auction. Using the above example of 611 kWh, the electricity supply charges through the Green Option of this program would be $71.85 as compared to $71.99 through JCP&L's BGS.

The Standard and Green Option program rates go into effect with your **September 2024** meter read and will continue through your **November 2025** meter read. You will see the change in your electricity supplier to IDT Energy and the new program rate on the JCP&L bill you receive in October 2024.

JCP&L will continue to deliver your electricity, and JCP&L will continue to bill for delivery and supply charges, just as they do today. JCP&L will continue to provide all emergency and safety services. JCP&L will also continue to provide customer services such as meter reading, billing[3] and service restoration. You will also continue to only receive one bill from JCP&L, and continue to pay JCP&L.

In accordance with the State's program requirements, as a High Bridge Borough resident who has not chosen a third party supplier for your electric supply, you will be automatically enrolled in this program at the Standard Option rate of $0.1119/kWh and receive the anticipated energy savings **unless you:**

1) **indicate your desire to opt in to the Green Option** at a rate of $0.1176/kWh by completing and mailing the enclosed green response card or calling the program's customer care team toll free at 866-688-5197 by **8/15/24**, **or**

2) **indicate your desire to not participate** by completing and mailing the enclosed opt-out response card by **8/15/24,** by calling 877-292-3904 toll free (please note that wait times may be longer during high call time periods and please have your bill handy), or by visiting https://njaggregation.us/haec.

Once enrolled in CEA program, **you may leave at any time, and you will never incur fees or penalties for leaving or reenrolling in the program.[4] For questions and more detailed information or if you received the mailing in error, please call the CEA program's customer care team toll free at 866-688-5197.**

1 JCP&L rates may increase or decrease during the course of this program, which would affect the anticipated level of customer savings. Savings cannot be guaranteed over the term of the agreement. JCP&L charges can change quarterly and are posted on the web.

2. CEA programs providing electricity supply containing a percentage of class I and class II renewable energy that exceeds the applicable percentage required under the RPS may set a rate for such service that is higher than the utility's BGS price-to-compare (N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.9(g)).

3 Other billing arrangements may apply for customers who do not remain current with their bills.

4 Leaving the program is subject to the timing of meter readings and typically takes 1-2 billing cycles.

IDT Energy, Inc. (IDTE) Third Party Supplier Contract Summary

HUNTERDON AREA ENERGY COOPERATIVE - MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Third Party Supplier Information **By entering into this contract, you are agreeing to purchase your electric supply from this supplier**	**State of New Jersey License Number: ESL-0081 (Electric), GSL-0090 (Gas)** **IDT Energy, Inc., 520 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102** **855-823-9309 - contactus@idtenergy.com - www.IDTEnergy.com** You have chosen IDTE as your third party supplier (TPS). IDTE is not affiliated with your electric distribution company (EDC). IDTE is responsible for the electric supply charges on your bill. These charges will appear on your EDC's bill separate and apart from your EDC's charges for delivering your electricity.
Price Structure	With this Municipal Aggregation Program, your price will be effective starting with your first date of service with IDTE and will remain fixed for all bills issued through your November 2025 Meter Read Date. [1]
Generation/ Supply Price	The supply price you will be charged for the electricity supplied during the Term of the Municipal Aggregation Program will be **$0.1119 per kWh (11.19 cents/kWh).**
Statement Regarding Savings	This price may be higher or lower than the EDC's price in any month. There is no guarantee of savings.
Amount of time required to change from TPS back to default service or to another TPS	If you choose to cancel service and opt-out of this Municipal Aggregation Program to return to your EDC or switch to another TPS, this change will be effective with the next available cycle date in accordance with your EDC's cycle rules, which takes 1 to 2 billing cycles from the submission of the cancellation request.
Incentives	N/A
Right to Cancel/Rescind	This Agreement shall continue until the expiration of the specified term (unless either party provides prior notice of its intent to cancel) and until the EDC completes the termination in accordance with its rules. A customer may opt-out of this Agreement at any time during the 30 calendar days after the postmark on the Opt-Out notice by **calling CUC at 877-292-3904, visiting https://njaggregation.us/haec or returning the enclosed response card to the designated address.**
Contract Start Date	Your account will begin receiving Electric Supply Service from IDTE on the first available billing cycle date, as determined by your EDC, on or after **9/1/2024**.
Contract Term/Length	The Term of this Municipal Aggregation Program will end on or about **11/30/2025.**
Cancellation / Termination Fees	There are no early termination fees associated with this Municipal Aggregation Program.
Renewal Terms	**You will receive notice at least 30 days prior to expiration of the Term advising of your renewal options. You may cancel this agreement at any time without penalty.**
Distribution Company Information	Your EDC will continue to deliver electric to you, you still make payment to your EDC for this service, and you will still call your EDC in the case of an energy related emergency. You may contact your EDC at the information provided below: • JCPL: 1-888-LIGHTSS (544-4877)

[1] Supplier cannot adjust prices monthly for changed market conditions. Prices can only be adjusted to reflect a Change in Law affecting power prices that will also impact the JCP&L power supply tariff. You will be notified in advance of any such change, and will maintain your ability to opt out.

IDT Energía, Inc. (IDTE) Resumen del Contrato de Terceros Proveedor

HUNTERDON AREA CORPORATIVA ENERGETICA – PARTICIPANTES DEL PROGRAMA DE AGREGACION MUNICIPAL

Información de Terceros Proveedor **Al entrar en este contrato, usted acepta comprar su suministro eléctrico a este proveedor.**	**Numero de Licencia del Estado de Nueva Jersey: ESL-0081 (Electric), GSL-0090 (Gas)** **IDT Energy, Inc., 520 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102** **855-823-9309 - contactus@idtenergy.com - www.IDTEnergy.com** Usted ha elegido a IDTE como su tercer proveedor de suministro (TPS). IDTE no está afiliada con su compañía de distribución eléctrica (EDC). IDTE es responsable por los cargos de suministro eléctricos en su factura. Estos cargos aparecerán separados en su EDC factura y aparte de los cargos de distribución de su EDC.
Precio Estructurado	Con este Programa de Agregación Municipal, su precio será efectivo a partir de la primera fecha de servicio con IDTE y permanecerá fija para todas las facturas emitidas a través de su fecha de lectura del contador en noviembre del 2025.[1]
Generación / Precio de Suministro	La tarifa de suministro que se le cobrara por la electricidad durante el término del Programa de Agregación Municipal será **$0.1119 por kW (11.19 cents/kWh).**
Declaración sobre ahorros	Las tarifas pueden ser mayores o menores que la tarifa de su EDC en cualquier mes. No hay garantía de ahorros.
Cantidad de tiempo necesario para cambiar de suplidor al servicio predeterminado o a otro suplidor	Si usted decide cancelar el servicio y optar-no de este Programa de Agregación Municipal para regresar a su EDC o a otro suplidor (TPS), este cambio será efectivo con la siguiente fecha de cicle disponible de acuerdo con las reglas del cicle de su EDC, que toma 1 a 2 ciclos de factura desde la presentación de la solicitud de cancelación.
Incentivos	N/A
Derecho a cancelar /Rescindir	Este acuerdo continuara hasta la expiración del plazo especificado (a menos que una de las partes notifique su intención de cancelar) y hasta que la EDC complete la terminación de conformidad con sus reglas. Un cliente puede optar por no participar en este acuerdo en cualquier momento durante los 30 días calendario posteriores llamando al **CUC at 877-292-3904, visitando https://njaggregation.us/haec o devolver el formulario incluido que desprende a la dirección designada.**
Fecha de inicio de contracto	Su cuenta comenzara a recibir el servicio de suministro eléctrico de IDTE en la primera fecha de ciclo de facturación disponible, según lo determinado por su EDC, en o después de **9/1/2024**.
Termino de contrato/ Duración	Los términos de este Programa de Agregación Municipal terminaran en o después **11/30/2025.**
Cancelación / Cargos de Terminación	No hay cargos de terminación anticipada asociados con este Programa de Agregación Municipal.
Términos de Renovación	**Usted recibirá un aviso dentro de los 30 días previos a la expiración del plazo de asesoramiento de sus opciones de renovación. Usted puede cancelar este acuerdo en cualquier momento sin penalización.**
Información de la compañía de distribución	Su EDC continuara la distribución de electricidad, usted todavía hace el pago a su EDC por este servicio, y usted todavía llamara a su EDC en el caso de una emergencia relacionada con la energía. Puede comunicarse con su EDC a la siguiente información: • JCPL: 1-888-LIGHTSS (544-4877)

[1]El proveedor no puede ajustar los precios mensualmente por las condiciones del mercado. Los precios solo pueden ajustarse para reflejar un Cambio en Ley que afecte los precios de la energía y que también afectaría la tarifa de suministro de energía de JCP&L. Se le notificara por adelantado de cualquier cambio de este tipo y mantendrá su capacidad de exclusión.

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Hunterdon Area Energy Cooperative

Program Opt-Out Reply Card

Opt-Out Instructions

You do not need to take any action to participate in the Hunterdon Area Energy Cooperative

If you do not wish to participate:

1. Sign and date this card; and
2. Return in the Prepaid Reply Envelope

This card must be signed by the customer of record whose name appears in the address on this card. You have 30 days from the postmark of this notification to return the card.

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Signature Date

RESIDENT'S NAME
STREET ADDRESS
CITY, NJ ZIP

☐ I also do NOT wish to participate in any future energy aggregation programs offered by my municipality.

Hunterdon Area Energy Cooperative
Community Energy Aggregation Program
100% Renewable Energy Response Card

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By signing and returning this response card, you are electing to enroll in the Hunterdon Area Energy Cooperative's Community Energy Aggregation program's **100% Renewable Energy Option** at the program rate of $0.1176/kWh.

This card must be signed by the customer address on this card and returned in order to participate. Please return this card by 8/15/2024 to expedite enrollment, or call 866-688-5197, extension 3.

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Signature Date

RESIDENT'S NAME
STREET ADDRESS
CITY, NJ ZIP

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