

## HOW-TO-SIGN UP FOR CLEAN ENERGY

**Q: How Do I Enroll in CTCleanEnergy Options?**

**A:** It takes 2 steps and 30-60 minutes to sign up online.

**\*For every 100 Avon households that sign up, the Town is eligible to receive a free solar panel for clean energy system use at Avon Middle School.**

**Step 1: Choose an Electric Generation Supplier.** This could save you up to .010 cents per Kwh. For example, ConEdison charges .084 cents per Kwh, compared to CL&P charges of .094 cents per Kwh.<sup>i</sup>

- Go to <http://ctenergyinfo.com/>. Select "Choose An Electric Supplier"
- Compare Generation Offers
- Factors to consider
  - Generation rates per Kwh
  - Variable or fixed rate
- Sign up online. Use SAMPLE CL&P Bill for help with locating your account numbers.

[http://www.ctenergyinfo.com/view\\_sample\\_bill.htm?view=clp\\_res](http://www.ctenergyinfo.com/view_sample_bill.htm?view=clp_res).

Suppliers and Aggregators List

Company <small>(click logo to contact)</small>	Offered To	Cancellation Fee	Price Plan	Fuel Mix <small>(learn more)</small>	GSC Rate/kWh	CL&P GSC Cost/Month
	CL&P Residential Customers	None	Fixed to 12/31/11	15% Renewable	\$0.09482	\$71.12

  

Compare Generation Service Charge (GSC) Offers						
Company <small>(click logo to contact)</small>	Offered To	Cancellation Fee	Price Plan	Fuel Mix <small>(learn more)</small>	GSC Rate/kWh	Estimated Monthly Savings*
	CL&P Residential Customers	None	Fixed price through 11/30/11.	15% Renewable	\$0.0798	<b>\$11.27</b>
	New residential customers who enroll in September guaranteed this introductory rate for 1st month.	None	Variable	30% Renewable	\$0.0809	<b>\$10.43</b>
	CL&P Residential Customers	None	Fixed price through 8/31/12.	15% Renewable	\$0.0839	<b>\$8.19</b>
	CL&P Residential Customers	None	Variable	15% Renewable	\$0.0842	<b>\$8.00</b>
	CL&P Residential Customers	None	1-year fixed	15% Renewable	\$0.0849	<b>\$7.44</b>
	CL&P Residential Customers	None	1-year fixed	15% Renewable	\$0.0850	<b>\$7.36</b>

**Step 2: Choose a CTCleanEnergyOption Supplier.** Apply savings from Step 1 to pay for Clean Energy Supplier.

- Go to: <http://www.ctcleanenergyoptions.com/>. Select "Your Options/Compare Costs." There are two choices: Sterling Planet and Community Energy.
- Choose between 100% or 50% - allowing you to choose clean energy offering in an amount that represents either all or half your usage each month.
- Sign up online Use SAMPLE CL&P Bill for help with locating your account numbers.

YOUR OPTIONS					
Sterling Planet					
Offerings	Wind Northeast	Wind National	Small Hydroelectric Connecticut	Small Hydroelectric New England	Additional \$ per kWh
CT Clean Choice™100%	35%	50%	5%	10%	1.10¢ kWh
CT Clean Choice™50%	35%	50%	5%	10%	0.55¢ kWh

  

Community Energy					
Offerings	Wind Northeast	Wind National	Small Hydroelectric New England	Additional \$ per kWh	
Community Energy 100%	33%	33%	34%	1.3¢ kWh	
Community Energy 50%	33%	33%	34%	0.65¢ kWh	

When you choose one of these products, you are choosing to support familiar clean energy technologies such as wind and small low-impact hydroelectric power.

Both companies have a 100% and a 50% option, allowing you to choose a clean energy offering in an amount that represents either all or half your usage each month. Businesses in certain rate classes may also be able to choose 10%, 20%, 35% and 40% options; contact the clean energy suppliers for more details.

For descriptions of the companies and their products, choose a company below.

Community Energy
Sterling Planet

<sup>i</sup> Electric generation rates reflect prices effective September 16, 2011. Rates are not guaranteed and subject to change according to terms and conditions of Electric Generation Supplier.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS<sup>i</sup>

### **Q: What is CTCleanEnergyOptions**

A: CTCleanEnergyOptions is a CT Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) approved program that allows any CL&P or UI customer the opportunity to support clean energy made from approved renewable resources such as wind, solar and small hydro. The two clean energy companies are licensed by DPUC and have been selected through a competitive bid process.

**You want to be GREEN? Then sign up to support clean energy by participating in CTCleanEnergyOptions. By participating in CTCleanEnergyOptions program you are making an "economic statement" regarding your willingness to support the higher cost of producing electricity from Clean Energy sources. This economic support shows that customers are willing to support the investment necessary to build more clean energy generation in the future.**

### **Q: If I Enroll in CTCleanEnergyOptions, What Happens to My Current Electricity?**

A: Nothing will change about the delivery of your electricity or billing. CL&P or UI will continue to deliver safe, reliable electricity to your home, send your monthly electric bill and restore your electricity during a power outage. CL&P is still responsible for maintaining the poles and wires and providing repairs and restorations after storms.

You will continue to receive one monthly bill from CL&P or UI. The clean energy option that you select will appear on your monthly bill as a separate line item. The clean energy company's price will be based upon the price that they provided to you.

### **Q: Will My Electric Costs Increase by Participating in CTCleanEnergyOptions Program?**

A: Yes but the cost can be offset by savings obtained through use of more competitive Electric Generation Suppliers.

### **Q: What is an Electric Generation Supplier?**

A: An Electric Generation Supplier is your utility or competitive supplier that delivers electrical energy to the electric grid. Your electric bill shows that there are charges for:

- Generation – choose from various competitive suppliers (if you do not choose, you receive default service from CL&P or UI)
- Transmission & Delivery - provided automatically by CL&P or UI
- CTCleanEnergyOptions – a voluntary program to offset all or half of your electricity usage by selecting Community Energy or Sterling Planet

On average, Connecticut households use about 700 kWh (kilowatt hours) of electricity per month. Therefore, a typical residential customer who signs up for the 100% CleanEnergyOption would pay approximately \$9.00 more a month and those who choose the 50% option would pay approximately \$4.50 more a month.

But, the increased costs could be offset by selecting a more competitive Electric Generation Supplier. Participation in the CTCleanEnergyOption program is a WIN-WIN because

- By selecting a more competitive Electric Generation Supplier, there will be no difference to your monthly electrical bill; and
- Your participation produces immediate environmental benefit because electricity produced from clean sources reduces the amount of electricity that would otherwise be generated from nuclear, coal, oil and natural gas-fired plants.

### **Q: When I sign up for CTCleanEnergyOptions, is the power coming to my house from renewable resources?**

A: No. CT Clean Energy Options is a program that supports clean, renewable energy produced from natural means such as wind, water and other sources. By signing up to participate, you are supporting the development of renewable energy. Electricity delivered to homes in Connecticut is derived from an electric grid that includes a mix of both traditional and renewable sources.

<sup>i</sup> FAQ material was obtained and reprinted from the CTCleanEnergyOptions <http://www.ctcleanenergy.com/>; CT Light and Power [http://www.cl-p.com/FAQ/Clean\\_Energy\\_Options/](http://www.cl-p.com/FAQ/Clean_Energy_Options/).