

Exhibit I – Historical Overview

1. Creation of Community Power Aggregation Committee

The Litchfield Energy Committee was charged with investigating Community Power for the Town by the Board of Selectmen on July 24, 2023. The Board of Selectmen signed an MOU to work with the community power (municipal aggregation) consulting team from Standard Power on July 28, 2023 for the purposes of developing a Community Power Program and Plan with public input.

The Committee held their first meeting on August 10, 2023, and decided to meet every other week in order to explore the possibility of preparing a Plan with public input in time for Town meeting in 2024.

2. Creation of a Draft Plan with public hearings

An online community survey was released on the Town's website on October 16, 2023 and advertised on posters and through social media. Paper copies were also made available at the Town offices and Library. The deadline for survey responses was set for November 10, 2023 with the possibility of extending the deadline if warranted.

The Committee reviewed a template draft Plan created by Standard Power based on the requirements of RSA 53-E, and customized it to include local goals, community survey results, and all public input.

Public Hearings were held November 28, 2023 in the Community Room at the Fire Station and on December 4 in the Town Offices meeting room. A slide presentation was presented by a representative from Standard Power and then public input was taken and questions answered. The meetings were live broadcast by LCTV.

3. Draft Plan: Public Hearings & Comments

The draft Plan was posted on the Town website on November 17, 2023, at <https://litchfieldnh.gov/energy-committee/>.

4. Approval of Plan by Community Power Aggregation Committee

The Committee met and voted to approve the Plan on December 13, 2023.

5. Adoption of Plan by Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting

The Board of Selectmen approved the Community Power Aggregation Plan [expected] December 21, 2023, excerpt below and full minutes available here:

Town meeting was held on March 12, 2023, and a Warrant Article regarding approval of Litchfield Community Power Aggregation Plan will be voted on.

6. Submission of Final Plan to Public Utilities Commission

The Plan was submitted to the PUC and all required parties on January 17, 2024.

Exhibit II - Education & Outreach Plan

The following describes the Town’s Education & Outreach plan to fully inform and educate potential participants about their opportunities, options and rights for participation in the Program. Once enrolled, participants can exit the program subject to reasonable notice to the distribution utility and may only occur after the next meter read, consistent with PUC 2204.05(g).

The costs and implementation of the Education/Outreach Plan will be handled by the Community Power Consultant, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen or their designee.

1. Program Launch

The Town has prepared a preliminary marketing plan and timeline that identifies the steps the Town may take to implement the broad-based public education efforts and send out the opt-out notification (Customer Notification Letters). The schedule is designed to work towards the estimated date when the Customer Notification Letters are scheduled to arrive in retail electric customer’s mailboxes. The dates may be adjusted to ensure compliance with the minimum written notification timelines for the date of commencement of service to the Public Utilities Commission, the Office of Consumer Advocate, and the Department of Energy per PUC 2204.04.

Action	From estimated date Customer Notification Documents arrive in customer mailboxes	
	Days before	Days after
A. Create or Update Webpage and shopping comparison websites	15	-
B. Work with local media resources	15	30
C. Active social media outreach	15	30
D. Initial person presentations	15	30
E. Distribute marketing materials	15	30
F. Customer help line	15	Ongoing
G. Mail postcard to all Eligible Customers	5	-
H. Customer Notification Letters arrive	0	0

1.A. Create or Update Webpage and shopping comparison websites

Timeframe: Shortly after signing the ESA (~15 days before the estimated date that the Customer Notification Letters arrive).

The Program will maintain an informational webpage with features that include Program details, an online savings calculator and enrollment, opt-up and opt-out forms for the convenience of participants. The Program page will be maintained on the Town's website. After executing an ESA, the Program will update the Program page with a description of the Program and its products, the implications to the Town, and the rights and responsibilities that the participants will have under the Program.

The shopping comparison website is maintained by the Department of Energy to enable consumers to shop for electricity supply products. The Program will post its product information for residential and small commercial customers on the shopping comparison website. Such information will be posted on the website in advance of mailing the Customer Notification Letters.

1.B. Press Release and Work with Local Media Resources

Timeframe: 15 days before to 30 days after the estimated date that the Customer Notification Letters arrive.

The Town will develop press releases to provide to local media resources, including newspapers and public access TV

- Area Newspapers: The Town will work with the local newspapers and newsletter to disseminate accurate and timely information about the Program.
- Recordings and Local Public Access Television: The Town Board of Selectmen and Committee meetings are not broadcast. The Town may choose to record presentations about the program and PSAs for upcoming public meetings and community events.
- Municipal Staff Interviews: Develop Q&A Scripts and prepare municipal staff or volunteers for interviews.

1.C. Active Social Media Outreach

Timeframe: 15 days before to 30 days after the estimated date that the Customer Notification Letters arrives.

Boost all traditional media coverage on social media platforms, with the goal of driving traffic to the Program webpage. In concert with the communication leads of the Town, develop a campaign of planned tweets and Facebook posts, timed to coincide with important milestones in order to keep ratepayers informed, particularly those that may not interact with traditional media on a regular basis. Draft content and graphics to accompany the posts, to be made by Town staff. These accounts may include the official Town Facebook page. Draft responses to comments and questions and utilize social media as a critical tool in engaging with members of the community.

1.D. Public Presentation

Timeframe: 15 days before to 30 days after the estimated date that the Customer Notification Letters arrive. This will include, as required in RSA 53:E-7, a public information meeting within 15 days of the mailing of the Customer Notification Letters.

- *Local Groups*: Connect with local groups and associations to see if representatives of the Town can participate in an upcoming meeting or offer to host a dedicated event. Seek their assistance in identifying how to best connect with customers with limited-English capabilities or disabilities that may prevent them from accessing Program information. Some of the Community-based groups identified to date which the Town may choose to work with include: [add detail] [Inset local groups to connect with].

Reaching the business community will be important. Presenting to the Chamber of Commerce can start this dialogue and lead to additional outreach to and connection with businesses.

- *Board of Selectmen Meetings*: Present or provide materials for the Board of Selectmen meetings and any constituent meeting they may have.

1.E. Distribute marketing materials

Timeframe: 15 days before to 30 days after the estimated date that the Customer Notification Letters arrive.

Many groups may have a natural interest in promoting awareness about the Program and can be provided with electronic and hard-copy materials with reference information for the Program.

Distribute in key locations, such as Municipal Offices and Public Libraries.

1.F. Customer Help Line

Timeframe: At least 15 days before the estimated date that the Customer Notification Letters arrives and ongoing thereafter.

Establish customer helplines with the Competitive Supplier and Community Power Consultant to answer customer inquiries.

1.G. Mail Postcard to all Eligible Customers

Timeframe: 5 days before the estimated date that the Customer Notification Letters arrives.

A postcard with municipal branding establishes that there is a community-sponsored Program and increases the likelihood that recipient engages with the more detailed Customer Notification Letters.

1.H. Customer Notification Letters arrive

The Customer Notification Letters will be sent via standard mail to the billing address of each retail electric customer per **Section VI.b.ii** of the Plan. The Program will have two versions of this letter, one for Eligible Customers and one for other customers. The

Competitive Supplier shall bear all expenses regarding the Customer Notification Letters.

1.H.i. Customer Notification Letter for Eligible Customers

Per Section III.b of the Plan, all retail electric customers receiving Default Service supply will be eligible for automatic enrollment in the Program (Eligible Customers). The notification envelope will be designed to appear as an official Town communication and it will be clearly marked as containing time sensitive information related to the Program. The notification will contain a letter describing the Program.

The letter will inform Eligible Customers:

- a) about the Program, implications to the Town, and provide information regarding participation and participants' responsibilities and rights;
- b) that they have the right to opt-out of the Program without penalty, subject to reasonable notice to the distribution utility and may only occur after the next meter read;
- c) of all charges, prominently stated, with a comparison of price and primary terms of the Competitive Supplier and the current Default Service offering;
- d) that any savings under the Program compared to Default Service cannot be guaranteed because the Default Service rate is subject to changes
- e) about the opt-out process; and
- f) in languages other than English for appropriate customer groups (i.e. toll-free telephone number).

The letter will also contain an opt-out reply card with a simple check off and signature line for eligible customers who do not wish to participate. The envelope will be pre-stamped for return of the opt-out reply card in order to protect customer privacy.

Eligible customers will have 33 days from the date of the mailing to mail back the opt-out card in a pre-addressed postage-paid envelope and the customer notification shall identify the specific date by which the envelopes containing the opt-out card must be postmarked. Automatic enrollment of customers will not start until three days after the date specified for the postmark of the return envelopes to allow for receipt of the opt-out cards prior to the start of automatic enrollments. New Eligible Customers will be enrolled in the Program in accordance with applicable Local Distributor Company rules. Upon initiation of service, these new Eligible Customers will receive the same customer information as all other Eligible Customers.

1.H.ii. Customer Notification Letter for Other Customers

The Customer Notification Letter for other customers will, at a minimum, contain a description of the Program, the implications to the Town, and instructions for how to enroll in any of the Program products if desired.

2. Ongoing Outreach and Education

The Town intends to continue outreach and education for customers after enrollment in the Program. The costs and implementation will be handled by the Community Power Consultant, under the direction of the Town. These efforts will include:

- **Program impact:** Key metrics relating to cost performance, renewable energy purchases and program enrollment. Particularly as the program accomplishments relate to progress towards the Town’s ambitious short- and long- term goals for renewable energy and greenhouse gas emission reduction. This will also include the Energy Source Disclosure labels for the electricity supply.
- **Opt up campaigns:** On-going campaigns to recruit participation into its optional product(s) that contain more renewable energy than required by law (“Opt up campaigns”). Increasing participation in these products will serve the Town’s goals to expand new renewable energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Customer awareness:** Rights, responsibilities and procedures for Program participants; contact information for customer inquiries, responses to frequently asked questions, and details regarding the Program’s electric supply and renewable attributes.
- **Public input:** As the program considers changes to further its progress toward a 100% renewable future and other goals, Town will manage outreach to solicit input and feedback from the community.
- **Program changes and evolution:** Any changes in offerings and prices, which will be posted on the Program website that is linked to the website of the Town.

The program will utilize similar mediums for on-going education and outreach as for the initial launch education and outreach, including but not limited to: social media, traditional media, in-person meetings and presentations, outreach to local groups, video, and mail.

Translation of all materials will be provided as necessary to reach communities with limited English proficiency.

3. Approach to Overall Education & Outreach

3.A. Outreach to Persons with Limited English Proficiency or Disabilities

The Program will be consistent with Town policies to provide access to Program materials for all Eligible Customers. Materials will be provided in English, and translation of materials will be provided as such needs are identified. Outreach efforts will be communicated in print and audio formats to provide access to both the hearing and visually impaired. The Program will also work with local organizations on accessibility issues as needed, see Section 1.D, above.

Exhibit III - Data Protection Plan

I. Introduction

The Town of Litchfield (the “Municipality”) is developing a Community Power program (the “Program”), pursuant to RSA 53-E. A municipality that implements such a program is known as an aggregator (“Aggregator”). RSA 363:38 and PUC 2004.19 require that service providers, including Aggregators, protect individual and confidential customer data (“Individual Customer Data”). Individual Customer Data, as defined in RSA 363:38 and expanded in PUC 2004.19, means information that is collected as part of providing electric services to a customer that can identify, singly or in combination, that specific customer, and includes the customer name, address, and account number and the quantity, characteristics, or time of consumption by the customer, and also includes specific customer payment, financial, banking, and credit information. Further, Aggregators must only use Individual Customer Data for the Program’s primary purpose, which may include 1) providing or billing for electric service, 2) meeting electric system, electric grid, or other operational needs, and 3) researching, developing and implementing new rate structures or demand response, customer assistance, energy management or energy efficiency programs. This Data Protection Plan was developed to ensure that Individual Customer Data obtained as part of operation of the Program will be protected from disclosure and/or inappropriate use.

II. Elements of the Plan

1. Access to Customer Data

As part of the Program, Standard Power of America, Inc., other aggregation consultants, if any, local designees of the Municipality, and competitive electricity suppliers selected to provide electricity for the Program (collectively, “Data Administrators”) will receive access to certain information on file with a customer’s local distribution company (“LDC”), including, among other things, the customer’s name, mailing address, and energy usage history (“Customer Data”). In particular, depending on the status of implementation of the Program, LDC(s) may provide four types of Customer Data to Data Administrators: a) aggregated customer data, b) eligible customer data, c) retail electric customer contact information, and d) enrolled customer information. Each type of Customer Data is described more fully below.

- a. Aggregated Customer Data – contains certain information for all electric customers within a municipality, aggregated by rate class or other grouping. This may include data such as the number of customers by rate class, counts of customers participating in net energy metering by rate class, counts of customers participating in electric assistance program by rate class, the aggregated energy (kWh) for electricity consumption by month for the past 12 months or more by rate class, and revenue, receipts and past-due accounts receivable.

b. Eligible Customer Data – contains certain information for each electricity customer currently receiving utility-provided default service within a municipality. This may include data such as capacity tags for current, prior and next power years, energy (kWh) for electricity consumption for the past 12 months or more, meter reading cycle, whether such customer net meters and under which terms, and group net metering data including whether such customer is a group net metering host or member of a net metering group, whether a group net metering customer-generator operates as a low-moderate income community solar project, the size of any such net metered generation and the year and month it was placed into service.

c. Retail Electric Customer Contact Information – comprises certain customer contact information for the provision of Program communications, such as Customer Notification Letters to retail electric customers. This may include such data as the customer of record's name, mailing address, account number, meter number, rate class, and email address.

d. Enrolled Customer Data – contains certain information for all individual customers who elected not to opt-out of the Program during the opt-out period. This may include such data as Name of customer and customer contact, Mailing address, Service address, Account number and related meter numbers, Name key, Contact information such as phone numbers, email address, Billing account number, Preferred billing and communication method, Billing cycle, Meter read date or cycle, Form or type of meter reading, Capacity tag information for past two years, current power year and forecasted next power year, Most recent 24 months of usage data, Current and historic status of net metering, distributed generation, Preferred billing and communication method, payment plans and electric assistance program participation, and Rate class.

2. Data Security

All Customer Data that is not anonymized (i.e. presented or aggregated in such a way that removes information that can be used to identify the individual customer that it pertains to, such that it does not constitute individual customer data as defined by RSA 363:37, I or PUC 2002.09) shall be considered Individual Customer Data.

Data Administrators will utilize industry standard physical, technical, and administrative controls and procedures to safeguard Individual Customer Data collected as part of the Program and to prevent unauthorized or accidental access, destruction, loss, alteration, or disclosure of, to protect against anticipated threats or hazards to the security, confidentiality, or integrity of, and to permit only the appropriate use of, such customer information.

To protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of Individual Customer Data, Data Administrators will utilize a variety of industry standard physical and logical access controls, firewalls, password protections, intrusion detection/prevention systems, network and database monitoring, and backup systems. These systems will be designed to cover all networks, servers, computers, notebooks, laptops, PDAs, mobile phones, or other devices that contain Individual Customer Data, or through which Individual Customer Data is made available.

Data Administrators will limit access to Individual Customer Data to those persons and entities having a specific business purpose for maintaining and processing such information. Those granted access to Individual Customer Data will be trained on their responsibilities to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of such information.

Data Administrators will work cooperatively with the LDC(s), as necessary, to implement this Data Protection Plan, and will at a minimum, implement the following actions:

- a. Conduct a risk assessment to identify and assess reasonably foreseeable internal and external risks to the security, confidentiality, and integrity of electronic, paper, and other records containing Individual Customer Data and evaluate and improve, where necessary, the effectiveness of their safeguards for limiting those internal and external risks;
- b. Timely notify the LDC(s) of any important modifications of this Data Protection Plan within a reasonable amount of time;
- c. Review and, as appropriate, revise this Data Protection Plan: (i) at least annually or whenever there is a material change in their business practices that may reasonably affect the security or integrity of Customer Data; (ii) in accordance with prevailing industry practices and applicable law; and (iii) as reasonably requested by the LDC(s). If the Data Administrators modify this Data Protection Plan following such a review, the Data Administrators will promptly notify the LDC(s) of such modifications and will provide the modifications to the LDC(s) in writing upon a LDC's request. The Data Administrators will at no time alter or modify this Data Protection Plan in such a way that will weaken or compromise the confidentiality, security, or integrity of Individual Customer Data;
- d. Maintain and enforce this Data Protection Plan in all locations where Individual Customer Data is processed by the Data Administrators;
- e. Conduct security testing using a third party to provide monitoring penetration and intrusion testing with respect to each Data Administrator's systems and promptly provide a copy of the results to the LDC(s), provided that the third party may redact IP addresses and other client names and information;
- f. Provide annual security awareness training to all individuals having access to Individual Customer Data and maintain a record of such training; and

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- g. Implement a standard process for identifying, assessing, and mitigating security risks.

3. Confidentiality

Data Administrators will not sell Individual Customer Data to others unless such sale is specifically authorized by the customer, or is required by law or court order. Data Administrators will not share, disclose, or provide Individual Customer Data to others, including their affiliates, unless such disclosure or provision is required to operate the Program (i.e., the Program’s “primary purpose”, per RSA 363:38), is specifically authorized by the customer, or is required by law or court order. If Data Administrators request customer authorization to disclose Individual Customer Data, Data Administrators will first describe to the customer the information they intend to release and provide details concerning the recipient of such information.

Data Administrators will hold all Individual Customer Data in strict confidence and except as otherwise needed for provision of the Program, required by law, or permitted as below, (a) not disclose Individual Customer Data to any other person or entity (including but not limited to subcontractors and affiliates or members of Data Administrators); (b) not process Individual Customer Data outside of the United States; (c) not process Individual Customer Data other than in connection with the Program; (d) not process Individual Customer Data for any marketing purposes other than in connection with the Program; (e) limit reproduction of Individual Customer Data to the extent required for the Program; (f) store Individual Customer Data in a secure fashion at a secure location in the United States that is not accessible to any person or entity not authorized to receive the Individual Customer Data; and (g) otherwise use at least the same degree of care to avoid publication or dissemination of the Individual Customer Data as Data Administrators employ (or would employ) with respect to their own confidential information that they do not (or would not) desire to have published or disseminated, but in no event less than reasonable care.

4. Disclosure of Individual Customer Data

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3 above, the Data Administrators may disclose Individual Customer Data to their representatives who have a legitimate need to know or use such Individual Customer Data for the sole and limited purposes of administering and/or conducting the Program. Such representatives will first be advised of the sensitive and confidential nature of such Individual Customer Data and agree to comply with the provisions of this Data Protection Plan. Pursuant to PUC 200.19, Data Administrators may also provide Individual Customer Data to third parties for the purposes of 1) billing for electric service, 2) meeting electric system, electric grid, or other operational needs, and 3) implementing demand response, customer assistance, energy management or energy efficiency programs. Any such third parties will be required by contract to comply with the provisions of this Data Protection Plan.

In the event that Data Administrators or any of their representatives receive notice that they have, will, or may become compelled, pursuant to applicable law or regulation or legal process, to disclose any Individual Customer Data (whether by receipt of oral questions, interrogatories, requests for information or documents in legal proceedings, subpoenas, civil investigative demands, other similar processes or otherwise), Data Administrators will, except to the extent prohibited by law, immediately notify the LDC(s), orally and in writing, of the pending or threatened compulsion. To the extent lawfully allowable, the LDC(s) will have the right to consult with the Data Administrators and the parties will cooperate, in advance of any disclosure, to undertake any lawfully permissible steps to reduce and/or minimize the extent of Individual Customer Data that must be disclosed. The LDC(s) will also have the right to seek an appropriate protective order or other remedy reducing and/or minimizing the extent of Individual Customer Data that must be disclosed.

Data Administrators and their representatives will disclose only such Individual Customer Data which they are advised by legal counsel that they are legally required to disclose in order to comply with such applicable law or regulation or legal process (as such may be affected by any protective order or other remedy obtained by LDC) and Data Administrators and their representatives will use all reasonable efforts to ensure that all Individual Customer Data that is so disclosed will be accorded confidential treatment.

5. Return/Destruction of Individual Customer Data

Upon the expiration of the Program, or as otherwise required by law or Commission order, the Data Administrators will destroy all copies of any Individual Customer Data (including any and all extracts, compilations, studies or other documents based upon, derived from or containing Individual Customer Data) within their or their representatives' possession (including destroying Individual Customer Data from all systems, records, archives and backups), and all subsequent use and processing of the Individual Customer Data by the Data Administrators and their representatives will cease.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Data Administrators and their representatives will not erase Individual Customer Data contained in an archived computer system backup maintained in accordance with their respective security or disaster recovery procedures. The Data Administrators will not provide access to or recovery of Individual Customer Data from such computer backup system and will keep all such Individual Customer Data confidential in accordance with this Data Protection Plan.

6. Data Security Incidents

The Data Administrators are responsible for any and all security incidents involving Individual Customer Data that is processed as part of the Program. The Data

Administrators will notify the LDC(s) in writing immediately (and in any event within twenty-four (24) hours) whenever the Data Administrators reasonably believe that there has been a data security incident involving Individual Customer Data. After providing such notice, the Data Administrators will investigate the incident, and immediately take all necessary steps to eliminate or contain any exposure of Individual Customer Data. The Data Administrators will provide the LDC(s) with reasonable assistance and cooperation in the furtherance of any correction, remediation, or investigation of any such data security incidents and/or the mitigation of any damage, including any notification required by law or that LDC(s) may determine appropriate to send to individuals impacted or potentially impacted by such data security incident(s), and/or the provision of any credit reporting service required by law or that LDC(s) deems appropriate to provide to such individuals.

Unless required by law, the Data Administrators will not notify any individual or any third party other than law enforcement of any potential data security incidents involving Individual Customer Data without first consulting with, and obtaining the permission of, the LDC(s). Within 30 days of identifying or being informed of a data security incident, the Data Administrators will develop and execute a plan, with the cooperation of the LDC(s), which reduces the likelihood of a recurrence of such data security incident(s).

7. Additional Protections

The Data Administrators will comply with all applicable privacy and security laws to which it is subject, including this Data Protection Plan.

The Data Administrators will safely secure and/or encrypt all Individual Customer Data during storage and transmission.

The Data Administrators will have in place appropriate and reasonable processes and systems, including this Data Protection Plan, to protect the security of Individual Customer Data and to prevent a data security incident, including, without limitation, a breach resulting from or arising out of the Data Administrators' internal use, processing, or other transmission of Individual Customer Data, whether between or among their representatives, subsidiaries and affiliates, or any other person or entity acting on behalf of the Data Administrators.

The Data Administrators will work cooperatively with the LDC(s) to implement this Data Protection Plan, including: establishing policies and procedures to provide reasonable and prompt assistance to LDC(s) in responding to any and all requests, complaints, or other communications received from any individual who is or may be the subject of a data security incident involving Customer Data to the extent such request, complaint or other communication relates to the Data Administrators' processing of such individual's Individual Customer Data; and establishing policies

and procedures to provide all reasonable and prompt assistance to LDC(s) in responding to any and all requests, complaints, or other communications received from any individual, government, government agency, regulatory authority, or other entity that has or may have an interest in the Individual Customer Data, data theft or other unauthorized release of Individual Customer Data, disclosure of Individual Customer Data, or misuse of Individual Customer Data to the extent such request, complaint or other communication relates to Data Administrators' processing of such individual's Individual Customer Data.

8. Use of Individual Customer Data

The Data Administrators will only use Individual Customer Data for the primary purposes, as defined in RSA 363:37, which may include 1) providing or billing for electric service, 2) meeting electric system, electric grid, or other operational needs, and 3) researching, developing and implementing new rate structures or demand response, customer assistance, energy management or energy efficiency programs.

II. Conclusion

The Data Protection Plan meets all of the requirements of RSA 363:38, RSA 363:37 and PUC 2004.19.

Exhibit IV - Community Survey Results

The Litchfield Community Power Survey was released on the Town’s website and Facebook page, advertised on flyers, and paper copies were printed and shared at Town offices, the library, and the recycling center. 225 responses were received and are compiled here by the Town’s Community Power consultant Standard Power, with implications for next steps for Litchfield’s Community Power Program.

Litchfield Community Power Survey

This survey was created by Standard Power to assess the needs and interests of the community to design a Community Power program in Litchfield. Community Power allows towns to choose where their electricity comes from on behalf of residents and businesses with the goal of reducing electric bills and increasing independence and energy options. The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete, and all responses are anonymous.

Q1. Is your HOME or BUSINESS located in Litchfield? If both, please complete the survey as a resident first, then return to complete a separate survey for your business.

- Home
- Business

Q2. Do you have solar panels?

- Yes
- No
- Plan to build

Eversource is our primary electric utility, providing emergency services, poles and wires and billing services. This will not change with Community Power. Eversource also provides default electricity supply for most of our community members. This will change with Community Power.

Q3. Who is your electricity supplier?

- Eversource
- Other Supplier (third party supplier)
- I don't know

Q4. Litchfield is considering Community Power due to volatile and increasing electric costs. What would you want the Community Power program to bring to our community? Check all that apply:

- Local control over energy costs
- Lower energy bills
- Increased renewable energy
- Consumers protections
- Local Jobs
- Increased knowledge about energy and how to reduce costs
- Other (please specify) _____

Q5. Are you interested in adding extra renewable energy in our electricity supply?

- I would like extra renewable energy, if I can still pay about the same as I pay today
- I would like extra renewable energy and I'm willing to pay a little more than I pay today
- I would like all (100%) renewable energy and I am willing to pay more
- No, I would not like more renewable energy.
- I would like the lowest cost energy available

Q6. We will provide updates about this program. How would you like to be updated on this program? Check all that apply:

- Mail
- Print Media (e.g. Union Leader)
- Town Website/Facebook page
- Outreach and Organizations
- Email

Q7. Have you implemented any of the following energy efficiency steps at your home or business? Check all that apply:

- Performed an energy audit
- Improved insulation (walls, ceilings, attics, and/or basements)
- Purchased energy efficient appliances
- Installed LED lightbulbs
- Installed energy efficient windows
- Installed programmable thermostat
- Purchased electric vehicle
- Other (please specify) _____
- None of the Above/ I prefer not to answer

Q8. Which of the following best describes you?

- I rent my home
- I own my home
- Other (please specify) _____
- I prefer not to answer

Q9. Which best matches your age?

- 18-40
- 41-65
- Over 65
- I prefer not to answer

Q10. Which best matches your monthly electric bill cost?

- Under \$100
- \$100 to \$250
- \$251 to \$400
- Over \$400
- I prefer not to answer

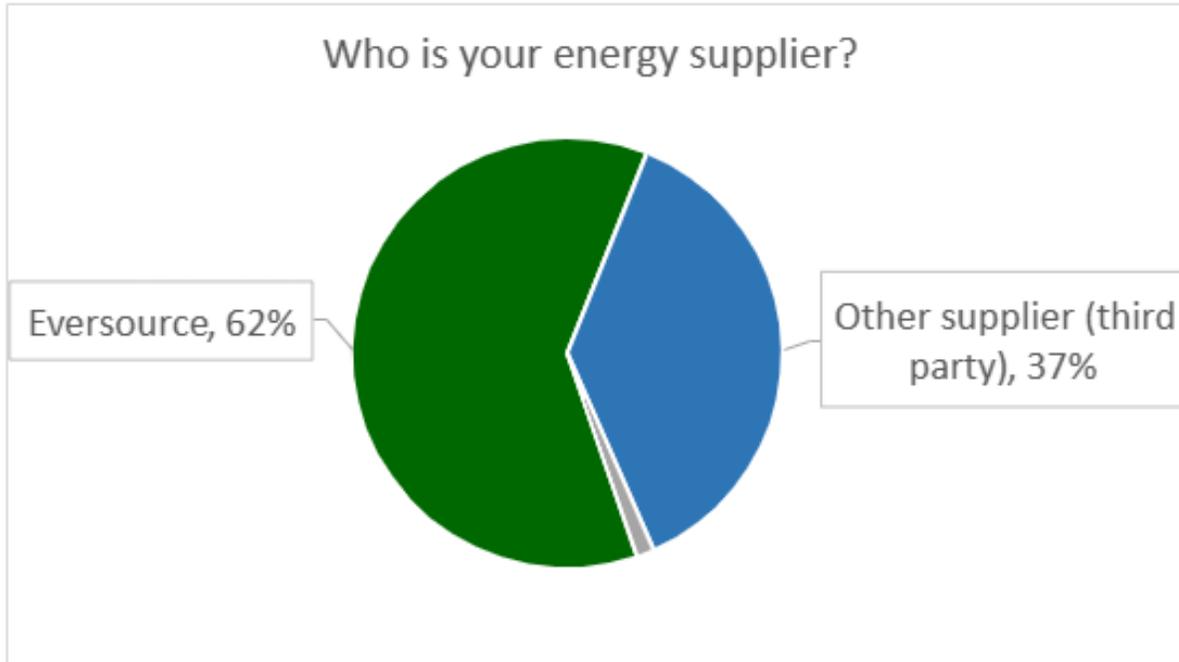
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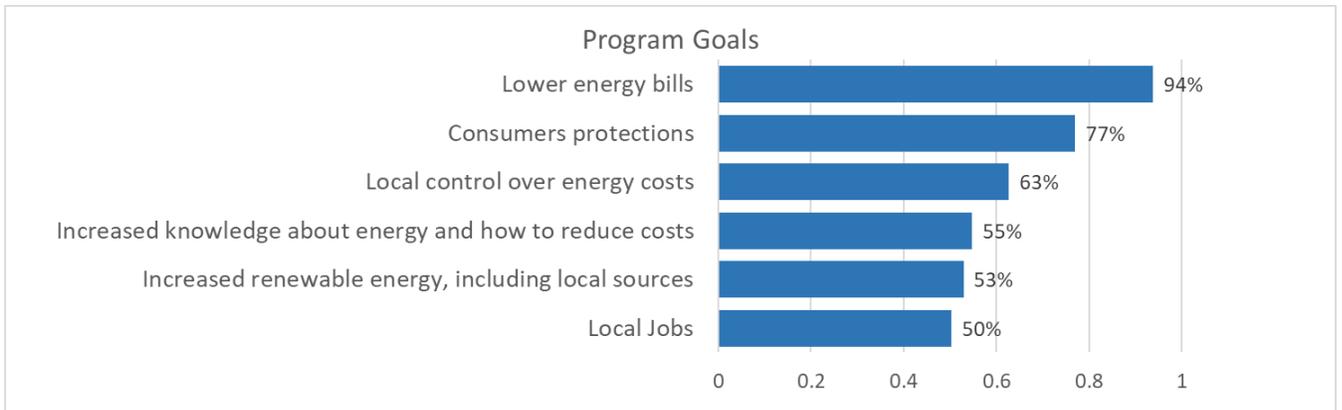


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Questions 1-3 asked about a customer’s electricity supply. 98% of Litchfield respondents were residential customers, 2% were from businesses. 61% are using Eversource default supply, and 37% of respondents were receiving third-party supply and 1% reported that they didn’t know who their energy supplier was. 12% have or plan to install solar panels.



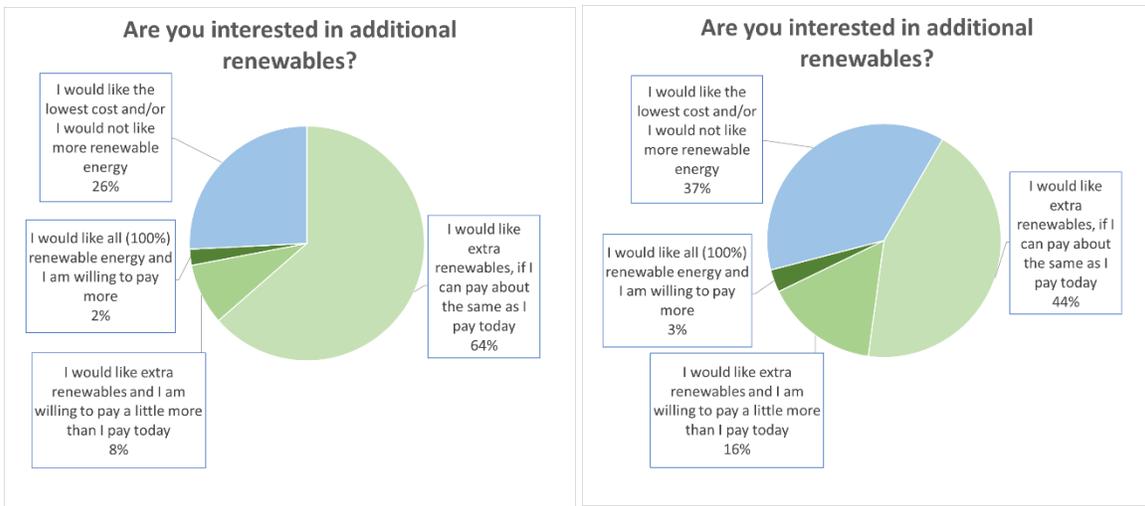
Question 4 asked about support for potential Community Power Program goals. 94% of respondents want lower energy bills, and 77% of respondents want consumer protections. Over half supported all of the goals listed, including local control over energy costs, Increased knowledge about how to reduce costs, increased renewable energy, including local sources, and local jobs that result from increased energy efficiency and local renewable energy development. The program default rate will be designed to prioritize savings to customers as well as meet the other Program goals.



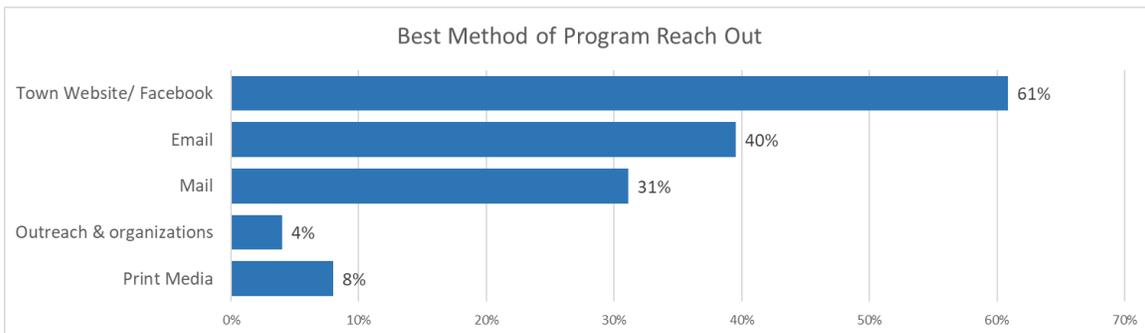
Question 5 asked about support for renewable energy in the program. Of initial survey respondents, 72% support additional renewable energy in our electricity supply, 62% as long as they can pay about the same as they do now, and 10% willing to pay more for renewable energy. When the question was changed to include another option for “I would like the lowest cost electricity” 20% of respondents changed their answers. 11% chose the new lowest cost option, for a new total of 37% support for the Basic option of lowest cost option/no additional renewable energy above the state minimum. 19% total (a 9% increase) said they are willing to pay more for renewable energy. Based on the new question, a majority 63% of respondents support renewable energy in their electricity supply as long as they don’t have to pay more than they do today. Either result supports a Program default rate that has a small amount of renewable energy in addition to the minimum required in the state, as long as it is competitive with the utility default.

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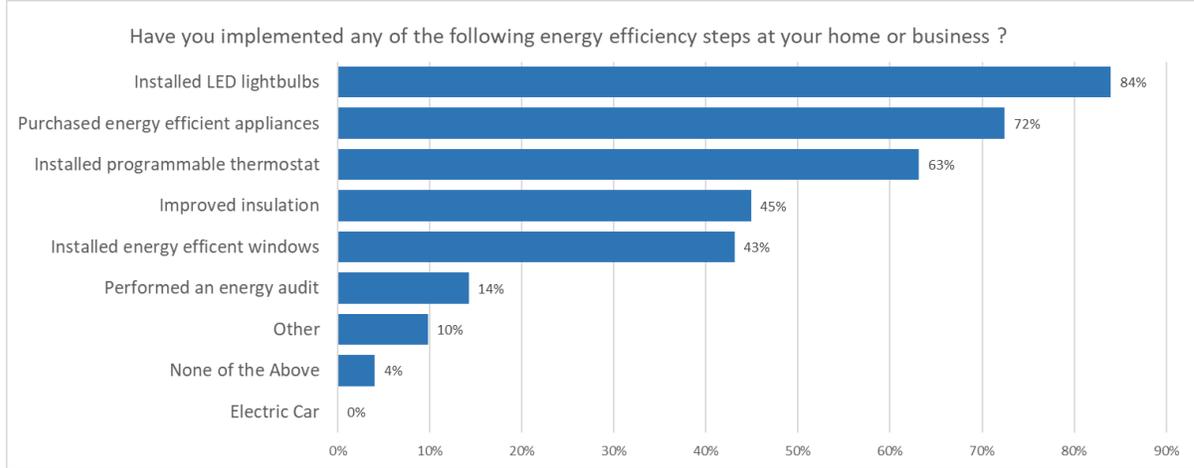
With new choice for lowest cost:



Question 6 asked about customer preferences for program updates. Respondents showed a preference (61%) for communication via the Town website and Facebook page, and 89 respondents also voluntarily provided email addresses to receive program updates.



Question 7 asked about customer’s use of energy efficiency as a cost-savings measure. 73% of respondents have installed LED lighting, 63% purchased energy efficient appliances, and half have installed a programable thermostat. Only 15% of respondents have utilized a home energy audit. Only 15% of respondents have utilized a home energy audit. Only 15% of respondents have utilized a home energy audit.



Questions 8-10 ask demographic questions to determine the scope of reach for the survey.

Demographic questions were asked to determine the reach of the survey only. 95% of respondents owned their homes and 5% rented, and a good range of adult ages were represented in the survey respondents. A question about electric bills was inadvertently left off of the initial online survey, so only 14 responses were received, and are not reported here.

