FAQ

What is Westchester Power?
Westchester Power is a program of Sustainable Westchester Inc, a nonprofit organization that works in conjunction with Westchester County municipalities to provide residents with 100% renewable energy at a competitive price. The program began in May 2016 and currently has 29 participating municipalities in Westchester County. The program serves approximately 145,000 participants.

Your household is currently on a fixed rate for electricity supply provided by this program (as of this writing, June 1 2022), which is 7.48 cents kWh for a 100% renewable source supply to individual households, or 7.172 cents kWh for commercial buildings.

ConEdison’s supply rates vary from month to month. We are not able to predict ConEdison’s supply rates, however, we post the previous month’s rates on our website at https://sustainablewestchester.org/wp/rates-bills/

What are the program’s benefits?
To you as an individual: the benefit to participants is a fixed rate for electricity supply; you will know what to expect on your bill. We do not guarantee savings, however, because ConEdison’s rates fluctuate from month to month, we are not able to predict these rates, and in some months ConEdison’s rates could be lower than the program’s rates. The rates are posted to our website at https://sustainablewestchester.org/wp/rates-bills/. The other benefit is you can opt out at any time because there is no contract or fees associated with being in the program.

To the greater area: Westchester Power is the single greatest contributor to lowering CO2 emissions in individual communities, which helps to achieve their climate goals and mitigate the environmental effects associated with climate change. The strength and success of this program is the foundation on which other programs have been built. As examples, our other programs such as Community Solar and commercial clean heating and cooling solutions have been able to build positively on the impact and reduce the use of fossil fuels. These initiatives accelerate the transition to a clean energy future in your community and the County, where it matters most.

What is happening to the program’s electricity supply offer this summer?
Energy prices have risen significantly over the past couple of years. The current contract for the Westchester Power Program has allowed residents to benefit from a fixed rate for their electricity supply during a portion of this rise in energy costs. Westchester Power is approaching the end of its current 18-month contract term in the Con Edion service territory on June 30th. Due to the volatile
energy market prices we are facing, Sustainable Westchester has decided to wait and watch the market closely before locking in a new contract for the program. This will position us as advantageously as possible for the follow up contract and ensure the best rates possible for participants in the program.

This means that as of July 1st, the electricity supply offering in the Con Edison territory (except for Yonkers) will be on a temporary pause. Your billing cycle that starts after June 30 will show Con Edison’s default supply. The electricity supply portion of your service will be provided by Con Edison instead of Westchester Power. There will be no interruption in your electricity service when the change takes place. You will receive a mailing notice from Sustainable Westchester in the coming weeks in June with details about this change. Con Edison will also send a notification of the change of supply either by email or mail.

**Why is there no contract following this one?**
The current contract started on January 1, 2021, at a time when energy market prices were much lower. Extremely volatile market prices since then have seen electricity rates rise at unprecedented levels. We are intentionally pausing the electricity supply program service to position ourselves in the most advantageous way possible under these conditions. We are proceeding with the public bidding process in the coming months in order to obtain a new contract rate for electricity supply at the best rate possible.

**Who is affected?**
This change DOES NOT APPLY to Yonkers residents. Con Edison territory municipalities that participate in the program are affected: Ardsley Village, Bedford Town (ConEd service only), Croton Village, Dobbs Ferry, Greenburgh Town, Hastings Village, Irvington Village, Larchmont Village, Mamaroneck Town, Mamaroneck Village, Mount Kisco Village, New Castle Town, New Rochelle City, Ossining Town, Ossining Village, Peekskill City, Pelham Village, Pleasantville Village, Rye Brook Village, Rye City, Sleepy Hollow Village, Tarrytown Village, Tuckahoe Village, White Plains City.

**How can I find out more and stay up-to-date?**
Visit www.sustainablewestchester.org/wp/conedterritory/ for updates, including a list of upcoming information sessions. Email us at westchesterpower@sustainablewestchester.org. Call our Mount Kisco office at 914-242-4725 (office hours are Mon-Fri 9AM-5PM).

**When will we know details of the new contract?**
A letter will be sent to all participants when the new contract is in place, presenting the new rates and the re-start date for the electricity supply offering. Participants have the opportunity to opt out at that time if they prefer.

**Whom do I contact if there is a power outage?**
Contact ConEdison’s customer service line at 800-752-6633.
Whom do I contact if I have questions about my bill?
Contact ConEdison’s customer service line at 800-752-6633.