

Valley Green Energy announces 2-year competitive prices for each utility territory

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Participants in Valley Green Energy, the regional group electricity buying program administered by the communities of Amherst, Northampton, and Pelham, will see their electricity supply prices change in November under a new two-year contract with Direct Energy Services, LLC ("Direct Energy").

Electricity supply prices have increased since the program launched in 2024, and Valley Green Energy prices are increasing as a result. However, most program participants will continue to save compared with their utility's residential electricity supply price, and all participants will enjoy prices that are stable through November 2028.

New prices effective November 2026 – November 2028:

Under the new contract, pricing will shift from a single blended price to pricing based on the local utility territory. The change was made to ensure the most competitive prices possible and the potential for savings for all participants across Amherst, Northampton, and Pelham:

Amherst and Pelham (Eversource territory):

- VGE Basic: 15.830 ¢/kWh
- VGE 100% Green: 18.330 ¢/kWh

Compare with Eversource's current residential electricity supply price of 15.934 ¢/kWh.

Northampton (National Grid territory):

- VGE Basic: 16.290 ¢/kWh
- VGE 100% Green: 18.790 ¢/kWh

Compare with National Grid's current residential electricity supply price of 17.185 ¢/kWh.

Please note that Eversource's and National Grid's electricity supply prices are fixed until January 31, 2027. Savings beyond that date cannot be guaranteed.

Small business / commercial customers enrolled in Valley Green Energy Basic will pay slightly more than the current utility prices (Eversource: 15.934 ¢/kWh; National Grid: 15.568 ¢/kWh). However, utility prices change twice a year, and they may increase when they next change in February. In contrast, Valley Green Energy prices remain fixed for a full

two years, protecting businesses from utility price spikes and offering long-term predictability.

Key information for Valley Green Energy participants:

No action is required for currently active participants. The price change will occur automatically in November, and it will be reflected on December electricity bills.

Participation is not required. Valley Green Energy participants are free to opt out or leave the program at any time with no fee or penalty.

For participants enrolled in the VGE 100% Green option, the impact of buying 100% renewable electricity has changed. Buying extra renewable electricity was originally intended to drive the construction of new renewable energy projects by increasing demand for those projects. However, federal policy changes now prevent new projects from being built, regardless of consumer demand. As a result, paying a premium for the VGE 100% Green option no longer results in new renewable infrastructure. Valley Green Energy encourages participants to consider carefully before committing to the extra cost. Participants may change to a different option within the program at any time with no fee or penalty.

To learn more about Valley Green Energy or make an enrollment change, visit ValleyGreenEnergy.org or call customer support with the program's consultants at 844-202-6033.

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