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Schenectady to Host Public Event on CCA Electricity Buying Program

Residents and small businesses invited to learn more about CCA program

SCHENECTADY – The City of Schenectady will be hosting a public education session on Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), a new bulk electricity-buying program for residents and small businesses. The first session will be on **Tuesday, January 28, 2020, from 6:30 – 7:30 pm** at the Honorable Karen B. Johnson Central Library, 99 Clinton Street. The City of Schenectady is working with the Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance (MEGA) and 13 other Capital Region municipalities to explore CCA.

The CCA program localizes energy decision-making and creates more choice for consumers. Through bulk purchasing and competition, CCA has the potential to offer better electric rates and price stability for residents and small businesses. It also provides access to more renewable electricity while helping to combat predatory practices of energy telemarketers and door-to-door sales.

“As a city built on a legacy of electricity innovation, we’re eager to explore the CCA program and work to bring the best energy choices to the Electric City,” said **Mayor Gary McCarthy**. “By joining forces with 13 other communities in the region, we are able to offer our city residents and businesses access to bulk electricity pricing and more options when it comes to renewable energy.”

In addition to the City of Schenectady, the Cities of Albany, Glens Falls, Saratoga Springs, Troy, and Watervliet, the Towns of Bethlehem, Guilderland, Knox, New Scotland and Niskayuna, and the Villages of Voorheesville, Altamont, and Kinderhook are also seeking to offer their residents and small businesses additional electricity choices by participating in CCA.

CCA is an opt-out program, which means all eligible customers are automatically included unless they choose not to participate. There is no fee or penalty for opting out or opting back in at any time. Residents will not be automatically included if they already purchase their electricity supply from a company other than National Grid or if they have a block on their account.

Residents and small businesses can learn more about CCA on the City’s website at www.cityofschenectady.com/608/Community-Choice-Aggregation-CCA and also by visiting MEGA’s website at www.megaenergy.org. MEGA’s CCA team can be reached at CCAteam@megaenergy.org or (518) 533-5399.