

## 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. Note that changes to participants’ service, and in particular participants’ exit from the program, will be 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 Select Board 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 Documents”). The schedule is designed to work towards the estimated date when the Customer Notification Documents are scheduled to arrive in retail electric customer’s mailboxes.

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 retail electric 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 Documents 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 Documents 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 New Boston Beacon to disseminate accurate and timely information about the Program. As part of this targeted outreach, the Town may seek a meeting with the editorial board to establish a good foundation for continued dialogue over the course of the contract. Other newspaper outlets may include other local publications.
- Local Public Access Television: The Community Power Committee meetings and the Town Select Board meetings are broadcast, recorded and made available for public viewing. The Town may choose to record presentations about the program and PSAs for upcoming meetings.
- 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 Documents 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 include the Town's official facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/TownofNewBoston/> and local community group pages such as New Boston NH Community: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/273509852840784/>.

Monitor various channels such as Facebook and Instagram for relevant conversations and questions about the Program. 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 Documents 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 Documents.

- *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.

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.

- *Select Board Meetings:* Present or provide materials for the Select Board 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 Documents 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 Library.

### **1.F. Customer Help Line**

Timeframe: At least 15 days before the estimated date that the Customer Notification Documents 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 Documents 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 Documents.

### **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 aggregation 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**

#### **3.1 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.