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Little Egg Harbor to Reduce Residents' Electric Rates
Public Meetings Set for April 11

Little Egg Harbor Township --- April 6, 2016 --- Residents of Little Egg Harbor will soon enjoy lower electric rates, thanks to a new cost-saving program by the township.

The new rate of \$0.09851 per kilowatt-hour is 8 percent lower than that of the local utility, Atlantic City Electric. Total savings for township residents is projected at \$350,000 during the program's 16-month contract period.

["For residents, the only thing that will change is their electric rate, which will go down," says Mayor Gene Kobryn. "They don't have to do a thing, and Atlantic City Electric will still be their utility company. This is a no-hassle program, which will benefit every residential electric customer in the township."](#)

More than 7,600 households are eligible for the cost-reducing program -- part of a state-supported process called Government Energy Aggregation (GEA).

Under GEA, state-licensed energy suppliers bid their lowest rates in an online auction held by Little Egg Harbor on March 1. The winning bid came from TriEagle Energy.

Two public meetings are scheduled to provide additional information and answer residents' questions about the program:

Monday, April 11, at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Court Room of Little Egg Harbor Township Municipal Building

665 Radio Road

Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087

["We encourage residents to keep a close eye on their mail for more information about this program," said Mayor Kobryn.](#)

Created by the N.J. Board of Public Utilities and the Rate Counsel (formerly known as the Ratepayer Advocate), GEA is designed to help people take advantage of energy deregulation and cut energy costs. "Aggregation" refers to customers who form a group to purchase energy.

There is no cost for this program to the municipality, residents or taxpayers. Little Egg Harbor's 16-month GEA program will run from June 2016 to September 2017. Other towns across the state are running similar GEA programs.

Atlantic City Electric will continue to deliver residents' power, handle customer accounts, respond to outages and maintain service. The only changes are the energy supplier (the company that provides the energy), the lower energy rate, and the supplier information on participating residents' utility bills.

Any resident who does not wish to participate in the rate-reducing program may opt out from April 1-30 (before the change occurs) or at any time thereafter, without any fee or penalty. Residents will receive information packets by mail, explaining the program in detail, by early April.

The new energy rate is fixed for 16 months, with no early cancellation fees, penalties or fine print. This means that the rate is not a variable rate, unlike some other third-party contracts that are being offered. At the end of this 16-month period, another auction could be held.

All residents who have not already switched to a different (third-party) energy supplier will be automatically included. Anyone who has already chosen a third-party supplier will not be included in the program and will not receive any letters for opting out. If a resident wishes to join at a later date, they may call the number below to do so. This program is for residential customers only and businesses are not automatically enrolled.

The township is receiving the technical expertise necessary to administer its GEA program from Moorestown-based T&M Associates, in partnership with Commercial Utility Consultants, a leading energy consulting firm with offices in Barrington.

For more information, please visit www.njaggregation.us/LEHT or call (877) 933-2453 toll-free, Monday through Friday between 9 am and 5 pm.