



PSE&G Customers:

The Sustainable Essex Alliance Energy Aggregation Program has Ended

The Sustainable Essex Alliance Energy Aggregation Program contract with Energy Harbor for PSE&G customers officially ends on the date of the customer's September 2022 meter read date. At that time, all participants are automatically switched back to PSE&G as their electric utility.

As you may be aware, the Township of Livingston is a member of the Sustainable Essex Alliance Energy Procurement Cooperative ("SEAEPC") in which seven member municipalities – Glen Ridge, Glen Rock, Livingston, Maplewood, Montclair, South Orange and Verona – joined together to work as a single purchasing cooperative in order to secure renewable energy on behalf of their residents.

The current contract with Energy Harbor has been providing participating Township residents with power supply with enhanced renewable energy content, while also providing participating residents with some savings on their electric bills, since April 2021. However, this contract has now come to an end.

SEAEPC is working on a new round for residents. The SEAEPC conducted a competitive bid process in May 2022 for a new contract. However, given the current volatile state of energy market prices, it was very difficult to obtain a favorable bid pricing. The bid prices came in much higher than PSE&G's tariff prices and therefore did not produce any savings to justify the award of a new contract.

The SEAEPC concluded that it was in residents' best interests in the short term to be returned to PSE&G Basic Generation Service for power supply at the end of the contract with Energy Harbor.

In consultation with its energy consultant, Gabel Associates, Inc., the SEAEPC will be monitoring market conditions for improved opportunities to award a contract. They expect to go back out to bid within the next 12 months. If the SEAEPC awards a new contract for another round of the SEA program, the new contract would most likely start in early-to mid-2023. Should such a contract be entered into, the Township hopes to consider further participation.

We appreciate your understanding and look forward to working diligently with our consultant in the near future to obtain another contract for our residents.