



**Western Massachusetts
Electric**

A Northeast Utilities Company

Important Information About Your Electricity Supply

The Hampshire Council of Governments has applied to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) to become the default supplier of electricity to homes and businesses in 17 communities in the Western Massachusetts Electric Company (WMECo) service territory.

This is applicable to customers in the following Hampshire County and Franklin County towns: Chesterfield, Cummington, Easthampton, Hadley, Hatfield, Huntington, Middlefield, Pelham,

Plainfield, Southampton, Westhampton, Buckland, Deerfield, Gill, Leverett, Montague and Northfield.

This request pertains to the supplier service portion of your electric bill. It will not affect the delivery service portion.

This process, known as “Municipal Aggregation,” was authorized by state law when the electric industry was deregulated in Massachusetts in 1997.

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If the application is approved by the DPU, you will have several options:

- > *Opt out of the municipal aggregation offer and stay with WMECo for default service*
- > *Opt out of the municipal aggregation offer and purchase your electricity from a competitive supplier (Information on competitive suppliers is available on our web site: www.wmeco.com)*
- > *Automatically shift to the Council of Governments' offering*

If the application is approved, you will receive information on the process and service prices from the Council of Governments. A decision by the DPU is expected later this summer.

Regardless of which option you choose, WMECo will still deliver your electricity and send you a monthly electric bill. Power outages and other customer service issues will continue to be reported to WMECo at 1.877.OK.WMECO (1.877.659.6326).