



Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

The Town of Oneonta is pursuing a plan to aggregate the purchase of energy for our constituents. This process should have a positive benefit for town residents. This letter is an explanation of the process and how it may impact you.

The town has signed an agreement with the Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance (MEGA) to have them become our agent in the CCA process. The Town has used MEGA for several years to purchase electricity and gas for our buildings. They have done a good job of securing reasonable rates that have been stable, allowing us to budget for electricity and gas more accurately. They competitively bid energy prices from many sources seeking the best rate they can get at the time.

This is what we want MEGA to do for you. By having the town join with other communities we can aggregate a substantial amount of electricity, and put it out to bid to get the best possible fixed price for our residents. At this time the town plans to request two bids: one would be primarily “green” or “renewable” sourced electricity that we hope we can get a better price on than is typically available to residents. The other will be “brown” electricity which would be generated by traditional sources and should be cheaper than your current electricity. Residents would then have the ability to select which product they wish to purchase.

CCA is an “opt-out” program. That means that all town residents and some small businesses would become members of the aggregation unless they “opt-out”. Residents will still receive one bill from NYSEG and NYSEG will still maintain the wires and other electric infrastructure and handle outages, but the electric supply will come from another source and the price will remain fixed over the period of the contract. The length of the contract will be determined based on what will offer the best price, we expect an eighteen month to three-year contract.

If it does not appear that there will be a savings for residents or we receive significant resistance to this proposal, we will not go forward with the project.

Please check the website, newspaper, and radio stations for more information and announcements about informational meetings. Additional information is available on the MEGA website at www.megaenergy.org or call MEGA at 518-533-5399. You may also contact Supervisor Bob Wood at Town Hall 607-432-2900.