



## Westchester Power Executive Summary for CONED Communities

### What is the Westchester Power, Community Energy Program?

- A community energy program (Community Choice Aggregation) that **allows municipalities to take charge of their energy through aggregating their buying power, assigning Westchester Power as the default supplier**
- A collective purchasing program via an opt-out structure which **results in clout for getting competitive pricing from energy suppliers**
- **Recognized as The NY State model** for Community Energy programs.
- **Delivers 100% renewable New York State energy**
- Managed by Mount Kisco-based, nonprofit organization, Sustainable Westchester; **not an ESCO or commercial endeavor thus you never reach a call center, incur penalties, teaser rates, contracts or surprises**

### What are the benefits of the Westchester Power program?

#### Environmental Impact

- **100% renewable energy significantly reduces CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.** The aggregate power of the program has **reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions Countywide equivalent to taking 180,000 cars off the road for 1 year**
- **An important contributor to reach NY State climate requirements** of achieving 100% renewable energy by 2040
- **It is the single greatest contributor to lowering CO<sub>2</sub> emissions** in individual communities, helping them achieve their climate goals & mitigate the environmental effects associated with climate change
- Increasing the **health of the environment, the community, and its residents**; the need has been underscored by the recent COVID-19 health crisis

#### Access to Renewable Energy at Competitive Fixed-Rate Pricing

- **Cost control via fixed rates.** It is not subject to fluctuations in energy supply pricing (anticipated to rise over the next months). However, savings cannot be guaranteed, in any given month, the utility may be higher or lower
- **Offers competitive pricing (and is among the lowest market available rates) vs. other green energy supply options**
- **Access to green energy via a vetted provider** without sorting through confusing and complicated ESCO offers
- Opt-out structure with **no contracts, penalties, predatory practices, or surprises**

#### Foundation for a Clean Energy Future

- **Built the path for Community Solar**, and its guaranteed savings of up to 10% on electricity bills
- **Equitable access programs to renewable energy and money saving programs (to include lower to moderate income households)** moving toward the reduced use of dirty energy plants and their harmful effects
- **Development and sourcing of direct energy supply and energy storage solutions** increasing resiliency and lowering dependence on fossil fuels
- Commitment to NYS renewable sources **results in-state job creation and the stimulation of NYS clean energy economy**

### How does the program enrollment work for individuals?

- The **municipality participates** in the program and **utility customers are automatically enrolled**
- **Delivery, billing, and maintenance remain the responsibility of the utility** (Con Edison)
- Each eligible resident household receives a **notification letter with a 30-day opt out period before enrollment** and with that comes convenient instructions for opting out in multiple ways
- **Opt out is available with NO fees or penalties** (at any time)