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Brookhaven To Launch Community Choice Aggregation Energy Program to Cut Resident and Small Business Natural Gas Bills

Farmingville, NY – Supervisor Ed Romaine has announced that the Town of Brookhaven will launch the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) energy program in May. A letter from the Town will be sent to households and small businesses that use natural gas explaining the details of the program. The program offers an energy option over the utility's default service rate for the natural gas supply portion of a customer's bill. It allows the Town to buy natural gas on behalf of residents and small businesses within its borders. Supervisor Romaine and the Town Board took the first steps to create the CCA program during a public hearing on October 3, 2022.

Recently, Good Energy's Managing Partner, Javier Barrios and Regional Director, Edward Carey, were guests of Supervisor Romaine on Brookhaven Town's *Coffee with the Supervisor* television program. It is currently available to view on Brookhaven Cable Channel 18; at www.BrookhavenNY.gov; YouTube; and Facebook at Town of Brookhaven.

In addition to Brookhaven Town, over 100 other New York State municipalities have established a CCA program, including the Village of Lynbrook, Village of Bellerose, Town of Plattsburgh, Town of New Baltimore, Town of Cicero, Village of Wesley Hills and more. For more information about the CCA energy program, including a complete list of participating municipalities, go to www.GoodEnergy.com.

Supervisor Romaine said, "The high cost of energy continues to rise, making it difficult for many families and small businesses to keep up. By creating a Community Choice Aggregation energy program, the Town is able to help cut their energy costs and keep more money in their pockets. I encourage every natural gas consumer to learn more about this money-saving natural gas program."

"By combining the natural gas usage of residents and small businesses the Town's CCA program creates enormous buying power allowing the community to find a competitive fixed price that offers protection against volatile energy markets." Said Javier Barrios of Good Energy.

The CCA Energy program was created by the New York Public Service Commission in April 2016. Administered by Good Energy LP, the Brookhaven Town CCA energy program works similar like a bulk purchasing agreement – the Town purchases a large amount of energy for a pool of residents and small businesses. Doing this allows the Town to take advantage of more competitive rates from energy suppliers for residents participating in the CCA, resulting in lower gas and/or electric bills. Residents are not required to be part of the CCA, do not have to sign a contract to join and can leave the program at any time without early termination or exit fees. No taxpayer or public funding is used to run the CCA Program.

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