Progressive is the company we work with to search energy options and pricing for the Town. They have provided a few points below as to the reasoning to move forward now and lock in gas & electric supply pricing for January 2026 through December 2028. Our current contract with Sprague (fka Marathon Energy) and Constellation will expire December 2025.

## The wholesale cost of energy is trading 24% lower than when we hedged your last contract.

You can see in the graph below, I put a notation on where the market was when we secured your last electric and gas contracts. The wholesale pricing is expected to increase throughout the rest of your term because this entire year the cost has been unprecedently low due to the <u>pause on new Natural Gas export permits.</u>

## Regulatory fees doubled this year

There are 2 main pieces of a supply price, the wholesale cost (market) – and regulatory fees.

Regulatory fee's are costs are collected for infrastructure upgrades of your energy grid in your area (statewide). Regulatory fee's make up about 50% of the total supply price. In addition to the regulatory fee's doubling there are approved increases scheduled in 2025, 2026, and 2027 so renewal pricing will continue to increase year over year.

We've expanded our shopping window for our existing clientele to encompass a full 2 years out to try to mitigate the increased regulatory costs. Once the market recovers we'll have both a risk of market increase and higher regulatory fees working against us, making offers higher later. The best time to address your renewal is now.

## Continued Service with Progressive

Our relationship has been very successful.

The benefits of a supply contract are predictability, protection against market fluctuation, and budget certainty.

Predictability: With a fixed energy price, consumers know exactly how much they will pay for their energy bill each month, making budgeting easier and providing greater predictability.

Protection against price fluctuations: Fixed energy prices provide a safeguard against sudden price increases in the energy market, meaning that consumers won't experience unexpected price hikes that could otherwise result in higher energy bills.

Budget Certainty: Fixed energy prices can make it easier for consumers to plan their energy usage over the long-term, as they can budget and make decisions with greater certainty around their energy costs.

MONTH	OPTIONS	CHART	LAST
NOV 2024 NGX4	ОРТ	al	2.602
DEC 2024 NGZ4	ОРТ	all	3.108
JAN 2025 NGF5	ОРТ	all	3.391
FEB 2025 NGG5	ОРТ	all	3.263
MAR 2025 NGH5	ОРТ	all	2.950
APR 2025 NGJ5	ОРТ	all	2.828
MAY 2025 NGK5	ОРТ	all	2.875
JUN 2025 NGM5	ОРТ	all	3.017

