



## North Haven Clean Energy Task Force

# Signing Up For Clean Energy

*North Haven and many other Connecticut communities are working to get residents to sign up for clean energy through their electric utility company as part of the CT CleanEnergyOptions Program. This fact sheet was developed to answer questions about the program and why it is so important to sign up! Consumers repeatedly say that they would support clean energy if they were given the chance. Now, your opportunity has arrived. In Connecticut, you can choose a clean energy product simply and easily through your electric bill.*

### **Q: What is Clean Energy?**

Clean energy is energy from **renewable** sources like solar, wind, fuel cells, hydroelectric and methane from landfill gases. It is clear that we need to move away from being dependent on **non-renewable** energy sources such as oil, coal and natural gas.

### **Q: Why Sign Up for Clean Energy?**

Everyone is concerned about the high cost of energy, the economy and the effects of climate change from relying on fossil fuels. It is important that everyone do something to help our nation reach energy independence – it's our patriotic duty! Signing up for clean energy is an easy and low-cost way to help reduce our dependence on foreign oil, create jobs and help our environment.

### **Q: What Exactly Am I Signing Up for? Does That Mean That Clean Energy Is Being Delivered Directly To My Home Or Business?**

The electricity we use comes from a large electric "grid" fed by many generation plants, much like a lake that is fed by many streams. By signing up for the clean energy option, you ensure that your contribution to this grid comes from renewable sources rather than nuclear, coal, oil and natural gas. It cannot be delivered to a specific location (home or business).

### **Q: If I Sign Up for Clean Energy Options, Am I Switching To A Different Supplier Or Do I Continue To Receive My Electricity From UI?**

You continue to get your power from UI. 3 Degrees ([www.northeastcleanpower.com](http://www.northeastcleanpower.com)) and [Community Energy](#) are currently the designated suppliers for the CTCleanEnergyOptions Program. The payment you make for the program is in addition to the cost of the energy you receive from CL&P or UI.

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## **Q: How Much Does It Cost To Sign Up For Clean Energy? How Am I Billed?**

It depends on how much electricity you use per month. On average, the cost is between \$4 and \$8 a month. You will still receive a bill from UI. The cost for the CleanEnergyOptions is part of your electric bill, and you can see it listed on the bill itself.

## **Q: Where Does The Money I Pay For Clean Energy Go? Does UI Take It?**

Your clean energy monthly charge will not go to UI – it goes to companies that have contracted with the state to generate renewable energy for the electric grid.

## **Q: If I Sign Up, How Will I Actually Be Supporting Cleaner Air And Energy Independence?**

It is the simple law of supply and demand. If more customers support clean energy, there will be greater incentives to invest in generation using clean, renewable sources. This is already happening in Connecticut and other regions.

## **Q: How Will This Program Benefit the Town of North Haven?**

For every 200 local residential or small business customers who sign up for the CTCleanEnergyOptions, North Haven will receive a free solar energy array from the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund that can be placed on a school or other town building. These solar energy systems will in turn save energy costs for our town and we, the taxpayers!

## **Q: Sounds Great! How Do I Sign Up For Clean Energy?**

It is simple! Get a copy of the North Haven CleanEnergyOptions Sign-up Form, select one of the 2 suppliers (Sterling Planet or Community Energy), and fill in the information. Then mail it to the address on the form. You can get a copy of the form by:

- Downloading it from the town web site:  
<http://www.town.north-haven.ct.us/documents/SIGNUPFORCLEANENERGYNOW.pdf>
- Picking up a copy at Town Hall
- Calling 203-248-6685 to have a copy mailed to you

**For More Information, Call 203-248-6685**

**Task Force Web Site:**

<http://www.town.north-haven.ct.us/Government/CleanEnergyTaskForce.asp>