



**Electricity Supply Choices**

Default Choice	Competitive Supplier
Maine Public Utilities Commission produces request for bids Small Class pricing set for 12 months usually Medium and Large pricing set for six months only Pricing for Medium and Large changes monthly	You decide which Supplier You decide fixed contract or variable rate You decide how long you wish to contract You decide on contract terms

**Contract Types: Fixed or Variable**

Fixed	Variable
Rate is set for duration of contract You know the price for the entire period of the contract You can budget for the period of the contract If commodity prices increase you protect yourself from those increases If commodity prices decrease you still pay the fixed price	Rate moves with an index- Price is not known Budget uncertainty If commodity prices increase your index will increase and your price will increase If commodity prices decrease you will pay a reduced price as index falls

**Contract Language**

<i>Potential Questions</i>	<i>Potential Answers</i>	<i>The Maine PowerOptions agreement</i>
What has been agreed to in the contract ?	What specific accounts, pricing and fees have you agreed to	The MPO agreement list the accounts served, the term and the price in the pricing schedule (Attach A identifies the accounts served and price)
What are the terms and conditions ?	Who will serve your account, are they licensed etc.	We use an RFB process to select a licensed Electricity Supplier to serve members interests. The RFB is conducted every few years and the current RFB provider is Constellation NewEnergy
Is there a bandwidth ?	A bandwidth sets a price for a certain amount of usage, use more than the bandwidth and incur new charges. Knowing all the pricing rates is important to evaluate those fees	There is no bandwidth clause in the MPO agreement
Is there a Standard Market Design ?	Some agreements refer to a fee for Standard Market Design, if there are any charges at a regulatory level which add fees to the Supplier these will be added to your rate. You should find out what types of changes will add fees and how much to your overall rate	There is no Standard Market Design in the MPO agreement
Can you verify the variable price ?	We can offer an index price but, this price can be found in the ISO-NE Day Ahead price schedule, the price varies for every hour. Can you verify the variable price and how long the price is set at that level, will it be 8c/kwh one day and 12c/kwh the next day ?	Our Standard agreement is for a fixed price, if you wish we can look at an Index -price but there is a lot of risk associated with any Index-pricing.
What charges are not included in the agreement ?	We have stated since 2006 that capacity charges will be excluded from most agreements, unless you specifically request it included. We have also provided a way for members to control these costs and a way for members to calculate these costs. Do you know what charges are to be included on your agreement	Capacity charges are excluded from our agreement, these charges will appear on your bill as a separate charge. We will assist you in managing these charges.
Will you receive two bill copies; one from your utility and one from your Supplier. How will you pay the Supplier ?	Standard practice is for you to receive on bill from the Utility which includes Supply and Delivery, several Suppliers now request you have two bills; one from your Supplier and one from the Utility. The payment method required is your choice. Some contracts require an individual bill from the Supplier and some Suppliers require you to agree to direct debit billing.	We provide you with the choice of one bill from the Utility or one bill from the Utility and one from the Supplier. If you do not choose you will continue to receive one bill from the Utility. The choice of method of payment is also yours