

THE BENEFITS OF ENERGY CHOICE

Maryland law allows you to decide whether to purchase electricity and natural gas supply for your home from your utility or a licensed retail electricity and natural gas supplier.

Potentially Lower Energy Rates

In a competitive market, some suppliers may offer rates below the utility's default rate, typically expressed as cents per kWh or cents per therm. This could save you money on your monthly electricity or gas bill.

Renewable Energy/ Environmental Benefits



Some suppliers offer energy generated from renewable sources such as solar or wind, or that includes carbon offsets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, etc.

Promotional Incentives



Some suppliers offer rewards for enrolling, such as gift cards, airline miles, etc. You will need to decide if these incentives, combined with the supplier's rate, are a good choice for your budget.

If you switch, your utility will continue to deliver your electricity or natural gas supply, and respond to safety or service problems. The quality, reliability, and maintenance of your energy service will not change and will continue to be monitored and regulated by the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC).

How to Make the Switch

Once you decide what is most important to you (for example: price, contract duration, fixed term or month-to-month, fixed price or variable price, renewable energy, supplier commitment, etc.) you can choose the retail energy supplier that has the offer that meets your needs.

You can change from your utility's supply service to a new retail electricity or natural gas supplier or from one retail electricity or natural gas supplier to another. In either case, only the supplier you choose may switch your service.

You should contact the supplier if you have any questions before switching to make sure you understand the terms and conditions of the supplier's offer and contract, including any early cancellation fees.

Learn About Your Options

Visit MDEnergyChoice.com, the official energy shopping website of the Maryland Public Service Commission, to find out more about retail energy supply offers available to you.

