



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.

How it works



Retail energy suppliers sell directly to customers, using the local utility's distribution system to deliver electricity or natural gas. Your local utility will still deliver your electricity or gas and will send you a bill with the charges for both the delivery service and the energy supply.

OR you can choose to continue to get your electricity or gas supply from your utility – it's your choice. All retail energy suppliers, brokers and marketers must have a PSC license.

You need to know that:



- ✓ The utility customer (the person whose name is on the bill) must agree to the contract.
- ✓ A retail electricity or natural gas supplier cannot switch your service without your permission.
- ✓ Retail electricity or natural gas suppliers do not work for your utility. Your utility may have an affiliated company that sells competitive energy supply, or other services. This is permitted under Maryland law. Affiliated retail electricity suppliers cannot claim that they work for the utility or that customers will receive better service because the retail electricity or gas supplier is affiliated with the utility.

Remember to check our online glossary in case you see an unfamiliar term.



Learn About Your Options

Visit [MDEnergyChoice.com](https://www.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.



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