Ethical Electric, Inc.
Response to Deficiency Letter
DM 13-360
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# Attachment A

**Customer Contract** 

# **Ethical Electric for [UTILITY] Residential Customers**

# Product Label – Fuel Mix

Typical grid power in your region is produced almost entirely from dirty fuels like coal, oil, and gas. Ethical Electric ensures that 100% of your electricity comes from clean renewable sources with no carbon emissions or harmful pollutants. This chart compares the content of the electricity plan you have chosen with your region's fuel mix. [PLAN DETAILS]

This enrollment may be pending your acceptance with the utility. Under no conditions will savings be guaranteed.

# **Disclosure Statement, Terms and Conditions**

This disclosure statement, including the product summary, general terms, together with the enrollment authorization, is an agreement for electric generation services between you ("customer") and Ethical Electric, Inc. ("Ethical Electric" "we" or "us").

Product	Clean Energy Option for [UTILITY] RESIDENTIAL Customers						
Length of the	[Month-to-month or Fixed]						
Agreement			•				
Per kWh Price	[x]¢/kWh						
Fixed Price or	[Fixed or Variable]						
Variable Price							
Charges	Your bill will be calculated using the rate per kilowatt hour multiplied by						
	kilowatt hours used.						
Customers who	250 kWh	500 kWh	750 kWh	1000	1500	2000	
use	of	of	of	kWh of	kWh of	kWh of	
	electricity	electricity	electricity	electricity	electricity	electricity	
Will pay	\$[X]	\$[X]	\$[X]	\$[X]	\$[X]	\$[X]	
Taxes	You must also pay all applicable federal, state, and local taxes and						
	charges						
Sourcing/Renewa	Regional. All Ethical Electric products are sourced from 100%						
ble Content	renewable energy.						
Estimated Start	This contract will be effective from the first meter read date on or after						
Date	the first of the next month (or the current date)						
Contract End Date	[Contract End Date]						
Fees	[CANCELLATION FEE]						
Late Payment Fee	The customer will pay each invoice in full within 20 days of the invoice						
	date or be subject to a 1.5% late payment charge per month.						
Renewal	Your contract will renew at the end of the term. You will receive notice						
	of the pending renewal not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days						
	prior to the	renewal date	9				

# **General Terms and Conditions**

This Disclosure Statement, including these General Terms and Conditions, Product Summary, and Product Label together with your signed written enrollment form, electronic online enrollment record or recorded telephonic voice enrollment confirming your enrollment (the Enrollment Authorization), are an agreement for electric generation service, between you and Ethical Electric.

# Background

Ethical Electric is deemed eligible by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, to offer and supply electric generation services in NH. We set the generation prices and charges that you pay. The New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission regulates distribution prices and services. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regulates transmission prices and services. You will receive a single bill from [UTILITY] (your electric distribution company [EDC]) that will contain [UTILITY] charges and Ethical Electric charges.

You may rescind this Agreement without penalty at any time before midnight of the 3rd day after receiving this Agreement. Contact Ethical Electric by phone at 1-888-444-9452 or email at support@ethicalelectric.com. Be sure to include your full name, service address and account number when requesting rescission.

## **Definitions**

- Agreement: This Disclosure Statement (including these General Terms and Conditions and Product Summary), as well as your Enrollment Authorization, and any amendments to these documents from time to time.
- Regulating Body/Commission: New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission.

Fuel Source	Your Plan	Region al Utility Mix				
Non-Renewable Energy						
Gas	0.000%	37.078 %				
Nuclear	0.000%	33.187 %				
Oil/Gas	0.000%	8.884%				
Hydro	0.000%	7.454%				
Coal	0.000%	5.586%				
Renewable Energy						
Wood/Refuse	0.000%	3.172%				
Refuse	0.000%	2.438%				
Wind	100.00%	1.576%				
Landfill Gas	0.000%	0.336%				
Steam	0.000%	0.149%				
Solar	0.000%	0.107%				
Methane/Refuse	0.000%	0.032%				
Total	100%	100%				

- Distribution Charge: Charge for delivering electricity over a distribution system to the home or business from the transmission system.
- Electric Distribution Company/Utility (EDC): Your EDC is [UTILITY].
- Generation Charge: Charge for production of electricity.
- Initial Term: The Initial Term is the time period during which you will receive a fixed price (if you have a fixed term Agreement with us).
- kWh: A kilowatt-hour. This is a measurement of your use of electricity.
- Transmission Charge: Charge for moving high voltage electricity from a generation facility to the distribution lines of an EDC.

# Pricing

Fixed Price Agreement – You are enrolled on a fixed price plan for 12 months. Your price is for the kWh described in the Product Summary. This price includes Transmission Charges and estimated total state taxes, including gross receipts tax, but excludes federal, state and local taxes (other than state gross receipts tax). Your price described here excludes charges imposed by your utility or government agencies including but not limited to transmission, distribution, transportation, the system benefits charge, stranded cost recovery charge, and taxes. The price detailed in the product summary above will be the price you pay plus all additional state and local taxes.

-OR-

Month-to-Month Variable Price Agreement – You will be enrolled on a month-to-month product, the price is subject to change each month. Your price for the initial month is the price per kWh described in the Product Summary. This price includes Transmission Charges and estimated total state taxes, including gross receipts tax, but excludes federal, state and local taxes (other than state gross receipts tax). Your price described here excludes charges imposed by your utility or government agencies including but not limited to transmission, distribution, transportation, federal state and local taxes, and other fees. The price detailed in the product summary above will be the price you pay plus all additional state and local taxes. The price may vary on a monthly basis beginning after the first month, with no advance notice, based on an evaluation of a number of factors that affect your total price of electricity. These factors may include, but are not limited to: the cost to supply electricity in ISO New England, LLC market (including energy, capacity, settlement, ancillary services, renewable energy, Distribution Charges and other ISO New England, LLC market-related factors); applicable fees, charges, costs and expenses; expected margins; competitive prices and other market and business conditions. To learn your current variable price, please call us at 1-888-444-9452.

# Length of Contract

Month-to-Month Variable Price Agreement - You will buy your electricity generation service for the street address specified in your enrollment authorization from Ethical Electric beginning on the date set by [utility] (your EDC) and will continue on a month-to-month basis, until cancelled by you or Ethical Electric as described in this Agreement

Fixed Price Agreement - You will buy your electricity generation service for the street address specified in your enrollment authorization from Ethical Electric beginning on the date set by [utility] (your EDC) and will continue for one year, until cancelled by you or Ethical Electric as described in this Agreement.

# **Product**

Electricity is the product of a mix of generation energy sources that is delivered over a system of wires. You will not have electricity from a specific generation facility delivered directly to your service address, but Ethical Electric ensures that the applicable percentage of your electricity usage is offset by the generation of energy from renewable resources on an annual basis. Ethical Electric does so by purchasing and retiring "renewable energy certificates" representing the environmental attributes associated with the applicable amount of renewable energy generation from the renewable sources specified for your product. Your purchase helps support the development and operation of renewable energy in the areas specified in your product. Ethical Electric may take up to three months following the close of a calendar year to make up any deficiency in the renewable resource content for this product. Information on generation energy sources for your product energy efficiency, environmental impacts or historical billing data is available upon request.

# **Rescission and Effective Date**

Residential customers and small commercial customers shall have 3 business days from the day of personal or electronic delivery of the written terms or your plan. Residential and small commercial customers receiving the terms of statement by USPS will have 5 business days from the postmarked date. You may rescind this Agreement by calling Ethical Electric at 1-888-444-9452, emailing support@ethicalelectric.com or in writing to Ethical Electric Rescission 2 Wisconsin Circle, Suite 700, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. This Agreement will be effective after the rescission period has passed without you notifying Ethical Electric or your distribution utility of your intent to rescind this Agreement.

# Cancellation and Termination of Service

Customer Initiated Cancellation: You may cancel your Agreement to purchase electricity by providing 30 days advance notice. To cancel this Agreement, please call Ethical Electric at 1-888-444-9452 or email support@ethicalelectric.com. You will be responsible for all Ethical Electric charges incurred up to the date of cancellation.

*Non-Payment*: If your electric service is terminated by your utility, then this Agreement is cancelled on the date that your electric service is terminated. You will owe us for amounts unpaid for our charges for electric generation service up to the date of termination.

Company Initiated Cancellation: We may cancel this Agreement for any reason other than arbitrary and illegal discrimination based on personal characteristics of the customer. If we cancel this Agreement, we will provide you with a written notice 30 days in advance and your service will return to your utility's default electric supply service unless you choose another supplier. Relocation/Move: If you move from the address listed above or are unable to pay due to disability or death, you may terminate this Agreement with no cancellation fee. You will owe us for amounts unpaid for our charges for electric generation service up to the date of termination.

# Penalties, Fees and Exceptions

THERE IS A \$[CANCELLATION FEE] CANCELLATION FEE FOR THIS PLAN.

THERE IS A \$ [MONTHLY FEE] MONTHLY FEE FOR THIS PLAN.

Late Payment: Late payment fees may apply for failure to pay your bill within 20 days of the invoice date.

Ethical Electric does not charge extra for net-metering.

# **Billing and Payment**

You will receive a single bill from [UTILITY] (your EDC) that will contain separate charges from both [UTILITY] and Ethical Electric. We will charge you the generation price and fees as described above. Your price described here excludes charges imposed by your utility or government agencies including but not limited to transmission, distribution, transportation, federal state and local taxes, and other fees. Payment is due to the billing utility within 20 days of the invoice date. Failure to pay your bills on time may result in late payment penalties and in discontinuation of service. Budget billing is available as offered by your utility. Payment Assistance - Your utility has programs available to customers who are on a limited or fixed income to assist them with utility bills. Some of these programs might include bill payment assistance and weatherization services. Information on your utility's payment assistant program(s) can be obtained by contacting them at [UTILITY PHONE NUMBER].

### Taxes

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement or required by law, all applicable state and federal taxes of whatsoever kind, nature and description, due and payable with respect to your performance of your obligations under this Agreement, will be paid by you.

# Renewal/Expiration

Variable Agreement: Your service is a month-to-month service until cancelled or changed under the terms of this agreement. Pricing will follow the Month-To-Month Variable Pricing Agreement as described above. Your contract will renew at the end of the term.

-OR-

Fixed: Your service is Fixed service until cancelled or changed under the terms of this agreement. Pricing will follow the Fixed Pricing Agreement as described above. Your contract will renew at the end of the term. You will receive notice of the pending renewal 45 days before the automatic renewal is schedule to occur.

# **Complaint/Dispute Procedures**

If you have any questions, concerns or complaints about your bill, please contact us by calling our Customer Care Representatives at 1-888-444-9452 or by emailing us at support@ethicalelectric.com. If for any reason you are not satisfied with our response, you may contact the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Consumer Affairs Division at 21 S. Fruit St, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429 or by calling 1-800-271-2431.

# **Power Outages and Emergencies**

In an electrical emergency or a power outage, immediately contact: [UTILITY] at [UTILITY EMERGENCY PHONE].

# Limitations of Liability and Warranty/Force Majeure

YOU AGREE THAT EVENTS OF FORCE MAJEURE MAY RESULT IN INTERRUPTIONS IN SERVICE AND THAT WE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPLYING ELECTRICITY TO YOU AND WE WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR THOSE INTERRUPTIONS. YOU AGREE THAT OUR LIABILITY NOT EXCUSED BY REASON OF FORCE MAJEURE OR OTHERWISE WILL BE LIMITED TO DIRECT ACTUAL DAMAGES ONLY; AND NEITHER OF US IS LIABLE TO THE OTHER FOR CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, PUNITIVE, EXEMPLARY OR INDIRECT DAMAGES. WE MAKE NO REPRESENTATIONS

OR WARRANTIES AND WE EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, WRITTEN OR ORAL, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING ANH WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

# **Disclosure of Customer Information**

By entering into this Agreement, you authorize Ethical Electric to obtain and share information that we may need to provide electricity service to you, including your account information, usage history, billing and payment history, credit history, rate class, meter reading data, account number, address, phone, whether you are on a budget billing plan, and medical or disability status requiring uninterrupted service. We will not give or sell your personal information to any unaffiliated third-party unless you provide us with your consent, as well as a written statement, or unless we are required to do so by law. By entering into this Agreement, you authorize Ethical Electric to take such actions as may be necessary to establish your EDC services with [UTILITY] (your EDC). You also authorize Ethical Electric to protect your privacy at all times including under the FTC's Do Not Call requirements. If you would like to be added to the National Do Not Call Registry, please visit <a href="https://www.donotcall.gov/Register/Reg.aspx">https://www.donotcall.gov/Register/Reg.aspx</a> An updated Privacy Policy for usage of Ethical Electric's websites is maintained at <a href="https://ethicalelectric.com/policies/privacy">https://ethicalelectric.com/policies/privacy</a> Title, Risk of Loss and Indemnity

Title to the electricity will pass from Ethical Electric to you when we have delivered it to the delivery point for [UTILITY] (your EDC). Ethical Electric will cease to have title to and risk of loss related to the electricity when it is delivered to the delivery point for your EDC.

# **Regulatory Changes**

If there is a future change in any applicable law, rule, regulation, order, filed tariffs, market rules or pricing structure whereby Ethical Electric is prevented, prohibited or frustrated from carrying out the terms of this Agreement, in its sole discretion Ethical Electric will have the right to cancel this Agreement by giving notice to you as required under applicable law. If there is a future change in any applicable law, rule, regulation, order, filed tariffs, market rules or pricing structure, or in charges or new charges, imposed by your EDC, ISO New England, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission or any governmental agency, whereby Ethical Electric incurs additional charges or costs as a result of such changes, then Ethical Electric will have the right in its sole discretion to (i) propose to adjust your price to reflect such additional charges or costs to Ethical Electric by giving two advance written notices in separate mailing or email between 45 and 90 days before the proposed effective date, and (ii) if you do not accept such proposed price change, cancel this Agreement by giving notice to you as required under applicable law.

# Other Provisions

This Disclosure Statement (including these General Terms, Product Summary, and Product Label) along with your enrollment authorization or renewal letter constitutes your entire Agreement between you and Ethical Electric with regard to your purchase of electric generation and other related services from Ethical Electric. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements between us, either written or oral. This Agreement is subject to any Law enacted during the term of this Agreement. "Law" means any law, legislation, statute, regulation, rule, tariff, decision, writ, order, decree or judgment, or any interpretations by any court, agency or instrumentality that has jurisdiction. You may not assign this Agreement, in whole or in part, or any of your rights or obligations under this Agreement without our prior written consent. Ethical Electric may, without your consent: (i) assign, sell or pledge this Agreement or its accounts, revenues or proceeds, as a part of any financing or other financial arrangements, purchase of receivables program or billing services agreement; or (ii) assign this Agreement to an affiliate of Ethical Electric; or (iii) assign this Agreement to any other person or entity succeeding to all or a substantial portion of the assets of Ethical Electric or a competitive electricity supplier deemed eligible to do business in NH. This Agreement is binding upon the parties and their respective successors and assigns. There are no third party beneficiaries to this Agreement. This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the NH without regard to the application of its conflicts of law principles. Venue for any lawsuit brought to enforce any term or condition of this Agreement will lie exclusively in NH.

Supplier Info

Ethical Electric 2 Wisconsin Circle, Suite 700 Chevy Chase, MD 20815 Utility Info

[UTILITY INFO]

# Commission Info

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

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# Attachment B

**Supplier Training Certificate** 

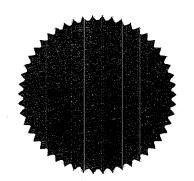
# Public Service of New Hampshire Certificate of Completion

is hereby granted to:

Ethical Electric, Inc.

to certify that they have completed to satisfaction

**NH Supplier Training** 



Granted: 02/11/14

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# **Attachment C - Listing of Complaints**

Included below is a table disclosing the number and type of customer complaints concerning the applicant that were filed with a state/registration agency, attorney general's office, or other governmental consumer protection agency for the most recent calendar year in every state in which the applicant has conducted business related to the sale of electricity.

During the 2013 calendar year, Ethical Electric operated in seven states (DC, DE, IL, MD, NJ, NY, PA). During that timeframe, Ethical Electric also rolled out very large and broad marketing programs across the entirety of its footprint, through which the company utilized direct mail, telemarketing, email, and its website to attract and inform potential customers of product offerings. It has been Ethical Electric's experience that with such a broad marketing approach, receipt of a de minimis volume of customer complaints is unavoidable. Ethical Electric takes all complaints seriously, strives to maintain a superior level of customer service, and abides by all Federal, State and Local laws and regulations. The Company works closely with customers and the respective state commissions/agencies to resolve all complaints promptly. Ethical Electric was accordingly able to successfully respond to all 44 complaints that it received in 2013 per the requirements of each respective State Commission/Agency.

In 2013, Ethical Electric saw its highest level of enrollments in Pennsylvania as a result of focused marketing efforts in the state. As a result of the volume of customer interaction, Ethical also experienced its highest volume of complaints in PA. Of the 21 complaints where the customer disputed enrollments, Ethical Electric was able to provide the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PA PUC") with a response to each complaint that included valid forms of contracting (in the form of recorded third party verifications and signed direct mail response forms) for *ALL* associated complainants, thereby demonstrating compliance with enrollment procedures required by the PUC. For all complaints, Ethical Electric works diligently to reach a solution that is amenable to the customer and the Commission. Ethical Electric maintains a strong working relationship with the Commission and regularly visits Commission Staff. The company continually reviews all sales, marketing and billing efforts to ensure the highest standards of customer service are adhered to. Ethical applies this diligence across states in which it is active, and will carry its commitment to customer service to customers in New Hampshire.

Commission	<b>Total Complaints</b>	Disputed Enrollment	Marketing	Other	Responded to
DC PSC	2	1	1	0	2
DE PSC	3	2	1	0	3
ICC	3	2	0	1	3
MD PSC	3	0	2	1	3
NY DPS	1	0	1	0	1
NJ BPU	0	0	0	0	0
PA PUC	32	21	6	5	32
Total	44	26	11	7	44