



As a result of a 2004 state law, the New York Power Authority (NYPA) is starting a new *Power to Schools* program to assist public and private schools across New York State with managing their power costs through energy efficiency improvements and shopping for electricity.

Specifically, the *Power to Schools* program is designed to help schools lower their energy costs in two ways:

- ◆ Connect schools to qualified energy services companies that are ready to assist them with their energy needs.
- ◆ Provide NYPA's cost-saving, energy-efficiency options.

For more information on the *Power to Schools* program and how you can get involved, contact NYPA at www.nypa.gov or call 1-866-433-3749.



Use Your Power To Choose

The New York State Public Service Commission has developed an energy supplier comparison chart to help you evaluate competing offers as you consider choices for your electricity and/or natural gas supply.

The chart, updated monthly, lists prices and other details of supply offerings from the major electric and natural gas utilities and energy service companies (ESCOs).

To access the energy supplier comparison chart, visit our Web site at www.PowerToChooseNY.com, or call 1-888-Ask-PSC1 to request a copy.

City	Company	Rate	Term	Notes	Additional Info
Albany	Albany Electric System	\$0.12	12	Standard rate	ALBANY
Albany	ESCO 1	\$0.11	12	Fixed rate	ALBANY
Albany	ESCO 2	\$0.11	12	Fixed rate	ALBANY
Albany	ESCO 3	\$0.11	12	Fixed rate	ALBANY
Albany	ESCO 4	\$0.11	12	Fixed rate	ALBANY



Aggregation Opportunities for Energy Consumers



A Buying Group Guide for Competitive Energy Services



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Energy Competiton

In New York State, energy service companies (ESCOs) compete with local utilities in providing electricity and natural gas to businesses and residential customers. Switching to an ESCO will not change the reliability or safety of your energy supply.

Competition between ESCOs gives customers greater choice and better value for their energy dollar. ESCOs offer various pricing options and other value-added benefits such as clean and renewable energy sources, and appliance repair and service contracts. The PSC's Web site, www.PowerToChooseNY.com, provides a list of ESCOs actively offering electricity and natural gas supply to consumers in the utility service territories throughout the state.

Certain consumer protections are required by law whether you purchase natural gas or electricity supply from an ESCO or the local utility.

Join the nearly one million New Yorkers who have made a choice to switch to an ESCO and use your **Power to Choose**.

Aggregation: A buying group for competitive energy services

Aggregation provides an opportunity for consumers, organizations and businesses to form a group to achieve savings through bulk purchases of electricity and/or natural gas that would not be available to individual consumers.

An energy aggregation group can purchase energy supply directly from energy service companies (ESCOs) or through an aggregator. An aggregator acts as an agent to negotiate offers and purchase energy supply on behalf of the buying group.

How to form an energy aggregation group

Homeowner or neighborhood organizations, religious organizations, fraternal groups, unions, business associations, professional organizations, and community groups are logical starting points for an aggregation program. An aggregated group should:

- ◆ Review aggregated use data to determine how and when group members use energy.
- ◆ Determine if the group is interested in purchasing environmentally friendly green power.
- ◆ Determine if the group is interested in other services, such as furnace cleaning or home security.
- ◆ Consider joining with other organizations to create a larger aggregated group.
- ◆ Consult with, and compare prices and services provided by, ESCOs, energy consultants, brokers and aggregators.
- ◆ Review the terms and conditions of contracts, such as the expiration date, renewal options, early termination fees, fixed costs and billing options.

Examples of Successful Aggregation Programs in New York State

- ◆ Members of the Council of Industry of Southeastern New York have aggregated 30 MW of their load with a power marketer.
- ◆ The City of Oneonta Common Council extended its contract with an ESCO to provide electric services for city-managed properties. The original agreement was reached as part of a collective purchasing agreement with the Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance (MEGA).
- ◆ Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) put out a request for bids for electricity suppliers. As a result of BOCES' supplier choice, participating school districts are saving between 7% to 8% on electricity costs.

For more information about successful aggregation programs in New York State:

- ☒ Call the PSC's toll-free information line at 1-888-Ask-PSC1 (1-888-275-7721)

For more information about ESCOs operating in your area:

- ☒ Visit our Web site at www.PowerToChooseNY.com