

# New York Power to Choose Website

## Getting started:

1. Enter your zip code
2. Choose a service type, either electric or gas
3. Choose an offer type, either variable, fixed or both (variable/fixed)
4. Click on find offers

The screenshot shows the homepage of the New York State Public Service Commission's 'Power to Choose' website. The header includes the state logo, 'New York State Public Service Commission', and a search bar. Navigation tabs are labeled 'Welcome', 'How to Choose', and 'Find Offers...'. The main content area contains a welcome message, a list of four steps for using the site, and a search form with fields for Zip, Service Type (set to Electric), and Service Class (set to Residential). Below the form is a 'Find offers...' button and a note about contacting the commission for questions.

\*\*Depending on your zip code, you may have more than one utility serving in your area. If so, another screen will pop up. Click on the drop down to select your utility and click select to continue.

This screenshot shows the 'Find' step of the 'Power to Choose' process. The search form is populated with 'Wynantskill (12198)' for the zip code, 'Electric' for the service type, and 'Residential' for the service class. The 'Utility' dropdown menu is open, showing 'National Grid' as the selected option and 'New York State Electric & Gas Corporation' as an alternative. A 'Select...' button is visible to the right of the dropdown. Below the form, a message reads 'Please select your current utility.' The navigation tabs at the top are 'Find', 'Choose', 'Compare', and 'Print/Save'.

How to sort:

On the offer screen, you can sort by ESCO name, Offer, Rate, Green Offer or Minimum Term.



ESCO Name – will sort by ESCO name from A-Z

Offer – When in the variable/fixed offers, it will sort fixed offers by ESCO name and then variable offers by ESCO name.

Rate – Will sort all offers by rate, lowest to highest

Green Offers – Green offers will be sorted to the top

Minimum Term – Will sort offers by term (months), lowest to highest

\*Please note: your Utility will always sort to the top of the screen.

Comparing Offers:

You are able to compare multiple offers by checking the box next to the offer type.

ESCO	Offer	Rate	Green Offer	Min. Term	Cancellation Fee	Sample Sales Agreement	Comments
<b>National Grid (Incumbent utility)</b>							
<a href="#">Fixed Rate History</a> <a href="#">Variable Rate History</a>							
<input type="checkbox"/>	Variable 0.07736 kwh			0 0	0		Commodity rate changes on a monthly basis. Rate includes MFC and ESRM.
<b>AGWAY ENERGY SERVICES, LLC</b>							
<a href="#">Fixed Rate history</a> <a href="#">Variable Rate History</a>							
<input type="checkbox"/>	Variable 0.049 kwh	✓		1 Month(s)	No	<a href="#">View Sample</a>	Variable \$.049 per kwh for 1st month.
<b>Alpha Gas and Electric, LLC</b>							
<a href="#">Fixed Rate history</a> <a href="#">Variable Rate History</a>							
<input type="checkbox"/>	Variable 0.1295 kwh			1 Month(s)	none	<a href="#">View Sample</a>	Variable Rate
<b>Ambit New York, LLC</b>							
<a href="#">Fixed Rate history</a> <a href="#">Variable Rate History</a>							
<input type="checkbox"/>	Variable 0.10077 kwh	✓		1 Month(s)	None	<a href="#">View Sample</a>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Variable 0.08997 kwh			1 Month(s)	None	<a href="#">View Sample</a>	Customers are guaranteed an annual savings of at least 2% under what the incumbent utility would have charged for the same period, or they receive a check for the difference.
<b>American Power &amp; Gas, LLC</b>							
<a href="#">Fixed Rate history</a> <a href="#">Variable Rate History</a>							
<input type="checkbox"/>	Variable 0.059 kwh			1 Month(s)	None	<a href="#">View Sample</a>	Introductory rate with a competitive low variable rate thereafter plus 25% Guaranteed Rebate on average monthly supply charges after 12 months.

Once you've selected the offers you want to compare, click the "Compare Selected Offers" box located at both the top and bottom right hand of the screen.

A screen will come up with just the offers you selected, you can now print/save those offers by clicking on the "Print/Save" button located on the top right hand of the screen.

\*Please note: you are also able to print/save offers without comparing them.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

1. Can I find rates for my small business or corporation on the Power to Choose website?

No. At this time the website only displays information for residential customers.

2. Does the ESCO have to honor the rate that is shown on the website?

Yes. If you are a new customer enrolling with an ESCO, the rate listed on the Power to Choose website must be honored by the ESCO when you call.

3. What is the difference between a fixed rate and a variable rate?

A fixed rate may be offered for 3 months, 6 months, 1 year or longer. Fixed rates stay the same for the duration of your contract term.

A variable rate fluctuates month to month based on market conditions.

4. Where is the contact information located for each ESCO?

If you click on the ESCO name, this will bring up the contact information for the ESCO, including address, phone numbers, email address and a link to the website.

5. Do you have more information about how I can choose an ESCO?

Please visit the ASKPSC website at this link:

<http://www.askpsc.com/askpsc/page/?PageAction=renderPageById&PageId=7f285010bbcba4320235157257b2dc82>