

## Clean Renewable Energy, Clean Currents and Capture the Wind

We were disappointed to have received news that [Clean Currents](#) has closed because of unusual challenges they have faced this year. What happens next? All Clean Currents' customers will be returned to their utility service, effective immediately - no interruption to electricity service. However, you will no longer be supporting clean energy.

Whether or not you were a Clean Currents customer, we hope you will still choose renewable energy for your home to continue to help the environment.

If you were a Clean Currents customer, you should have received 2 emails from them, one stating they were going out of business and another giving you an option to sign up with WGES.

Your options for supporting clean energy:

- [Washington Gas Energy Services \(WGES\)](#) is now offering both [NATIONAL](#) and [REGIONAL](#) wind power choices. To read more about National WindPower and Clean Currents, click on the tabs at the top of the [NATIONAL](#) page. Prior to Clean Currents demise, WGES only offered [REGIONAL](#) WindPower option. The [NATIONAL](#) WindPower option is brand new and open to anyone, not just to Clean Currents customers.
- **Spring 2014 [Groundswell's Community Power Program for Homes](#) - Negotiated discount group rates** - Anyone who pay a utility bill in Maryland and DC can [switch to clean energy](#) by joining this group for collective purchasing power. **Let Groundswell research, negotiate and vet the energy suppliers on your behalf to get the best rates for your home.** Read more about Groundswell and Clean Currents [here](#). FAQs [here](#). Flier [here](#).  
**\*\*\*\*Make sure to indicate you were referred by EUMC and help us earn funds - \$10 per enrollee.**
- **Visit MD's Public Service Commission [website](#) to search for energy suppliers to compare prices**

If you are deciding whether to join Groundswell's spring group or switch to WGES now, here are some points to consider. The rates listed are for BGE's utility.

Current BGE rates:

Winter Rates through - May 2014:	9.623 cents/kWh
Summer Rates: Jun – Oct 2014:	8.292 cents/kWh
Annual weighted avg until Oct 2014:	9.373 cents/kWh

<b>WGES Regional WindPower offer</b>	<b>WGES - National WindPower Offer</b>
50% Wind - 1 yr - 10.60 cents/kWh	50% Wind - ~1 yr - 9.40 cents/kWh (thru May 2015)
50% Wind - 2 yr - 10.50 cents/kWh	50% Wind - 2 yr - 9.49 cents/kWh
100% Wind - 1 yr - 11.60 cents/kWh	100% Wind - ~1 yr - 9.70 cents/kWh (thru May 2015)
100% Wind - 2 yr - 11.60 cents/kWh	100% Wind - 2 yr - 9.79 cents/kWh

- We don't know what rates Groundswell will be able to negotiate this spring, but in the past, the Groundswell negotiated rates ranged 2% higher than BGE's rates to 5% below. The more people that sign up for Groundswell's spring program, the better their negotiating power. Groundswell will also donate to EUMC - \$10 per enrollment.
- WGES rates are competitive with BGE's winter rates, but BGE's summer rates will be lower. Clean Currents used to be partnered with WGES in the past, so they are reputable. WGES could win Groundswell's spring contract if they choose to bid for it.

Whether you decide to switch to WGES now or join Groundswell and wait for spring rates, we hope you will continue to choose clean renewable energy. Please contact [Liz Feighner](#) for more information or questions.