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How should I assess a broker?

Start by fully understanding your electricity bill, including your monthly rate and consumption. You’ll also want to consider your needs and priorities. Are you looking to reduce the cost of your electricity supply, or purchase electricity generated from renewable sources?

Take the time to thoroughly read offers and terms of service prior to signing an agreement. There are several questions you should consider asking suppliers, including the following:

- Is it a fixed rate or variable rate? (note: variable rates could offer lower prices but increase risk because those prices could move up or down)
- What is the length of the contract?
- Is there a cancellation fee?
- What are my monthly savings if I switch?
- Will the contract automatically renew at the end of the term?
- How much notice must I give if I don’t wish to renew?
- How is the electricity generated (coal, gas, nuclear, hydroelectric, etc.)?
- Is the generation provided from renewable sources? If not all, what portion is generated by renewable sources?
- What type of renewable power (e.g., is it methane gas from landfills or from a wind farm)?
- Is a security deposit, enrollment, or other similar fee required?
- Is there a credit check, late payment fee, or other similar fee assessed? (If yes, be sure to get a list of the charges and what each charge will cost.)
- What kind of billing and payment options are available?

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- DOEE Energy Benchmarking: doee.dc.gov/service/energy-benchmarking
- DC Sustainable Energy Utility: doee.dc.gov/service/dc-sustainable-energy-utility
- Buying Green Power: doee.dc.gov/node/22372
- Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE): doee.dc.gov/service/property-assessed-clean-energy-pace
- Public Service Commission List of Approved Electric Suppliers: www.dcpsc.org/pdf_files/customerchoice/electric/EGTS_Approved.pdf

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