

EDITORIAL

Why not give munis a chance?

It's funny how much the utilities companies really underestimate the residents of Lexington.

They don't know how to operate the equipment, they say. They wouldn't know how to do proper upkeep of the lines and it would then slow or interrupt service to contiguous towns, they say.

What the residents of Lexington should say in return is: When a major company such as Nstar is caring for a major substation such as the one in the Center on Edison Way, which has caught fire before, with a garden hose and sprinkler, how can they judge?

Lexington residents would certainly know that is no way to cool a substation permanently. In town there are professors, consultants, business professionals and those who just plain care about the environment.

The time is now for those folks — Lexington residents — to take control of the future of utilities.

We are getting gouged at every turn — from the gas pump to the oil truck to electricity. The law is in place to allow munis now let's get the law in place to force the sale of muni equipment.

It's clear from other towns who have munis that money is saved — take a look at Belmont and Concord to name two.

This next year is going to be a rough one financially, with a debt exclusion, an operating override and a CPA vote on tap, so residents should fight with all their might to save money where possible.

Munis are one way to do this. Rally the troops. It's time to control your energy destiny.

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