

# electricity provider. Did the Texas storm make you rethink your choice?

## Pennsylvania says its rules would prevent price spikes

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In Pennsylvania, [you can pick <](#)  
<https://www.papowerswitch.com/>> the company that generates  
the energy that powers your home or business.

Texas is another state where consumers can opt for variable-rate energy providers: the price isn't set, which could mean savings, but it could also mean spikes. That's [what some people saw <](#)  
<https://www.npr.org/sections/live-updates-winter-storms-2021/2021/02/21/969912613/after-days-of-mass-outages-some-texas-residents-now-face-huge-electric-bills>> after a February winter storm led to power shutdowns — electricity bills for thousands of dollars.

Pennsylvania now has rules in place intended to help protect consumers from getting stuck with unexpected bills or getting

locked into contracts with rising prices. But making an informed choice can still mean sorting through lots of options and information.

While most residents in Pennsylvania stay with their “default” provider, about 29% have enrolled with a competitive supplier, according to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. The goal could be lowering your monthly bill or supporting renewable energy.

Did you switch from your default electricity provider? Or, are you thinking about doing that this year and shopping for one now? Did the spike in energy prices in Texas in February make you reconsider? StateImpact Pennsylvania wants to hear your story. Let us know here:

**Have you switched from your default electricity provider? \***

 

**What was your reasoning? \***

Tell us why you switched and how that experience has been. Or, if you're thinking about switching, tell us why and what questions you have about the process.

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