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Bedford Community Choice Aggregation program, offered by the Town of Bedford to residents and businesses, will continue for another 35 months with new rates and cleaner electricity

Bedford, MA – The Town of Bedford announces that it will continue its electricity aggregation program, called Bedford Community Choice Aggregation, or Bedford CCA for short, for an additional 35 months, from December 2021 through November 2024. Those who already participate in the program – and that’s most of Bedford residents and small businesses – **don’t need to do anything to continue their participation.** Those who have not been part of Bedford CCA can read more about the program on the program website **BedfordCCA.com.**

“I’m glad to see that we were able to include so much more renewable electricity in our standard product, Local Green, responding to the community’s ask for faster action on climate change without an impact to the rate,” said Select Board Chair Margot Fleischman. “We are looking forward to the program continuing to provide benefits for our community for years to come.”*

Bedford CCA offers four electricity choices with different amounts of renewable energy. 97% of all program participants are enrolled in Bedford Local Green, although products can be changed at any time without penalty or fee.

Bedford Community Choice Aggregation Products			
Bedford Local Green	Bedford Local Green 50%	Bedford Local Green 100%	Bedford Basic
20% in addition to MA renewable energy standards	50% in addition to MA renewable energy standards	100% in addition to MA renewable energy standards	Meets MA renewable energy standards
\$0.10927/kWh	\$0.12022/kWh	\$0.13847/kWh	\$0.10197/kWh
Duration: December 2021 - November 2024			
Products described as Green contain additional Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) above that required by MA law. The additional RECs qualify for MA Class I designation and come only from solar, wind, anaerobic digestion, and low-impact hydro. Local means 100% of the additional RECs are sourced from New England.			

***Disclaimer: Savings cannot be guaranteed** as compared to Eversource Basic Service rates which change every six months for residential and commercial accounts, and every three months for industrial accounts. To access information about Basic Service, visit www.mass.gov/info-details/basic-service-information-and-rates or call Eversource at (800) 592-2000.

The rate for the standard product, Bedford Local Green, will decrease slightly from \$0.11100 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) to \$0.10927/kWh, but will include an additional 20% renewable electricity (in MA Class I Renewable Energy Certificates, RECs, which are a measure of renewable energy) as compared to 5% at the start of the program.

Bedford has used the power of thousands of participants in its program to increase the demand for more renewable energy since the program's start in August 2019. The additional renewables are sourced entirely from New England, and annually, the program now purchases approximately 1,800 megawatt-hours (MWh) more renewable electricity (MA Class I RECs) for Bedford's program participants than required by MA law. Those additional RECs are provided by a local non-profit organization Green Energy Consumers Alliance which has decades of experience in bringing more renewable generation to New England.

For Bedford CCA program participants, the new electricity rates automatically take effect as of their December 2021 meter read dates. Participants will see the new rate for their current Bedford CCA product reflected in the Supply Services portion of the bills received after December.

NextEra Energy Services will be the new electricity supplier for the program and Eversource, the electric utility in Bedford, will continue to deliver electricity and bill program participants.

The Bedford CCA program is part of a broader movement in Massachusetts to provide more local control and electricity choices to residents and small businesses: over 160 Massachusetts cities and towns have an electricity aggregation program.

For more information about the program, visit [BedfordCCA.com](https://www.BedfordCCA.com)