

Town of Bedford Community Choice Aggregation

December 1, 2021

Dear Bedford electricity customer,

We are writing to you to let you know that the Town of Bedford will continue its electricity program, Community Choice Aggregation or CCA for short, through November 2024. You already participate in the program along with most Bedford residents and small businesses, and **you don't need to do anything to continue your participation.**

Our new program rates starting in December are:

Bedford Local Green	Bedford 50% Local Green	Bedford 100% Local Green	Bedford Basic	Eversource Basic Service (residential customers)	
10.927¢/kWh	12.022¢/kWh	13.847¢/kWh	10.197¢/kWh	10.753¢/kWh	15.735¢/kWh
December 2021 - November 2024				December 2021	January – June 2022

As you may know, Eversource rates change every three or six months, thus **future savings cannot be guaranteed** because future Eversource Basic Service rates beyond June 2022 are unknown. **The Town of Bedford is committed to working towards affordable and stable electricity rates through the CCA program.**

What else is changing? Most CCA participants are enrolled in Bedford Local Green, the standard product which adds 5% of additional renewable energy above Massachusetts requirements (18% in 2021, 20% in 2022). Bedford Local Green's additional renewable energy content will increase from 5% to 20% above Massachusetts requirements. CCA offers four electricity choices with different amounts of renewable energy, including a 100% option, **Bedford 100% Local Green**, and an option with no additional renewable energy (Bedford Basic). Participants can change products at any time without penalty on the program website BedfordCCA.com. See the reverse side of this letter for more information about the renewable energy sourced for the Bedford CCA program.

As a participant, you will see a notice on the Eversource bill you open in December notifying you of a supplier change. While the program continues seamlessly through November 2024, we will have a new supplier: NextEra Energy Services. You will see the new supplier ("Bedford CCA – NextEra Energy Svcs MA") and the new rates reflected in the Supply Services section of the bills you receive after December 2021.

Have more questions about electricity and your options? Join us at a virtual community meeting on **Wednesday, December 8, at 6:00pm** via Zoom. The link is on the program website, BedfordCCA.com and the Town Calendar, bedfordma.gov/calendar. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,



Margot Fleischman
Chair, Bedford Select Board



Emily Prince
Chair, Energy and Sustainability Committee

Frequently Asked Questions about the Bedford CCA program

Why did the Town of Bedford start this program?

The Town of Bedford was looking for ways to reduce our combined emissions by adding more renewable energy into the electricity mix. Also, the program offers stable rates for multiple years, as compared to Eversource's rate for Basic Service Residential customers which changes every six months. While future savings cannot be guaranteed, the Town is committed to working towards stable and affordable electricity rates through the CCA program.

How can I tell what product option I have?

Take a look at your electricity bill! In the Supply Services section, you will see a line for Energy Charge—participation in this program only impacts your Supply Services cost. Compare the rate to the rates on the BedfordCCA.com website to determine your current product.

My neighbor didn't get this letter. What does that mean for them?

If they didn't receive this letter, they are not participating in the CCA program. They can attend the virtual community meeting on Wednesday, December 8, at 6:00pm or visit the website BedfordCCA.com to learn more about the program and their options for participating.

If I have solar panels, can I still participate in CCA?

Yes, and solar electricity consumers continue to receive their net metering credits while participating in the program.

If I get a discount from the utility, do I lose it if I am a program participant?

Budget Plan or Eligible Low-Income delivery rate consumers will continue to receive those benefits from the utility.

Who can I contact if I have questions?

Contact support_ma@goodenergy.com or 800-254-0798 for general program questions. To change your product or program participation, visit the website or call the program supplier, NextEra Energy Services at 855-639-8185.

Clean Energy in the CCA program

The Town of Bedford seeks to support renewable energy resources that are located in Massachusetts or as close to the state as possible. The CCA program presents a unique opportunity for the Town to influence the development of renewable energy resources by going above and beyond the state requirements. By switching to Bedford Local Green 100%, you support the transition from fossil fuels to sustainable sources.

On Our Grid

All of the additional renewable energy in the Community Choice Aggregation program comes from sources designated as MA Class I - the same classification used to meet the Massachusetts Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS). Don't be fooled by electricity suppliers who obtain their renewable energy from national sources (e.g. the Midwest or Texas) because including them in the electricity mix does not move our region away from fossil fuels.

Our Local Partner

Community Choice Aggregation sources all the additional renewable energy, above and beyond MA requirements, from Green Energy Consumers Alliance, a local non-profit that helps bring new renewable projects to New England through strategic support of development opportunities with short- and long-term contracts.

Sign up for your clean energy!

It takes less than five minutes using our online form to switch to Bedford 100% Local Green at BedfordCCA.com/enroll.