



# City of Somerville

October 4, 2022

Dear Somerville Electricity Customer,

Thank you for participating in Somerville Community Choice Electricity (Somerville CCE), the City’s Program to provide electricity supply options to our community since 2017. The Program works to ensure competitive, stable costs for renters, homeowners, and businesses, although we recognize that savings cannot be guaranteed. This fall, we will double the amount of voluntary renewable energy in the default Local Green product, the most popular option of the Program, to further reduce our community’s contribution to climate change. This City-supported program lets you support the shift to clean energy and the creation of green energy jobs close to home, and that’s a great way to help build a more sustainable future. Thank you for your participation.

— Mayor Katjana Ballantyne

You will be automatically renewed in the Somerville Community Choice Electricity product “Somerville Local Green” starting on your November 2022 meter read.

## TO REMAIN IN THE PROGRAM

You do not need to take any action to remain in the Somerville CCE Program. You currently receive electricity from the Program’s “Local Green” supply product, and your current supply price, 10.519 cents/kWh, will end in November 2022. If you take no action, you will be automatically renewed in the “Local Green” product at the price shown below, starting on your November 2022 meter read.

## NEW PROGRAM SUMMARY

	Eversource Basic Service	Somerville Basic	Somerville Local Green (automatic)	Somerville 100% Local Green
<b>Price</b>	17.871 ¢/kWh - Residential 17.827 ¢/kWh - Small Business 30.613¢/kWh – Large Business as filed 9/06/2022*	14.914 ¢/kWh	15.654 ¢/kWh	18.614 ¢/kWh
<b>Voluntary Renewable Energy Content</b>	-	-	Adds 20% voluntary renewable energy (MA Class I RECs)	Adds 100% voluntary renewable energy (MA Class I RECs)
<b>Duration</b>	July 1 to December 31, 2022 *Large Business: October 1 to December 31, 2022	November 2022 to December 2024	November 2022 to December 2024	November 2022 to December 2024

**The Somerville CCE Program cannot guarantee savings compared to Eversource Basic Service for the duration of the Program pricing because future Basic Service rates are unknown.**

Program prices could also increase as a result of a change in the law that results in a direct material increase in costs during the term of the electric supply contract. A commission fee of \$0.001 per kilowatt hour (kWh) for the aggregation consultant is included in all Program rates. Somerville Community Choice Electricity rates also include taxes, which are billed as part of the power supply charge. Somerville Community Choice Electricity rates apply to service beginning and ending on the days of the month that your meter is read. Rates indicated above are for Supply Services only.

The products labeled “Green” contain additional Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) above that required by MA law. The additional RECs qualify for MA Class I designation from generation located within, or delivered to, New England.

## RENEWABLE ENERGY DETAIL

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires that all electric supply products include a minimum of 51% renewable energy resources in 2022, 54% in 2023, and 55% in 2024. Some Somerville CCE Program products contain additional renewable energy that exceeds the minimum required by the Commonwealth, as shown below.

	Year	Minimum Required by Commonwealth		Voluntary	Total Renewable Energy Content
		MA Class I	Other	MA Class I	
<b>Eversource Basic Service</b>	2022	20%	31%	-	<b>51%</b>
	2023	22%	32%	-	<b>54%</b>
	2024	24%	31%	-	<b>55%</b>
<b>Somerville Basic</b>	2022	20%	31%	-	<b>51%</b>
	2023	22%	32%	-	<b>54%</b>
	2024	24%	31%	-	<b>55%</b>
<b>Somerville Local Green (automatic)</b>	2022	20%	31%	<b>20%</b>	<b>71%</b>
	2023	22%	32%	<b>20%</b>	<b>74%</b>
	2024	24%	31%	<b>20%</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>Somerville 100% Local Green</b>	2022	20%	31%	<b>100%</b>	<b>151%</b>
	2023	22%	32%	<b>100%</b>	<b>154%</b>
	2024	24%	31%	<b>100%</b>	<b>155%</b>

MA Class I renewables are from new, regional sources (i.e., generation located within, or delivered to, New England, built after 1997). Other required renewables include Class II, Class II Waste Energy, Clean Energy Standard, and Clean Energy Standard Exiting. For details on all required renewable resources, see [mass.gov/service-details/program-summaries](https://mass.gov/service-details/program-summaries).

## ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Remember: The Somerville CCE Program will never knock on your door or call unless requested.
- The Somerville CCE Program provides your electricity supply. The utility, Eversource, delivers that electricity.
- Budget Plan or Eligible Low-Income delivery rate consumers will continue to receive those benefits from Eversource while participating in the Somerville CCE Program.
- Solar Electricity Consumers will not be impacted and will continue receiving net metering credits while participating in the Somerville CCE Program.
- Tax-exempt small business customers participating in the Somerville CCE Program must provide a copy of their Tax-Exemption Certificate directly to Direct Energy via email at [usn.taxexemption@directenergy.com](mailto:usn.taxexemption@directenergy.com) or mail at Direct Energy, Attn: USN Tax Exemption Dept, PO Box 180, Tulsa OK 74101-0180 in order to maintain their tax-exempt status. While a Tax-Exemption Certificate may have been provided to Eversource Energy, Direct Energy also requires a separate Tax-Exemption Certificate to qualify your tax exemption status.
- You can switch to a different Somerville CCE Program supply product any time after you've enrolled. To do so, call the Somerville CCE Program's electricity supplier, Direct Energy, at (866) 968-8065, or submit a request at [CCE.SomervilleMA.gov](https://CCE.SomervilleMA.gov).
- You can leave the Somerville CCE Program with no associated early termination fees at any time. If you leave the Somerville CCE Program, your account(s) will be returned to Eversource Basic Service on the next meter read. To do so, you must take one of the following actions: call Direct Energy at (866) 968-8065, or submit the opt-out form at [CCE.SomervilleMA.gov](https://CCE.SomervilleMA.gov).
- Information about Basic Service: visit [mass.gov/info-details/basic-service-information-and-rates](https://mass.gov/info-details/basic-service-information-and-rates), or call Eversource at (800) 592-2000.

## CUSTOMER SUPPORT & MORE

For more information or customer support, please visit [CCE.SomervilleMA.gov](https://CCE.SomervilleMA.gov), or call (888) 306-5243.

**If you think you are receiving a different electricity supply product than indicated in this letter, please contact our supplier, Direct Energy, directly at (866) 968-8065.**