



Somerville Community Choice Electricity Program

Dear Somerville Electricity Customer,

The City of Somerville is offering Somerville Community Choice Electricity (Somerville CCE), which provides new city-vetted options for electricity supply. Eversource will continue to deliver your electricity, however, the electricity supplier was chosen by the City of Somerville through a competitive bid process that leveraged the bulk-buying power of our community, understanding that savings cannot be guaranteed.

You will be automatically enrolled in the Somerville CCE product, “Somerville Local Green,” as of your December 2023 electricity meter read, unless you choose one of our optional products or choose to opt out.

To opt out and avoid automatic enrollment in the Somerville Community Choice Electricity Program, you must do one of the following before November 22, 2023:



mail and postmark the enclosed opt-out card

OR



call Direct Energy at (866) 968-8065

OR



submit the opt-out form at CCE.SomervilleMA.gov

Participants may also opt out of Somerville Community Choice Electricity at any time during the Program without penalty. Please read further to learn more about Somerville CCE.

— Katjana Ballantyne, Mayor, City of Somerville

SOMERVILLE CCE GOALS



Renewable Energy

Somerville CCE’s standard product includes more renewable energy certificates, known as Massachusetts Class I RECs, than required by the Commonwealth. This means you are helping to support the growth of renewable energy in our region. Optional products that include a higher amount of renewable energy certificates are also available and described below.



Electricity Choice

Somerville CCE offers different electricity supply choices with different levels of renewable energy certificates to match your budget and climate goals.



Competitive and Stable Prices

All Somerville CCE prices are fixed through December 2024, whereas Eversource Basic Service prices change every six months for Residential and Commercial customers, and every three months for Large Commercial and Industrial customers. Somerville CCE offers options that are intended to be price competitive with Eversource Basic Service, however, **savings cannot be guaranteed**. This is because Basic Service rates are not known for the entire period of Somerville’s contract and may therefore be above or below Somerville CCE rates in any given period.

SOMERVILLE CCE OPTIONS

Standard Product

- 1 Somerville Local Green:** This is the **standard product** that you will be automatically enrolled in if you do nothing. It includes twenty percent (20%) more renewable energy certificates than required by Massachusetts. This product helps you be a climate leader, while still focusing on competitive prices. The goal for this product is to be equal to, or lower than, average Eversource Basic Service rates over Somerville’s contract term. However, as Basic Service rates change, **savings cannot be guaranteed** for any given period.

Other Products

Somerville CCE also offers optional electricity products, each with differing amounts of renewable energy certificates relative to state requirements. To enroll in any of these optional products, you must contact the supplier, **Direct Energy**, at (866) 968-8065, or sign up on the aggregation website: CCE.SomervilleMA.gov.

- 2 Somerville 100% Local Green:** This is an **optional product**. It includes renewable energy certificates (MA Class I) equal to one hundred percent (100%) of a customer’s electricity consumption. It also meets all renewable energy standards set by the Commonwealth.
- 3 Somerville Basic:** This is an **optional product**. It includes the minimum amount of renewable energy certificates (MA Class I) required by the Commonwealth.

GREEN & LOCAL

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.

SOMERVILLE CCE PRICING

	Electricity Supply Product	Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)	Residential	Commercial	Large Commercial and Industrial (C&I)	Price Period
Somerville CCE	Somerville Local Green (standard)	20% greater than MA Class I requirements	\$0.15654/kWh	\$0.15654/kWh	\$0.15654/kWh	December 2023 - December 2024 Rates apply to service beginning and ending on the days of the month that your meter is read.
	Somerville 100% Local Green (optional)	MA Class I RECs equal to 100% of customer's metered consumption	\$0.18614/kWh	\$0.18614/kWh	\$0.18614/kWh	
	Somerville Basic (optional)	meets minimum MA Class I requirements	\$0.14914/kWh	\$0.14914/kWh	\$0.14914/kWh	
What You Have Now	Eversource Basic Service	meets minimum MA Class I requirements	\$0.16078/kWh	\$0.15899/kWh	NEMA \$0.15614/kWh	July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023 Residential and Commercial* October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023 Large C&I*

***No guarantee of savings.** Eversource Basic Service rates for electric supply change every six months for Residential and Commercial customers, and every three months for Large Commercial and Industrial customers. Eversource Basic Service rates may be above or below Somerville CCE rates for customers during any given period. Program prices could also increase as a result of a change in law that results in a direct material increase in costs during the term of the electric supply contract.

Rates indicated above are for Supply Services only. Commission fee for all Somerville CCE products is included in above rates. This fee is \$0.001/kWh for the aggregation consultant. Rates also include taxes which are billed as part of the power supply charge.

SOMERVILLE CCE PARTICIPATION

To enroll in the Somerville CCE Somerville Local Green product, you do not need to take any action. **To enroll in an optional Somerville CCE product,** contact the supplier, **Direct Energy**, or use the online form at [CCE.SomervilleMA.gov](https://www.directenergy.com/ma/somerville). **If you don't wish to participate,** mail and postmark the enclosed opt-out card on or before **November 22, 2023** to avoid automatic enrollment in the Somerville CCE Program.

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

Solar Electricity Consumers will not be impacted and will continue to receive their net metering credits while participating in the Program.

Exit Terms for Basic Service: There is no penalty charge for leaving Eversource's Basic Service, however, Large Commercial and Industrial customers may receive a billing adjustment charge or credit.

You can leave the Program any time after you have enrolled, with no early termination fees. If you leave the Program, your account(s) will be returned to Eversource's Basic Service on the next available meter read.

How to access information about Basic Service: visit www.mass.gov/info-details/basic-service-information-and-rates, or call Eversource at (800) 592-2000.

If you are receiving electricity supply from a competitive supplier and believe you have received this opt-out letter in error, you must sign and return the enclosed opt-out card. This will ensure you continue to receive your electricity from that competitive supplier and prevent any possible early termination fees.

Tax-exempt small business customers must provide a copy of their Energy Exemption Certificate directly to Direct Energy via email at usn.taxexemption@directenergy.com, fax at (800) 504-7428, 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.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT & MORE INFORMATION

For more information visit [CCE.SomervilleMA.gov](https://www.directenergy.com/ma/somerville), or call (888) 306-5243.

To select an optional Somerville CCE product, or to opt out of the Program, please contact **Direct Energy** at (866) 968-8065, 8 AM – 8 PM EST, Monday - Friday, 8 AM – 5 PM EST Saturday, or by email at aggregationsupport@directenergy.com.