



Dear Somerville Electricity Customer,

Thank you for participating in Somerville Community Choice Electricity (Somerville CCE). The group purchasing program, operated by the City, provides electricity supply options to our community. Since 2017, the program has worked to ensure competitive, stable costs for renters, homeowners, and businesses. This year, we will once again double our commitment to addressing climate change by doubling the amount of voluntary renewable energy in the popular default Local Green option. This letter explains upcoming changes and your options. Participants support the shift to clean energy and the creation of green energy jobs close to home. With Somerville CCE, we have the power to build a more sustainable future together. Thank you for participating.

- Mayor Katjana Ballantyne

Lower prices take effect for all participants starting on the December 2024 meter read.

The most popular, default option, Somerville Local Green, costs less than Eversource’s current residential supply price.

You will be automatically renewed in your current supply option. You may switch at any time.

Most participants use the default option, Somerville Local Green, and our current pricing has been fixed since November 2022, providing multiple years of price stability. During this time, the typical residential customer saved \$315 compared to Eversource’s supply cost, while also receiving an additional 20% renewable energy from regionally produced, MA Class I sources. City-wide, the Program purchased 54,000 megawatt hours (MWh), avoiding over 38 million pounds of carbon pollution.

SOMERVILLE’S NEW SUPPLY OPTIONS

Prices for all Somerville CCE products are decreasing! The City is excited to have secured these lower prices, while also doubling the amount of renewable energy in the community default option, Somerville Local Green: it will include 40% additional regionally produced, MA Class I renewable energy and cost less than Eversource’s current residential Basic Service supply price. At the same time, Somerville CCE will continue to provide customers with choices for even lower prices or even more renewable energy.

Somerville CCE prices will be fixed for 37 months, from December 2024 through January 2028.

Somerville Basic
13.220 ¢/kWh
Meets State minimum MA Class I renewable energy standards of 24% in 2024

Somerville Local Green
14.840 ¢/kWh
Provides 64% total renewable energy from MA Class I sources

Somerville 100% Local Green
16.060 ¢/kWh
Provides 100% total renewable energy from MA Class I sources

The current Eversource Basic Service residential price is 15.772 ¢/kilowatt-hour (kWh) from Aug. 1, 2024 – Jan. 31, 2025 and contains only the required minimum renewable energy. As Eversource prices change frequently and future rates are unknown, future savings cannot be guaranteed.

- You may switch to another Somerville supply option at any time OR you may leave the Program at any time, without penalty and return to Basic Service with Eversource. To switch options or leave the Program, call our program’s electricity supplier, Direct Energy Services, LLC (“Direct Energy”), at (866) 968-8065, or submit a request at cce.somervillema.gov
- Income-eligible customers of Eversource can receive a 42% discount on their entire electricity bill, including the CCE prices above. You can find a link to sign up for this discount at cce.somervillema.gov

SOMERVILLE CURRENT & NEW PRICES

The table below shows the current and new prices based on which supply option you use. Unless you have affirmatively selected another option in the past, you use the Somerville Local Green supply option. To check what option you use, match the “Generation Service Charge” on page two of your Eversource bill with one of the current prices below.

	Somerville Basic		Somerville Local Green		Somerville 100% Local Green	
	Current	New	Current	New	Current	New
Price	14.914 ¢/kWh	13.220 ¢/kWh	15.654 ¢/kWh	14.840 ¢/kWh	18.614 ¢/kWh	16.060 ¢/kWh
Duration	Nov 2022 - Dec 2024	Dec 2024 – Jan 2028	Nov 2022 - Dec 2024	Dec 2024 – Jan 2028	Nov 2022 - Dec 2024	Dec 2024 – Jan 2028
Renewable Energy from New, Regionally Produced Sources (MA Class I RECs)						
State-Required	24%	24%	24%	24%	24%	24%
Voluntary	None	None	20%	40%	100%	76%
Total	24%	24%	44%	64%	124%	100%
Other State-Required Renewable or Clean Energy Sources (Other RECs)						
	38%	38%	38%	38%	38%	38%
Supplier	Direct Energy		Direct Energy		Direct Energy	

- Program prices only apply to the **Supply** portion of your electric bill. Eversource will continue to set the charges on the **Delivery** on your electric bill and will repair outages and manage all billing. Somerville CCE has no impact on any solar benefits, low-income discounts, or budget billing plans.
- Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) are the legal instrument used to purchase and track renewable energy. A REC guarantees that a certain type of energy was generated and put onto the grid. Some Program products purchase more than 100% RECs. Wind, solar, and low-impact hydropower are some of the most common sources that qualify for Class I. For more details on Class I sources and the required minimum renewable energy, see www.mass.gov/service-details/program-summaries
- At the end of the pricing term, you will be automatically renewed in your current product which may have a higher or lower price and a different percentage of voluntary renewable energy as negotiated by the City. The City will announce price changes at least 30 days before any such price change takes effect. Product details will always be available on the City’s website for the Program: cce.somervillema.gov

NEXT STEPS

- The first bill to show the new pricing will be the bill you receive showing usage from your December to January meter read. Most customers can expect to receive this bill in late January 2025.
- For current participants, no action is necessary to receive the new pricing for your current Somerville CCE supply option.
- Tax-exempt small business customers participating in the program must provide a copy of their Tax-Exemption Certificate directly to Direct Energy via email at usn.taxexemption@directenergy.com or mail to Direct Energy, Attn: USN Tax Exemption Dept, PO Box 180, Tulsa OK 74101-0180, in order to maintain their tax-exempt status.
- If you received this letter and are receiving electricity supply from a competitive supplier, you may have signed up after this mailing list was created. To ensure that you continue to receive your electricity from that competitive supplier and prevent any possible early termination fees, you must contact Somerville’s supplier to opt out of the program by calling (866) 968-8065.

QUESTIONS & SUPPORT

- For questions or troubleshooting, please contact the town’s consultant that manages the Program, Good Energy, by using the online form at cce.somervillema.gov, or by calling (888) 306-5243.