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Peter Ray, Secretary
Department of Public Utilities
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

RE: City of Somerville - Municipal Aggregation Plan, D.P.U. 16-95

Dear Secretary Ray:

Enclosed please find a revised Municipal Aggregation Plan for the City of Somerville (“Revised Plan”), consistent with the Department’s Municipal Aggregation Guidelines established in D.P.U. 23-67-A (“Guidelines”). The City of Somerville provided for public review of the Revised Plan from June 3, 2026 to July 3, 2026. As discussed with the Department pursuant to Section IX.A of the Guidelines, the Revised Plan allows for the program to automatically enroll eligible low-income residents (Eversource’s R2, R4, and R2HP rate classes) in the Somerville Basic product. This Revised Plan is being submitted to the Department for informational purposes pursuant to the Guidelines.

Please let me know if you have any questions in regard to this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE

REVISED MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION PLAN

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I. INTRODUCTION

This is the municipal aggregation Plan for the Somerville Community Choice Electricity (CCE) Program. The Department approved the City’s municipal aggregation plan in 2017 and the City launched its Program in July 2017. The City has revised its Plan, consistent with the municipal aggregation statute, M.G.L. c. 164, § 134(a) and Department Guidelines. Through the Program, the City will continue to provide electric supply options to Somerville residents and businesses. Eversource serves as the City’s Electric Distribution Company and will remain responsible for the distribution of electricity, maintaining electric infrastructure and responding to power outages.

The Program allows the City to decide the features of electric supply options, known as Products. It will continue to be available to all residents and businesses, offering a Default Product and optional Products. Upon launch in 2017, all Auto-Enroll Customers were enrolled in the Default Product unless they opted out or selected an optional Product. Participants in the Program can switch to an optional Product or opt out to choose another Competitive Supplier or Basic Service from the Electric Distribution Company. Those not initially participating can join the Program at any time.

The Program will continue to provide electric supply options that match the diverse needs and preferences of our community, which include:

- Negotiating the best terms and conditions for electric supply, including the most affordable rates for our low-income residents. It is important to note that the Program cannot guarantee prices will be lower than the Eversource Basic Service rates at all times, because Basic Service rates change frequently and future prices are unknown.
- Using and supporting the growth of renewable electricity.
- Supporting electrification, particularly for heating and transportation currently powered by fossil fuels.

II. DEFINITIONS

Annual Report – means the report that the Municipality shall file annually with the Department that includes Program information for the previous year.

Auto-Enroll Customer – means an Electric Customer who is eligible to be enrolled in the Program on an opt-out basis, specifically all Basic Service customers except for those customers who (1) have informed the Electric Distribution Company they do not want their account information shared with their municipality, or (2) are participating in an optional “green power” program that requires them to remain on Basic Service.

Basic Service – means the electric supply product that the Electric Distribution Company provides to Electric Customers that are not receiving an electric supply product from a Competitive Supplier or through participation in the Program.

Competitive Supplier – means an entity licensed by the Department to sell electric supply products to Electric Customers, as defined in 220 CMR 11.02.

Consultant – means the entity retained by the Municipality to assist with the development and operation of the Plan and Program.

DOER – means the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources.

DOER Best Practices – means the *DOER Recommended Best Practices for Advancing Clean Energy in Municipal Aggregation Plans*, as may be amended from time to time.

Default Product – means the Product that Participants in the Program receive unless they affirmatively select an alternate Product.

Department – means the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities.

Electric Customer – means the customer of record of an account with an Electric Distribution Company.

Electric Distribution Company or EDC – means Eversource, the company that provides electric distribution service within the Municipality.

Electric Supply Agreement or ESA – means the contract between the Municipality and a Program Supplier concerning electricity supply for the Program.

Electricity Broker – means an entity that is licensed by the Department to facilitate or otherwise arrange for the purchase and sale of electric supply and related services to customers, as defined by DPU regulations (220 CMR 11.02).

Environmental Justice Population¹ – in Massachusetts, an environmental justice population is a neighborhood that meets one or more of the following criteria:

- the annual median household income is not more than 65 percent of the statewide annual median household income;
- minorities comprise 40 percent or more of the population;
- 25 percent or more of households lack English language proficiency; or
- minorities comprise 25 percent or more of the population and the annual median household income of the Municipality in which the neighborhood is located does not exceed 150 percent of the statewide annual median household income.

Guidelines – means the Department’s Municipal Aggregation Guidelines (D.P.U. 23-67, dated July 9, 2024), as may be amended from time to time.

Municipality or City means the City of Somerville.

¹ See [Environmental Justice Policy of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs](https://www.mass.gov/doc/environmental-justice-policy6242021-update/download) (Updated June 24, 2021) available at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/environmental-justice-policy6242021-update/download> (last visited January 30, 2026).

Opt-In Product - means a Product that Participants in the Program must affirmatively select to receive.

Opt-Out Notice – means the document sent to Auto-Enroll Customers to inform them of their right to opt out of such enrollment (see Section IV.B.6.a, below).

Participant – means an Electric Customer that is participating in the Program.

Plan – means this municipal aggregation plan.

Product – means an electric supply product available to Participants in the Program.

Program – means the Somerville Community Choice Electricity (CCE) program, which aggregates Electric Customers located within its municipal boundaries for the purpose of procuring electric supply and energy-related products and services, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, § 134(a).

Program Supplier – means the Competitive Supplier that is providing electric supply and, if applicable, energy-related products and services to Participants.

III. PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

III.A. INITIATION OF PROCESS

The City obtained the authorization by a majority vote of its Board of Alderman (now known as City Council) to initiate a process to develop a municipal aggregation plan on October 8, 2015.

III.B. CONSULTATION WITH DOER

The City consulted with DOER in developing its Plan, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, § 134(a), in a meeting on May 23, 2016, which included its Consultant, Good Energy.

III.C. PUBLIC REVIEW

The City made its original Plan available for public review from April 14, 2016 through May 4, 2016, at the City Hall and on its website. In addition, the City provided documentation demonstrating that municipal officials presented the Plan at a public meeting on April 28, 2016.

The Department approved the Plan on April 14, 2017, and the Program launched in August 2017.

The City revised the Plan and made it available for public review from June 3, 2026 through July 3, 2026, at the City Hall and on its website.

IV. PLAN ELEMENTS

IV.A. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAM

Table IV.A identifies the entities (Municipality, Consultant, Program Supplier) that will perform core functions of the Program.

Table IV.A – Organizational Structure

Core Functions	Performing Entity			Plan section in which tasks are described
	Municipality	Consultant	Supplier	
Liaisons/Representatives/Agents				
Municipal Representative/Agent before Department		X		<i>Section V</i>
Liaison with DOER		X		<i>Section III.B</i>
Liaison with Electric Distribution Companies		X		<i>Section VIII</i>
Plan Elements				
Procurement of Supply		X		<i>Section IV.B.2</i>
Product Determination	X			<i>Section IV.B.3</i>
Other Funding/Costs	X			<i>Section IV.B.4</i>
Customer Enrollment			X	<i>Section IV.B.5</i>
Customer Notifications/Outreach/Education	X	X		<i>Section IV.B.6</i>
Ongoing Program Information		X		<i>Section IV.B.7</i>
Program Termination	X			<i>Section IV.B.8</i>
Annual Reports		X		<i>Section VI</i>
Customer Service		X	X	<i>Section IV.A</i>

Customer Service information:

- The City encourages customers to visit the Program website, cce.somervillema.gov, to use the online contact forms and to view the latest customer support information and resources.
- Municipality: Steven Nutter, Director of Sustainability and Environment at snutter@somervillema.gov and 781-823-9435.
- Consultant: Good Energy at support_ma@goodenergy.com and (888) 306-5243.
- Program Supplier: For the current ESA, the Program Supplier is Direct Energy and can be reached at aggregationsupport@nrg.com and (866) 968-8065. For future ESAs, supplier contact information will be provided upon the completion of bidding by Good Energy.

IV.B. PROGRAM OPERATION

IV.B.1. Statutory Requirements

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, § 134(a), a Plan shall provide for:

IV.B.1.a. Universal Access

All customers residing or located within the municipal boundary are eligible to participate in the Program, either through an automatic enrollment process or upon request of the customer to join the Program (see Section IV.B.5, below).

IV.B.1.b. Reliability

The City has retained the services of Good Energy, a Department-approved Electricity Broker that is licensed to provide municipal aggregation consulting services. Retention of this Department-approved broker demonstrates that the City has the support of a technical expert necessary to operate and manage the Program.

IV.B.1.c. Equitable Treatment of All Customer Classes

Table IV.B.1.c identifies the Plan elements for which the treatment between customer classes (or subclasses) may vary. For each Plan element identified, the Plan explains (in the applicable section below) why the varied treatment is reasonable and appropriate in consideration of the disparate characteristics of each customer class or subclass.

Table IV.B.1.c Equitable Treatment of Customer Classes

Plan Element					
	Product Rate Setting/Renewable Energy Content (\$ IV.B.3)	Other Funding Sources/Costs (\$ IV.B.4)	Customer Enrollment (\$ IV.B.5)	Customer Notification (\$ IV.B.6)	Ongoing Program Information (\$ IV.B.7)
Procurement of Supply (\$ IV.B.2)	-	Yes	-	-	-

IV.B.2. Procurement of Supply

Table IV.B.2 identifies: (1) the actions the City expects to take to procure supply for the Program in the future; and (2) the expected timeline for each action, identified as the number of days after Day 0, the day the City has determined to proceed with a bid.

Table IV.B.2 - Procurement of Supply²

Procurement Steps	Expected Timeline (after Day 0)
Issue Request for Proposals	15
Negotiate ESA	15 through 44
Evaluate Bids & Execute ESA	45

The Consultant will manage the procurement of supply, and all final procurement decisions will be made by the City. Whether the City conducts an individual solicitation or participates in a solicitation with a buying group, at the conclusion of the bidding process it will select the proposal most appropriate for City residents and businesses. Participation in a buying group shall not require the City to select the same price, terms or Competitive Supplier as other members of the buying group. If none of the bids are satisfactory, the City has the right to reject all bids and repeat the solicitation for bids as often as needed until market conditions yield an offer that is acceptable.

IV.B.3. Product Information

Table IV.B.3 identifies, for each Product, (1) the components of the rates that will be charged to Participants, and (2) the renewable energy content, including the types of renewable energy resources that comprise the voluntary component. All funds collected through rates will be used specifically for the benefit of the Program.

The Table and discussion below describe the City’s Products in the current ESA and its expected approach to its Products and its process to make final determinations for future ESAs The Plan addresses how Somerville will update this table in Section IV.B.7 (Ongoing Program Information), below.

² As Somerville has already launched its program, the City does not need to notify the EDCs of Department approval nor file any updates on procurement timelines in the docketed proceeding with the Department.

Table IV.B.3 - Product Information

	Somerville Basic (Optional)	Somerville Local Green (Default)*	Somerville 100% Local Green (Optional)
For R2, R4 and R2HP Customers	(Default)**	(Optional)	(Optional)
Rate Components (in \$/kWh)			
Supply and Renewable Energy Content	\$0.13120	\$0.14740	\$0.15960
Consultant Services	\$0.001	\$0.001	\$0.001
Municipality Services	0	0	0
Other Services	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY PRICE	0.13220	\$0.14840	0.16060
Renewable Energy Content 2026 (in % of total)			
Required MA Class I	30%	30%	30%
Required Other Renewables	39%	39%	39%
Minimum Required by Commonwealth (2026)	69%	69%	69%
Voluntary MA Class I	0%	40%	70%
Total MA Class I (Required + Voluntary)	30%	70%	100%
TOTAL RENEWABLE CONTENT (Minimum Required by Commonwealth + Voluntary MA Class I)	69%	109%	139%
Supplier Name	Direct Energy	Direct Energy	Direct Energy
Effective Dates	December 2024 through January 2028	December 2024 through January 2028	December 2024 through January 2028

*The Default Product for standard Residential, Commercial and Industrial customers is Somerville Local Green.

** The Default Product for Low-income Customers (R2, R4 and R2HP rate classes) is Somerville Basic.

Number of Products: The Program currently offers a Default Product and two Opt-In Products.

Rate Components - Uses and Values:

- *Supply and renewable energy component:* This component comprises the cost of

all-requirements power supply, all renewable energy required by the Commonwealth, and any additional renewable energy added by the City. The value of this component is determined by the unit pricing provided by bidding suppliers and the quantity of additional renewable energy the City desires in each Product. In the current ESA, the City selected the Default Product – Somerville Local Green – to provide 70% total renewable energy from MA Class I sources. For 2026, this means that the Default Product includes the 30% Massachusetts-required Class I sources as well as an additional 40% MA Class I sources to total 70% MA Class I sources, as well as additional required other state renewable energy requirements of 39% (hence the 109% above). The state-required other renewables are the same cost for all three products. Somerville 100% Local Green, the Plus Product: was chosen to provide over 100% renewable energy from MA Class I sources and it contains 70% voluntary MA Class I sources. The Basic Product is designed to meet the Massachusetts renewable energy requirements and be the least cost product in the Program.

- *Consultant services component:* This component is the cost of Consultant services to administer the Program, whose responsibilities include: representing the City before the Department, including securing regulatory approvals and maintaining compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; strategizing for and managing the procurement of electric supply; developing and implementing the public education plan; interacting with the Electric Distribution Company; monitoring the ESA; preparing reports to the City developing and maintaining a comprehensive, branded Program website; providing Program customer support by telephone and email, including addressing customer complaints; receiving customer requests to enroll, change program options, or opt-out; forwarding those requests to the Program Supplier and monitoring implementation; overseeing periodic automatic enrollment mailings to new customers; monitoring Program Supplier performance; monitoring electricity market and regulatory developments; and producing regulatory reports and managing supplemental filings with the Department (e.g., Plan amendments). The value of this component in the current ESA is \$0.001 per kilowatt hour for all Products.
- *Municipality services or other services components:* The City does not include additional components in the current ESA.

DOER Best Practices: The City is aware of the DOER Best Practices. The City intends for this Program to provide economic and environmental benefits to its community, as well as accelerate the Commonwealth's progress toward its clean energy goals. The City utilizes DOER's Best Practice #3, the purchase of additional Massachusetts Class I RECs (i.e. New England-based renewable energy) in both the Default Product and optional Plus Product in its current ESA. This approach supports the Commonwealth's emissions reduction goals and enables the City to provide residents with an option for cleaner power to the majority of its Participants and to contribute to the growth of clean energy in the New England region at scale. The City may explore the opportunity to use rate components to finance new, local clean energy facilities (DOER's Best Practice #1), and, if pursued, is most likely to integrate such a solution in a subsequent ESA. The City will assess the need for and benefits of using a rate

component to fund some or part of municipal staff time (DOER's Best Practice #2) but is not doing so during the current ESA.

Differences in Rate Setting: The Program may distinguish among customer rate classes by soliciting separate Program pricing for each of those rate classes. Such varied treatment is appropriate given differences in load profile and individual customer usage and demand, such that pricing will be based on the cost to serve each customer class.

The Program may distinguish among the following Participants:

- Medium, large and very large business customers that join after the start of an ESA may receive pricing based on then-current market prices at the time the customer joins the Program. This treatment is reasonable as these customers represent a greater quantity risk to the Program Supplier than other new customers, and therefore they would impose greater costs on the Program, and the costs to serve them at that time may be different.
- Customers re-joining the Program after having previously opted out may be offered market-based pricing. This treatment is reasonable because after leaving the Program, the Program Supplier would not expect to serve that customer's load, and the costs to serve them upon return may be different.
- The City currently provides 70% MA Class I renewable energy in its Default Product – Somerville Local Green – through January 2028, reflecting its strong commitment to sustainability and local climate goals. To further enhance equity and provide greater financial relief to low-income residents, the City plans to automatically enroll low income customers (those on Eversource Rate R2, R4 and R2HP) into Somerville Basic, the product which offers the lowest available cost within the Program, while maintaining the option to select any other Product. The treatment is reasonable as it reflects the unique affordability needs of the R2, R4 and R2HP residential rate classes and ensures equitable participation in the Program.
- To the extent authorized by the Department pursuant to D.P.U. 20-145-D and the Guidelines, the City may pursue Low Income Community Shared Solar established in the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) regulations (225 CMR 20.00) to provide discounts to the low-income residential customers meeting the regulatory requirements.

The ESA will establish how the Program will distinguish pricing, and such distinctions will be reflected in the Ongoing Program Information that the City will make available (see Section IV.B.7.b).

Decision Making: The City will finalize the number of Products, the level of renewable energy in each Product, and the values for all rate components and term length for each ESA after conducting a procurement for electric supply and receiving price bids. The City will make its decisions by assessing the competitiveness of the final prices, the potential environmental benefits and incremental value the City could create for Program Participants.

Other Energy-Related Products & Services: In addition to the Default and Opt-In Products described above, the City has the discretion to offer other energy-related products or services.

At this time, the City has not identified any such products or services to offer; however, the City will consider proposals by prospective competitive suppliers during bidding, as well as by its Program Supplier, while the Program is active. The City may offer such additional energy-related products and services if the City determines that doing so would provide incremental value to Program Participants.

IV.B.4. Other Funding Sources/Other Costs to Participants

The City has not identified other funding sources. Participants will incur no additional costs beyond Product rates.

IV.B.5. Customer Enrollment

IV.B.5.a. Initial Enrollment

For its initial enrollment at launch, the City conducted the following process, which it will also use for ongoing enrollment of new Auto-Enroll customers. Prior to enrollment, the City sent an Opt-Out Notice to Auto-Enroll Customers, informing them that they will be automatically enrolled in the Program unless they take the action(s) specified in the Opt-Out Notice. The City will provide customers with at least 30 calendar days (plus six days to account for delivery) to opt out of the Program. After that time, the City will enroll all Auto-Enroll Customers that did not opt out, in accordance with the requirements of the Electric Distribution Company. Auto-Enroll Customers that do not opt out will be enrolled in the Default Product, unless they notify the City that they seek to receive an Opt-In Product.

IV.B.5.b. Ongoing Enrollment

On a periodic basis, Eversource will provide the City with lists of new Auto-Enroll customers that have opened accounts within the City, and the City will automatically enroll such new Auto-Enroll Customers, subject to the opt-out provisions for initial enrollments described above.

Any Electric Customer in the City may voluntarily enroll in (i.e., opt-in to) the Program by any of the following methods: 1) calling the Program's toll-free number; 2) submitting a form on the Program website; or 3) calling the Program Supplier's toll-free number. Certain customers may receive market pricing, as described above in Section IV.B.3. Rate Setting.

IV.B.5.c. Opt-In Product Enrollment

Any electricity customer in the City may voluntarily enroll in (i.e., opt-in to) any Opt-In Product as described in Section IV.B.5.b.

The City will notify Participants enrolled in an Opt-In Product prior to any change in the Product's rates and/or renewable energy content. At the commencement of the

new price/renewable energy content, Participants will continue to receive their current Product, subject to the new applicable price and renewable energy content, unless the Participant informs the City otherwise.

A Participant enrolled in an Opt-In Product that is being discontinued must affirmatively select another Product. If the Participant does not make such a selection, the Participant will be enrolled in the Default Product.

IV.B.6. Customer Notifications

IV.B.6.a. Opt-Out Notice

The City will deliver an Opt-Out Notice to all Auto-Enroll Customers at least 36 calendar days prior to enrollment. The Opt-Out Notice will inform customers (1) that they are to be automatically enrolled in the Program, (2) that they have the right to opt out of the Program without penalty, and (3) of the actions they must take to opt out. The Notice will include Product information related to price, term, and renewable energy content, and will identify the actions that a customer must take to select an Opt-In Product. Finally, the Notice will include information on Basic Service rates, including how to access it, and the fact that it is available to them without penalty. Attachment 1 includes a representative form of the City's Opt-Out Notice.

The City will address residents with limited English proficiency by including a language access document with the Opt-Out Notice. The language access document will contain a message in 26 languages encouraging Auto-Enroll Customers to have the notification translated and providing the Program website address and toll-free number. The City will provide machine translation of the Program website.

The City will (1) send the Opt-Out Notices in a clearly marked municipal envelope that identifies it contains important information regarding participation, and (2) include a self-addressed, postage-paid envelope for the opt-out reply card.

IV.B.6.b. Notification of Product Change

The City will notify Participants of changes in price or renewable energy content of any of its Products. The notification will identify both the Product's existing and new price and renewable energy content and will identify the actions Participants must take if they no longer seek to purchase the existing Product.

IV.B.6.c. Other Notifications

IV.B.6.c.i. General Program Information

The City may deliver information and educational materials regarding its Program to each Electric Customer within its boundary, including Participants and non-Participants. The City may request, no more than quarterly, that Eversource

provide the information (customer name, mailing address (and service address, if different), and rate class) necessary to facilitate such notifications. The City will not share the information provided by Eversource with Program Suppliers. In the event that the City sends notices or educational materials to customers enrolled to receive service from a Competitive Supplier, such notification or educational materials will inform those customers that, if they enroll in the Program, they may incur an early cancellation fee from their Competitive Supplier, and that they should check with their Competitive Supplier on this matter before enrolling in the Program.

IV.B.6.c.ii. Program Supplier Communications

Upon approval from the City, an active Program Supplier may communicate directly with Participants regarding the Program and, if applicable, energy-related products or services.

IV.B.7. Ongoing Program Information

The City will provide public access to the ongoing Program information listed in IV.B.7.a through IV.B.7.c, below. This information will be available to the public through a link displayed prominently on the City's website. Table IV.B.7 identifies the methods by which the City will communicate to the public how they can access this information.

Table IV.B.7 - Public Access to Ongoing Program Information

Location	Description
Municipal website	Program announcements displayed in a prominent location, consistent with other municipal updates. Machine translation is available on the website. Detailed Program information available through a prominently displayed link to the Program website.
Program website	Will include current rates and all information listed in IV.B.7.a-c below. Copies of the Opt-Out Notices and notifications of Product change will be posted on the website. Presentation materials and recordings of public meetings will be posted on the website. Machine translation will be available on the website, cce.somervillema.gov .
Social media accounts	Posts on official City social media accounts, such as the City of Somerville pages on Facebook, Instagram and Bluesky.
Municipal cable access TV	Announcements sent to Somerville Media Center. somervillemedia.org
Announcement to local/regional media	Announcements sent for publication in the local media, including The Somerville Times thesomervilletimes.com .
Physical posting in municipal buildings	Flyers and announcements will be posted in City Hall, Somerville Public Library and Somerville Council on Aging.
Municipal departments, boards, and committees	Updates presented to the City Council as part of regular meetings, which can be attended in-person or remotely via virtual meeting platform.

Table IV.B.7 (Continued) - Public Access to Ongoing Program Information

Community organizations	<p>Updates sent to local groups with requests that they publicize it to their constituents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Community Action Agency of Somerville, Inc. (caasomerville.org) is the community action agency serving the City, which collaborates with lower-income and non-English speaking households on initiatives such as energy assistance and energy-related concerns.○ Project Soup (eastsomervillemainstreets.org/project-soup) works to eliminate food insecurity and hunger in Somerville through food distribution and other programs in Somerville.○ Groundwork Somerville (groundworksomerville.org), 350 MA Cambridge-Somerville Node (350mass.betterfutureproject.org) and Communities Responding to Extreme Weather (CREW): (www.climatecrew.org) can help connect people who would be interested in the potential savings and environmental saving benefits of the program.○ Somerville Housing Authority (sha-web.org) focuses on meeting housing and other homecare needs of low-income families, elderly and the disabled across Somerville.○ Somerville Community Corporation (somervillecdc.org) helps to provide affordable and stable housing in Somerville, including by owning and managing affordable housing units.○ Somerville Council on Aging (somervillema.gov/departments/health-and-human-services/council-aging), works to help connect to the senior citizen community.○ Religious institutions, such as City on a Hill Somerville (coahsomerville.org)○ Somerville Chamber of Commerce (somervillechamber.org) connects with the business community.○ Somerville Main Streets Organizations: East Somerville Main Streets (www.eastsomervillemainstreets.org) and Union Square Main Streets (unionsquaremain.org) connect with immigrant-owned business communities.
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- Somerville Office of Immigrant Affairs (SOIA)
([/www.somervillema.gov/departments/communications-and-community-engagement/somerviva-office-immigrant-affairs](http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/communications-and-community-engagement/somerviva-office-immigrant-affairs)) works to connect immigrant and multilingual neighbors in Somerville with their local government, resources, and information.
 - Cambridge and Somerville Fuel Assistance
(<https://www.cambridgema.gov/IWantTo/ApplyForHeatingHelp>) connects with low-income residents applying for home energy assistance programs (HEAP).
 - Somerville School-Based Family and Community Liaisons
(<https://somerville.k12.ma.us/district-departments/somerville-family-learning-collaborative-sflc/school-based-family-and-community>) connect school-age families with services and resources in the community.
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In the table above:

- The City has a significant population of residents with limited English proficiency, and commonly speak Spanish, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole, and they will be able to access the entire Program website through embedded machine translation. Translated copies of the Opt-Out Notice and product change notifications, as well as translation services for public meetings, will be provided upon request. The Program Supplier's customer support will also offer translation services.
- The City has Environmental Justice zones identified based on minority, income and language isolation. The City will connect with local organizations that are likely to engage with such individuals (e.g., religious groups, Community Action Agency of Somerville, Inc., 350 MA Cambridge-Somerville Node, Somerville Community Corporation etc.). The City will also support residents with limited English proficiency by including a language access document with the Opt-Out Notice. This document will feature a message in 26 languages, encouraging Auto-Enroll Customers to translate the notice and offering the Program website and a toll-free number. The City will also provide machine translation for the program website.
- Those who require aural assistance will have access to digital copies of presentations and all announcements will be written, either electronically or in-print. Customer support will be available via email as well.
- Those who require visual assistance will have access to live-streamed meetings as well recordings of those meetings for future access. Screen reader technology will be able to read announcements posted via social media, local media, and on the Program website. Customer support will be available via phone.
- The City seeks to reach those who may not routinely access its website or are otherwise hard to reach by utilizing a diversity of outreach approaches, including

existing governmental and non-governmental communication channels (e.g., Select Board meetings and diversity of local community groups), local media, social media, and physical postings. Additionally, meetings will be held in accessible spaces for those with mobility issues and/or live-streamed for remote access.

IV.B.7.a. Updated Product Information

The City will update Product rates and renewable energy content as necessary, in the format shown in Table IV.B.3.

IV.B.7.b. Annual Program Information for the Previous Year

The City will provide Program information annually for the previous year as required by the Guidelines.

- IV.B.7.b.i. Product information - rate components, renewable energy content, and participation
- IV.B.7.b.ii. Product rate component information
- IV.B.7.b.iii. Renewable energy content information
- IV.B.7.b.iv. Organizational structure, as set forth in Table IV.A
- IV.B.7.b.v. Equitable treatment of customer classes, as set forth in Table IV.B.1.c
- IV.B.7.b.vi. Supply procurement activities, as set forth in Table IV.B.2
- IV.B.7.b.vii. Representatives of all notifications sent during the previous year
- IV.B.7.b.viii. Methods of Public Access, as set forth in Table IV.B.7.c.iii
- IV.B.7.b.ix. Other funding source/costs to Participants, if applicable

IV.B.7.c. General Program Information

The City will provide and maintain access to Program-related documents (e.g., Plan, Department Order, Program press releases).

IV.B.8. Termination of the Program

The City will take all reasonable actions to ensure a continuous supply of electricity to Participants. Although the City is not contemplating a termination date, the Program could be terminated upon the termination or expiration of the ESA without any extension or negotiation of a subsequent supply contract, or upon the decision of the City to dissolve the Program effective on the end date of the existing ESA.

To minimize the chance of termination, at least 90 days prior to the end of the term of the initial ESA, the City will solicit bids for a new supply agreement to continue the Program with the same or new Competitive Supplier.

In the event of Program termination:

- At least ninety (90) days prior to the termination: the City will notify the Electric Distribution Company and Department
- At least thirty (30) days prior to the termination:
 - The City will notify Program Participants through postings on the Program and City websites, media releases, social media, and a physical posting in City buildings.
 - The City will notify the service list for the docket in which the Department approved the City's Plan.
- It will be the responsibility and requirement of the Competitive Supplier to return the customers to Basic Service of the Electric Distribution Company in accordance with the then applicable Electronic Data Interchange rules and procedures.

In the event of Program termination, the City will not file a new Plan for Department approval for a minimum of two years from the date of termination, defined as the date by which the City has returned all Participants to Basic Service. The new Plan will fully describe the circumstances that led to the termination, and the steps the City has taken to protect against a second termination.

IV.B.9. Rights and Responsibilities of Program Participants

Participants will be able to: (1) select any of the Products offered to the applicable customer class or subclass; (2) switch from one Product to another by contacting the Consultant or the Program Supplier; and (3) leave the Program at any time without penalty by contacting the Consultant, the Program Supplier or Electric Distribution Company.

V. DEPARTMENT REVIEW

The City will submit this revised Plan to the Department for informational purposes, consistent with the Guidelines, and Section IX below.

Somerville's representative before the Department is its Consultant, Good Energy. The Department should include Steven Nutter, Director of Sustainability and Environment at snutter@somervillema.gov and 781-823-9435, on all correspondences with the City's Consultant.

VI. ANNUAL REPORTS

The City will submit the following information annually to the Department related to Program operations during the previous year:

- An Excel spreadsheet in the format shown in the Guidelines, Attachment VI;
- A document that includes the information requirements set forth in Section IV.B.7.b, above.

VII. RESERVED

VIII. NOTIFICATIONS TO ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES

VIII.A. PLAN FILING

Somerville, via its Consultant, will notify Eversource upon filing the revised Plan with the Department.

VIII.B. ELECTRIC SUPPLY AGREEMENT

Somerville, via its Consultant, will (1) notify Eversource, in a timely manner, when it has executed an agreement with a Program Supplier, and (2) provide the Eversource with the information necessary to enroll customers with the Program Supplier. The City, via its Consultant, shall file the notification in its docketed proceeding at the Department. Customer enrollment will begin no sooner than 60 days from when Somerville provides the necessary information to Eversource.

IX. PLAN AND PROGRAM CHANGES

IX.A. PLAN MODIFICATIONS

In the event that Somerville seeks to modify its Plan in a manner consistent with the Guidelines, it will allow at least 30 calendar days for public review of the revised Plan. Following public review, Somerville will submit the revised Plan to the Department for informational purposes. Somerville may seek consultation with the Department to determine if a proposed modification is consistent with the Guidelines.

IX.B. PROGRAM CONSULTANT

In the event that Somerville hires a new Consultant, it will notify the Department in writing, identifying the new Consultant and including, if applicable, documentation that the Consultant is an Electricity Broker licensed to provide municipal aggregation consulting services (see Section IV.B.1.b, above).

X. IMPLEMENTATION OF GUIDELINES

The City will comply with all Department directives for implementing the Guidelines.

XI. MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION LICSS PROGRAMS

The City will submit any proposed low-income community shared solar program (LICSS) under the Program to the Department for review and approval before implementation.

ATTACHMENT 1- STANDARD REPRESENTATIVE OPT-OUT NOTICE

See next page



City of Somerville

SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY CHOICE ELECTRICITY

Month 2026

The City of Somerville is pleased to introduce you to our electricity supply program, Somerville Community Choice Electricity (CCE). The program is designed to help our community members manage electricity supply costs and increase the use of renewable energy. This letter explains the program and your options.

Your account is scheduled for automatic enrollment in “Somerville Local Green” supply beginning with your next available meter read.

Your new supply “Somerville Local Green” has a fixed price until December 2027 and currently costs less than Eversource’s upcoming residential supply price.

You may opt out and not participate. You may also select another supply option offered by Somerville.

The deadline to opt out of the program before your enrollment begins is Month, Day, 2026.

Somerville CCE is a group purchasing program for electricity supply offered by the City, also known as municipal aggregation. More than 200 cities and towns operate similar municipal aggregation programs. Massachusetts law structures the program as automatic enrollment and requires that customers can opt out before enrollment. You can opt out of the program at any time, without penalty.

Your electric bill from Eversource has two sections: Supply (the source of electricity) and Delivery (getting electricity to you). As your utility, Eversource will always manage Delivery. If you participate in the City’s program:

- **What changes?** Participation in the program will only change the name of the supplier and the cost of supply on your bill, shown in the Supply section of your electric bill from Eversource.
- **What stays the same?** Everything else remains the same. Delivery costs from Eversource are not impacted. Eversource will continue to manage all electricity billing. All existing payment arrangements, such as budget or balanced billing and low-income rate class discounts and heat pump discounts, remain in effect. Any solar net metering credits or other solar benefits also stay the same. Eversource will continue to respond to power outages and maintain poles, wires, and your meter.

SOMERVILLE’S SUPPLY PRODUCTS

Our automatic enrollment product, Somerville Local Green, is designed to be cost-competitive while providing additional renewable energy. There are alternative supply options available for those interested in the least cost or more renewable energy content.

Our prices are fixed for 37 months, from December 2024 until your January 2028 meter reads.

SOMERVILLE BASIC (Option)	SOMERVILLE LOCAL GREEN (Auto-enroll)	SOMERVILLE 100% LOCAL GREEN (Option)
13.220 ¢/kWh Meets State minimum MA Class I renewable energy standards	14.840 ¢/kWh Provides 70% total renewable energy from MA Class I sources	16.060 ¢/kWh Provides 100% total renewable energy from MA Class I sources

The Eversource Basic Service residential price is 15.065 ¢/kilowatt-hour (kWh) from February 1 - July 31, 2026, and contains the minimum amount of renewable energy required by the State. Because Eversource prices change frequently and future rates are unknown, future savings cannot be guaranteed.

If you participate in the program, your Eversource bill will show “DIRECT ENERGY CITY OF SOMERVILLE” as the supplier. The Somerville price will take effect as of your next available meter read.

NEXT STEPS

- No action is necessary to receive the Somerville Local Green product.
- To choose Somerville Basic or Somerville 100% Local Green call our program’s electricity supplier, Direct Energy, at (866) 968-8065, or submit a request at cce.somervillema.gov.
- To continue with Eversource Basic Service for your electricity supply, you must opt out. **To opt out before being automatically enrolled, you must take one of the following actions on or before Month, Day, 2026:**

Mail the enclosed
opt-out card

or

call Somerville’s supplier
at (866) 968-8065

or

submit the opt-out form at
cce.somervillema.gov.

PROGRAM COMPARISON TO EVERSOURCE BASIC SERVICE

	Eversource Basic Service (If you opt out)	Somerville Basic (Option)	Somerville Local Green (Auto-enroll)	Somerville 100% Local Green (Option)
Price				
Residential	15.629 ¢/kWh	13.220 ¢/kWh	14.840 ¢/kWh	16.060 ¢/kWh
Small Business	14.466 ¢/kWh			
Large Business	17.329 ¢/kWh*			
Duration	February 1 - July 31, 2026	37 Months: December 2024 until January 2028 meter reads	37 Months: December 2024 until January 2028 meter reads	37 Months: December 2024 until January 2028 meter reads
Renewable Energy in 2026 (MA Class I Sources) (% of total)				
State required	30%	30%	30%	30%
Voluntary	0%	0%	40%	70%
Total MA Class I	30%	30%	70%	100%
Supplier	Eversource	Direct Energy	Direct Energy	Direct Energy
Other State-Required Renewable or Clean Energy Sources in 2026 (Other Sources) (% of total)				
Other Sources	39%	39%	39%	39%
Grand Total	69%	69%	109%	139%
<p>The program cannot guarantee savings beyond the current term of Basic Service, because future Basic Service rates are unknown.</p> <p>*The duration for Eversource Basic Service for Large Business customers is three months: February to April 2026.</p>				

- Program prices apply to service beginning and ending on the days of the month that your meter is read.
- Program prices only apply to the Supply portion of your electric bill. Eversource will continue to set the Delivery charges on your electric bill.
- Visit cce.somervillema.gov for additional details about our program, including an easy-to-use calculator to compare costs.
- 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 to maintain tax-exempt status.
- At the end of the pricing term in January 2028, 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 before any such change takes effect. Product details will always be available on the City’s website for the program: cce.somervillema.gov.
- The State requires all electricity products to include a minimum amount of renewable energy. The City voluntarily adds more Class I renewable energy to Somerville Local Green and Somerville 100% Local Green. Class I renewables come from new sources located within, or delivered to, New England, and were built after 1997. 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 minimum amount of renewables required by the State, see <http://www.mass.gov/service-details/program-summaries>.
- Information about Eversource Basic Service: visit www.mass.gov/info-details/basic-service-information-and-rates, or call Eversource at (800) 592-2000.

QUESTIONS & SUPPORT

To make changes to your enrollment (opt out or enroll in a different product), use the online forms at cce.somervillema.gov, or call the supplier at (866) 968-8065. You may opt out of the program at any time with no associated fees or penalties.

- For questions or troubleshooting, please contact Good Energy, the City’s consultant who manages the program, by using the online form on cce.somervillema.gov, or by calling (888) 306-5243.
- If you receive electricity supply from a competitive supplier, you may have signed up after this letter was created. To continue to receive your electricity from that competitive supplier and prevent any possible early termination fees, **you must contact City’s supplier to opt out of the program.** You may do so using the online form on cce.somervillema.gov, or by calling the supplier at (866) 968-8065.