



# TOWN OF BELLINGHAM ELECTRICITY PROGRAM

## NOTIFICATION LETTER

July 22, 2022

Dear Bellingham Electricity Service Customer,

This letter contains important information about your electricity bill.

The Town of Bellingham has an electricity aggregation program called **Bellingham Power Choice**. Bellingham Power Choice is a transparent, Town-vetted alternative to other electricity offers in the marketplace. Through the program, Eversource delivers your electricity, but Bellingham chooses its own electricity supplier. Bellingham Power Choice offers long-term electricity price stability, electricity choices, and the potential for savings (though savings cannot be guaranteed).

**If you received this letter, you have been automatically enrolled in Bellingham Power Choice, in the Power Choice Standard option, at a price of 10.755 ¢/kWh.**

This means Eversource is your electric utility, but NextEra Energy Services appears on your bill as your electricity supplier. Bellingham has signed a contract with NextEra to supply electricity through December 2022. In addition, Eversource is using the Bellingham Power Choice price to calculate the supply portion of your electricity bill.

**Participation is not required, and you may leave the program at any time with no fee or penalty.** If you choose to opt out, Eversource will calculate the supply portion of your bill using their current Basic Service price.

If you choose to continue participating in Bellingham Power Choice, your primary relationship for electricity will remain with Eversource. Your electricity bill will continue to come from Eversource, and you will continue to send bill payments to Eversource. You will continue to call Eversource if your power goes out.

**If you are eligible for a low-income rate or fuel assistance, you will continue to receive those benefits as a participant in Bellingham Power Choice.**

### Program Benefits

**Price stability** - Bellingham Power Choice prices are fixed until December 2022. This price stability makes the program different from Eversource's Basic Service prices, which change every 6 months for residential and small business customers and every 3 months for large business customers. Stability also makes the program prices different from many commercial offers available in the marketplace.

**Choice** - Bellingham Power Choice gives you two alternatives to Eversource's Basic Service, each with a different price. Power Choice Standard provides the minimum amount of renewable electricity required by state law. Power Choice Green provides all of your electricity from renewable sources. You have been automatically enrolled in Power Choice Standard, but you may choose Power Choice Green for a small premium. *(Details for both options are available on the back).*

**Potential savings** - Bellingham Power Choice offers the potential for savings compared to Eversource's Basic Service prices. However, because Eversource's prices change and their future prices are not known, savings compared with Eversource can never be guaranteed.

## Bellingham Power Choice

### Your Electricity Supply Price

**10.755 ¢/kWh**

Compare to Eversource's current prices on the back. ▶

### Customer Support

**1-844-241-8595**

[BellinghamPowerChoice.com](http://BellinghamPowerChoice.com)

[Bellingham@MassPowerChoice.com](mailto:Bellingham@MassPowerChoice.com)

### Don't Want to Participate?

**You don't have to. There is no penalty or fee to opt out of the program, and you may do so at any time.**

If you choose not to participate, you will be placed on Eversource's Basic Service.

To opt out now or in the future, do one of the following at any time:

- ▶ Sign & return the enclosed reply card, call customer support at **1-844-241-8595**, or opt out online at [BellinghamPowerChoice.com](http://BellinghamPowerChoice.com).

## Program Options & Pricing

<b>1. You have been automatically enrolled in POWER CHOICE STANDARD:</b>		<b>10.755 ¢/kWh*</b> for residential, small, and large business accounts
<b>Renewable energy content</b>	Meets Massachusetts minimum renewable energy requirements, which include 20% from “premium” renewable energy projects in the New England region (MA Class I RECs).	
<b>Rate term</b>	Enrollment - December 2022 meter read.	
<b>Exit terms</b>	Leave any time. No exit charge.	
<b>2. If you want 100% renewable electricity, you may choose POWER CHOICE GREEN:</b>		<b>13.863 ¢/kWh*</b> for residential, small, and large business accounts
<b>*** To choose POWER CHOICE GREEN, visit <a href="http://BellinghamPowerChoice.com">BellinghamPowerChoice.com</a> or call customer support at 1-844-241-8595 ***</b>		
<b>Renewable energy content</b>	<b>100% renewable electricity.</b> All of your electricity comes from “premium” renewable energy projects in the New England region (MA Class I RECs).	
<b>Rate term</b>	Enrollment - December 2022 meter read.	
<b>Exit terms</b>	Leave any time. No exit charge.	
<b>3. If you choose to opt out, you will be placed on EVERSOURCE'S BASIC SERVICE:</b>		<b>17.871 ¢/kWh</b> residential <b>17.827 ¢/kWh</b> small business <b>20.959 ¢/kWh</b> large business
<b>Renewable energy content</b>	Meets Massachusetts minimum renewable energy requirements, which include 20% from “premium” renewable energy projects in the New England region (MA Class I RECs).	
<b>Rate term</b>	July 1 - December 31, 2022, for residential and small business accounts. July 1 - September 30, 2022, for large business accounts. Eversource's fixed Basic Service prices change every 6 months for residential and small business accounts and every 3 months for large business accounts. Eversource's prices will next change for residential and small business accounts on January 1, 2023, and on October 1, 2022, for large business accounts.	
<b>Exit terms</b>	Leave any time. No exit charge. However, large C&I (rates G-3, T-2, and WR) and street lighting customers on the fixed-price Basic Service option may receive a billing adjustment, which may be either a credit or a charge.	

\* The Power Choice Standard price and Power Choice Green price both include a \$0.001/kWh administrative fee. Program prices could increase as a result of a change in law that results in a direct, material increase in costs during the term of the electricity supply agreement.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Are savings guaranteed?** No. While the program goal is to deliver savings when compared with the average of Eversource's changing prices, future Eversource prices are not known. As a result, savings compared with Eversource cannot be guaranteed.

**I have received this letter, and also I have signed a contract with an electricity supplier very recently. What should I do?** You may have signed your contract after this mailing list was created. If that is the case, you may wish to opt out of Bellingham Power Choice.

**I have a tax-exempt account. How can I retain my account's tax-exempt status?** Taxes will be billed as part of the program's power supply charge. Customers are responsible for identifying and requesting an exemption from the collection of any tax by providing appropriate tax exemption documentation to NextEra. Visit [BellinghamPowerChoice.com](http://BellinghamPowerChoice.com) for information on where to submit your documentation.

If you have any additional questions, please visit the program website at [BellinghamPowerChoice.com](http://BellinghamPowerChoice.com), contact customer support with our Town consultants at [Bellingham@MassPowerChoice.com](mailto:Bellingham@MassPowerChoice.com) or 1-844-241-8595, or contact Jim Kupfer, Bellingham Town Planner, at 508-657-2893.

Denis Fraine  
Town Administrator

# Opt-Out Reply Card



## Bellingham Power Choice

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

### Opt-Out Instructions

You do not need to take any action to participate in Bellingham Power Choice.

**If you DO NOT wish to participate, you MUST opt out.**

To opt out using this card:

1. Sign and date this card.
2. Place the card in the enclosed envelope.
3. Drop the envelope in the mail.

This card must be signed by the Customer of Record whose name appears on this card. You may also opt out online at [BellinghamPowerChoice.com](http://BellinghamPowerChoice.com) or by calling customer support at **1-844-241-8595**.