



# CITY OF NEWTON

## CITY ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM NOTIFICATION LETTER

December 22, 2022

Dear Newton Electricity Service Customer,

I am writing to tell you about the City's electricity supply program: Newton Power Choice. In this program, Eversource remains your electricity distribution utility, but you will buy your electricity supply through Newton Power Choice, including renewable energy from sources like solar and wind in New England to match 84% of your electricity use. You may also choose other amounts of renewable electricity, including 100%.

**If you received this letter and you do nothing, you will be AUTOMATICALLY enrolled in the Newton Power Choice program.**

**Your opt-out request must be postmarked by [January 24, 2023](#), to avoid automatic enrollment in the program.**

**If you do not opt out, you will be enrolled in the Standard Offering (82% renewable) at a price of [13.452 ¢/kWh](#).**

Newton Power Choice is a form of group electricity purchasing, also known as electricity aggregation, in which the City chooses an electricity supplier for the entire community and determines the standard amount of renewable energy included in the program.

Newton has signed a contract with Direct Energy to match 84% of your electricity use with renewable electricity as the Standard Offering. You may also choose to buy renewable electricity to match 100% of your electricity use or to buy no additional renewable electricity beyond the state-required minimum. Please see the back of this letter for options and pricing information.

The program price is fixed until January 2024. This price stability makes the program different from Eversource's Basic Service. With Eversource's Basic Service, the price used to calculate the Supply portion of your Eversource bill changes every 6 months (for residential and small business accounts) or every 3 months (for large business accounts). Price stability also makes the program different from many commercial offers that you may receive by mail or by phone. There is no guarantee of savings relative to Basic Service over the full term of the Direct Energy contract.

### Your Relationship with Eversource

- If you participate in Newton Power Choice, Eversource will remain your electric utility. You will continue to receive your electric bill from them and call them if the power goes out. But you will see Direct Energy listed on the Supply portion of your Eversource bill, and the Newton Power Choice price will be used to calculate the Supply charge on your bill.
- If you do not participate in Newton Power Choice, the Supply charge on your Eversource bill will continue to be calculated using Eversource's Basic Service price.

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

## Newton POWERCHOICE

An electricity program from the City of Newton that matches

**84% of your electricity use with renewable electricity from New England**

and gives you the option to match 100% of your electricity use with renewable electricity from New England.

### Opt Out at Any Time

**Participation is not required. There is no penalty or fee to opt out of the program.** You may opt out before being enrolled, or you may try the program and opt out at any time in the future.

**If you wish to opt out before being automatically enrolled, you must submit or postmark your opt-out request by [January 24, 2023](#).** To submit your opt-out request, do any one of the following.

- ▶ Sign & return the enclosed reply card
- ▶ Opt out online at [NewtonPowerChoice.com](https://www.NewtonPowerChoice.com)
- ▶ Call customer support at [1-833-272-9592](tel:1-833-272-9592)

### Customer Support


**[1-833-272-9592](tel:1-833-272-9592)**

[service@NewtonPowerChoice.com](mailto:service@NewtonPowerChoice.com)

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## Program Options & Pricing

- If you do nothing, you will be enrolled in the Standard Offering.
- If you wish to choose one of the other options below, call Direct Energy at 1-866-968-8065 or go to [NewtonPowerChoice.com](https://www.NewtonPowerChoice.com).
- If you opt out, you will remain on Eversource's Basic Service price, which changes regularly. You may opt out now, before being enrolled, or you may participate and opt out later. There is no minimum participation period. You may opt out at any time with no fee or penalty.

				Eversource's current 6-month price ▼
	Standard Offering	100% Green (Option)	Basic (Option)	Eversource's Basic Service***
Renewable Energy Content	Buy renewable electricity from New England (MA Class I RECs) to match 84% of your electricity use (62% in addition to the 22% required by state law for 2023)	Buy renewable electricity from New England (MA Class I RECs) to match 100% of your electricity use (82% in addition to the 22% required by state law for 2023)	Provides the minimum Massachusetts renewable energy requirements (22% MA Class I RECs for 2023)	Provides the minimum Massachusetts renewable energy requirements (22% MA Class I RECs for 2023)
Residential	13.452 ¢/kWh*	14.357 ¢/kWh*	10.646 ¢/kWh*	25.649 ¢/kWh
Small Business	13.452 ¢/kWh*	14.357 ¢/kWh*	10.646 ¢/kWh*	26.049 ¢/kWh
Large Business	13.452 ¢/kWh*	14.357 ¢/kWh*	10.646 ¢/kWh*	39.834 ¢/kWh
Price Period	Enrollment – January 2024 meter read	Enrollment – January 2024 meter read	Enrollment – January 2024 meter read	January 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023, for residential and small business accounts** January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023, for large business accounts**

\* Newton Power Choice program prices include a \$0.001/kWh administrative fee. Program prices could increase as a result of a change in law.

\*\* Eversource's fixed Basic Service prices change every 6 months for residential and small business accounts and every 3 months for large business accounts. They will next change on January 1, 2023, for residential, small business, and large business accounts.

\*\*\* Exit terms for Eversource's Basic Service: No fee or penalty. 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.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**I have signed my own contract with an electricity supplier. Will I be automatically enrolled in Newton Power Choice?** If you have your own contract with an electricity supplier other than Eversource, and you already have an electricity supply contract that you wish to retain, you **must** opt out of this program. If you do not opt out, your current electricity supply contract may be canceled, and you may be charged an early termination fee by your electricity supplier.

**I have solar panels on my property or I participate in a community solar program. Will I continue to receive the credits or payments that I receive now?** Yes. You will continue to receive solar credits and/or solar incentive payments, and participating in Newton Power Choice will not change how they are calculated.

**I have a tax-exempt account. How can I retain my account's tax-exempt status?** Taxes will be billed as part of the Newton Power Choice 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 Direct Energy. Visit the FAQ page at [NewtonPowerChoice.com](https://www.NewtonPowerChoice.com) for information on where to submit your documentation.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to visit [NewtonPowerChoice.com](https://www.NewtonPowerChoice.com) or contact customer support at [service@NewtonPowerChoice.com](mailto:service@NewtonPowerChoice.com) or 1-833-272-9592. Our City consultants will be happy to help you.

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

## OPT-OUT REPLY CARD



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

### Opt-Out Instructions

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

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

To opt out by mail:

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 in the address on this card. The envelope must be postmarked no later than **January 24, 2023**, to opt out of the program before being enrolled automatically. You may also opt out anytime after enrollment by phone at **1-833-272-9592** or online at **[NewtonPowerChoice.com](https://www.NewtonPowerChoice.com)**. There is no fee to opt out.