

2023 Annual Report for Bellingham Power Choice

For calendar year 2023, the Town of Bellingham submitted the following Annual Report to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) for Bellingham Power Choice.

The content of the Annual Report is stipulated by the DPU and is comprised of the following attachments:

- **Attachment III.C: Public Access** - Illustrates how the Town of Bellingham provided access to program information during the year.
- **Attachment IV.A: Organizational Structure** - Shows how program administration responsibilities are divided between the Town, the Town's aggregation consultant, and the program's electricity supplier.
- **Attachment IV.B.1.c: Equitable Treatment of Customer Classes** - Describes any variances in treatment between customer classes.
- **Attachment IV.B.2: Procurement of Supply** - Presents the timeline of any electricity supply procurement undertaken during the year.
- **Attachment IV.B.6.a: Representative Opt-Out Notification** - Provides a representative Opt-Out Notification (automatic enrollment notification) from the calendar year. The Opt-Out Notification is sent by mail to new electricity account holders in Bellingham to notify them of their eligibility for automatic enrollment in the program.
- **Attachment IV.B.6.b: Representative Notice of Product Change** - Provides a representative notice of a product change, if such a notice was issued during the year.
- **Attachment IV.B.7.b.i: Annual Product Information** - For each program option, provides details around price components, renewable energy content, and average number of accounts enrolled. Also provides the electricity supplier name and electricity supply contract price term.
- **Attachment IV.B.7.b.ii: Annual Product Rate Component Information** - Includes the total revenue for each rate component for the year.

Town of Bellingham
2023 Municipal Aggregation 2023 Annual Report
November 1, 2024

Attachment III.C Public Access

Table III.C - Public Access to Plan/Ongoing Program Information	
Location	Description
Municipal website	Access to the Plan and detailed program information was provided through a link to the program website. Program announcements were posted on the home page.
Program website	The program website (BellinghamPowerChoice.com) provided access to the Plan and other program documents, detailed product information, and contact information for both the program supplier and the consultant, MassPowerChoice, which was responsible for customer support. The site also featured easily accessible options for prospective customers to enroll and for current participants to change their program options or opt out of the program if desired.
Communication vehicles/ Outreach activities	
Social media accounts	Program updates, including price-change notifications, were posted on the Bellingham DPW and Public Library Facebook accounts.
Announcement to local/ regional media	Program updates, including price-change notifications, were sent to <i>Bellingham Bulletin</i> .
Physical posting in municipal buildings	Program updates, including price-change notifications, were made available in hard copy on a table at the Municipal Center; displayed on a bulletin board and available for patrons to take at the Bellingham Public Library; and posted on a bulletin board and available for patrons to take at the Bellingham Council on Aging.

Public Events	Program information was presented at the Bellingham Senior Center.
Mailings	Throughout the year, new utility Basic Service customers were sent Opt-Out Notices informing them of the program, their upcoming automatic enrollment, and the methods for opting out or selecting an optional product. In October 2023, a notice of program price change and automatic enrollment renewal was sent to customers.

Attachment IV.A Organizational Structure

Table IV.A – Organizational Structure			
Core Functions	Performing Entity		
	Municipality	Consultant	Supplier
Liaisons/Representatives/Agents			
Municipal Representative/Agent before Department		X	
Liaison with DOER		X	
Liaison with Electric Distribution Companies		X	
Plan Elements			
Procurement of Supply		X	
Product Determination	X		
Other Funding/Costs	X		
Customer Enrollment			X
Customer Notifications/Outreach/ Education	X	X	
Ongoing Program Information	X	X	
Program Termination	X		
Annual Reports		X	
Customer Service		X	

Municipal contact for Department correspondence:

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508-657-2801
dfraine@bellinghamma.org

Customer Service:

Municipality:

Denis Fraine
508-657-2801
dfraine@bellinghamma.org

Consultant:

MassPowerChoice
844-241-8595
bellingham@masspowerchoice.com

Supplier:

January – December 2023

NextEra Energy Services
855-639-8184

December 2023 –

Direct Energy
866-968-8065

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

Table IV.B.1.c Equitable Treatment of Customer Classes					
Plan Element					
Procurement of Supply (§ IV.B.2)	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)
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Table IV.B.1.c identifies the Plan elements for which there may be variances in the treatment between customer classes or subclasses. Those variances in treatment are described below.

Medium/Large commercial and industrial customers enrolling in the Program after Program launch may be offered a market-based price rather than the contract price. Such differential treatment is equitable because these customers have more choices in the marketplace and impose greater costs on the Program than other customers when they join after Program launch.

Customers that previously opted out and later wish to re-enroll in the Program may be offered a market-based price. This differential treatment is equitable because these customers previously made a choice not to participate in the Program and as a result their load was no longer planned for by the electricity supplier.

Attachment IV.B.2 Procurement of Supply

Table IV.B.2 - Procurement of Supply	
Procurement Steps	Timeline
Issue RFQs/RFPs	February 17, 2023, and March 8, 2023
Evaluate/Select Bids	March 15, 2023
Negotiate/Execute Contracts	March 15, 2023

Attachment IV.B.6.a Representative Opt-Out Notification



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM ELECTRICITY PROGRAM NOTIFICATION LETTER

June 23, 2023

Dear Bellingham Electricity Service Customer,

This letter contains important information about your electric 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 20.862 ¢/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 2023. In addition, Eversource is using the Bellingham Power Choice price to calculate the Supply portion of your electric 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 electric 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 2023. 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

20.862 ¢/kWh

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

Customer Support

1-844-241-8595

BellinghamPowerChoice.com

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.

Program Options & Pricing

You have been automatically enrolled in Power Choice Standard. You may change to Power Choice Green or leave the program at any time with no fee or penalty. To make a change, visit BellinghamPowerChoice.com or call customer support at 1-844-241-8595.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires that all electricity supply products include a minimum of 59.2% from renewable energy resources in 2023. Power Choice Standard meets the minimum requirement. Power Choice Green exceeds this requirement.

Bellingham Power Choice options:	You have been enrolled here ▼		If you do not wish to participate:
	Power Choice Standard (automatic enrollment)	Power Choice Green (100% renewable energy option)**	Eversource's Basic Service (if you opt out)
Price	20.862 ¢/kWh*	24.662 ¢/kWh*	16.078 ¢/kWh - residential 15.899 ¢/kWh - small business 14.120 ¢/kWh - large business
Price period	Enrollment - December 2023	Enrollment - December 2023	July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023, residential & small business. July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023, large business.
Renewable energy content From premium renewable resources in the New England region (MA Class I RECs), added by Bellingham	-	78%	-
From premium renewable energy projects in the New England region (MA Class I RECs), required by state law	22%	22%	22%
Additional renewable or clean energy required by state law	37.2%	37.2%	37.2%
Exit terms	Leave any time. No exit charge.	Leave any time. No exit charge.	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.
- ** Power Choice Green is a 100% MA Class I REC offering, which means it includes the minimum amount of MA Class I RECs required by law each year plus the additional amount needed to reach 100%. Bellingham's electricity supplier must also purchase other renewable energy to meet state requirements. As a result, the total of the renewable amounts for Bellingham Power Choice Green exceeds 100%.

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 signed my own contract with an electricity supplier. What are my options? If you have signed a contract and also received this letter, you may have signed your contract after this mailing list was created. To stay in your contract and to avoid potential early termination fees, you need to opt out of this program by the deadline. Otherwise, you will be automatically enrolled in this program.

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 for information on where to submit your documentation.

If you have any additional questions, please visit the program website at BellinghamPowerChoice.com or contact customer support with our Town consultants at Bellingham@MassPowerChoice.com or 1-844-241-8595.



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December 27, 2023

Dear Bellingham Electricity Service Customer,

This letter contains important information about your electric 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, National Grid delivers your electricity, but Bellingham chooses its own electricity supplier. Bellingham Power Choice offers long-term electricity price stability, choices, and the potential for savings (though savings cannot be guaranteed).

If you received this letter and you do nothing, you will be automatically enrolled in Bellingham Power Choice, in the Power Choice Standard offering, at a price of 13.95 ¢/kWh.

If you do not wish to participate, your opt-out request must be postmarked by January 29, 2024, to avoid automatic enrollment in the program.

- **If you choose to participate:** National Grid will remain your electric utility. You will continue to receive your electric bill from them and call them if the power goes out. However, National Grid will use the Bellingham Power Choice price to calculate the Supply Services portion of your bill, and Direct Energy will appear on your bill as your electricity supplier. **If you are eligible for a low-income discount or fuel assistance, you will continue to receive those benefits.**
- **If you choose not to participate:** National Grid will continue to calculate the Supply Services charge on your bill using their Basic Service price.

Program Benefits

Price stability - Bellingham Power Choice prices are fixed until December 2025. This price stability makes the program different from National Grid's Basic Service price, which you have now and which changes seasonally. Stability also makes the program prices different from many commercial electricity supply offers available in the marketplace.

Choice - Bellingham Power Choice gives you two alternatives to National Grid's Basic Service. 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 will be automatically enrolled in Power Choice Standard, but you may choose Power Choice Green for a small premium. *(Details for both on the back.)*

Potential savings - The program prices offer the potential for savings compared to National Grid's Basic Service prices. **However, because National Grid's prices change, and their future prices are not known, savings compared with National Grid's Basic Service prices can never be guaranteed.**

Bellingham Power Choice

Your Electricity Supply Price

13.95 ¢/kWh

Compare to National Grid's prices
on the back. ▶

Customer Support

1-844-241-8595

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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 remain on National Grid's Basic Service.

To opt out before being automatically enrolled, do one of the following before **January 29, 2024**:

- ▶ Sign & return the enclosed reply card.
- ▶ Opt out online at **BellinghamPowerChoice.com**.
- ▶ Call customer support at **1-844-241-8595**.

Program Options & Pricing

You will be automatically enrolled in Power Choice Standard. You may change to Power Choice Green or leave the program at any time with no fee or penalty. To make a change, visit BellinghamPowerChoice.com or call customer support at 1-844-241-8595.

Bellingham Power Choice options:	You will be enrolled here ▼				If you do not wish to participate:	
	Power Choice Standard (default program offering)		Power Choice Green (100% renewable energy option)		National Grid's Basic Service (if you opt out)	
Price	13.95 ¢/kWh*		16.77 ¢/kWh*		18.213 ¢/kWh - Residential 17.262 ¢/kWh - Commercial 20.840 ¢/kWh - Industrial	
Price period	Enrollment - December 2025		Enrollment - December 2025		November 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024, residential & commercial. November 1, 2023 - January 31, 2024, industrial.	
Electricity from renewable sources**	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
From new regional resources (MA Class I RECs) Added by Bellingham	-	-	76%	73%	-	-
Required by state law	24%	27%	24%	27%	24%	27%
Total from new regional resources (MA Class I RECs)	24%	27%	100%	100%	24%	27%
From other clean or renewable sources, required by state law	38%	36%	38%	36%	38%	36%
Exit terms	Leave any time. No exit charge.		Leave any time. No exit charge.		Leave any time. No exit charge. However, industrial customers only (rates G-2 and G-3) 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.

** The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires that all electricity supply products include a minimum of 62% from clean or renewable energy resources in 2024 and 63% in 2025, which includes electricity from MA Class I renewable energy projects and also from other clean or renewable sources such as nuclear and trash-to-energy. Power Choice Standard meets the minimum requirement. Power Choice Green exceeds it by including additional electricity from MA Class I renewable energy projects.

Frequently Asked Questions

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

I have signed my own contract with an electricity supplier. What are my options? If you have signed a contract and also received this notice, you may have signed your contract after this mailing list was created. To stay in your contract and to avoid potential early termination fees, you need to opt out of this program by the deadline. Otherwise, you will be automatically enrolled in this program.

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 Direct Energy. Visit BellinghamPowerChoice.com for information on where to submit your documentation.

If you have any additional questions, please visit the program website at BellinghamPowerChoice.com or contact customer support with our Town consultants at Bellingham@MassPowerChoice.com or 1-844-241-8595.

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



A NOTIFICATION FROM THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM ABOUT A CHANGE IN YOUR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY PRICE

October 10, 2023

Dear Bellingham Electricity Customer,

Bellingham Power Choice prices are coming down.

Your electricity account is enrolled in Bellingham Power Choice, the Town's electricity program. The program gives you a Bellingham price for the Supply portion of your Eversource electric bill. You are enrolled at the Power Choice Standard level.

Bellingham currently has a contract with NextEra Energy Services to supply electricity to Bellingham Power Choice participants. That contract will expire in December of this year, and a new, 24-month contract with Direct Energy will go into effect. **The new contract will bring new, lower prices.**

▶ **Your new Bellingham Power Choice price: 13.95 ¢/kWh**

The new price is fixed for 24 months, from December 2023 - December 2025.

Your new electricity supply price will be **lower** than your current price, and also **lower** than Eversource's current residential Basic Service price of 16.078 ¢/kWh. Eversource's winter 2024 price is not yet known.

Please note that because Eversource's prices change and future prices are not known, savings compared with Eversource's prices cannot be guaranteed.

Your options:

- ▶ **Take no action and remain in Bellingham Power Choice.** If you wish to continue participating in Bellingham Power Choice at the Power Choice Standard level, no action is required. Your enrollment in Bellingham Power Choice will renew automatically at the new price in December 2023. You will first see the new price on your Eversource electric bill in January 2024.
- ▶ **Change to Bellingham's Power Choice Green option.** Receive all of your electricity from premium renewable sources in the New England region and none from fossil fuels.
- ▶ **Leave the program with no penalty or fee.** You are free to either return to Eversource's Basic Service pricing or sign your own contract with an electricity supplier.

To make a change, visit BellinghamPowerChoice.com or contact customer support with Bellingham's program consultants at 1-844-241-8595. Please have your Eversource electricity account number ready when you call.

(More information on the back. ▶)

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires that all electricity supply products include a minimum of 59% from renewable or clean energy resources in 2023, 62% in 2024, and 63% in 2025. Power Choice Standard meets this requirement. Power Choice Green exceeds it.**

Bellingham Power Choice options:	You are enrolled here ▼		If you do not wish to participate:
	Power Choice Standard (default program offering)	Power Choice Green (100% renewable energy option)**	Eversource's Basic Service (if you opt out)
Price	13.95 ¢/kWh*	16.77 ¢/kWh*	16.078 ¢/kWh - Residential 15.899 ¢/kWh - Small business 15.350 ¢/kWh - Large business
Price period	December 2023 - December 2025	December 2023 - December 2025	July 1 - December 31, 2023, residential & small business. October 1 - December 31, 2023, large business.
Renewable energy From new regional resources (MA Class I RECs)			
Added by Bellingham	-	78% - 2023 76% - 2024 73% - 2025	-
Required by state law	22% - 2023 24% - 2024 27% - 2025	22% - 2023 24% - 2024 27% - 2025	22% - 2023 24% - 2024 27% - 2025
Total	22% - 2023 24% - 2024 27% - 2025	100% - 2023 100% - 2024 100% - 2025	22% - 2023 24% - 2024 27% - 2025
From other clean or renewable sources required by state law	37% - 2023 38% - 2024 36% - 2025	37% - 2023 38% - 2024 36% - 2025	37% - 2023 38% - 2024 36% - 2025
Exit terms	Leave any time. No exit charge.	Leave any time. No exit charge.	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.

* Prices 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.

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Tax-exempt account holders take note: You must provide appropriate tax-exemption documentation to Direct Energy in order to maintain tax-exempt status. Visit BellinghamPowerChoice.com for information on where to submit your documentation.



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The new price is fixed for 24 months, from December 2023 - December 2025.

Your new electricity supply price will be **lower** than your current price, and also **lower** than National Grid's upcoming residential Basic Service price of 18.213 ¢/kWh, which will take effect on November 1.

Please note that because National Grid's prices change and future prices are not known, future savings compared with National Grid's prices cannot be guaranteed.

Your options:

- ▶ **Take no action and remain in Bellingham Power Choice.** If you wish to continue participating in Bellingham Power Choice at the Power Choice Standard level, no action is required. Your enrollment in Bellingham Power Choice will renew automatically at the new price in December 2023. You will first see the new price on your National Grid electric bill in January 2024.
- ▶ **Change to Bellingham's Power Choice Green option.** Receive all of your electricity from premium renewable sources in the New England region and none from fossil fuels.
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▶ **Your new Bellingham Power Choice price: 16.77 ¢/kWh**

The new price is fixed for 24 months, from December 2023 - December 2025.

Your new electricity supply price will be **lower** than your current price, and you will continue to receive 100% of your electricity from renewable sources and none from fossil fuels.

Please note that because Eversource's prices change and future prices are not known, savings compared with Eversource's prices cannot be guaranteed.

Your options:

- ▶ **Take no action and remain in Bellingham Power Choice.** If you wish to continue participating in Bellingham Power Choice at the Power Choice Green level, no action is required. Your enrollment in Bellingham Power Choice will renew automatically at the new price in December 2023. You will first see the new price on your Eversource electric bill in January 2024.
- ▶ **Change to Bellingham's Power Choice Standard option.** Receive just the minimum amount of renewable energy required by state law for a lower price.
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires that all electricity supply products include a minimum of 59% from renewable or clean energy resources in 2023, 62% in 2024, and 63% in 2025. Power Choice Standard meets this requirement. Power Choice Green exceeds it.**

Bellingham Power Choice options:		You are enrolled here ▼	If you do not wish to participate:
	Power Choice Standard (default program offering)	Power Choice Green (100% renewable energy option)**	Eversource's Basic Service (if you opt out)
Price	13.95 ¢/kWh*	16.77 ¢/kWh*	16.078 ¢/kWh - Residential 15.899 ¢/kWh - Small business 15.350 ¢/kWh - Large business
Price period	December 2023 - December 2025	December 2023 - December 2025	July 1 - December 31, 2023, residential & small business. October 1 - December 31, 2023, large business.
Renewable energy From new regional resources (MA Class I RECs)			
Added by Bellingham	-	78% - 2023 76% - 2024 73% - 2025	-
Required by state law	22% - 2023 24% - 2024 27% - 2025	22% - 2023 24% - 2024 27% - 2025	22% - 2023 24% - 2024 27% - 2025
Total	22% - 2023 24% - 2024 27% - 2025	100% - 2023 100% - 2024 100% - 2025	22% - 2023 24% - 2024 27% - 2025
From other clean or renewable sources required by state law	37% - 2023 38% - 2024 36% - 2025	37% - 2023 38% - 2024 36% - 2025	37% - 2023 38% - 2024 36% - 2025
Exit terms	Leave any time. No exit charge.	Leave any time. No exit charge.	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.

* Prices 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.

** Power Choice Green is a 100% MA Class I REC offering, which means it includes the minimum amount of MA Class I RECs required by law each year plus the additional amount needed to reach 100%. Bellingham's electricity supplier must also purchase other renewable energy to meet state requirements. As a result, the total of the renewable content for Power Choice Green exceeds 100%.

Tax-exempt account holders take note: You must provide appropriate tax-exemption documentation to Direct Energy in order to maintain tax-exempt status. Visit BellinghamPowerChoice.com for information on where to submit your documentation.



A NOTIFICATION FROM THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM ABOUT A CHANGE IN YOUR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY PRICE

October 10, 2023

Dear Bellingham Electricity Customer,

Bellingham Power Choice prices are coming down.

Your electricity account is enrolled in Bellingham Power Choice, the Town's electricity program. The program gives you a Bellingham price for the Supply Services portion of your National Grid electric bill. You are participating at the Power Choice Green level, which means 100% of your electricity is coming from renewable sources.

Bellingham currently has a contract with NextEra Energy Services to supply electricity to Bellingham Power Choice participants. That contract will expire in December of this year, and a new, 24-month contract with Direct Energy will go into effect. **The new contract will bring new, lower prices.**

▶ **Your new Bellingham Power Choice price: 16.77 ¢/kWh**

The new price is fixed for 24 months, from December 2023 - December 2025.

Your new electricity supply price will be **lower** than your current price, and you will continue to receive 100% of your electricity from renewable sources and none from fossil fuels.

Please note that because National Grid's prices change and future prices are not known, future savings compared with National Grid's prices cannot be guaranteed.

Your options:

- ▶ **Take no action and remain in Bellingham Power Choice.** If you wish to continue participating in Bellingham Power Choice at the Power Choice Green level, no action is required. Your enrollment in Bellingham Power Choice will renew automatically at the new price in December 2023. You will first see the new price on your National Grid electric bill in January 2024.
- ▶ **Change to Bellingham's Power Choice Standard option.** Receive just the minimum amount of renewable energy required by state law for a lower price.
- ▶ **Leave the program with no penalty or fee.** You are free to either return to National Grid's Basic Service pricing or sign your own contract with an electricity supplier.

To make a change, visit BellinghamPowerChoice.com or contact customer support with Bellingham's program consultants at 1-844-241-8595. Please have your National Grid electricity account number ready when you call.

(More information on the back. ▶)

Your options in Bellingham Power Choice

The chart below can help you decide whether to remain enrolled in your current option, change to the other option, or opt out and return to National Grid's Basic Service. To make a change, visit BellinghamPowerChoice.com or contact customer support with Bellingham's program consultants at 1-844-241-8595.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires that all electricity supply products include a minimum of 59% from renewable or clean energy resources in 2023, 62% in 2024, and 63% in 2025. Power Choice Standard meets this requirement. Power Choice Green exceeds it.**

Bellingham Power Choice options:		You are enrolled here ▼	If you do not wish to participate:
	Power Choice Standard (default program offering)	Power Choice Green (100% renewable energy option)**	National Grid's Basic Service (if you opt out)
Price	13.95 ¢/kWh*	16.77 ¢/kWh*	18.213 ¢/kWh - Residential 17.262 ¢/kWh - Commercial 20.840 ¢/kWh - Industrial
Price period	December 2023 - December 2025	December 2023 - December 2025	November 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024, residential & commercial. November 1, 2023 - January 31, 2024, industrial.
Renewable energy From new regional resources (MA Class I RECs)			
Added by Bellingham	-	78% - 2023 76% - 2024 73% - 2025	-
Required by state law	22% - 2023 24% - 2024 27% - 2025	22% - 2023 24% - 2024 27% - 2025	22% - 2023 24% - 2024 27% - 2025
Total	22% - 2023 24% - 2024 27% - 2025	100% - 2023 100% - 2024 100% - 2025	22% - 2023 24% - 2024 27% - 2025
From other clean or renewable sources required by state law	37% - 2023 38% - 2024 36% - 2025	37% - 2023 38% - 2024 36% - 2025	37% - 2023 38% - 2024 36% - 2025
Exit terms	Leave any time. No exit charge.	Leave any time. No exit charge.	Leave any time. No exit charge. However, industrial customers only (rates G-2 and G-3) on the fixed-price Basic Service option may receive a billing adjustment, which may be either a credit or a charge.

* Prices 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.

** Power Choice Green is a 100% MA Class I REC offering, which means it includes the minimum amount of MA Class I RECs required by law each year plus the additional amount needed to reach 100%. Bellingham's electricity supplier must also purchase other renewable energy to meet state requirements. As a result, the total of the renewable content for Power Choice Green exceeds 100%.

Tax-exempt account holders take note: You must provide appropriate tax-exemption documentation to Direct Energy in order to maintain tax-exempt status. Visit BellinghamPowerChoice.com for information on where to submit your documentation.

Attachment IV.B.7.b.i Annual Product Information

Table IV.B.7.b.i Annual Product Information – All customer classes			
2023		Power Choice Standard (Default)	Power Choice Green (Opt-In)
Rate Components (in \$/kWh)			
Supply and Renewable Energy Content			0.20762
Consultant Services			0.00100
TOTAL			0.20862
Renewable Energy Content (in % of total)			
Required			59.17
Voluntary	MA Class I		78.00
TOTAL			137.17
Supplier Name			NextEra Energy Services Massachusetts, LLC
Effective Dates			December 2022 – December 2023

Table IV.B.7.b.i Annual Product Information – All customer classes				
2023	Power Choice Standard (Default)		Power Choice Green (Opt-In)	
Participants	#	kWh	#	kWh
Residential	4,207	29,727,491	18	118,246
Low-Income	328	2,516,150	1	10,243
Small Commercial & Industrial	338	4,456,429	0	0
Large Commercial & Industrial	40	4,199,662	0	0
TOTAL	4,913	40,899,732	19	128,489

Attachment IV.B.7.b.ii Annual Product Rate Component Information

Table IV.B.7.b.ii – Annual Product Rate Component Information	
Rate Component	Revenue (in \$)
Supply and Renewable Content	8,523,162
Consultant Services	41,028

Descriptions:

Supply and Renewable Content

The Supply and Renewable Content rate component covers the cost of the products and services necessary to provide firm power supply to program participants, including:

- electrical energy;
- capacity;
- reserves;
- ancillary services;
- transmission services;
- the cost of distribution system losses; and
- congestion management.

This rate component also covers the cost of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs), including:

- the RECs needed to meet the requirements of state law; and
- the additional RECs specified by the town.

Consultant Services

The Consultant Services rate component covers the costs of administering the program, including:

- representing the Town before the Department of Public Utilities, including securing regulatory approvals and maintaining regulatory compliance;
- conducting procurements for electricity supply as needed;
- providing customer support by telephone and email;
- providing public education, including through in-person events, printed communications (signs, banners, brochures), electronic communications (video, slides), and social media;
- developing and maintaining a comprehensive, branded program website, including ongoing updates to ensure regulatory compliance;

- receiving customer requests to enroll, change program options, or opt-out; forwarding those requests to the electricity supplier; and monitoring implementation;
- overseeing periodic automatic-enrollment mailings to new customers;
- monitoring electricity supplier performance;
- monitoring electricity market and regulatory developments; and
- preparing reports to the Department of Public Utilities and the town.

Attachment IV.B.7.b.iii Annual Voluntary Renewable Energy Content Information

Table IV.B.7.b.iii – Voluntary Annual Renewable Energy Information	
Category of Renewable Energy	MWh/Certificates
MA Class I	100

Mechanism by which the purchases/retirements were tracked:

MA Class I

NEPOOL Generation Information System.