



# THE TOWN OF BURLINGTON'S COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM CONSUMER NOTIFICATION

August 15, 2024

Dear Burlington Basic Service Consumer:

The Town of Burlington is pleased to announce that **Constellation NewEnergy, Inc.** ("Constellation") has been selected as the supplier for its Community Choice Power Supply Program ("Program"). This Program is a municipal aggregation which enables local government to combine the purchasing power of its residents and businesses to provide them with an alternative to Eversource Basic Service (M.G.L. c. 164, § 134). This Program only affects the supply portion of your monthly bill. It will not affect the delivery portion of your monthly bill. Eversource will continue to deliver your electricity but Burlington has chosen the supplier for the Program. Constellation will provide electric power supply for all consumers currently on Basic Service in Burlington. This letter is intended to tell you about this Program for electric power supply. In accordance with state law, it also informs you of your rights and options if you choose not to participate in the Program.

- ✓ **YOU WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY ENROLLED IN THIS PROGRAM UNLESS YOU CHOOSE NOT TO PARTICIPATE AND OPT-OUT.**
- ✓ **YOU MUST RESPOND BY SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE AUTOMATICALLY ENROLLED.**

**YOU WILL NOT NOTICE ANY CHANGE IN YOUR ELECTRICITY SERVICE.** The only difference you will see is that Constellation will be printed under the "Supplier Services" section of your monthly bill. You will continue to receive one bill from Eversource. You will continue to send your payments to Eversource for processing. Eversource will continue to respond to emergencies, read meters and maintain the distribution and transmission lines. Reliability and quality of service will remain the same. Furthermore, you will continue to have all existing consumer rights and protections.

## COMPARATIVE RATES AND TERMS

	Burlington's Program* (Supplier Services Only)			Eversource (Supplier Services Only)
Rate	STANDARD	OPTIONAL RENEWABLE 5	OPTIONAL RENEWABLE 25	BASIC SERVICE
	(default)	\$0.13447 per kWh	\$0.14322 per kWh	\$0.15772 per kWh
Residential	\$0.13229 per kWh	\$0.13447 per kWh	\$0.14322 per kWh	\$0.15677 per kWh
Small C&I	\$0.13229 per kWh	\$0.13447 per kWh	\$0.14322 per kWh	\$0.12114 per kWh
Medium & Large C&I	\$0.13229 per kWh	\$0.13447 per kWh	\$0.14322 per kWh	\$0.15677 per kWh
Streetlight	\$0.13229 per kWh	\$0.13447 per kWh	\$0.14322 per kWh	\$0.15677 per kWh
<b>Renewable Energy Content (see insert for required &amp; voluntary percentages by year)</b>	Meets MA renewable energy requirements	5% MA Class I RECs above minimum state requirements	25% MA Class I RECs above minimum state requirements	Meets Massachusetts renewable energy requirements
Duration	<b>October 2024 – October 2026</b> <i>[Rates apply to service beginning and ending on the days of the month that your meter is read in your service area.]</i>			<b>August 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025</b> <i>[Residential, Sm C&amp;I and Streetlight rates change every 6 months. Med &amp; Lg C&amp;I rate changes every 3 months.]</i>
Exit Terms	<b>NO CHARGE</b>			May receive a reconciliation charge or credit <i>[Large C&amp;I only]</i>

\*Rate includes Consultant Fee of \$0.001 per kWh to facilitate Burlington's Community Choice Power Supply Program.

\*Rate may increase as a result of a change in law that results in a direct, material increase in costs during the term of the contract.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- At Program launch, the Residential, Small C&I and Streetlight aggregation rate is lower than Eversource's Basic Service rate. The aggregation rate is fixed for 24 months (October 2024 to October 2026) while Eversource's Basic Service rate changes twice a year, in August and February. As a result, the aggregation rate may not always be lower than Eversource's Basic Service rate. The goal of the aggregation is to deliver savings over the life of the Program against Eversource's Basic Service rate. However, **SUCH SAVINGS AND FUTURE SAVINGS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED.**
- There is **NO CHARGE TO OPT-OUT** of the Program and return to Eversource Basic Service.

**IF YOU HAVE BEEN MAILED THIS NOTIFICATION** you do not need to take any action to participate in the Program.

**ALL BASIC SERVICE CONSUMERS** who have been mailed this notification will be AUTOMATICALLY enrolled in the Program and start benefiting from the aggregation rate beginning on the day of the month in October 2024 that your meter is read. This date varies by service area. Your meter reading date is shown on your bill.

**WATCH YOUR EVERSOURCE BILL FOR FURTHER NOTIFICATION** of the Program.

- Your October 2024 bill will state that you are being switched to Burlington's Program.
- Your November 2024 bill will show Burlington's supplier and aggregation rate under "Supplier Services".

**BUDGET PLAN OR ELIGIBLE LOW-INCOME RATE CONSUMERS** will continue to receive those benefits from Eversource.

**SOLAR PANEL AND COMMUNITY SOLAR CONSUMERS** will continue to receive net metering or on-bill credits while receiving electricity supply under the Program and the value of these credits will not be altered by participating in the Program.

**ANY APPLICABLE TAXES WILL BE BILLED** as part of the Program's power supply charge. You will be responsible for identifying and requesting an exemption from the collection of taxes by providing appropriate documentation.

**TAX EXEMPT SMALL BUSINESS CONSUMERS** must email or fax a copy of their Energy Exemption Certificate directly to Constellation at [CNETaxForms@constellation.com](mailto:CNETaxForms@constellation.com) or (877) 243-4968 (fax) in order to maintain their tax exempt status.

**IF YOU HAVE ALREADY CHOSEN A COMPETITIVE SUPPLIER ON YOUR OWN** you must opt-out of this Program. This will ensure you continue to get your electricity from that Competitive Supplier.

**IF YOU HAVE ALREADY CHOSEN A GREEN POWER SUPPLY OPTION THROUGH EVERSOURCE** your participation in this Program will not affect your participation in that Green Power Supply.

**IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM** you may: 1) Opt-out and continue paying Eversource's Basic Service rate; or 2) Opt-out and choose your own Competitive Supplier (if one is available to you).

#### **HOW TO OPT-OUT**

- Sign and return the enclosed opt-out card in the postage paid envelope provided; **OR**
- Visit [colonialpowergroup.com/burlington](http://colonialpowergroup.com/burlington) and click the opt-out button, then fill out and submit the Opt-Out Form; **OR**
- Call Constellation at (833) 490-0016 and ask to remain on Eversource Basic Service.

**ANY TIME AFTER ENROLLMENT** you can still opt-out with NO CHARGE. It may take a couple of billing cycles before you are back on Eversource Basic Service. If you choose to opt-out after the initial enrollment, you may submit an Opt-Out form at [colonialpowergroup.com/burlington](http://colonialpowergroup.com/burlington) **OR** call Constellation at (833) 490-0016 and ask to be placed on Eversource Basic Service.

**TO CHOOSE A PRODUCT WITH A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY** visit [colonialpowergroup.com/burlington](http://colonialpowergroup.com/burlington) or you may call Constellation at (833) 490-0016 and ask to be enrolled in one of the following products:

- **Burlington's Optional Renewable 5 Product** provides 5% MA Class I Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) above the state's then-current requirement for these renewables [24% in 2024; 27% in 2025; 30% in 2026]. This product is being offered at \$0.13447 per kWh for 24 months (October 2024 to October 2026).
- **Burlington's Optional Renewable 25 Product** provides 25% MA Class I RECs above the state's then-current requirement for these renewables [24% in 2024; 27% in 2025; 30% in 2026]. This product is being offered at \$0.14322 per kWh for 24 months (October 2024 to October 2026)

**FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION** regarding Burlington's Program, please visit [colonialpowergroup.com/burlington](http://colonialpowergroup.com/burlington) or call us toll-free at (866) 485-5858 ext. 1. To learn more about Constellation, please visit [constellation.com/ma-burlington](http://constellation.com/ma-burlington).

**TO ACCESS EVERSOURCE'S BASIC SERVICE RATES** please visit:

- Residential Rates – [eversource.com/content/residential/account-billing/manage-bill/about-your-bill/rates-tariffs/electric-supply-rates](http://eversource.com/content/residential/account-billing/manage-bill/about-your-bill/rates-tariffs/electric-supply-rates).
- Business Rates – [eversource.com/content/business/account-billing/manage-bill/about-your-bill/rates-tariffs/electric-supply-rates](http://eversource.com/content/business/account-billing/manage-bill/about-your-bill/rates-tariffs/electric-supply-rates).

BURLINGTON'S COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM  
CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION LETTER ENVELOPE

OFFICIAL TOWN BUSINESS



Town of Burlington  
c/o Competitive Supplier  
1 Supplier Street  
Supplier, MA 00000

PRESORTED  
FIRST-CLASS  
MAIL  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
STAMFORD, CT  
PERMIT NO. XXX

John Smith  
1 Main Street  
Burlington, MA 01803

**DO NOT DISCARD – IMPORTANT Notice Regarding Electricity Rates**

BURLINGTON'S COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM  
CUSTOMER OPT-OUT NOTIFICATION CARD WITH REPLY ENVELOPE

**BUSINESS REPLY MAIL**

FIRST-CLASS MAIL

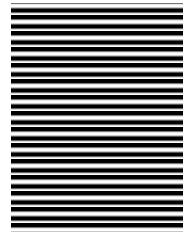
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POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE

NO POSTAGE  
NECESSARY  
IF MAILED  
IN THE  
UNITED STATES

**TOWN OF BURLINGTON**  
**c/o COMPETITIVE SUPPLIER**  
**1 SUPPLIER STREET**  
**SUPPLIER, MA 00000**



**BURLINGTON COMMUNITY CHOICE POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM  
OPT-OUT REPLY CARD**

John Smith  
1 Main Street  
Burlington, MA 01803

Account No: #####

If you want to participate in the Burlington Community Choice Power Supply Program, you do not need to take any action. You will be automatically enrolled.

**Opt-Out Instructions**

**If you do not want to participate:**

- 1) Sign and date
- 2) Place in envelope provided
- 3) Drop in the mail

The card must be signed by the customer of record whose name appears in the address on this card. The envelope must be postmarked by September 18, 2024 to opt-out of the Program before being automatically enrolled.

X

Signature

Date