



# CITY OF NEWTON

## CITY ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM NOTIFICATION LETTER

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January 10, 2019

Dear Newton Electricity Service Customer,

I am writing to tell you about the launch of an exciting new City electricity supply program: Newton Power Choice. With Newton Power Choice, Eversource remains your electric utility, and the amount of renewable energy in your electricity increases to 60%. The program also includes options for you to choose other amounts of renewable electricity.

**If you received this letter and you do nothing, you will be AUTOMATICALLY enrolled in the Newton Power Choice program with your March 2019 meter read.**

**Your opt-out request must be postmarked by February 12, 2019, to avoid automatic enrollment in the program.**

**If you do not opt out, you will be enrolled in the Standard Offering at a price of 11.34 ¢/kWh, and you will receive 60% renewable electricity.**

The Newton Power Choice program is a form of group electricity purchasing also known as electricity aggregation. In this aggregation, the City of Newton is using the bulk purchasing power of the community to choose an electricity supplier for the entire community and to determine the standard amount of renewable energy in Newton's electricity supply.

Newton has signed a 22-month contract with Direct Energy to supply the city with electricity that includes 60% renewable electricity as the Standard Offering. You may also choose to receive 100% renewable electricity or just the minimum amount required by Massachusetts law. Please see the back of this letter for options and pricing information.

The program price is fixed until January 2021. This price stability makes the program different from Eversource's Basic Service, which you have now. 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 over the full term of the contract with Direct Energy compared with Eversource's Basic Service rate.

### Your Relationship with Eversource

- If you participate in Newton Power Choice, Eversource will remain your electric utility. You will continue to receive your electricity 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 charges on your bill.
- If you do not participate in Newton Power Choice, the Supply charges 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.



An electricity program from the  
City of Newton providing residents  
and businesses with

**60% renewable  
electricity**

and the option to choose  
100% renewable electricity

### Opt Out at Any Time

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

If you choose not to participate, you will remain on Eversource's Basic Service price.

To opt out before the program begins, do one of the following before **February 12, 2019**:

- ▶ Sign & return the enclosed reply card (must be postmarked by **February 12, 2019**), call Direct Energy at **1-866-968-8065**, or opt out online at **newtonpowerchoice.com**.

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

- ▶ Call Direct Energy at **1-866-968-8065**, or opt out online at **newtonpowerchoice.com**.


### Customer Support

**1-833-272-9592**

[service@newtonpowerchoice.com](mailto:service@newtonpowerchoice.com)  
[newtonpowerchoice.com](http://newtonpowerchoice.com)

## Program Options & Pricing

- If you do nothing, you will be enrolled in the Newton Power Choice Standard Offering, which provides 60% renewable electricity.
- If you wish to choose one of the other options below, call Direct Energy directly at 1-866-968-8065.
- 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.

				Compare to what you have now ▼
	Standard Offering	100% Green (Option)	Basic (Option)	Eversource's Basic Service
Renewable Energy Content	60% renewable electricity (46% in addition to the 14% that meets minimum Massachusetts renewable energy requirements)	100% renewable electricity (86% in addition to the 14% that meets minimum Massachusetts renewable energy requirements)	Provides the minimum Massachusetts renewable energy requirements (14% for 2019)	Provides the minimum Massachusetts renewable energy requirements (14% for 2019)
Residential	11.34 ¢/kWh*	11.75 ¢/kWh*	10.87 ¢/kWh*	13.704 ¢/kWh
Small Business	11.34 ¢/kWh*	11.75 ¢/kWh*	10.87 ¢/kWh*	13.301 ¢/kWh
Large Business	11.34 ¢/kWh*	11.75 ¢/kWh*	10.87 ¢/kWh*	17.381 ¢/kWh
Price Period	March 2019 meter read – January 2021 meter read	March 2019 meter read – January 2021 meter read	March 2019 meter read – January 2021 meter read	January 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019, for residential and small business accounts**  January 1, 2019 – March 31, 2019, for large business accounts**

\* Newton Power Choice program prices include a \$0.001/kWh administration 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 July 1, 2019, for residential and small business accounts and on April 1, 2019, for large business accounts.

## 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, you should not have received this letter. However, if you did receive this letter 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 cancelled, and you may be charged an early termination fee by your existing electricity supplier.

**I have solar panels on my property. If I join Newton Power Choice, will I continue to receive net metering credits?** Yes. Net metering will work the same way if you participate in Newton Power Choice. Your net metering credits from your solar panels will continue to appear on your Eversource bill and will continue to be calculated based on Eversource's Basic Service price, not on the program price.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to 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