



CITY OF NEWTON

CITY ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM NOTIFICATION LETTER

December 8, 2021

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 to match 82% 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 10, 2022, 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 82% 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 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.

**Newton
POWERCHOICE**

**An electricity program from the
City of Newton that matches
82% of your electricity use
with renewable electricity**

**and gives you the option to match
100% of your electricity use with
renewable electricity**

Opt Out at Any Time

You don't have to participate. There is no penalty or fee to opt out of Newton Power Choice, 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 being automatically enrolled, do one of the following before **January 10, 2022**:

- ▶ Sign & return the enclosed reply card (must be postmarked by **January 10, 2022**), 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

newtonpowerchoice.com

Program Options & Pricing

- If you do nothing, you will be enrolled in the Standard Offering, which matches 82% of your electricity use with renewable electricity.
- If you wish to choose one of the other options below, call Direct Energy at 1-866-968-8065 or go to 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.

				
	Standard Offering	100% Green (Option)	Basic (Option)	Eversource's Basic Service***
Renewable Energy Content	Buy renewable electricity to match 82% of your electricity use (62% in addition to the 20% that meets minimum Massachusetts renewable energy requirements)	Buy renewable electricity to match 100% of your electricity use (82% in addition to the 20% that meets minimum Massachusetts renewable energy requirements)	Provides the minimum Massachusetts renewable energy requirements (20% for 2022)	Provides the minimum Massachusetts renewable energy requirements (20% for 2022)
Residential	13.452 ¢/kWh*	14.357 ¢/kWh*	10.646 ¢/kWh*	15.735 ¢/kWh - <i>proposed</i>
Small Business	13.452 ¢/kWh*	14.357 ¢/kWh*	10.646 ¢/kWh*	14.732 ¢/kWh - <i>proposed</i>
Large Business	13.452 ¢/kWh*	14.357 ¢/kWh*	10.646 ¢/kWh*	27.543 ¢/kWh - <i>proposed</i>
Price Period	Enrollment – January 2024 meter read	Enrollment – January 2024 meter read	Enrollment – January 2024 meter read	January 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022, for residential and small business accounts** January 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022, 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, 2022, for residential and small business accounts, and on April 1, 2022, for large business accounts.

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

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 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.

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 for information on where to submit your documentation.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to visit NewtonPowerChoice.com or to contact customer support at 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 10, 2022**, to opt out of the program before being enrolled automatically. You may also opt out anytime after enrollment by phone or online at [NewtonPowerChoice.com](https://www.NewtonPowerChoice.com). There is no fee to opt out of the program.