

2023 Annual Report for the Green Worcester ElectriCITY Municipal Aggregation Program

For calendar year 2023, the City of Worcester submitted the following Annual Report to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) for the Green Worcester ElectriCITY Municipal Aggregation Program. 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 City of Worcester provided access to program information during the year.
- **Attachment IV.A: Organizational Structure** Shows how program administration responsibilities are divided between the City, the City'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 Worcester 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.

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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 updates and data are added to the Green Worcester Dashboard monthly.		
Program website	The program website (GreenWorcesterElectricity.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/ Outrea	ch activities		
Social media accounts	Program updates, including a price-change notification, were posted on the City's Instagram, Facebook, and X accounts.		
Brochure	Program updates, including a price-change notification, distributed at public events and throughout City Hall in a new brochure.		
Announcement to local/ regional media	Program updates, including a price-change notification, were sent to the City's media list, which includes newsletter, radio, newspaper, broadcast news channels, and internet service provider channels.		

Municipal newsletter	Program updates, including a price-change notification, was sent in <i>Green Worcester News</i> email newsletter
Physical posting in municipal buildings	Program updates, including a price-change notification, were posted on a bulletin board in the City Hall.
Municipal departments, boards, and committees	Program updates, including a price-change notification, were sent to the following municipal departments for sharing with their staff and those they serve: the City Manager's Office, 311 Customer Service, and the Green Worcester Advisory Committee.
Public Events	Program information was presented at an Urban Technologies, Innovation and Environment Committee meeting, the Green Worcester Advisory Committee and the Worcester City Council.
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.
Green Worcester Plan Annual Report	Annual report, published on the municipal website and social media, that includes program updates and data.
Energy Advocate Customer Interactions and Office Hours	One-on-one education with customers on understanding their electricity bills and third-party suppliers, including the benefits of the aggregation program.

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	Х		
Other Funding/Costs	Х		
Customer Enrollment			Х
Customer Notifications/Outreach/ Education	X	X	
Ongoing Program Information	Х	X	
Program Termination	Х		
Annual Reports		X	
Customer Service		X	

Municipal contact for Department correspondence:

John Odell Chief Sustainability Officer 508-799-8325 odelli@worcesterma.gov

Customer Service:

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Consultant:

MassPowerChoice 833-926-1207 support@greenworcesterelectricity.com

Supplier:

Direct Energy 866-968-8065

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

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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	March 14, 2023, and May 17, 2023		
Evaluate/Select Bids	May 23, 2023		
Negotiate/Execute Contracts	May 23, 2023		

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



CITY OF WORCESTER

MUNICIPAL ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM ENROLLMENT NOTIFICATION LETTER

December 27, 2023

Dear Worcester Electricity Customer,

You are receiving this letter because you are currently enrolled with National Grid's Basic Service. This letter is a notification about enrollment in the Green Worcester ElectriCITY Municipal Aggregation Program. The program is a form of group electricity purchasing. Through the program, the City uses the buying power of the community to purchase cleaner electricity and to pass benefits like fair and reliable pricing along to you. However, because National Grid's prices change and their future prices are unknown, the program cannot guarantee to provide savings.

If you participate, a Worcester price will be used to calculate the Supply Services portion of your National Grid electric bill, which is the part of the bill where you pay for the electricity you use.

▶ If you received this letter and you do nothing, you will be AUTOMATICALLY enrolled in the program at a price of 16.31 ¢/kWh. The automatic enrollment model is a state law requirement for municipal electricity aggregation programs.

If you choose to opt out to avoid automatic enrollment in the program, your opt-out request must be submitted or postmarked by January 29, 2024. You can also opt out after enrollment, for any reason, without any fees or penalties.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

The program has two electricity options:

- You will be automatically enrolled in the Worcester Standard Green offering and receive more than 60% of your electricity from new renewable energy resources in the New England region (MA Class I RECs).
- If you wish to make a greater impact on community sustainability, you may
 alternatively choose the Worcester 100% Green option and receive 100%
 of your electricity from new renewable energy resources in the New England
 region (MA Class I RECs).

By participating in the program, you will purchase additional renewable energy from the New England region above and beyond state requirements, which will fuel the development of more renewable energy projects in the New England region.

Prices for the Green Worcester ElectriCITY Municipal Aggregation Program are predictable and have been set through December 2025. In comparison, National Grid's Basic Service prices change seasonally, and their future prices are unknown.

YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIONAL GRID

- ▶ If you 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. Green Worcester ElectriCITY Aggregation Prog will be listed on your bill as your electricity supplier, and the program price will be used to calculate the Supply Services portion of your bill. If you are eligible for a low-income discount or fuel assistance, you will continue to receive those benefits.
- If you do not participate, the Supply Services portion of your National Grid bill will continue to be calculated using National Grid's Basic Service price, as it is now.



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Lá thư này bao gồm thông tin quan trong về hòa đơn điện của quý vị từ Thành phố Worcester. Chúng tôi có lá thư này trực tuyến bằng tiếng Việt tại masspowerchoice. com/worcester/letter_vietnamese.pdf. Xin gọi số 1-833-926-1207 nếu quý vị có bắt cứ thấc mắc nào.

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本信函包含伍斯特市有关您的电力服务的重 要时间敏感信息。请通过masspowerchoice. com/worcester/letter_chinese.pdf获得该通 知的中文版本。如您对此有任何疑问,请致 电1-833-926-1207。

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

1-833-926-1207

support@GreenWorcesterElectriCITY.com GreenWorcesterElectriCITY.com

OPT OUT AT ANY TIME

Participation is not required. There is no penalty or fee to opt out of the program, and you may opt out at any

If you choose not to participate, you will remain on National Grid's Basic Service pricing.

To opt out, do one of the following at any time. To avoid automatic enrollment, submit or postmark your opt-out request no later than January 29, 2024:

- Sign & return the enclosed reply card.
- Opt out online at
 GreenWorcesterElectriCITY.com
- Call customer support at 1-833-926-1207.

Please see the back of this letter for more information and prices.

PROGRAM OPTIONS & PRICING

The following chart will help you to compare both options in the Green Worcester ElectriCITY Municipal Aggregation Program with National Grid's Basic Service. You are free to make a change at any time with no fee or penalty. To make a change, visit **GreenWorcesterElectriCITY.com** or call customer support with Worcester's program consultants at **1-833-926-1207**. Please have your National Grid electricity account number ready when you call.

Green Worcester ElectriCITY options:	You will enrolled				If you do not wish to par	rticipate:
		ester I Green**	100% (ester Green**	Nationa Basic S	
GREEN WORCESTER ELECTRICITY MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM	(automatic enrollment)				(if you opt out)	
Price	16.31	¢/kWh*	17.73	¢/kWh*	18.213 ¢/kWh - 17.262 ¢/kWh - 21.015 ¢/kWh -	Commercial
Price period	Enrollm Decemb	nent - oer 2025	Enrollm Decemb	nent - ber 2025	November 1, 2023 - residential & commo 2023 - January 31, 2	ercial. November 1,
Renewable energy	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
From new resources in the New England region (MA Class I RECs)						
Added by Worcester	40%	40%	76%	73%	-	-
Required by state law	24%	27%	24%	27%	24%	27%
Total from new resources in the New England region (MA Class I RECs)	64%	67%	100%	100%	24%	27%
From other clean or renewable sources, required by state law**	38%	36%	38%	36%	38%	36%
Exit terms		ny time. charge.		ny time. charge.	Leave any time. No However, industrial receive a billing adju credit.	customers may

Program prices include a \$0.00075/kWh administrative fee and a \$0.001/kWh operational fee that will support aggregation program management and energy initiatives in the City of Worcester. 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 renewable or clean energy resources in 2024 and 63% in 2025. Both Worcester Standard Green and Worcester 100% Green exceed this requirement.**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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 contract fees, you need to opt out of this program by the deadline. Otherwise, you will be automatically enrolled in this program.

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 the Green Worcester ElectriCITY Municipal Aggregation Program 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 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 GreenWorcesterElectriCITY.com for information on where to submit your documentation.

If you have any additional questions, please visit GreenWorcesterElectriCITY.com and do not hesitate to contact customer support at support@GreenWorcesterElectriCITY.com or 1-833-926-1207. Our City's program consultants will be happy to help you.

costs during the term of the electricity supply agreement.

** The Massachusetts Minimum Renewable Portfolio Standard includes new (MA Class I) renewable energy sources in the New England region (such as solar and wind) and also additional renewable energy from other sources, such as biodigesters, wood, landfill gas burning, and more. These additional renewable energy sources are either not zero emissions, not renewable, or not new, and therefore do not help to encourage the development of new, local solar and wind energy production. Because renewable energy must be purchased from these other energy sources in addition to the renewable energy purchased from mew regional (MA Class I) renewable energy sources, the renewable content for the Worcester Standard Green option and the Worcester 100% Green option exceeds 100% percent.

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



A notification from the City of Worcester about a change in your electricity supply price

October 13, 2023

Dear Worcester electricity customer and electricity aggregation participant,

Green Worcester ElectriCITY Aggregation prices are changing.

Your electricity account is enrolled in the City's Green Worcester ElectriCITY Municipal Aggregation Program. You are currently enrolled in the program's **Standard Green** offering for a price of 16.912 ¢/kWh, which ensures that an additional 30% of your electricity comes from New England-based renewable sources. This price is used to calculate the Supply Services portion of your National Grid electric bill, which is the part of the bill where you pay for the electricity you use.

In December 2023, the program's current electricity supply contract will come to an end, and a new, 2-year contract with Direct Energy will go into effect for a price of 16.31~ ¢/kWh. The new contract will bring two changes:

More clean electricity: The amount of additional electricity that you
receive from new renewable sources in the New England region
(MA Class I RECs) will rise from 30% to 40%.

You will also continue to receive the minimum amount of renewable energy from the New England region required by law: 24% in 2024 and 27% in 2025.



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- The result: By the end of 2025, 67% of your electricity will be generated from new renewable energy sources in the New England region (MA Class I RECs) instead of from fossil fuels or less clean sources.**
- 2. Lower prices: When the new contract takes effect, your electricity Supply price will change. Your new price will be both lower than the current program price and also lower than National Grid's upcoming winter residential and commercial Basic Service prices. (Because National Grid's future prices are not known, program savings beyond July 2024 cannot be guaranteed.)

Your new electricity Supply price from Green Worcester ElectriCITY:

16.31 ¢/kWh

December 2023 - December 2025

Compare to National Grid's Basic Service prices:

18.213 ¢/kWh - residential 17.262 ¢/kWh - commercial

November 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024 National Grid's future prices are not yet known.

Your options

If you wish to continue participating, no action is required. If you do nothing, the new price of 16.31 ¢/kWh will automatically go into effect in December 2023, and you will first see it on your January 2024 National Grid electric bill under Supply Services.

You may also:

- ▶ Change to the Worcester 100% Green option and receive all of your electricity from renewable sources.
- Leave the program with no penalty or fee and either return to National Grid's Basic Service pricing or sign your own contract with an electricity supplier. Please note that it may take up to two billing cycles for this change to take effect.

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Program options & pricing

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Prices	16.31 ¢/kWh*	17.73 ¢/kWh*	18.213 ¢/kWh - residential 17.262 ¢/kWh - commercial 21.015 ¢/kWh - industrial
Price term	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 content** From new renewable resources in the New England region (MA Class I RECs)			
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Required by state law	22% - 2023 24% - 2024 27% - 2025	22% - 2023 24% - 2024 27% - 2025	22% - 2023 24% - 2024 27% - 2025
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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.

Program prices include a \$0.00075/kWh administrative fee and a \$0.001/kWh operational fee that will support aggregation program management and energy initiatives in the City of Worcester. 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 59% from renewable or clean energy resources in 2023, 62% in 2024, and 63% in 2025. Both Worcester Standard Green and Worcester 100% Green exceed this requirement.**

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October 13, 2023

Dear Worcester electricity customer and electricity aggregation participant,

Green Worcester ElectriCITY Aggregation prices are changing.

Your electricity account is enrolled in the City's Green Worcester ElectriCITY Municipal Aggregation Program. You are currently enrolled in the program's 100% Green offering for a price of 18.763 ¢/kWh, which provides 100% of your electricity from New England-based renewable sources. This price is used to calculate the Supply Services portion of your National Grid electric bill, which is the part of the bill where you pay for the electricity you use.

By choosing 100% Green, not only do you receive 100% of your electricity from renewable sources, you also receive all of your electricity from within the New England region. Your choice helps to build demand for more renewable energy on our local power grid, which helps to green our grid.

In December 2023, the program's current electricity supply contract will come to an end, and a new, 2-year contract with Direct Energy will go into effect for a price of 17.73 4/kWh.

The new Direct Energy contract will bring lower prices. When the new contract takes

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from Green Worcester ElectriCITY:

17.73 ¢/kWh

Your new electricity Supply price

December 2023 - December 2025

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

	Table IV.B.7.b.i Annual Product Information – All customer classes			
2023		Standard Green (Default)	100% Green (Opt-In)	
Rate Components (in \$/kWh)				
Supply and Re	newable Energy Content	0.25451	0.27310	
Consultant Ser	vices	0.00081	0.00081	
Municipality S	ervices	0.00100	0.00100	
TOTAL		0.25632	0.27491	
Renewable End total)	ergy Content (in % of			
Required		59.17	59.17	
Voluntary	MA Class I	30.00	78.00	
TOTAL		89.17	137.17	
Supplier Name		Direct Energy Service, LLC	Direct Energy Service, LLC	
Effective Dates		December 2022 – July 2023	December 2022 – July 2023	

	Table IV.B.7.b.i Annual Product Information – All customer classes			
2023		Standard Green (Default)	100% Green (Opt-In)	
Rate Components (in \$/kWh)				
Supply and Re	newable Energy Content	0.16737	0.18588	
Consultant Ser	vices	0.00075	0.00075	
Municipality S	ervices	0.00100	0.00100	
TOTAL		0.16912	0.18763	
Renewable Energy Content (in % of total)				
Required		59.17	59.17	
Voluntary MA Class I		30.00	78.00	
TOTAL		89.17	137.17	
Supplier Name		Direct Energy Service, LLC	Direct Energy Service, LLC	
Effective Dates		July 2023 – December 2023	July 2023 – December 2023	

Table IV.B.7.b.i Annual Product Information – All customer classes				
2023	Standard Green (Default) 100% Green (Opt-In)			en (Opt-In)
Participants	# kWh # kWh		kWh	
Residential	32,216	187,040,212	171	905,030
Low-Income	4,659	29,981,482	7	30,357
Small Commercial & Industrial	6,009	49,311,780	15	47,502
Large Commercial & Industrial	173	35,471,275	0	0
TOTAL	43,057	301,804,749	193	982,889

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	66,762,735		
Consultant Services	238,154		
Municipality Services	302,788		

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:

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

Consultant Services

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

- representing the City 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 City.

Municipality Services

The City is using a portion of the funds to cover a portion of personnel costs for existing staff who work on the program and have added a staff person who will help customers to understand their energy bills, supply options, and how to obtain Mass-Save energy assessments.

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	91,308

Mechanism by which the purchases/retirements were tracked:

MA Class I

NEPOOL Generation Information System.