



Dear Neighbor,

As a coastal city, Boston is especially vulnerable to the impacts of climate change—from sea level rise and flooding, to more severe storms and extreme weather events. To protect our communities, we need to take bold steps to reduce carbon emissions and create a more resilient, sustainable Boston. Joining the [Boston Community Choice Electricity \(BCCE\)](#) program is an opportunity to do just that.

Boston Community Choice Electricity localizes energy decision-making to prioritize communities most impacted by climate change, and provides renewable electricity at affordable rates designed to generate long-term savings. Our goal is to give residents and small businesses the agency to choose how we power our communities, and the ability to do so with renewable electricity that's accessible to all—regardless of income level.

BCCE offers three products: Standard, Optional Basic, and Optional Green 100. Customers can select the plan that's right for them and opt-up or down at any time with no penalties. Both the Standard and Optional Green 100 products offer greater renewable energy content than Eversource. While the program cannot guarantee savings in any given month, all three BCCE products are currently less expensive than Eversource Basic Service for residents (\$0.17871/kWh) and small businesses (\$0.17827/kWh), meaning that a typical resident enrolled in BCCE's Standard plan, and who uses 600 kWh/month, could save *over* \$40 a month on their electricity bill at least through December 2022.

If you're in a financial position to do so, consider enrolling in BCCE's Optional Green 100 product which provides 100% renewable energy from sources like wind and solar. By opting-up to Optional Green 100, the average user of 600 kWh/month could be saving over \$24 a month on their electricity bill at least through December 2022 in comparison to Eversource Basic Service. You'll be doing so while playing a critical role in reducing pollution, protecting our environment, and helping Boston become a carbon-neutral, Green New Deal city.

For customers who would benefit from additional support, Eversource offers a variety of assistance and payment plans. You may be eligible for a 36% discount on your bill if you receive SNAP, WIC, MassHealth, Health Safety Net, SSI, Public or Subsidized Housing, Veteran's Services, or LIHEAP. Participating in BCCE will not interfere with any credits, payment plans or discount programs you may have with Eversource, who will continue to manage your electricity account.

The enclosed Consumer Notification Form includes important information to help you decide whether to opt-out or be automatically enrolled in the program. To learn more, sign up for a one-on-one 15 minute meeting at calendly.com/bcce. You may also call **617-635-3850** or email environment@boston.gov with questions or visit us online at boston.gov/community-choice-electricity.

Boston is already one of the most energy-efficient cities in the United States, but we can, and must, do more. Boston Community Choice Electricity is an effective, affordable strategy that will help us reach our economic and environmental goals. Together we have the power to build a more efficient, equitable Boston for future generations. Now is the time to do it. Thank you for your partnership!

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