



# City of New Bedford

March 15, 2023

## New Bedford Community Electricity Aggregation Program

Dear New Bedford Electricity Customer,

The City of New Bedford is offering New Bedford Community Electricity Aggregation (New Bedford CEA), which provides new City-vetted options for electricity supply. Eversource will continue to deliver your electricity, however, the electricity supplier was chosen by the City of New Bedford through a competitive bid process that leveraged the bulk-buying power of our community, understanding that savings cannot be guaranteed.

**You will be automatically enrolled in the New Bedford CEA product, “Standard,” as of your May 2023 electricity meter read, unless you choose one of our optional products or choose to opt out.**

**To opt out and avoid automatic enrollment in the New Bedford CEA Program, you must do one of the following before April 17, 2023:**



**mail and postmark the enclosed opt-out card**

OR



**call Constellation at (833) 461-0813**

OR



**submit the opt-out form at [MassCEA.com/New-Bedford](https://MassCEA.com/New-Bedford)**

Participants may also opt out of New Bedford Community Electricity Aggregation at any time during the Program without penalty. Please read further to learn more about New Bedford Community Electricity Aggregation.

## NEW BEDFORD CEA GOALS



### Competitive and Stable Prices

All New Bedford CEA prices are fixed through December 2023, whereas Eversource Basic Service prices change every six months for Residential and Commercial customers, and every three months for Large Commercial and Industrial customers. New Bedford CEA offers options that are intended to be price-competitive with Eversource Basic Service, however, **savings cannot be guaranteed**. This is because Basic Service rates are not known for the entire period of New Bedford's contract, and may therefore be above or below New Bedford CEA rates in any given period.



### No Obligation

New Bedford CEA includes the ability to leave the Program at any time without penalty.



### Electricity Choice

New Bedford CEA offers three different electricity supply choices with different levels of renewable energy certificates (RECs) to match your budget and climate goals.

## NEW BEDFORD CEA PRODUCTS

### Standard Product

- 1 Standard:** This is the **standard product** that you will be automatically enrolled in if you do nothing. The goal for this product is to be equal to, or lower than, the average Eversource Basic Service rates over New Bedford's contract term. However, as Basic Service rates change, **savings cannot be guaranteed** for any given period.

### Other Products

New Bedford CEA also offers two optional electricity products, each with differing amounts of RECs relative to mandated requirements. To enroll in any of these optional products, you must contact the supplier, **Constellation**, at (833) 461-0813, or sign up on the Program website: [MassCEA.com/New-Bedford](https://MassCEA.com/New-Bedford).

- 2 50% Green:** This is an **optional product**. It includes fifty percent (50%) more Renewable Energy Certificates (MA Class I RECs) than required by the Commonwealth.
- 3 100% Green:** This is an **optional product**. It includes Renewable Energy Certificates (MA Class I RECs) equal to one hundred percent (100%) of a customer's electricity consumption, in addition to the minimum number of RECs required by the Commonwealth.

### GREEN

Products described as Green contain additional Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) above that required by MA law. The additional RECs qualify for MA Class I designation from generation located within, or delivered to, New England.

## NEW BEDFORD CEA PRICING

	Electricity Supply Product	Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)	Residential	Commercial	Large Commercial and Industrial (C&I)	Price Period
New Bedford CEA	Standard	Meets minimum MA Class I requirements	\$0.10470/kWh	\$0.10470/kWh	\$0.17500/kWh	<b>May 2023 - December 2023</b> Rates apply to service beginning and ending on the days of the month that your meter is read
	50% Green (optional)	50% greater than MA Class I requirements	\$0.12244/kWh	\$0.12244/kWh	\$0.19550/kWh	
	100% Green (optional)	MA Class I RECs equal to 100% of customer's metered consumption	\$0.14019/kWh	\$0.14019/kWh	\$0.21600/kWh	
What You Have Now	Eversource Basic Service <i>(as filed February 21, 2023)</i>	meets minimum MA Class I requirements	\$0.25776/kWh	\$0.26049/kWh	SEMA \$0.12365/kWh	<b>January 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023</b> Residential and Commercial*  <b>April 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023</b> Large C&I*
<p><b>No guarantee of savings.</b> Eversource Basic Service rates for electric supply change every six months for Residential and Commercial customers, and every three months for Large Commercial and Industrial customers. Eversource Basic Service rates may be above or below New Bedford CEA rates for customers during any given period. Program prices could also increase as a result of a change in law that results in a direct material increase in costs during the term of the electric supply contract.</p> <p><b>Rates indicated above are for Supply Services only.</b> Commission fee for all New Bedford CEA products is included in above rates. This fee is \$0.001/kWh for the aggregation consultant. Rates also include taxes which are billed as part of the power supply charge.</p>						

## NEW BEDFORD CEA PARTICIPATION

**To enroll in the New Bedford Community Electricity Aggregation Standard product**, you do not need to take any action. **To enroll in an optional New Bedford CEA product**, contact the supplier, **Constellation**, or use the online form at [MassCEA.com/New-Bedford](https://MassCEA.com/New-Bedford). **If you don't wish to participate**, mail and postmark the enclosed opt-out card on or before **April 17, 2023** to avoid automatic enrollment in the New Bedford CEA Program.

**Budget Plan or Eligible Low-Income** delivery rate consumers will continue to receive those benefits from Eversource.

**Solar Electricity Consumers** will not be impacted and will continue to receive their net metering credits while participating in the Program.

**Exit Terms for Basic Service:** There is no penalty charge for leaving Eversource's Basic Service, however, Large Commercial and Industrial customers may receive a billing adjustment charge or credit.

**You can leave the Program any time** after you've enrolled, with no early termination fees. If you leave the Program, your account(s) will be returned to Eversource's Basic Service on the next available meter read.

**How to access information about Basic Service:** visit [www.mass.gov/info-details/basic-service-information-and-rates](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/basic-service-information-and-rates), or call Eversource at (800) 592-2000.

**If you are receiving electricity supply from a competitive supplier and believe you have received this opt-out letter in error, you must sign and return the enclosed opt-out card.** This will ensure you continue to receive your electricity from that competitive supplier and prevent any possible early termination fees.

**Tax-exempt small business customers** must provide a copy of their Energy Exemption Certificate directly to Constellation via email at [CNETaxForms@constellation.com](mailto:CNETaxForms@constellation.com), fax at (877) 243-4968, or mail at Attn: Tax Team, 1001 Louisiana Street, Suite 2300, Houston, TX 77002, in order to maintain their tax-exempt status.

## CUSTOMER SUPPORT & MORE INFORMATION

For more information, visit [MassCEA.com/New-Bedford](https://MassCEA.com/New-Bedford), or call (844) 627-7232.

To select an optional New Bedford CEA product, or to opt out of the Program, please contact **Constellation** at (833) 461-0813, 24 hours a day, or email at [vst@constellation.com](mailto:vst@constellation.com).