Town of Bennington

2-20-2025

The Town of Bennington is pleased to introduce our electricity supply program, Bennington Community Power Aggregation Program "CPA" with electricity supplier Direct Energy Services, LLC ("Direct Energy"). Please read on to learn about the program and your options for participation. You can also learn more at a community meeting on Tuesday 02/25/2025 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 7 School St, Bennington.

Your electricity account is scheduled for enrollment in the Bennington Default option starting April 2025. No action is required to receive this option.

You may opt out if you choose not to participate. The deadline to opt out is 3-29-2025. If you do participate, you can leave the program at any time without penalty.

Bennington CPA is a town-operated group purchasing program that pools the electric use of residents and businesses in order to provide competitively priced options. The Board of Selectmen approved this program in November 2023. The Plan was approved by Bennington voters at Town Meeting 2024, and by the NH PUC as required under NH RSA 53(E).

If you participate in Bennington CPA, it will change the source and cost of your electricity supply. It will not affect the cost or quality of service for the delivery of electricity from the utility, Eversource.

By receiving this letter, you will be enrolled in the Bennington Default option as of your April 2025 meter read unless you elect to opt out or select one of the optional programs listed below.

The table below shows pricing and other information for Bennington's electricity supply options and a comparison to Eversource's current "Default Service".

	Eversource Default Service (if you opt out)	**Bennington Default** (automatic)	**Bennington Basic**	**Bennington 50%**	**Bennington 100%**
Price					
Residential & Commercial	8.929 ¢/kWh	8.86 ¢/kWh	8.82 ¢/kWh	10.28 ¢/kWh	11.93 ¢/kWh
Total Renewable Energy	25%	26%	25%	50%	100%
Duration	February 2025 to July 2025	April 2025 to October 2025	April 2025 to October 2025	April 2025 to October 2025	April 2025 to October 2025

The Bennington Community Power program cannot guarantee savings for the entire contract term because Eversource's Default Service rates are not known for the entire contract term. Renewable energy percentages above are rounded to the nearest whole percent.

HOW BENNINGTON COMMUNITY POWER WORKS

- If you participate in Bennington's program, the impact on your electricity bill from Eversource will be:
  - The Supplier portion of the bill will change to reflect your participation in Bennington's Program.
  - Eversource will continue to provide all Delivery Services, including responding to power outages, and Eversource will continue to send you the electricity bill.
  - Customers that receive a discount on their electricity bill through the Electric Assistance Program (EAP) will continue to receive their benefits.
  - **Group net metering hosts and all customers with solar panels that receive monetary credit for supply on their electric bill**, should **opt out of the program** to avoid losing the supply portion of their credit. All net metering customers should make an informed decision regarding participation in the program before enrolling. See the net metering FAQ on the program website or call our net metering helpline at (877) 877-1670 ext. 3 for additional assistance.
  - **Budget billing** customers will continue to receive budget billing for the Delivery Services portion of the bill.
- **Pricing**: Program prices apply to service beginning and ending on the days of the month that your meter is read. Any applicable taxes will be added by Eversource to your bill. The town will announce price changes at least 30 days before any such price change takes effect. Product details will always be available at the town's website for the Program: https://standardpower.com/communities/Bennington
- **Renewable Energy:** All program options include renewable energy to meet the State of New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS). Bennington Default adds 1% voluntary renewable energy to the RPS. Bennington 50% and 100% add voluntary renewable energy to total 50% and 100% renewable energy, respectively. All voluntary renewable energy comes from sources that qualify as NH Class I, the State's designation for new renewable energy located in or imported into New England.

NEXT STEPS

As a recipient of this letter, no action is necessary for you to receive the "Bennington Default" electricity option.

To Choose Another Bennington Community Power Option: Call our Program's electricity supplier, Direct Energy Services, LLC at (866) 968-8065, or submit a request at https://standardpower.com/communities/Bennington

To Opt-Out & Not Participate: To remain with Default Service from Eversource for your electricity supply, you must opt out. To opt out before being enrolled you must take one of the following actions on or before 3-29-2025.

Postmark and mail the enclosed opt-out card	*or*	call Bennington's Supplier, Direct Energy at (866) 968-8065	*or*	submit the opt-out form at https://standardpower.com/communities/Bennington

If enrolled in Bennington's program, at any time in the future you may still opt-out of the program, without penalty, or switch to another Bennington option by calling the supplier or using https://standardpower.com/communities/Bennington

QUESTIONS & SUPPORT

- For information or customer support about Bennington's program, please visit https://standardpower.com/communities/Bennington, or call (866) 968-8065.
- If you have questions about the Delivery Services portion of your bill or about Default Service supply, contact the utility Eversource at (800) 662-7764 or by visiting Eversource.com
- If you are receiving electricity supply from a competitive supplier and believe you have received this opt-out letter in error, you must notify Bennington's Supplier as outlined above. This will ensure you continue to receive your electricity from that competitive supplier and prevent any possible early termination fees.