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**New Arlington Community Choice Aggregation Contract Doubles Clean Energy**  
***Arlington CCA program continues to provide savings while increasing renewable energy use.***

After a competitive bid process, Direct Energy was selected as Arlington’s Electricity Supplier with a 35-month contract term beginning December 2019 and ending in November 2022. Please note the change of energy provider on your December bill. This contract ensures a fixed, competitive price for three years, while the price for Eversource Basic fluctuates every six months. Under the new contract, the default percentage of extra renewable energy for Arlington Green will increase from 5 to 11 percent, while remaining cost-competitive.

“I am pleased to report that Arlington will soon more than double the percentage of renewable energy in its default electricity offering, and do so at a price lower than Eversource’s Basic rate,” said Arlington Town Manager, Adam Chapdelaine. “With three-year pricing stability the program offers residents and businesses flexibility in choosing the renewable energy and pricing option that is best for them.”

For the six-month period beginning January 1, 2020, customers enrolled in Arlington’s Community Choice Aggregation program will save money compared to Eversource’s Basic rate, even if they opt-up to 50% renewable energy. Customers with average usage (about 638 kWh per month) who opt up to 100% renewable energy would only pay \$8.15 more per month than if they were enrolled in Eversource Basic.

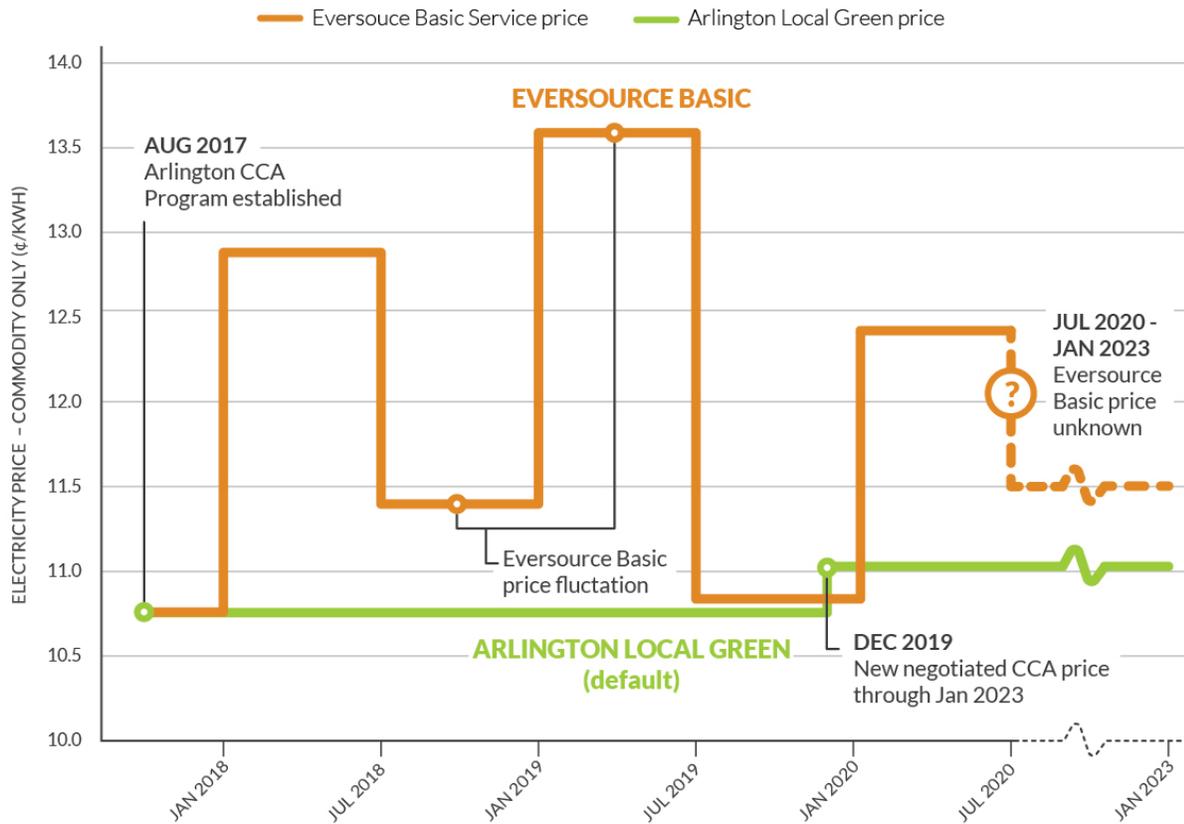
Customers in the program may change between the four levels of the program at any time without penalty. Customers will automatically transition into the new Direct Energy supply contract at the same level (levels shown below). Customers who have opted out of the program may opt back into the program at anytime without penalty.

| <b>Eversource Basic January 1, 2020 - June 30, 2020</b> | <b>\$0.12422</b> | <b>Rate Difference</b> | <b>Average Usage (kWh)</b> | <b>Monthly Savings</b> | <b>6 Month Savings</b> |
|---|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Arlington Basic   | \$0.10699        | (\$0.01723)            | 638                        | (\$10.99)              | (\$65.96)              |
| Arlington 11% Green                                     | \$0.11029        | (\$0.01393)            | 638                        | (\$8.89)               | (\$53.32)              |
| Arlington 50% Green                                     | \$0.12199        | (\$0.00223)            | 638                        | (\$1.42)               | (\$8.54)               |
| Arlington 100% Green                                    | \$0.13699        | \$0.01277              | 638                        | \$8.15                 | \$48.88                |

Arlington’s CCA program has offered competitive rates from its inception in August 2017, and this will remain true under the new contract. The following chart includes pricing and renewable energy content for the default Arlington Local Green product versus Eversource Basic supply. As you can see, the Arlington Local Green supply option has been less expensive than Eversource Basic from the beginning of the program. This will continue to be true for the period January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020. Eversource Basic rates fluctuate every six months.

# ARLINGTON CCA

## Local Green Pricing Compared to Eversource Basic Service



Customers enrolled in Arlington CCA will see the following statement on their December Eversource bill: **“We’ve recently been notified you changed suppliers. Eversource will now bill you on behalf of your new supplier.”** This is required language and simply reflects the fact that Arlington has a new electricity supplier under the Arlington CCA program.

Additional information about Arlington CCA may be found online at [arlingtoncca.com](http://arlingtoncca.com)

### About Community Choice Aggregation

In 1997, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enacted a public policy enabling cities and towns to aggregate the buying power of individual electricity customers. This process is referred to as Community Choice Aggregation (CCA). Through a “green CCA,” Arlington can make a meaningful reduction in its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions efficiently, affordably, and with the added benefit of public education to bring better understanding to electricity bills, energy choices, and renewable energy.

In August, 2017, the Town of Arlington joined 60 Massachusetts communities and rolled out Arlington Community Choice Aggregation (Arlington CCA). Arlington CCA uses bulk purchasing to offer competitive electricity pricing and rate stability for consumers, with an initial contract period ending December, 2019. The program offers three levels of renewable energy to consumers to reduce reliance on carbon-polluting fossil fuels.