



Town of Carlisle

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Dear Carlisle Resident:

The Town of Carlisle has participated in a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program to source electricity for the community for the past two and a half years. On October 13, 2020, Carlisle signed a new 36-month contract to continue our CCA program. You will receive a notification about the new contract and the options and pricing for electricity supply that are available to you in early December 2020 unless you currently have a contract with an independent electricity supplier or have previously opted out of Carlisle's CCA program. The notification will instruct you on how to make changes to your electricity supply, should you choose to do so.

Why does Carlisle have a CCA program?

Voters authorized the Carlisle Select Board to adopt a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) plan at its 2016 Annual Town meeting. The Select Board seeks electricity suppliers through this program that provide cost savings and environmental benefits on behalf of participating Carlisle residents and businesses. However, participating residents and businesses are not guaranteed cost savings compared to basic service.

Who supplies our electricity?

Roughly half of your electric bill is for supply charges and the other half is for delivery charges. Eversource *delivers* your electricity, but may not *supply* it. Your electricity is supplied through either:

- Carlisle's CCA (currently the choice for about 70% of Carlisle households)
- Eversource Basic Service
- A contract with an independent supplier.

If unsure of your electricity supplier, check a recent Eversource bill. In the large, blue box labeled "Current Charges for Electricity", you'll see the words "Your electric supplier is." If these words are followed by:

- "PUBLIC POWER LLC," then you currently procure your electricity through Carlisle's CCA. (Under Carlisle's upcoming CCA contract, the supplier will be Residents Energy.)
- "Eversource," then you currently procure your electricity through Eversource Basic Service
- Any other name, then you currently procure your electricity through an independent supplier with which you have established a contract.

Do I have to procure my electricity through Carlisle's CCA?

No. If you are enrolled in Carlisle's CCA, you can switch back to Eversource Basic Service (or to an independent supplier) any time you want. Just follow the instructions in the forthcoming notification.

If I currently contract through an independent supplier for my electricity, can I switch to Carlisle's CCA?

Yes, but you could face penalties if you terminate your contract early. Also, you will not receive the CCA notification if you currently have a contract with an independent supplier.

Do I have any options under Carlisle's CCA?

Yes, you can choose from three product options under Carlisle's CCA:

1. *Standard Product (default product):* This is a 100% renewable energy product, including 33% to 37% (depending on year) from MA Class I Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) sourced in New England.
2. *Optional Basic Product:* This product is the lowest cost of the three options. Similar to Eversource Basic Service, it just meets Massachusetts requirements for renewable energy content, including 18% to 22% MA Class I RECs (depending on year).
3. *Optional Green 100 Product:* This product is a 100% renewable energy product that provides 100% MA Class I RECs. This option provides the maximum support of the New England renewable energy economy.

The notification will instruct you on how to select the product of your choice, or opt out of Carlisle's CCA program altogether.

What will happen if I do nothing?

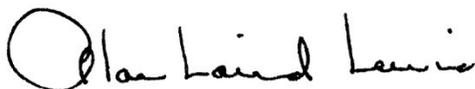
That depends on your current electricity supplier:

- Eversource Basic Service customers will receive the Standard Product
- Current participants in Carlisle's CCA:
 - Standard Product customers will receive the Standard Product
 - Optional Basic Product customers will receive the Optional Basic Product
- Customers using independent suppliers will continue to receive electricity from their current suppliers.
No one will receive the Optional Green 100 Product unless they opt for it.

What if I have questions or want additional information?

The notification will provide instructions on how to contact Carlisle's aggregation consultant (Colonial Power Group). Or, you may contact the Carlisle Energy Task Force at cetf@carlislema.gov.

Best regards,



Alan L. Lewis, Chair Carlisle Select Board