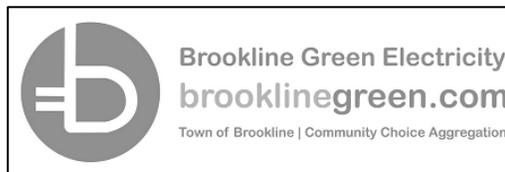


Community Electricity Aggregation Program Rolls Out Summer 2017



The Selectmen's Climate Action Committee (SCAC) is pleased to announce that after a competitive bidding process in May, the Town selected Dynegy, Inc. to supply the community's electricity, with a 30-month contract term from the July 2017 meter reading to the December 2019 meter reading. Approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities in April, the Town's electricity aggregation program, **BROOKLINE GREEN ELECTRICITY**, uses bulk purchasing to offer competitive electricity supply rates and rate stability for residents and businesses. In addition, it provides renewable energy options to reduce the Town's reliance on carbon-polluting fossil fuels. Eversource remains the utility that will deliver the electricity, handle billing, and respond to emergencies and outages. Customers will see changes to electricity supply rates in their August bill (see chart on page 2). Delivery rates will not change.

"In November 2015, Town Meeting passed both a warrant article authorizing the Town to commence a community electricity aggregation program and, unanimously, a resolution urging the Board of Selectmen to increase the use of renewable sources of energy by 25% of retail sales using an aggregation plan," notes SCAC Co-Chair and aggregation subcommittee Chair Werner Lohe. "Through the hard work of the subcommittee and staff, we were able to develop a plan that is both more ambitious than that of most communities and also flexible enough to offer the most choice to consumers. The plan was comprehensively vetted by the State to ensure that consumer protections are maintained."

By Memorial Day, a 30-day Opt-Out letter with the Town seal will be mailed to all Eversource account holders announcing the new electricity supplier, the program's three products and rates, and consumer options. Customers will automatically be enrolled in the program's standard product, **Brookline Green**, which adds 25% local renewable energy to the amount the State requires. To offer consumers maximum choice, the program also offers two alternative products that customers can select by calling Dynegy directly: **Brookline All Green** provides 100% additional renewable energy, and **Brookline Basic** provides no additional renewable energy beyond what the State requires. Customers who don't want to be enrolled in any of the three program options can opt out by signing and returning an enclosed card in the pre-paid envelope within 30 days of the Opt-Out letter's postmark.

The Town's energy expert, Good Energy, was able to obtain a highly competitive rate of 10.398 cents per kilowatt hour for traditional energy for all rate classes (excluding additional renewable energy), which the Town locked in for 30 months, beating Eversource's rate of 10.75 cents per kilowatt hour for the July to December period. Considering that Eversource has been increasing its supply rates every six months, the Town's offering a fixed, competitive price for this duration will provide consumers with rate stability in a volatile market and possible savings.

The Town was also able to take advantage of declining prices in the renewable energy market. When Town Meeting unanimously passed a resolution in November 2015 to increase participants' use of renewable energy, the price for renewables was at a historic high. The resolution recommended a cap at \$7.00 per month on the incremental cost an average household would pay for the additional renewable energy. Through Good Energy's skillful efforts, the incremental cost for the Brookline Green (25%) product is estimated to be about \$2.03 per month for a typical household consuming about 600 kilowatt hours when the plan rolls out. Furthermore, consumers can be assured that the renewable energy

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Dynegy obtains from Mass Energy are Massachusetts Class I Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs), guaranteed to add new renewable energy to the ISO-New England power grid and offset additional emissions from fossil fuels.

“There’s room for everyone in this program,” states Selectman Nancy Heller, co-chair of the SCAC. “If you are seeking an option that beats Eversource’s pricing, we have the Brookline Basic product for you. If you want to have a measurable impact on the environment, your participation in the standard Brookline Green product will help Brookline displace almost 34 million pounds of carbon dioxide emissions annually. And for the growing number of consumers who want a reliable way to purchase 100% renewable energy, you can select Brookline All Green, which meets that gold standard.”

Federal tax deductions are provided for the products offering additional renewable energy, offsetting costs consumer pay for additional renewable energy in the Brookline Green and Brookline All Green products.

The Town is making community outreach and clear information accessible to all constituency groups, especially the community’s more vulnerable populations. The Town will schedule information sessions throughout the opt-out period in June. Consumers can visit the Town website www.brooklinegreen.com for resources and a calendar of events, call the Good Energy call-center at 800-931-6221 for inquiries about the opt-out period, or contact Senior Planner Maria Morelli at mmorelli@brooklinema.gov for assistance. On June 6 at 8 pm the Board of Selectmen will host a public meeting to present the program and answer questions from the public. Please see the chart below comparing the new program with Eversource’s Current Service.

Comparison of New Program with Eversource’s Current Service				
	CURRENT SERVICE Eversource Basic Service Electricity Supply Only	New Community Aggregation Program: BROOKLINE GREEN ELECTRICITY		
		Alternative Option 1 Brookline Basic	Standard Product Brookline Green	Alternative Option 2 Brookline All Green
AMOUNT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY	State Requirement is 12% of electricity purchased, increasing 1% every year	0% added to State Requirement	25% added to State Requirement	100% added to State Requirement
RESIDENTIAL	\$0.10759/kWh	\$0.10398/kWh	\$0.11098/kWh	\$0.13198/kWh
SMALL COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL & STREETLIGHTING	\$0.10764/kWh			
LARGE COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL &	\$0.10834/kWh NEMA			
DURATION Prices are fixed for the indicated duration, starting with the customer’s first meter read in July, 2017.	See footnote*.	30 months	30 months	30 months
CONSUMER ACTION NEEDED	To opt out of the new program and remain with current service, return enclosed postcard within 30 days of postmark on Opt-Out letter.	Call Dynegy to select this option.	No action required; automatic enrollment	Call Dynegy to select this option.
* Residential, Small Commercial, Industrial & Street Lighting rates change July 1 and Jan 1 . Large Commercial & Industrial rates change July 1, Oct 1, Jan 1, and April 1 .				

NOTE: Refer to the official Opt-Out Letter for program details, consumer options, and administrative fees.