

## Community Choice Energy (CCE) is providing cleaner energy at a much lower cost

On October 2, 2017, Applied Economics Clinic (AEC) released “An Analysis of Community Choice Energy for Boston,”<sup>1</sup> which evaluated the potential adoption of Community Choice Energy (CCE) in the City of Boston.<sup>2</sup> One of the key findings was that CCE costs approximately the same or less than basic electric service supplied by the default utility. We presented a table of CCE rates in Massachusetts communities as compared to supply rates from Boston’s default utility (Eversource), which showed that CCE customers were saving about 2 percent on their electric bill in 2017 and procuring more renewable energy than provided by basic service.

### More recent information shows that CCE customers will save *ten times* more in 2018 than in 2017

Eversource's basic service rates for January through June 2018 were just released. Shown below, with these new rates, the average household participating in a CCE program will save 19 percent on its electric bill. Small commercial customers will save 18 percent compared to the utility’s basic service. This means that CCE residents and businesses will be saving much more in 2018 than they did in 2017. With CCE, cleaner energy can also provide substantial savings to customers.

#### CCE vs. Eversource Basic Service Rates, January through June 2018<sup>3</sup>

		<b>Residential</b>	<b>Commercial</b>
<b>Eversource Basic Rate (cents/kWh)</b>		<b>13.157</b>	<b>12.961</b>
	<b>CCE Rate (cents/kWh)</b>	<b>CCE savings (%)</b>	<b>CCE savings (%)</b>
<b>CCE Program</b>			
<b>Lexington</b>	10.45	21%	19%
<b>Somerville</b>	10.54	20%	19%
<b>Acton</b>	10.72	19%	17%
<b>Sudbury</b>	10.75	18%	17%
<b>Arlington</b>	10.76	18%	17%
<b>Winchester</b>	10.90	17%	16%
<b>Average</b>	<b>10.69</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>18%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Comings, Tyler, Elizabeth A. Stanton, PhD and Bryndis Woods. *An Analysis of Community Choice Energy for Boston*. Prepared for Barr Foundation. October 2, 2017. <https://aeclinic.org/publicationpages/2017/9/29/an-analysis-of-community-choice-energy-for-boston>

<sup>2</sup> The report was funded by the Barr Foundation.

<sup>3</sup> The CCE rates are available on each town’s website: Acton ([www.masspowerchoice.com/acton](http://www.masspowerchoice.com/acton)), Arlington, ([www.arlingtoncca.com](http://www.arlingtoncca.com)), Lexington ([www.masspowerchoice.com/lexington](http://www.masspowerchoice.com/lexington)), Somerville ([www.somervillecce.com](http://www.somervillecce.com)), Sudbury ([www.sudbury-cea.com](http://www.sudbury-cea.com)), and Winchester ([www.winpowerma.com](http://www.winpowerma.com)). Rates for Dedham and Natick were not available past January 2018. Eversource basic service rates were approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities on November 22, 2017. See: [http://170.63.40.34/DPU/FileRoomAPI/api/Attachments/Get/?path=17-bsf-c4%2f17BSFC4 Approval 112217.pdf](http://170.63.40.34/DPU/FileRoomAPI/api/Attachments/Get/?path=17-bsf-c4%2f17BSFC4%20Approval%20112217.pdf)