WHAT'S UP WITH THESE PEOPLE ALWAYS TRYING TO SELL US ELECTRICITY?

Knocking on our doors, calling us, claiming their energy is cheaper and greener.

who they are

They’re competitive suppliers - they compete with Eversource to provide electricity to residents and businesses.

They make claims to have better rates or green energy, but this rarely turns out to be the case. In fact, Massachusetts residents paid $176 million dollars more to competitive suppliers than if they’d stayed with the base rate.

the reality

- They often target low-income and elderly residents (in Boston especially)
- Many employ aggressive and deceptive marketing tactics and cancellation fees
- Rates will often start low and then rise significantly and unpredictably
- The green energy is usually from out of region

There is a better way! See the other side to learn how we can protect our residents

$176
MILLION DOLLARS LOST BY MASS RESIDENTS OVER TWO YEARS TO COMPETITIVE SUPPLIERS

2.8X
FACTOR BY WHICH COMPETITIVE SUPPLY TARGETS LOW INCOME RESIDENTS IN BOSTON

$230
AVERAGE AMOUNT PAID MORE PER YEAR WHEN SIGNED UP WITH A COMPETITIVE SUPPLIER
Mayor Walsh is leading the way to cleaner electricity

If you want greener or less expensive electricity supply, you’ll be happy to know that the City of Boston is currently in the process of adopting Community Choice Energy (CCE), pooling the buying power of all residents to affordably shift our electricity supply toward renewables. That means:

- More regionally produced, renewable energy for all Boston residents
- Stabilized prices through long-term contracts with electricity suppliers
- No need to sign an individual contract with a competitive supplier promising cleaner energy
- An effective next step towards meeting the City of Boston’s climate targets

What can you do?

- Thank Mayor Walsh for moving forward with CCE and urge timely implementation: tweet @marty_walsh, email MAYOR@Boston.gov or phone the Mayor’s office: 311.
- Sign up for our newsletter at BostonCAN.org to stay informed about CCE implementation.
- Spread the good news about Boston’s moving forward with CCE and warn others about the danger of deceptive competitive suppliers.
- Don’t be tricked into signing a contract with a competitive supplier. You’ll be glad you waited for CCE instead.

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