

2023 Annual Report: Westwood Community Choice Electricity

Public Access Attachment III.C

Public Access to Plan/Ongoing Program Information	
Location	Description
Municipal website	Municipal website community electricity page provides information on the program structure and operation and access to the program website. The community electricity page can be accessed in the “Our Town - Westwood CCE” drop down on the homepage. Townhall.westwood.ma.us/our-town/community-electricity-aggregation-cea
Program website	Program website provides information on the program structure and operation, product rates, access to the aggregation plan, and instructions to enroll, select a different product, and leave the program. The website also provides contact information for the program supplier and consultant. Westwoodcce.com/
Announcement to local/ regional media	Municipality issued a press release with a link to the program access for program pricing as a method to notify residents and businesses of the upcoming program launch and their options to participate.
Social media accounts	Municipality issued social media posts with program pricing as a method to notify residents and businesses of the upcoming program launch and their options to participate.
Physical Mailing	Municipality mailed opt out letters with program pricing as a method to notify residents and businesses of the upcoming program launch and their options to participate.
Public Meeting	Municipality held a public meeting on 2/2/23 to notify residents and businesses of the upcoming program launch, program pricing and participation details, and answer questions from the community.

**Organizational Structure
Attachment IV.A**

Organizational Structure			
Core Functions	Performing Entity		
	Municipality	Consultant	Supplier
Liaisons/Representatives/Agents			
Municipal Representative/Agent before Department (iii)	Thomas Philbin, tphilbin@townhall.westwood.ma.us , 781-326-0385	Good Energy, L.P.	Direct Energy
Liaison with DOER		X	
Liaison with Electric Distribution Companies		X	
Plan Elements			
Procurement of Supply		X	
Product Determination	X		
Other Funding/Costs	X		
Customer Enrollment			X
Customer Notifications/Outreach/Education	X	X	
Ongoing Program Information	X	X	
Program Termination	X		
Annual Reports		X	
Customer Service	Thomas Philbin, tphilbin@townhall.westwood.ma.us , 781-326-0385	Allison McNeill, Support_MA@goodenergy.com , (833) 937-3222	Customer Support, aggregationsupport@directenergy.com , (866) 968-8065

Equitable Treatment of Customer Classes
Attachment IV.B.1.c

Equitable Treatment of Customer Classes					
Plan Element					
Procurement of supply (§ IV.B.2)	Product Rate Setting/Renewable Energy Content (§ IV.B.3)	Other Funding sources/Costs (§ IV.B.4)	Customer Enrollment (§ IV.B.5)	Customer Notifications (§ IV.B.6)	Ongoing Program Notification (§ IV.B.7)
	X				

Procurement of Supply
Attachment IV.B.2

There were no additional procurements for Westwood Community Choice Electricity in 2023.

**Opt-Out Notification
Attachment IV.B.6.a**

Representative Opt-Out Notification						
		Municipal Aggregation Products			Basic Service	
		Westwood Basic (Optional)	Westwood Standard (Default)	Westwood Plus (Optional)	January through June 2023	July through December 2023
Price (in \$/kWh)		\$0.16310/kWh	\$0.16710/kWh	\$0.17850/kWh	\$0.25776/kWh	\$0.16078/kWh
Renewable Energy Content (in % of total)						
Required		59%	59%	59%	59%	59%
Voluntary	RPS Class I	0%	10%	41%	0%	0%
Total		59%	69%	100%	59%	59%
Supplier Name		Direct Energy			Eversource	Eversource
Effective Dates		March 2023 through December 2024			Jan. 1 through Jun. 30, 2023	Jul. 1 through Dec. 31, 2023

Notification of Product Change
Attachment IV.B.6.b

There were no product changes for Westwood Community Choice Electricity in 2023.

**Annual Product Information
Attachment IV.B.7.b.i**

Annual Product Information: March 2023 through December 2023							
		Westwood Basic (Optional)		Westwood Standard (Default)		Westwood Plus (Optional)	
Rate Components (in \$/kWh)							
Supply and Renewable Energy Costs		\$0.16210/kWh		\$0.16610/kWh		\$0.17750/kWh	
Adders	Consultant Services	\$0.001/kWh		\$0.001/kWh		\$0.001/kWh	
TOTAL		\$0.16310/kWh		\$0.16710/kWh		\$0.17850/kWh	
Renewable Energy Content (in % of total)							
Required		59%		59%		59%	
Voluntary	RPS Class I	0%		10%		41%	
TOTAL		59%		69%		100%	
Participants		Average #	kWh	Average #	kWh	Average #	kWh
Residential		216	2,016,776	3,709	30,755,855	67	534,943
Low-Income		2	10,325	203	902,459	0	0
Small Commercial & Industrial		15	334,745	348	6,501,912	10	95,890
Large Commercial & Industrial		0	0	2	1,180,070	0	0
TOTAL		233	2,361,846	4,262	39,340,296	78	630,833
Supplier Name		Direct Energy		Direct Energy		Direct Energy	
Effective Dates		March 2023 through December 2024		March 2023 through December 2024		March 2023 through December 2024	

Annual Adder Information
Attachment IV.B.7.b.ii

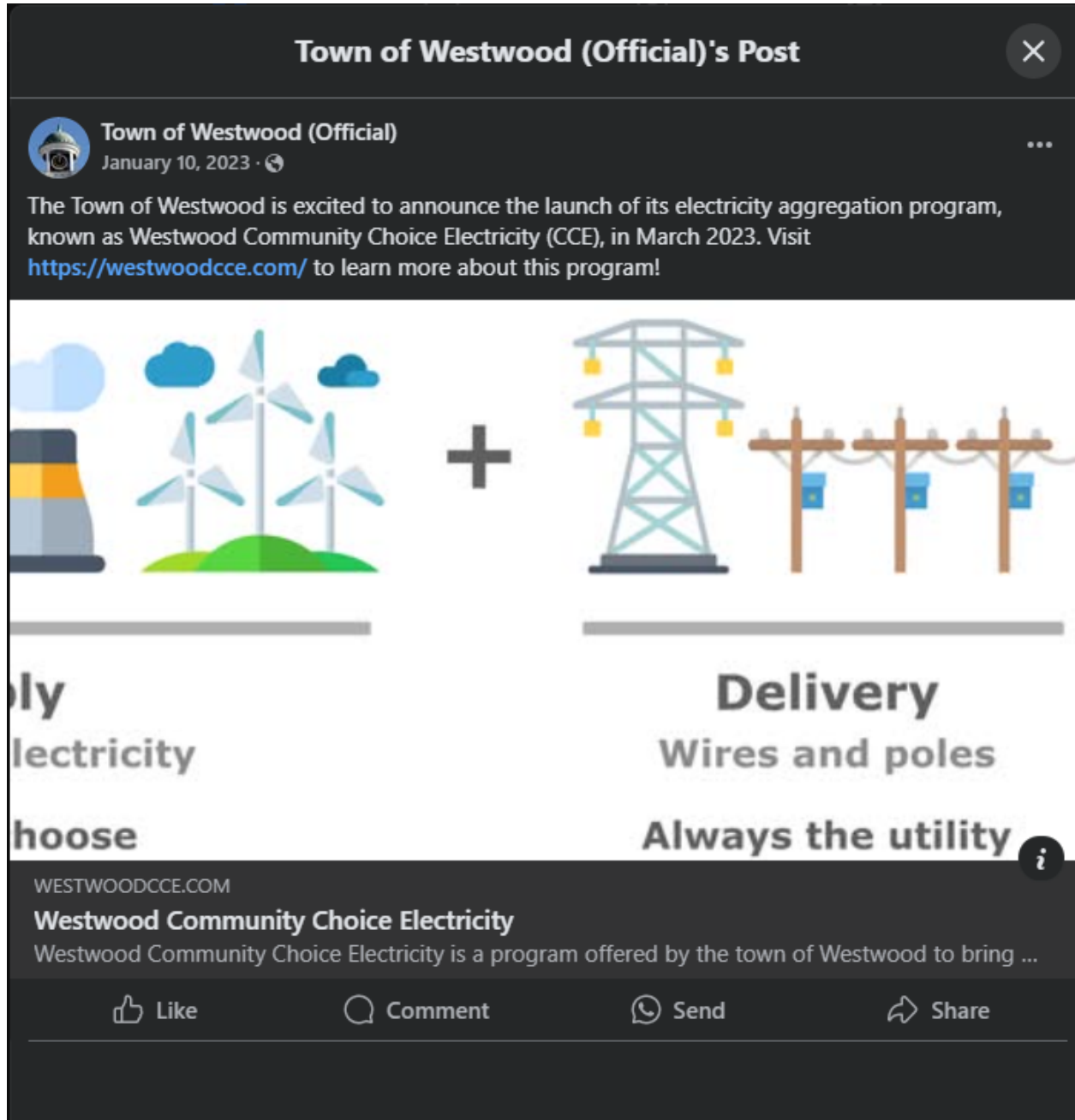
Annual Adder Information	
Type of Adder	Revenue (in \$)
Supply and Renewable Content	\$ 7,029,251
Consultant Services	\$ 42,332

Voluntary Annual Renewable Energy Content Information
Attachment IV.B.7.b.iii

Voluntary Annual Renewable Energy Information		
Category of Renewable Energy	MWh	Mechanism
RPS Class I	4,192 MWh	NEPOOL GIS

Attachments

Social Media



The municipality issued social media posts with program pricing as a method to notify residents and businesses of the upcoming program launch and their options to participate.

Announcement to local/regional media

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - January 10, 2023

Westwood Community Choice Electricity Program: Launching March 2023 with Rate of 16.710 ¢ per kWh

Westwood, MA - (January 10, 2023) - The town of Westwood announces that it will launch its electricity aggregation program, Westwood Community Choice Electricity (CCE), in March 2023. The Program is designed to provide new, competitively priced electricity supply options and more renewable energy for residents and businesses in Westwood. The Program was approved by Town Meeting in May 2019.

The Program will offer a standard product rate that has 10% more renewable energy certificates (RECs) than required by state law (known as MA Class I RECs). Even with these extra renewable energy certificates, the standard product rate will be nearly 35% lower than the current Eversource Residential Basic Service electricity rate of 25.649 ¢ per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for the 21-month period, March 2023 through December 2024. Future savings under the Westwood Community Choice Electricity Program compared to Eversource Residential Basic Service are not guaranteed because utility basic service rates change every six months for residential and small business accounts, and every three months for large business accounts.

The Program will also offer two optional rates - a 100% renewable energy rate that includes renewable energy certificates equal to 100% of a customer's metered consumption, and a rate with only the minimum amount of renewable energy certificates required by state law. The electricity rates will be fixed over the 21-month term of the electric supply agreement, from March 2023 through December 2024.

Westwood Community Choice Electricity rates are as follows:

	Westwood Community Choice Electricity Program			Eversource Basic Service
	Westwood Standard (default product)	Westwood Plus	Westwood Basic	Residential
Rates	16.710 ¢/kWh	17.850 ¢/kWh	16.310 ¢/kWh	25.649 ¢/kWh
Renewable Energy	Adds 10% voluntary renewable energy (MA Class I RECs)	Adds voluntary renewable energy (MA Class I RECs) to total 100%	Meets renewable energy standards	Meets renewable energy standards

Duration	March 2023 – December 2024	January – June 2023
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Disclaimer: Savings cannot be guaranteed as compared to Basic Service rates which change every six months for residential and commercial accounts, and every three months for industrial accounts.

Westwood has initiated, and will continue a broad-based education and outreach effort to make residents and businesses aware of the Program. The best place to find the most updated information is the aggregation website WestwoodCCE.com.

In mid-January 2023, eligible residents and businesses will receive a letter on behalf of the Town from the winning electricity supplier for the Program, Direct Energy. The letter will provide detailed program information and instructions on how to choose an optional Westwood Community Choice Electricity rate, or how to opt out of Westwood Community Choice Electricity. No action is necessary if you would like to participate in Westwood Community Choice Electricity's default electricity rate, Westwood Standard. All Westwood residential and business accounts on Eversource Basic Service that are eligible to participate in Westwood Community Choice Electricity will be automatically enrolled in Westwood Standard as of their March 2023 meter read date. Anyone that does not want to participate in Westwood Community Choice Electricity may opt out of Westwood Community Choice Electricity without penalty, either before the Program begins, or at any time during the Program.

Electricity customers who are currently enrolled with a third-party supplier will not receive the opt-out letter and will not be automatically enrolled. These customers can voluntarily join the Program, but may be subject to penalties or early termination fees from the third-party supplier if they switch to the electricity aggregation program during the term of their contract.

The municipality issued a press release with program pricing as a method to notify residents and businesses of the upcoming program launch and their options to participate.