

## Community Choice Aggregation

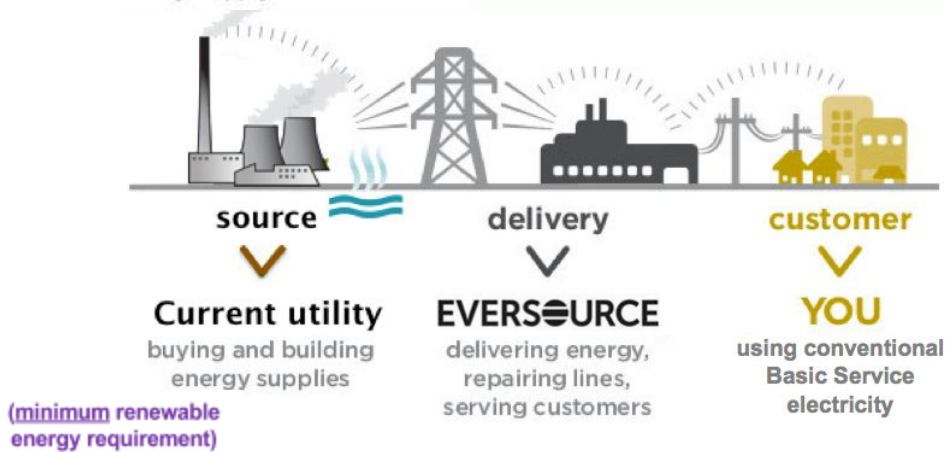
### What is Community Choice Aggregation?

Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) is basically bulk buying for electricity. It is a process by which municipalities can aggregate and switch the electricity of the households and small businesses from basic service over to cleaner energy.

An energy broker is employed to ensure the municipality can purchase the amount and types of energy needed, and residents may opt out at any time. The electricity is still distributed and billed through the original utility, i.e. Eversource.

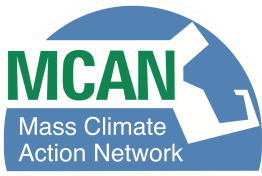
**CCA allows residents and small businesses to seamlessly switch to more renewable energy, and do the right thing on climate change.**

#### Current Electricity Supply & Distribution



#### How CCA Works





## Basic Outline of Community Choice Aggregation Approval Process:

- Town Meeting approval to pursue CCA
- Broker creates aggregation plan (at no cost to town)
- Board of Selectmen approves aggregation plan
- Department of Energy Resources reviews aggregation plan
- Department of Public Utilities approves plan
- Broker issues RFP for competitive supplier
- Town selects competitive supplier
- Broker publicizes CCA to residents and small businesses, and handles all opt-out requests

**If no plans or energy prices are deemed acceptable, there is no obligation for the town to proceed.** If your city or town has a city council, they would take the place of the town meeting, and the mayor plays a similar role to the Board of Selectmen.

## Sample Enabling Language from municipalities who have already approved CCA

### Dedham

*To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to research and develop a plan to participate in a contract or contracts, to aggregate the electricity load of the residents and businesses in the Town of Dedham and for other related services, independently or in joint action with other municipalities, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997, which provision established a competitive marketplace through deregulation and restructuring of the electric utility industry; and further authorize the Town Manager to establish, and/or appoint representatives for a committee to oversee such independent or joint action, or take any other action relative thereto.*

### Lexington

*To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Community Choice Aggregation Program and contract for electric supply for Lexington residents and businesses as per MGL 164, Section 134, or otherwise act thereon.*

### Melrose

*Be it ordered that the Melrose Board of Aldermen authorize the Mayor and appropriate department(s) to research and develop a plan to participate in a contract, or contracts, to aggregate the electricity load of the residents and businesses in the City of Melrose, and for other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities, and further authorizes the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to accomplish the same.*

*Depending on your town's goals and constraints, we recommend encouraging the body that will direct the broker, such as the board of selectmen or the city council, to choose a number or a range of clean energy (i.e. and additional 5-10%, or keeping within a \$3 per month of current bills). We suggest you focus on **Class 1 renewable energy credits**, to make sure you are taking dirty energy off the grid, and putting your efforts and money to put new clean energy into the system.*