

THE PROBLEM

Clean energy is becoming more and more affordable, but Connecticut towns are not currently authorized to purchase it for their residents and businesses. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) would allow municipalities to choose their electricity provider, allowing them to purchase from cleaner, cheaper sources. Power continues to be delivered to the existing utility, and any ratepayer is free to opt out.

Unfortunately, CCA is not currently authorized in Connecticut, though there is a provision allowing individual electric customers to choose their provider.

A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION

Connecticut should allow CCA so that a town's residents and businesses can join together as power-purchasing entities. This would grow the amount of renewable energy used in towns while reducing costs.

CCA requires no state or ratepayer funds. It could also be modified to allow aggregation units to develop their own clean energy and energy efficiency projects.

CCA can be a powerful tool to ensure Connecticut meets its clean energy goals.

MORE INFORMATION

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Nationwide, CCA electric rate savings average between 2%-20% depending on market conditions and power resources.



All of our neighboring states allow for CCA, including Massachusetts, New York, and Rhode Island. California, Illinois, New Jersey, and Ohio also allow for CCA.



Newtown, MA recently signed a contract where ratepayers will purchase 60% of electricity from renewable sources.

