

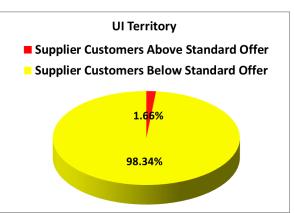
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## OCC FACT SHEET: ELECTRIC SUPPLIER MARKET, MAY 2022 THROUGH APRIL 2023

The following is an update to the Office of Consumer Counsel's (OCC's) Electric Supplier Market Fact Sheet, originally created in 2014. The numbers provided herein are based on data submitted as compliance filings in the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority's Docket Number 06-10-22.

- Retail suppliers serve 20.0% of Eversource Energy (Eversource) residential customers and 15.8% of United Illuminating (UI) residential customers, in April 2023.
- In the month of April 2023, **nine out of ten** residential supplier customers paid less than the Standard Offer in Eversource territory, and **nine out of ten** residential supplier customers paid less than the Standard Offer in UI territory.<sup>1</sup>



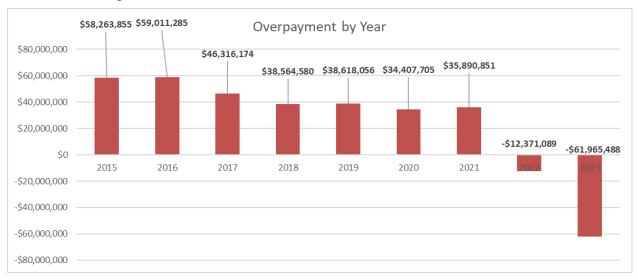


• In the month April 2023, residential Eversource customers who chose suppliers saved in aggregate \$15,214,067 more than the Standard Offer for their electric generation, and residential UI customers who chose suppliers saved in aggregate \$2,177,636 more than the Standard Offer.<sup>2</sup>

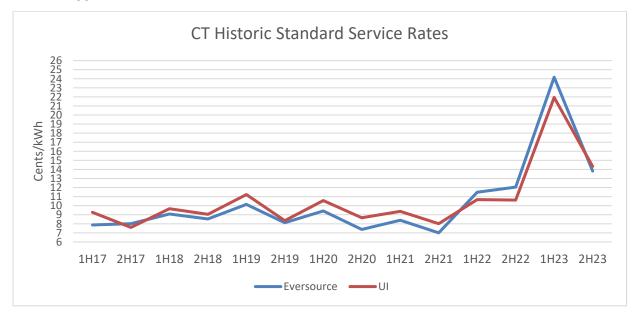
<sup>1</sup> This Fact Sheet only examines available data regarding pricing by electric suppliers. While some suppliers may offer products or services to customers such as airline miles or a product with additional renewable energy content, there is no data available to quantify the value of such offers. OCC recommends that customers look carefully at the fine print for offers for additional products or services that come with higher prices, to ensure they are getting sufficient value to justify the higher price tag.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Data now includes actual kWh usage. Usage assumption no longer needed going forward in calculations. May include some "incidental residential accounts" (IRAs)

- For the rolling year of May 2022 through April 2023, residential consumers who chose a retail supplier saved, in aggregate, \$69,331,865 more than the Standard Offer.
- Since January 2015, when OCC started tracking supplier data, customers with a supplier have overpaid a total of \$236,735,931 more than standard service.



- The Eversource Standard Offer for January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 was 11.484cents/kWh. For July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 the Standard Offer was 12.050 cents/kWh. The Standard Offer for January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 is 24.17 cents/kWh. For July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 the Standard Offer will be 13.82 cents/kWh.
- The UI Standard Offer for January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 was 10.6731 cents/kWh. For July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 the Standard Offer was 10.62 cents/kWh. The Standard Offer for January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 is 21.94 cents/kWh. For July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 the Standard Offer will be 14.33 cents/kWh.



• As of July 1, 2020 customers coded <u>and verified</u> as hardship were returned to standard service. Suppliers are no longer able to serve <u>verified</u> hardship coded customers going forward in Connecticut as a result of PURA ruling in Docket No. 18-06-02. Customers who are receiving moratorium protections through Eversource's pilot program using marketing data should not be prevented from choosing a third-party supplier.

Below are the 5 cheapest 3<sup>rd</sup> party electric supplier rates that are less than the upcoming July 1, 2023 Standard Service rates. Rates below are available on the <u>energizect.com</u> rateboard as of 5/24/23. Please note that the offers available on the rateboard change frequently, and customers should always consult the rateboard for the most up-to-date available offers.

Eversource – 13.82 cents/kWh	United Illuminating – 14.33 cents/kWh
Town Square Energy – 11.47 cents/kWh for 5	Town Square Energy – 11.37 cents/kWh for 5
billing cycles	billing cycles
Major Energy – 11.59 cents/kWh for 5 billing	Major Energy – 11.39 cents/kWh for 5 billing
cycles	cycles
Town Square Energy – 11.77 cents/kWh for 6	Town Square Energy – 11.77 cents/kWh for 6
billing cycles	billing cycles
Town Square Energy – 11.97 cents/kWh for	Major Energy – 11.79 cents/kWh for 5 billing
18 billing cycles	cycles
Direct Energy – 11.99 cents/kWh	Town Square Energy – 11.97 cents/kWh for
	18 billing cycles

These third-party supplier rates are sometimes for longer periods than the utility's standard service rates, and consumers who engage with the market should review all contract terms vigilantly and monitor how their rate compares to standard service rates as they change each July and January.

## Please keep in mind, Energy Suppliers:

- Cannot charge sign-up fees;
- Cannot charge monthly fees in addition to the contracted price of supply;
- Cannot advertise a "teaser" rate followed by an increased rate;
- Rates must be at least 4 months in length;
- Cannot charge an early termination fee;
- Do not know, and cannot infer that they know, future Standard Service rates;
- Are not affiliated with Eversource or UI; and
- Are not affiliated with PURA, DEEP, OCC, or any other state or federal government agency.

Please feel free to contact the Office of Consumer Counsel at 860-827-2900 or <u>occ.info@ct.gov</u> if you have any questions about this information.