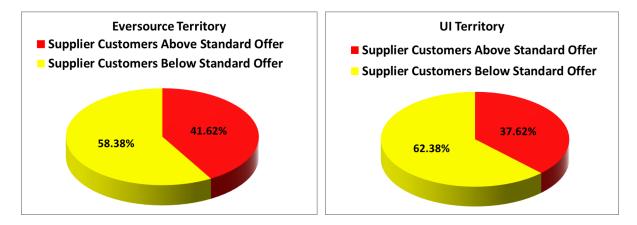


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## OCC FACT SHEET: ELECTRIC SUPPLIER MARKET, OCTOBER 2022 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2023

The following is an update to the Office of Consumer Counsel's (OCC's) Electric Supplier Market Fact Sheet, originally created in <u>2014</u>. 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 23.0% of Eversource Energy (Eversource) residential customers and 17.0% of United Illuminating (UI) residential customers, in September 2023.
- In the month of September 2023, **six out of ten** residential supplier customers paid less than the Standard Offer in Eversource territory, and **six out of ten** residential supplier customers paid less than the Standard Offer in UI territory.<sup>1</sup>

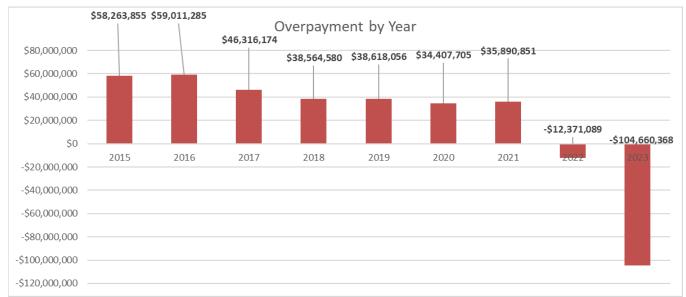


• In the month September 2023, residential Eversource customers who chose suppliers saved in aggregate \$1,035,835 more than the Standard Offer for their electric generation, and residential UI customers who chose suppliers saved in aggregate \$545,453 more than the Standard Offer.<sup>2</sup>

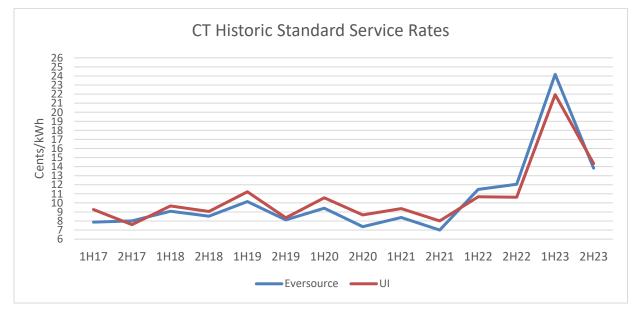
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This Fact Sheet only examines available data regarding pricing by electric suppliers. While some suppliers may offer products or services to customers such as airline miles or a product with additional renewable energy content, there is no data available to quantify the value 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.

- For the rolling year of October 2022 through September 2023, residential consumers who chose a retail supplier saved, in aggregate, **\$106,598,681 more** than the Standard Offer.
- Since January 2015, when OCC started tracking supplier data, customers with a supplier have overpaid a total of **\$194,041,050** more than standard service.



- The Eversource Standard Offer 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 is 13.82 cents/kWh.
- The UI Standard Offer 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 is 14.33 cents/kWh.



Below are the 5 cheapest 3<sup>rd</sup> party electric supplier rates that are less than the July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 Standard Service rates. Rates below are available on the <u>energizect.com</u>

rateboard as of 11/3/23. 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 – 12.27 cents/kWh for	Town Square Energy – 12.26 cents/kWh for
12 billing cycles	12 billing cycles
Direct Energy – 12.29 cents/kWh for 13	Direct Energy – 12.39 cents/kWh for 13
billing cycles	billing cycles
Constellation NewEnergy – 12.49 cents/kWh	Constellation NewEnergy – 12.49 cents/kWh
for 36 billing cycles	for 36 billing cycles
Major Energy – 12.79 cents/kWh for 12	Major Energy – 12.69 cents/kWh for 12
billing cycles	billing cycles
Think Energy – 12.9 cents/kWh for 36 billing	Think Energy – 12.9 cents/kWh for 36 billing
cycles	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.