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To: Select Board
From: Sandy Pooler, Town Manager
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Re: ACE Rates

I am attaching a memo from Talia Fox, the Town's Sustainability Manager, about rates and rate structures for the Arlington Community Electricity (ACE) program. In keeping with the previous discussions of the Select Board and with the ACE program's rollout to date, we are keeping the fundamental structure of basic electricity rates with a renewable component plus other rates with higher renewable percentage standards.

Based on the vote of the Select Board from last March, the ACE program was scheduled to change its rate structure choices. However, due to a Department of Public Utilities ruling affecting all statewide community aggregation programs, of which the ACE program is one example, the Town will maintain the current structure of rates. Please see the attached memo for more information.

Finally, I would like to note that Eversource, which provides electricity to Arlington residents who are not in the ACE program, will announce its new winter rates in November. Although we do not know those rates yet, we do know that the ACE program has yielded savings for Arlington residents on their electric bill since its inception. I would also note that National Grid, the other major utility in Massachusetts, just announced that its rates would increase by 64% this winter. We will keep our eyes on those new Eversource rates and inform the Board of them and of how they compare to the ACE rates when Eversource announces its rates.