

Glossary of Terms

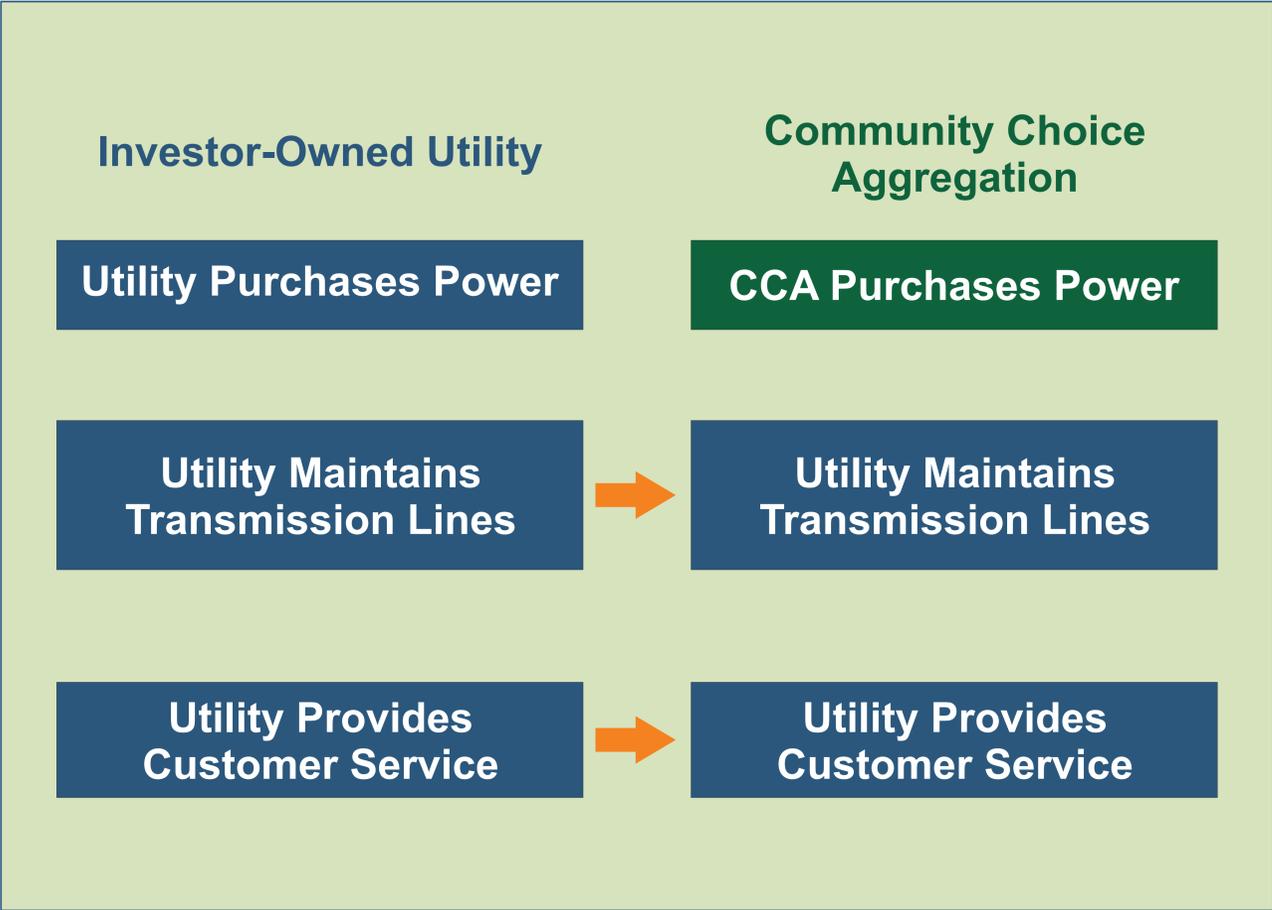
Local Energy Options

Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

An energy supply tool that enables local governments to purchase and/or generate electricity for their residents and businesses. Under a CCA, the utility continues to deliver the electricity through its transmission and distribution system and provides meter reading, billing, maintenance, and outage response services.

Co-Op

Electric cooperatives are organized by consumers to generate and purchase wholesale power, arrange for the transport of that power, and distribute the power to serve customers in their area. Co-ops typically include energy conservation, load management and other programs to reduce cost.



Community Solar

Centrally-located solar PV systems that residents, businesses, and government agencies can subscribe to in order to cover a portion of their electricity consumption and receive a discount or credit toward their utility bill.

Microgrid

A locally-controlled energy grid that operates while connected to the main electrical grid, but can break off and operate on its own using local energy generation. A microgrid can be powered by renewable resources such as solar panels.