

Bethlehem Community Power

Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire

A Public Nonprofit

For Municipal & County

Community Power Aggregations

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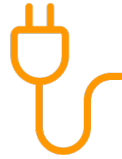


**COMMUNITY
POWER COALITION**
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



What is Community Power?

New Hampshire cities, towns, and counties can become **default electricity provider** for their residents + businesses and provide related services.



Pooled Purchasing Power
For **Energy Supply**

Economies of Scale

Utility Company
Delivers Power

Grid Reliability

Communities Benefit from
Value Added Programs & Services

Lower Rates & Product Choices

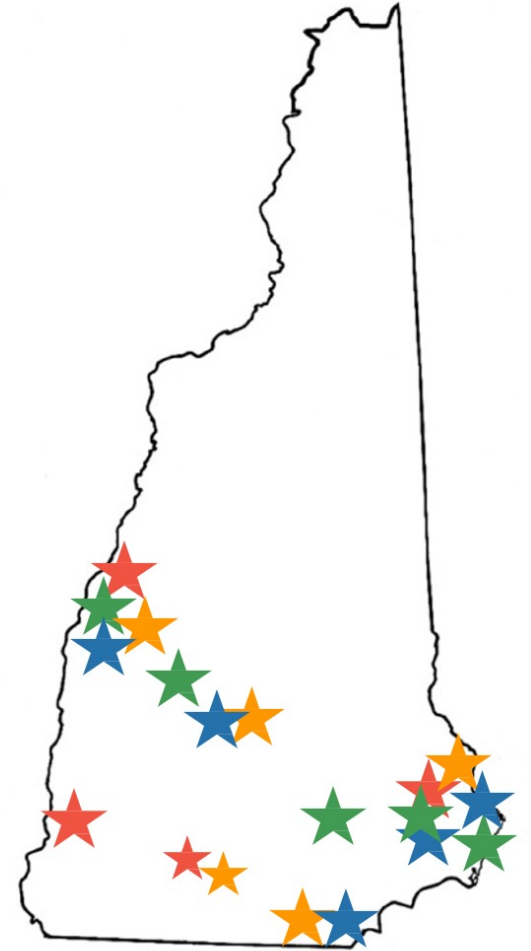
(Customers may switch back to utility default supply or take service from a Competitive Supplier)

Enabling Legislation: [RSA 53-E, Relative to Aggregation of Electric Customers by Municipalities & Counties](#)

What is Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire?

- ⚡ **Community-governed power agency** operated on a not-for-profit basis (*founded Oct. 1, 2021*)
- ⚡ 20 Members, ~119,000 customers, ~960,000 Megawatt-hours per year, **>\$150 million annual revenues**
- ⚡ Revenues controlled by Member cities and towns
- ⚡ Empowering communities to develop **local renewable energy + storage projects** and **control energy costs**
- ⚡ **Target launch:** Spring 2023 for ~12 Members (*followed by other Members*)

- ★ 1. Town of Hanover
- ★ 2. City of Lebanon
- ★ 3. Town of Exeter
- ★ 4. City of Nashua
- ★ 5. Town of Harrisville
- ★ 6. Town of Rye
- ★ 7. Town of Warner
- ★ 8. City of Dover
- ★ 9. Town of Walpole
- ★ 10. Town of Newmarket
- ★ 11. Town of Plainfield
- ★ 12. Town of Enfield
- ★ 13. Town of Durham
- ★ 14. Town of Pembroke
- ★ 15. Town of Hudson
- ★ 16. Town of Webster
- ★ 17. Cheshire County
- ★ 18. Town of New London
- ★ 19. City of Portsmouth
- ★ 20. Town of Peterborough



Governed “for Communities, by Communities”

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Energy Committee



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Energy Committee



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Energy Committee



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Energy Committee



April Salas
Chair of CEO & Staff Search

Town of Hanover
Sustainability Director

Public Power Joint Powers Agencies (JPAs)

Public power utilities formed 70+ joint power agencies over the past ~50 years to provide power supply services for many of the more than 2,000 municipal electric utilities in the U.S.

CPCNH is based on best practices established by these public power agencies



Benefits of Community Power



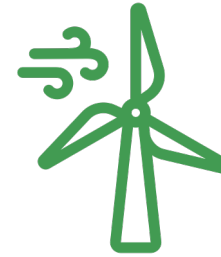
Local Control

Democratizing energy procurement to the community level



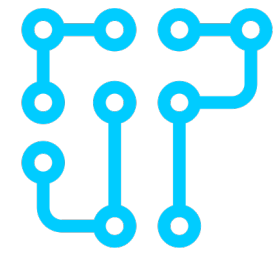
Lower Costs

MA, NY, CA and other markets have demonstrated lower rates than regulated utilities



Renewables

Build & Buy Clean Energy



Resilience & Innovation

New Technologies
Market Competition
Price Signals
Customer Empowerment

Community Power Roadmap: Three Key Steps



Joint Powers Agreement (JPA)

- ⚡ **JPA is a contract among municipal and county members establishing the Agency**
 - **Financial liabilities & obligations of Agency are “firewalled” from municipal general funds**
- ⚡ Includes Articles of Agreement and By-Laws (purpose & structure; voting rights; Director & Officer elections; provisions of cost sharing; oversight committees; financial & operational risk management compliance audits; limitations of liability; insurance; etc.)
 - Up until 21 Members, each Member appoints a Director & Alternate to the Board
 - After 21 Members, a Board of 11-21 will be elected by Member vote at next Annual Meeting (April)
 - Membership may also hold regular or special meetings throughout the year
 - “One Member One Vote” at all membership meetings (statutory requirement)
- ⚡ **Adopting JPA and joining CPCNH provides access to expertise and resources at no cost**
 - **No “hard” commitment until Cost Sharing Agreement + Energy Risk Management, Rates & Reserves policies are subsequently approved by governing body (which authorizes CPCNH to procure supply)**
- ⚡ Process: vote of governing body approves the JPA for execution & designates Director & Alternate → and then CPCNH Board votes to approve community as a new Member
 - Direct link to JPA <https://bit.ly/3vAfdxg> also at www.cpcnh.org/about

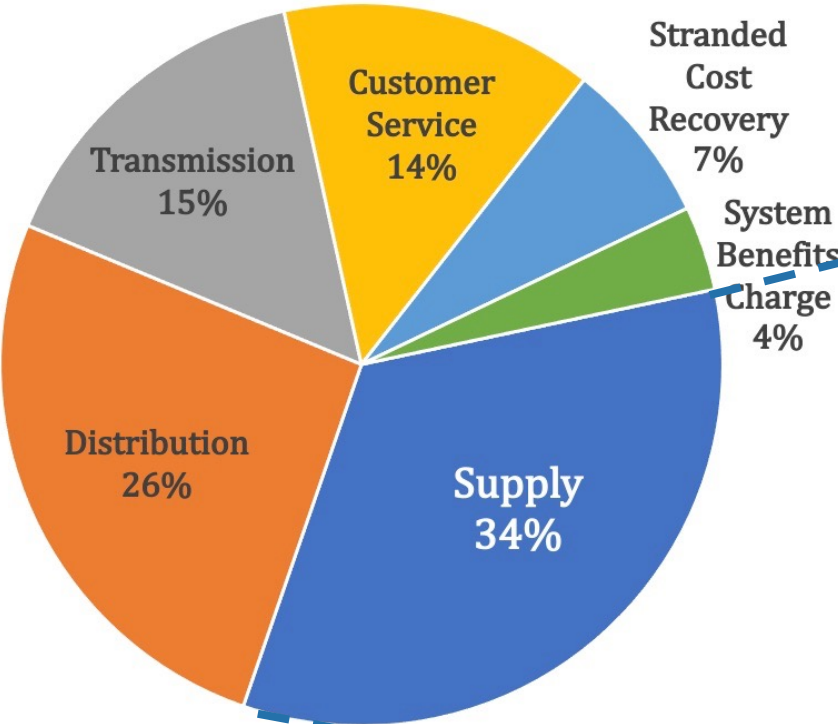
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Supply Rate Estimated Revenue Allocation

Eversource Residential Bill



CPCNH Supply Charge Revenue Allocation

