# **Request for Proposals**

Solicitation Overview Webinar

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 | 12pm



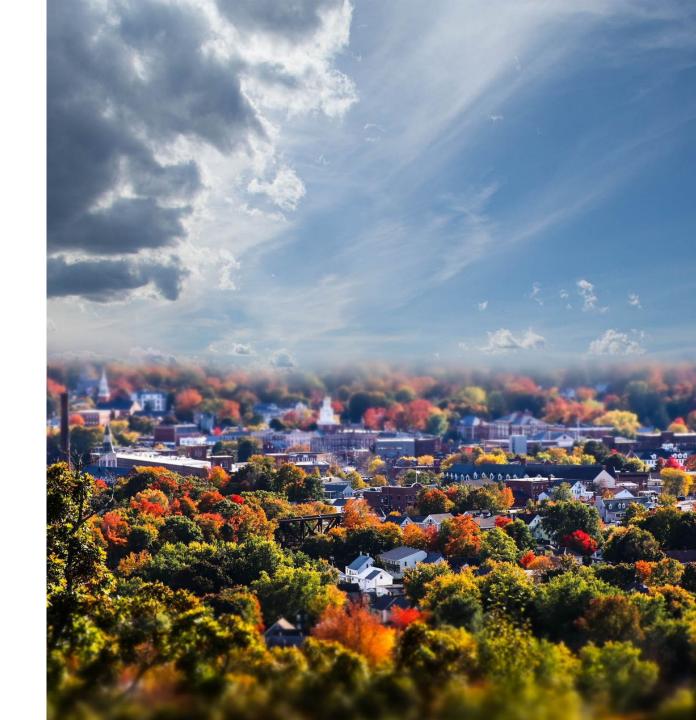


# **Presentation Overview**

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# Coalition: Governance & Capacity





# **Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire**

#### **Our Mission**

Our mission is to foster resilient New Hampshire communities by empowering them to realize their energy goals.

The Coalition will create value for our Community Power member municipalities by jointly contracting for services, developing projects and programs together, educating and engaging the public, and advocating for communities and customers at the Legislature and Public Utilities Commission.



#### **Our Values**

Embody an inspiring vision for NH's energy future.

Support communities to **reduce energy costs** and pursue economic vitality by harnessing the power of **competitive markets** and **innovation**.

Support communities to implement successful energy and climate policies and to **promote the transition to a carbon neutral energy system**.

Balance the interests of member communities who are diverse in demographics, geography and their energy goals.

Use our shared expertise, leadership and skills to educate, empower and build the capacities of our members.

Help communities demystify the power sector to make informed decisions.

Facilitate **collaboration and teamwork** by **championing diversity, equity and inclusion** of people and communities of all kinds.

# Governed "By Communities, for Communities"

#### **Board of Directors**

		Director	Alternate		
1	City of Lebanon Chair	Clifton Below	Greg Ames		
2	City of Dover Vice Chair	Christopher G. Parker	Jackson Kaspari		
3	Town of Enfield Treasurer	Kimberley Smith Quirk	Jo-Ellen Courtney		
4	City of Nashua Secretary	Doria Brown			
9	Town of Hanover Past Chair	April Salas	Peter Kulbacki		
5	<b>Cheshire County</b>	Terry Clark	Chris Coates		
6	City of Portsmouth	Kevin Charette	Peter Rice		
7	Town of Durham	Amanda (Mandy) Merrill	Nat Balch		
8	Town of Exeter	Nick Devonshire	Julie Gilman		
10	Town of Harrisville	Andrea Hodson	Andrew Maneval		
11	Town of Hudson	Craig Putnam	Kate Messner		
12	<b>Town of New London</b>	Jamie Hess	Tim Paradis		
13	Town of Newmarket	Toni Weinstein	Steve Fournier		
14	Town of Pembroke	Matthew Miller	Jacqueline Wengenroth		
15	Town of Plainfield	Evan Oxenham	Steve Ladd		
16	Town of Rye	Lisa Sweet	Howard Kalet		
17	Town of Walpole	Paul Looney	Dennis Marcom		
18	Town of Warner	Clyde Carson	George Packard		
19	Town of Webster	Martin Bender	David Hemenway		

Committees

1. Executive Committee

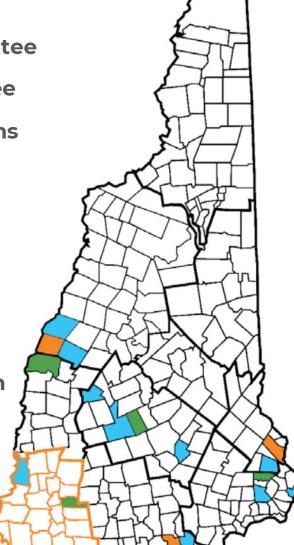
2. Finance Committee

3. Member Operations & Engagement Committee

4. Risk Management Committee

5. Regulatory & Legislative Affairs Committee

6. CEO & Staff Search Committee



Key Documents: https://www.cpcnh.org/about

# **Executive Committee**

**Secretary Doria Brown** 



Chair **Clifton Below Lebanon Community Power** 



**Treasurer** Kim Quirk **Enfield Community Power** 

**Vice Chair Chris Parker Dover Community Power** 





**Founding Chair April Salas Hanover Community Power** 

Biographies: <a href="https://www.cpcnh.org/bios">https://www.cpcnh.org/bios</a>

# **Committee Chairs**

Risk Management
Director Matt Miller



Regulatory & Legislative Affairs
Director Mandy Merill



Finance
Treasurer Kim Quirk

Member Operations & Engagement

**Director Lisa Sweet** 





**CEO & Staff Search Director April Salas** 

## **General Counsel**





Michael Postar, Esq.

President & Shareholder

Law firm founded in 1971

Core focus on utility, energy and municipal law

Dedicated to expanding & strengthening community energy agencies

Provides legal services to electric industry clients (nationwide):

- Community Power Joint Power Agencies
- Locally-owned utilities, power providers, cooperatives, and different types of collaborative, community-owned agencies
- Energy trade associations (American Public Power Association, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association & National Association of State Energy Officials)

#### Compensation: 100% deferred, at-risk basis

+ NH Legal Counsel: Eli Emerson of Primmer Piper Eggleston & Cramer



# **Design Consultant**





Samuel Golding

President

10+ years operating, designing and advising Community Power agencies

Recognized pioneer of Joint Powers Agency governance models, competitive business models & enabling market reforms for the industry

Professionally dedicated to sharing best practices & creating new markets

Strong executive relationships & situational awareness of vendor landscape across multiple Community Power & competitive retail markets

Project expertise and qualifications:

- Power agency design
- Financial planning
- Regulatory strategies
- Competitive solicitations
- Vendor integrations

- Customer enrollment and operations
- Enterprise risk management
- Organizational development
- Agency & industry maturity models
- Market rule reforms

Compensation: one-third Net 30 + two-thirds deferred, at-risk basis

# Request for Proposals





# Request for Services & Credit Support

CPCNH has requested proposals for the comprehensive services and credit support necessary for CPCNH to develop, finance, launch, and operate Community Power Aggregation programs for our <u>current and future</u> local government Members.

Respondents may submit up to two proposals:

- 1. Respondents may submit a proposal to provide some or all requested services
- 2. Respondents may additionally or as an alternative submit a joint proposal with other entities to provide some or all requested services. Note that:
  - Respondents may NOT participate on more than one joint proposal.
  - CPCNH may contract independently with any entity on a joint proposal.

All correspondence must be submitted to: RFI-RFP@CPCNH.ORG

# **Deferred & At-Risk Compensation**

- By law, the implementation of each CPA must be funded through the revenues received from customers who participate in the program (with very limited exceptions for statutory compliance purposes).
- As such, CPCNH and its local government members may not commit taxpayer funds to cover implementation costs or assume any liability for such costs beyond committing to repay Proposer from revenues subsequently received from participating customers.
- Under the terms of the RFP:
  - Proposers will be required to cover the upfront cost of all services and provide credit support sufficient to initiate supply service for CPA programs on a deferred, at-risk compensation basis.
  - Repayment is contingent upon the successful launch of CPA service, will commence upon the receipt of revenues from participating customers, and will be amortized over the initial term of the Agreement.
  - CPCNH intends to enter into an Agreement with the selected Proposer to provide services and credit support for a term extending 3-years past the date on which CPCNH's first Member CPA programs are launched.

# **Proposal Evaluation Committee**

#### Composed of 8 CPCNH Directors / Alternate Directors, plus 2 advisors, with domain expertise in:

- Structuring and managing a diversified portfolio of wholesale contracts for CPAs.
- Deploying and operating distribution utility customer information systems and electronic data interchange systems in New Hampshire.
- Operating & growing CPAs and/or comparable competitive retail aggregators.
- Deploying pilots with distribution utilities in New Hampshire to enable time-varying rates and dispatchable distributed energy resources.
- Applicable statutory and regulatory requirements for CPAs in New Hampshire.
- Renewable project development in New Hampshire.
- **Engagement on energy policy and market issues** with the Legislature, NH Department of Energy, Office of the Public Advocate, and Public Utility Commission.
- Engaging with local energy committees and community stakeholders.
- Local government decision-making processes and requirements

# **Solicitation Timeline**

Upcoming deadline: please submit questions by May 11rd to RFI-RFP@CPCNH.ORG

ACTIVITY	DATE
RFP Released	April 25, 2022
Solicitation Overview Webinar	May 6, 2022
Deadline to submit written Questions	May 11, 2022
Anticipated distribution of Questions and Answers	May 23, 2022
Proposal addendums (if any)	Late May, 2022
Proposals Due	June 15, 2022
CPCNH review and requests for clarifications (if any)	Late June, 2022
CPCNH conducts interviews with select Proposers	July, 2022
CPCNH Board selection of Proposer(s) for negotiation	Late July 2022
CPCNH Board approval of Service Agreement(s)	August-September 2022

# **Member CPA Launch Targets**

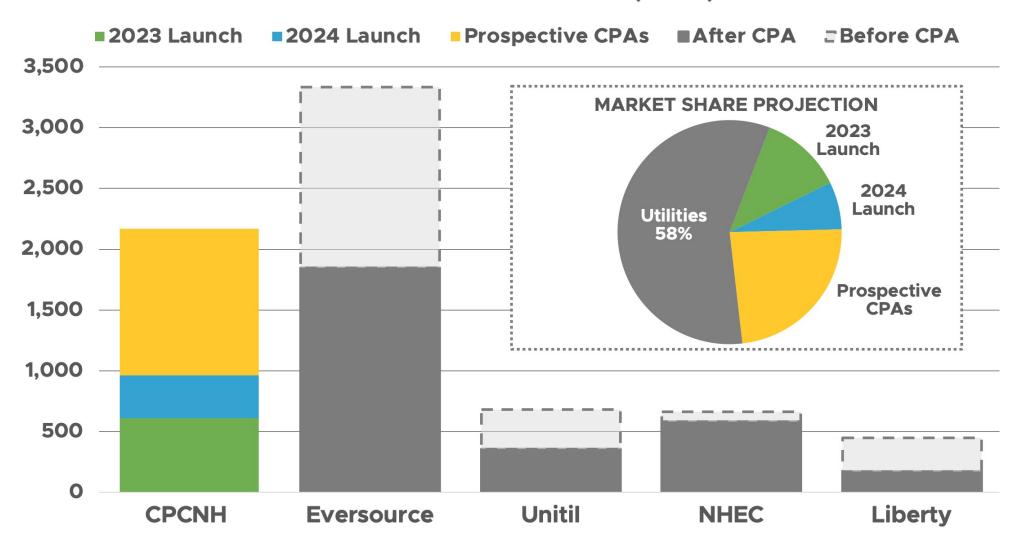
	Member	Туре	Population	Joint Powers Agreement Signed	Committee Formed	Utility Data Requested	Utility Data Received	Aggregation Plan Drafted	Public Hearing #1	Public Hearing #2	Local Legislative Body Adoption	Public Utilities Commission Approval	Target CPA Launch Window
1	Lebanon	City	14,282	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Council Adopted		
2	Hanover	Town	11,870	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES			
3	Harrisville	Town	984	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES		Submission pending PUC adoption of CPA Rules (Q2 2022)	April - May 2023
4	Exeter	Town	16,049	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Adopted at 2022 Town Meeting		
5	Rye	Town	5,543	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES			
6	Walpole	Town	3,633	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES			
7	Plainfield	Town	2,459	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES			
8	Enfield	Town	4,465	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES			
9	Cheshire	County	N/A	YES	YES	N/A: County a	ccounts only	YES	Pending passage of SB 286				
10	Durham	Town	15,490	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Council hearings pending PUC adoption of CPA Rules				
11	Nashua	City	91,322	YES	YES	YES	YES	In Process					
12	Newmarket	Town	9,430	YES	YES	YES	YES	In Process					
13	Dover	City	32,741	YES	YES	YES	YES	7/1/22	7/20/22	9/21/22			
14	Warner	Town	2,937	YES	YES	YES	YES	TBD	TBD	TBD			
15	Pembroke	Town	25,394	YES	YES	YES	YES	In Process	TBD	TBD			
16	Hudson	Town	7,207	YES	In Process	YES	YES	In Process	TBD	TBD TBD Q4 2022 -		Q1 2023 Q	Q2 2024
17	Webster	Town	1,954	YES	YES	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	BD		
18	New London	Town	4,400	YES	YES	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD			
19	Portsmouth	City	21,956	YES	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD			

# Member CPA Launch Objectives

- Procure a reliable supply of all-requirements electricity, inclusive of Renewable Portfolio Standard requirements, and satisfy all load-serving entity obligations on behalf of participating customers.
- Launch with default supply rates that "meet or beat" (depending on Member CPA objectives) utility default service rates & maintain competitive default supply rates thereafter.
- Offer voluntary products that retail customers may opt-up to receive as well as Net Energy Metering supply rates that allow customer-generators to participate in the program.
- Ensure individual customers have excellent customer service experience every time they interact with CPCNH regarding their electric service and all account transactions.
- Guarantee that individual customer data is secure and protected against third party attacks, data breaches and inappropriate use.
- Accrue reserve funds sufficient to ensure Members' long-term financial stability.

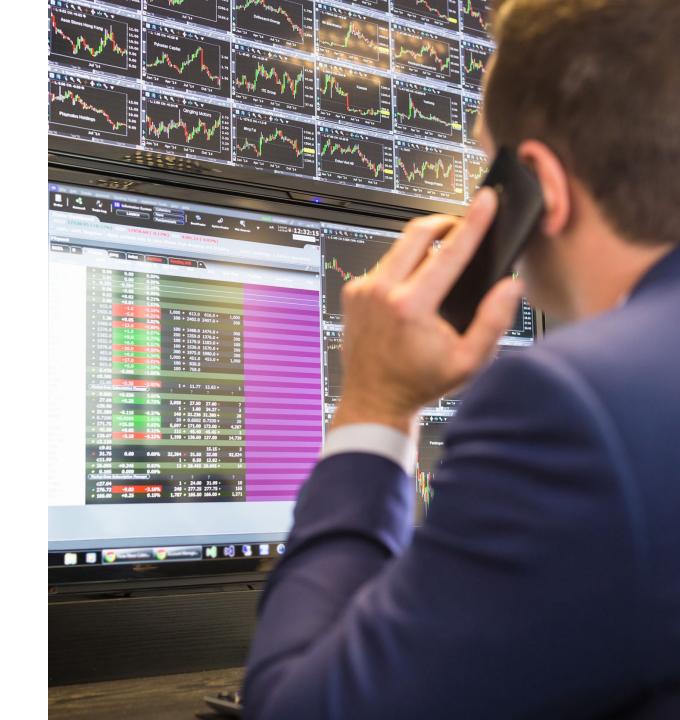
# **Market Growth Projection**

#### **DEFAULT SERVICE LOAD (GWH)**



# Market & Cashflow Analysis



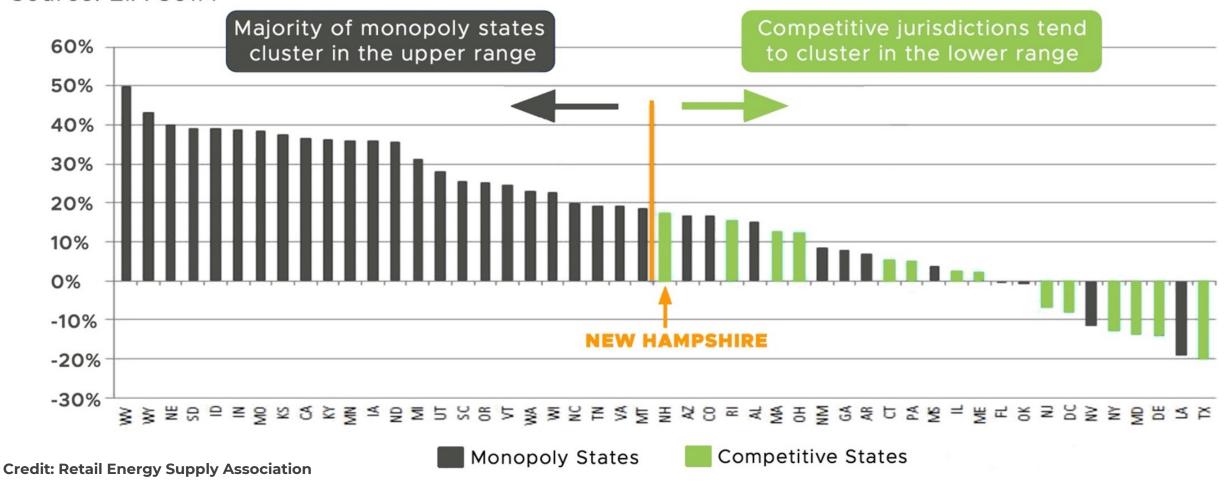


# **Price to Beat**

NH market hasn't performed well in terms of price competition (vs other 'restructured' states)

All Sector Price % Price Change by State, 2008-2019

Source: EIA 861M



# **Eversource: Default Service Levels (2018/19)**

Smaller customers have begun to switch back to Utility Default Service

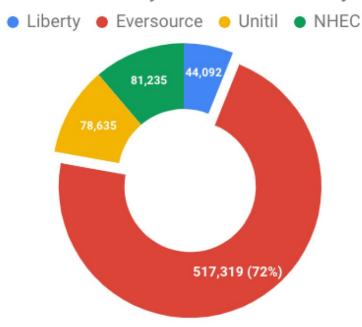
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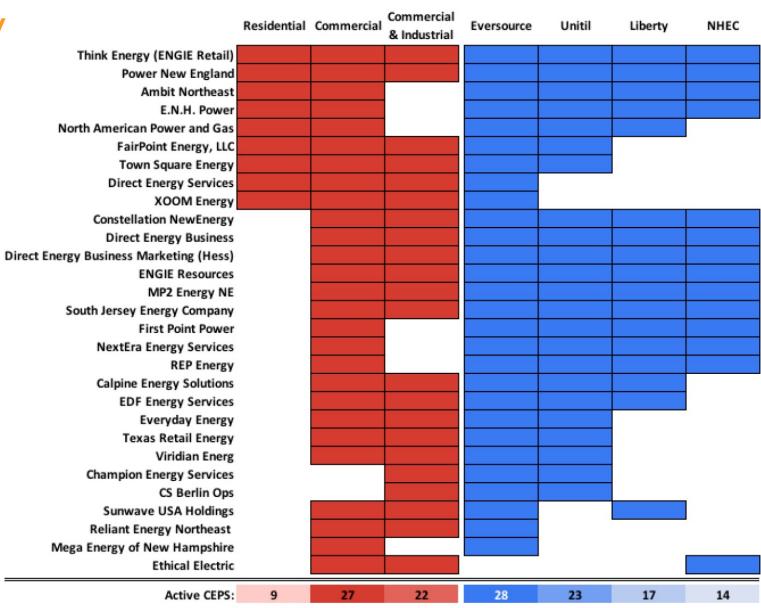
# **Competitive Service by Utility & Class**

#### **Suppliers face Barriers to Entry**

- 29 suppliers compete in NH
- Only 9 serve residential
- Only 4 of those 9 operate across all four utility territories

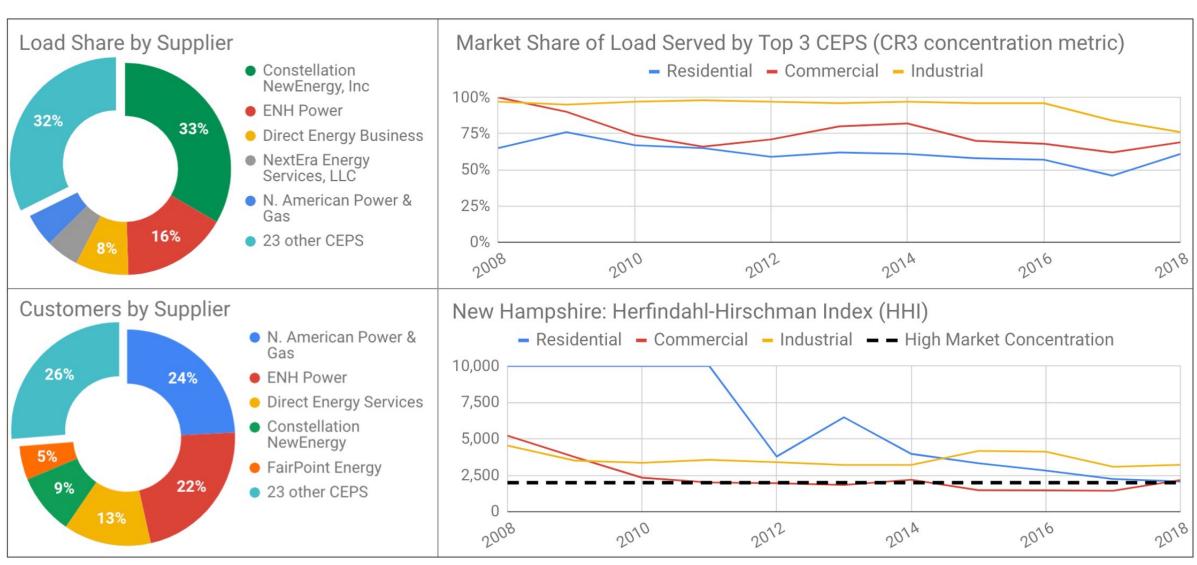
#### Customers by Distribution Utility





# **Key Metrics: Competitive Suppliers**

Metrics = a high degree of market concentration (i.e., the market isn't very competitive)



# **Market Analysis Insights**

### Utility market power has delayed restructuring & suppressed choice competition

- Utility control over meters, data collection, billing, programs, settlements, etc. are barriers to competitive innovation particularly for serving residential & small commercial customers
  - Utility Terms and Conditions of service violate fair market guidelines established by the PUC
  - Suppliers face barriers to entry & barriers to innovation
  - Data exchange standards haven't been updated for 23 years
  - Utilities have unfair (financial) advantages in serving Net Energy Metering customers
  - Et cetera
- Bottom line: utility default service levels have held relatively steady since ~2013 across all customer classes & begun to grow in recent years

### **Strategic Implications for CPCNH**

- Near-term: CPCNH will benefit from a stable customer base & weak competition from suppliers
- Medium-long term: utility control of retail product innovation, distributed energy and in-state renewables must be addressed via legislative and regulatory reforms (underway)
- CPCNH's main competition is utility default service (i.e., the suppliers that win default service solicitations)

# **Competitive Analysis**

#### Analysis of Eversource's Default Service Supplier Margins (2018 through 2021):

- **Bid margins:** at the time of default solicitations, the winning suppliers include a margin of ~8.8% above the cost of all-requirements power
  - Margin covers suppliers' business model costs, risk premia & profit margins
  - External validation: Synapse estimated 5%-10% (average 8%) for New England (AESC 2021)
- **Realized margins**: assuming suppliers engage in basic portfolio management increases margins 140% to 12.1% above the cost of all-requirements power
  - Suppliers increase profit by engaging in active portfolio management (as CPCNH will do)
  - Note: this modeling approach is a <u>simple approximation</u> of the competitive advantage that suppliers and CPA JPAs create through the active management of energy portfolio

### Modeling of CPCNH in competition against Eversource Default Service Suppliers:

- Constructs an "average year" based on the last 3 years of real-world data inputs
- Repeats the "average year" over 5-years to provide indicative 'baseline' results
- Hourly energy & load calculations + monthly cashflow calculations
  - Model structure used by operational CPA JPAs for energy & credit support negotiations

### 12.1% 'realized margin' must cover CPCNH business model costs & Member reserves

# Org Chart Operating Model

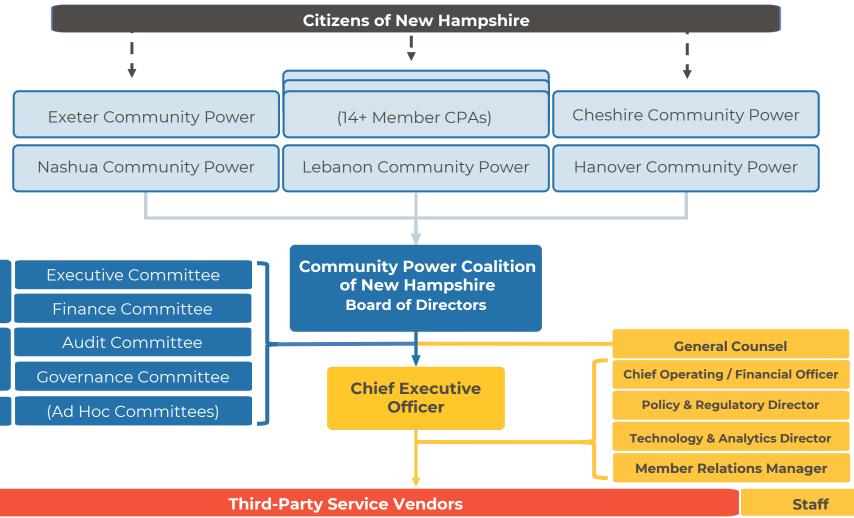
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Committee

Regulatory & Legislative

Affairs Committee

(Project Committees)







#### **Retail Customer Services**

Utility Data Interchange Customer Data Management Billing & Payment Processing Call Center, Website & Mailings

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Risk Forecasting & Planning
Contract Valuation & Procurement
Contract & Counterparty Management
Market Operations
Invoicing & Settlements

**Power Portfolio Services** 

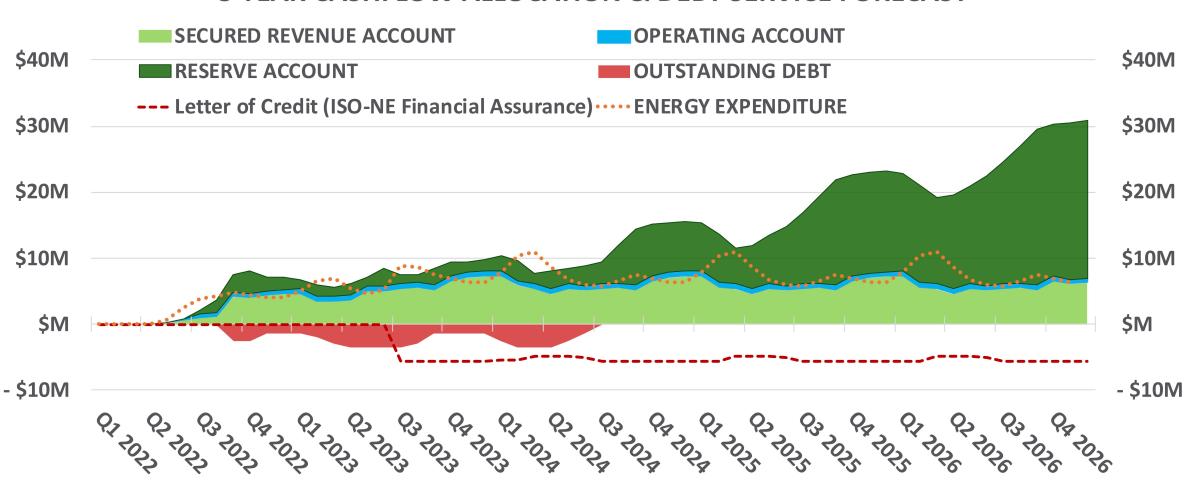
#### **Agency Support Services**

Board & Committee Engagement
Regulatory & Legislative Affairs
Budgeting, Accounting & Controls
Local Programs & Project Development
New Member Program Implementation

# **CPCNH: 5 Year Indicative Cashflow Analysis**

Monthly cashflow reflects accounting structures used by operational CPA JPAs

#### 5 YEAR CASHFLOW ALLOCATION & DEBT SERVICE FORECAST



# **5 Year Cashflow Analysis Results**

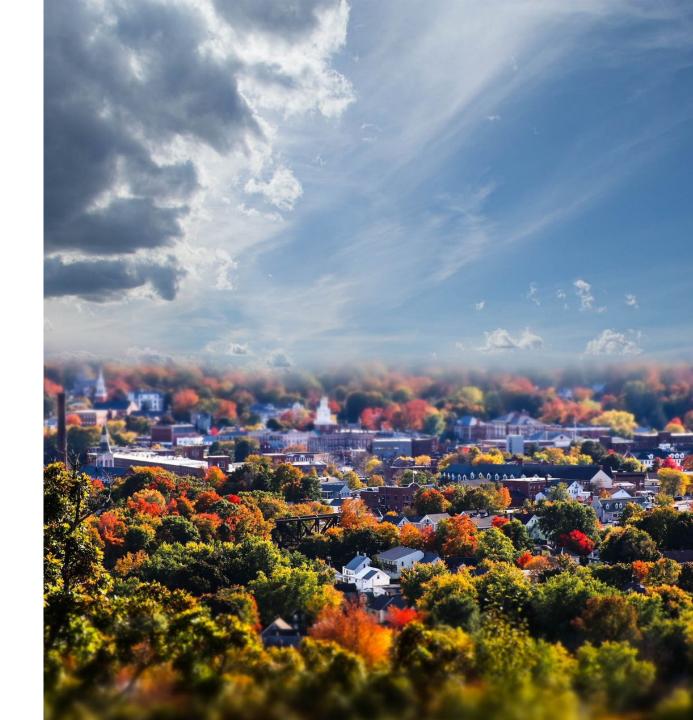
- \$30MM+ in CPA Member Reserves accrued over the five-year modeling horizon, equivalent to:
  - ~7.5% average rate decrease
  - RPS + 16% Tier 1 REC purchases
- External validation: comparable to NHEC
  - ~7% average rate discount compared to utility default service
- T+6 months post launch: CPCNH executes a \$10MM credit facility
- T+15 months: CPCNH registers as Load Serving Entity (ISO-NE) & Publicly Owned Entity (NEPOOL)
- T+30 months: CPCNH is largely financially self-sufficient
- T+ 4-5 years: CPCNH is eligible for investment-grade credit rating (Baa / A)

#### **CPCNH Budget Table**

		2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS  COST OF OPERATIONS  Energy Expenses  Non-Energy Expenses  Staffing & Overhead  Outreach & Materials  Operational Services  Support Services  Utility Fees  NEPOOL Expenses  FINANCING ACTIVITIES  CREDIT FACILITY  Cash Draw  DEBT SERVICE  Principal  Cash Repayment  Interest  Cash Draw		\$4,085,346	\$6,954,696	\$7,630,092	\$7,767,717	\$7,836,529
REVENUE FROM O	PERATIONS	\$44,979,687	\$91,117,084	\$102,574,033	\$102,574,033	\$102,574,033
COST OF OPERATION	ONS	\$40,894,342	\$84,162,389	\$94,943,941	\$94,806,316	\$94,737,503
Energy Expe	nses	\$37,984,595	\$79,278,311	\$90,114,311	\$90,114,311	\$90,114,311
Non-Energy	Expenses	\$2,909,746	\$4,884,078	\$4,829,630	\$4,692,005	\$4,623,193
Staffing	& Overhead	\$1,148,500	\$1,658,958	\$1,588,000	\$1,588,000	\$1,588,000
Outreach	h & Materials	\$23,811	\$85,109	\$23,712	\$23,712	\$23,712
Operation	onal Services	\$1,348,160	\$2,525,269	\$2,685,781	\$2,548,156	\$2,479,343
Support	Services	\$333,333	\$500,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Utility F	ees	\$55,942	\$103,541	\$112,937	\$112,937	\$112,937
NEPOOL	Expenses	\$0	\$11,200	\$19,200	\$19,200	\$19,200
•		\$1,453,146	-\$219,596	-\$1,733,854	-\$189,413	-\$189,413
CREDIT FACILITY		\$2,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0
Cash Draw		\$2,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0
DEBT SERVICE	EBT SERVICE		-\$2,219,596	-\$3,733,854	-\$189,413	-\$189,413
Principal		-\$1,000,000	-\$2,000,000	-\$3,500,000	\$0	\$0
Cash Re	payment	-\$1,000,000	-\$2,000,000	-\$3,500,000	\$0	\$0
Interest		-\$26,667	-\$98,333	-\$56,667	\$0	\$0
Cash Dr	aw	-\$26,667	-\$98,333	-\$56,667	\$0	\$0
Commitmen	t Fees	-\$20,188	-\$121,263	-\$177,188	-\$189,413	-\$189,413
Credit F	acility	-\$20,188	-\$72,438	-\$83,125	-\$95,000	-\$95,000
Letter of	<sup>c</sup> Credit	\$0	-\$48,825	-\$94,063	-\$94,413	-\$94,413
NET RECEIPTS		\$5,538,491	\$6,735,100	\$5,896,237	\$7,578,304	\$7,647,117
Cumulativ	e Net Receipts	\$5,538,491	\$12,273,591	\$18,169,829	\$25,748,133	\$33,395,250
NET REVENUES		\$4,038,491	\$6,735,100	\$7,396,237	\$7,578,304	\$7,647,117
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# Design Best Practices





# **Community Power Market Evolution**



# **Public Power Joint Power Agencies**

#### 50+ years of joint action across the USA:

- 70+ Joint Power Agencies serve many of the nation's 2,000+ municipal electric utilities
- 63 power supply cooperatives serve many of the 800+ retail electric cooperatives



# **Community Power Joint Power Agencies**

20+ years of joint action in CPA states: Joint Power Agencies serve 400+ communities



# **Community Power: Design Insights**

- Creating a Joint Powers Agency provides the economy of scale & scope necessary to hire qualified staff and companies that operate competitive retail power enterprises
- Overseeing retail operations, and a diversified portfolio of energy contracts, enables:
  - Immediate flexibility to integrate preferred resources & design local programs and distributed energy deployments that lower price-risk
  - Foundational insight to upskill Directors & communities to make informed decisions & engage effectively at the Legislature & Public Utilities Commission
  - **Financial stability** to accrue reserves and become a stable counterparty able to sign long-term power purchase agreements (new project developments)
  - **Evolutionary capacity** to adapt the operating model in response to changing fundamentals & provide innovative services to manage energy price-risk

# **Risk Management Best Practices**

- Rely on a qualified Portfolio Manager & robust credit support
- Form a Risk Management Committee
- Energy Risk Management, Rates & Financial Reserve Policies
- Exercise oversight and maintain discipline
- Maintain a diverse portfolio, in terms of:
  - Counterparty
  - Duration
  - Technology
  - Geography (etc.)
- Manage portfolio over time to:
  - Cover short-term market fluctuations
  - Hedge & trade for margin preservation
  - Design local programs to target (lower) cost / risk
  - Allow opportunities to develop new projects (technological advancements)
- Engage at Legislature and Public Utilities Commission to mitigate risk and achieve market-enabling reforms



# Moody's CPA JPA Credit Rating Scorecard

#### Cost Recovery Framework (25%)

Quasi-monopoly position with automatic enrollment of all customers in service area with limited customer opt-out history

Proven unregulated rate setting

Above average customer base and service area economy Robust / fair cost sharing agreements with Members

#### Competitiveness (15%)

Competitive current and expected rates in the region or compared with neighboring utilities on a consistent basis (e.g., average rates range from 10% below regional average to 10% above regional average)

Modest likelihood of material prospective cost pressures that could lead to higher rates.

#### Energy Risk Management (10%)

Well-managed portfolio of supply contracts with moderately strong suppliers + manageable exposure to regulation Or alternatively, strong energy resource risk management + 20%-30% from power market purchases

#### Willingness to Recover Costs with Sound Financial Metrics (25%)

Adequate ratesetting record

Rates likely to result in maintenance of financial metrics

### Leverage & Coverage (15%)

70% to 100% adj. debt ratio 1.2x to 1.4x fixed obligation coverage ratio

#### • Liquidity (10%)

Cash and unrestricted credit on hand to cover 120-200 days of operating expenses

#### Select Additional Factors

Quality of governance, management, business plans, regulatory engagement & financial controls

Seasonality (volatility, demand & working capital impact)

# Coalition: Vision & Action





# **Evolving Market Context**



Shift to Renewables

5% to 40% in ISO-NE (2018-30)

Intermittent RE = increased volatility



#### Increasing Decentralization

Distributed Generation

Distributed Energy Resources

Electric Vehicles

Storage

Information & Communication Tech

Internet-of-Things

(everything will be very different)



# Opportunity: balance vRE w/ DER (and minimize network CapEx)

Retail aggregators, Utilities, and Regulators coordinate to animate marketand community-based solutions

# **Policy & Market Alignments**



Electric Restructuring (Market Formation)

Policy initiatives to enable market access and choice to drive innovation, capital efficiency and incentive alignment



Regulatory Reform & Investments (Market Infrastructure)

Enhanced monitoring
Low-latency 'open' data access
Settlement calculations
Billing system modifications



Community Power (Market Animation)

Local Control & Joint Action Governance
Default Supplier & Opt-Out Enrollment
Retail Authorities (metering, data access,
Purchase of Receivables, etc.)

# **Coalition: Capacity Building**

#### Q4 2019: "Organizing Group" begins Meeting

Cheshire County, Lebanon, Hanover, Nashua, Harrisville + Community Choice Partners, Inc., 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Power Summit held (70+ Henry Herndon & volunteers

Bi-Weekly meetings to learn & assess industry best practices

#### Q1-Q3 2021: Public Advocacy to **Defend Community Power**

Coalition leads statewide campaign to amend House Bill 315

attendees / 30+ municipalities)

Website, "how to" materials, draft Business Plan & cashflow model released

Attorney General approves JPA

#### Q1 to Q2 2022: Expansion & Implementation Planning

PUC issues proposed CPA rules

JPA membership expands to 19

~\$130,000 raised in donations

Herndon Enterprises & Community Choice Partners hired

Request for Proposals issued

**Today** 

## Q1-Q4 2020: Agency Design & Community Outreach

Community Power Summit held (86+ attendees / 30+ municipalities)

DWGP hired to finalize draft "Joint Powers Agreement"

Coalition coordinates informal rule drafting at PUC staff request

#### Q4 2021: Joint Powers Agency Incorporated

11 municipalities execute JPA to form the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire

Board & committees begin meeting regularly

DWGP hired as General Counsel

Request for Information issued

Community Power **Authorized** (SB 286, 2019)

# **Key Advantages**

#### Leadership & Reputation

Top industry experts, respected public servants, professionals and trusted community volunteers

#### Political Strength & Public Advocacy

"Legislative Action Alerts" rally <u>hundreds</u> to voice support in successful campaigns:

- House Bill 315: saved CPA from "poison pills"
   & authorized Purchase of Receivables
- Senate Bill 321: pilot for market-based DER (enabling intrastate wholesale markets)
- Senate Bill 265: clarifying CPA noticing
   CPCNH Board Chair has strong relationships with PUC & utilities by championing:
- Transactive Energy Pilot
- EV Charging Rates
- CPA Administrative Rule drafting
- Statewide Data Platform

#### Political Unity & Cost Recovery

All 19 members' governing bodies <u>unanimously</u> approved the Joint Powers Agreement

Strong cost recovery framework & flexibility for individual Member CPA requirements

Active governance: 37 appointed member representatives enable 8+ committee / Board meetings each month

#### Structural Price Advantage

Utility default service: supply procured in 6-month strips (go to market 2x / year)

CPCNH default service: active portfolio management

#### Understanding of Best Practices

Defined over ~2 years of research, diligence & direct outreach across multiple markets

Significant community outreach & education

### Membership Growth Potential

30+ communities interested in joining at present

### FOR COMMUNITIES, BY COMMUNITIES.



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