

Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire

2025 Annual Meeting Report





Message from the Outgoing Board Chair

Over the past three decades, my work in public service has focused on the evolving relationship between state and local government, energy, the environment, and the economy. I've had the privilege of participating in two transformative shifts: the restructuring of monopoly utilities to enable competitive wholesale and retail power markets with customer choice of supply, and the rise of Community Power—to empower local governments to lead the way in shaping energy solutions for their residents.

The formation of the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) stands as one of the most meaningful chapters in this journey. What began in 2016 as an idea in the City of Lebanon—where the City Council designated its energy advisory committee as the electric aggregation committee under RSA 53-E—evolved into an ad-hoc organizing group by 2019, united by a shared vision of local energy self-determination. That effort has since grown into a statewide movement. Today, CPCNH is a member-governed nonprofit serving more than 190,000 customers, reducing costs, enhancing resilience, and delivering real value to our communities.

Community Power is more than just a policy innovation—it's a structural transformation. It gives municipalities and counties the authority to procure power, invest in local generation, and develop programs that reflect community priorities. And most importantly, it educates and empowers customers to actively participate in shaping their energy future.

We are only beginning to see what's possible, and we continue to work to overcome regulatory and legislative barriers to realize our potential and the increased value we can bring to our customers. With thoughtful investment in distributed energy resources, smarter grid management, and expanded community engagement, we can create a more efficient and equitable energy system—one that reduces dependence on distant generation and returns savings and control to the local level.

It has been an honor to help build this Coalition from the ground up and to serve alongside so many dedicated leaders. I am proud of the foundation we've laid, and I'm confident that CPCNH will continue to lead with purpose, integrity, and innovation.

Clifton Below, Chair (4/2022–4/2025), CPCNH Board of Directors



Below (left) being presented with a resolution honoring his decade of service as a City Councilor and 6 years as Assistant Mayor by Lebanon Mayor Timothy McNamara during a recent city council meeting after not seeking reelection.

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By The Numbers*

April 2023 Date that CPCNH launched its first Community Power Programs

\$20M+ Total savings achieved for customers since initial programs launched

1.2 TWh Total energy delivered since launching

193K Number of customers served in New Hampshire

50 Number of Community Power Programs established since launching

73% Average number of electric customers served in each member community

14,676 tons of CO₂ Amount of carbon reduction through customer choice

Number of active CPCNH customers by each utility

136K
Eversource

36K
Unitil

16K
Liberty

5K
NH Electric Co-op

*All values approximated

Our



Atkinson
Primary: Jim Garrity
Alternate: Mark Ellison



Barrington
Primary: Paul Panish
Alternate: Dan Federico



Bedford
Primary: Christopher Bandazian
Alternate: Jeanne Walker



Belknap County
Primary: Jon Bossey
Alternate: Debra Shackett



Berlin
Primary: Jeffrey Quackenbush
Alternate: Henry Noel



Bethlehem
Primary: Mary Lou Krambeer
Alternate: Dan Crosby



Boscawen
Primary: Charlie Niebling



Bradford
Primary: Jenny Locke Howley
Alternate: Kathleen Bigford



Bristol
Primary: Paul Bemis



Campton
Primary: Bill Sebastian
Alternate: Rita Sebastian



Canaan
Primary: Hope Stragnell
Alternate: Charles Townsend



Canterbury
Primary: Tom Franco (former)
Alternate: Scott Doherty



Charlestown
Primary: Daniel Senie
Alternate: Philip Turner



Cheshire County
Primary: Terry Clark
Alternate: Christopher Coates



Concord
Primary: Chuck Willing
Alternate: Beth Fenstermacher



Conway
Primary: Jessyca Keeler
Alternate: Michael Mitchrone



Cornish
Primary: Jason Bourne
Alternate: Joanna Sharf



Dalton
Primary: Jeanette Charon
Alternate: Jo Beth Dudley



Dover
Primary: Bill Baber
Alternate: Donna Benton



Durham
Primary: Steve Holmgren
Alternate: Todd Selig



Enfield
Primary: Kim Quirk
Alternate: Jo-Ellen Courtney



Epping
Primary: Michael Vose
Alternate: Jake Roger



Exeter
Primary: Nick Devonshire
Alternate: Julie Gilman



Franconia
Primary: Chuck Lukasik
Alternate: David Strange



Gilford
Primary: James Olsen
Alternate: Chan Eddy



Grantham
Primary: TJ Alexander
Alternate: Robert Benson



Hampton Falls
Primary: Carol Schutte
Alternate: William Perkins



Hanover
Primary: Peter Kulbacki
Alternate: Yolanda Baumgartner



Harrisville
Primary: Andrea Hodson
Alternate: Andrew Maneval



Hollis
Primary: Phillip Stephenson
Alternate: Tom Whalen



Hopkinton
Primary: Mark Zankel
Alternate: Ken Traum



Hudson
Primary: Craig Putnam
Alternate: Kate Messner



Kensington
Primary: Zeke Schmois
Alternate: Charlie Horn



Langdon
Primary: Peter Wotoweic
Alternate: Devin Gallagher



Lebanon
Primary: Clifton Below
Alternate: James Mashal



Lee
Primary: David Benson
Alternate: Rebecca Hawthorne



Loudon
Primary: George Saunderson
Alternate: Dennis Jakubowski



Lyme
Primary: Hebe Quinton
Alternate: James Graham



Mason
Primary: Curt Spacht
Alternate: Kate Batcheller

Members



Operating



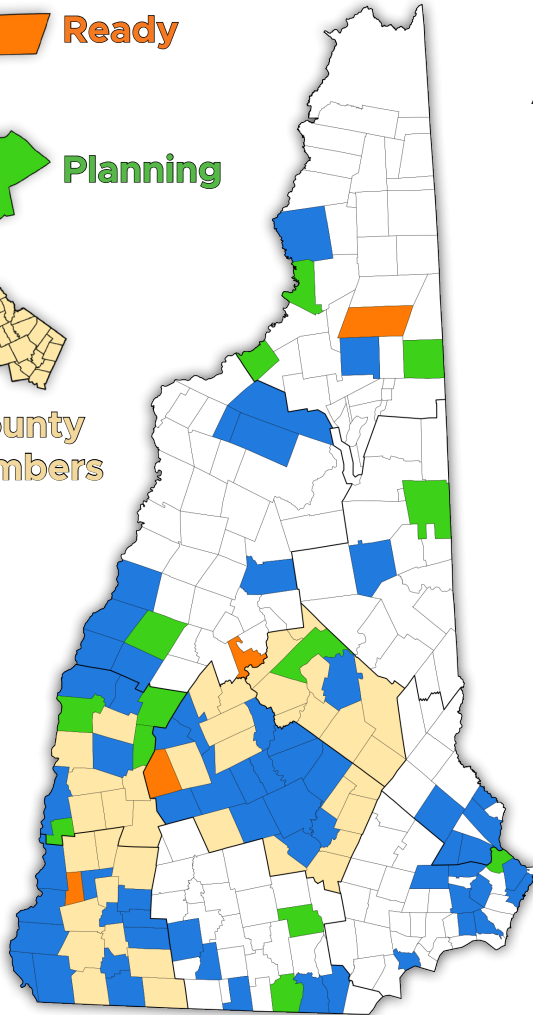
Ready



Planning



**County
Members**



Meredith
Primary: Richard Demark
Alternate: Bill Haley



Merrimack County
Primary: Ross Cunningham
Alternate: Jessica Riendeau



Nashua
Primary: Doria Brown
Alternate: Deb Chisholm



New London
Primary: Jamie Hess
Alternate: Robin Rainie-Lobacz



Newington
Primary: Brandon Arsenaout
Alternate: Martha Roy



Newmarket
Primary: Joseph Lamattina
Alternate: Steve Fournier



Newport
Primary: James Burroughs
Alternate: Jeffrey North



Northumberland
Primary: David Auger
Alternate: Alan Rossetto



Pembroke
Primary: Matt Miller
Alternate: Jackie Wengenroth



Peterborough
Primary: Bruce Tucker
Alternate: Dori Drachman



Plainfield
Primary: Evan Oxenham
Alternate: Steve Ladd



Portsmouth
Primary: Tom Rooney
Alternate: Peter Britz



Randolph
Primary: Kathleen Kelley
Alternate: Bill Demers



Rye
Primary: Lisa Sweet
Alternate: Howard Kalet



Shelburne
Primary: Michael Prange
Alternate: Ray Danforth



Somersworth
Primary: Scott Smith
Alternate: Bob Belmore



Springfield
Primary: Steve Dzubak
Alternate: Samantha Morris



Stratford
Primary: Clayton MacDonald
Alternate: Suzanne Goulet



Stratham
Primary: Paul Deschaine
Alternate: Charlie Case



Sugar Hill
Primary: Jordan Applewhite
Alternate: Margo Connors



Sullivan County
Primary: Derek Ferland
Alternate: John Tuthill



Sunapee
Primary: Kyle Davis



Tamworth
Primary: Gabrielle Watson
Alternate: Emily Nolan



Temple
Primary: Robert Wills
Alternate: Bev Edwards



Walpole
Primary: Paul Looney
Alternate: Dennis Marcom



Warner
Primary: Clyde Carson
Alternate: Jan Gugliotti



Webster
Primary: David Hemenway
Alternate: Martin Bender



Westmoreland
Primary: Terry Cox
Alternate: Mark Terry

Board of Directors

April 2024–April 2025



Clifton Below
Board Chair (Term Expires 2026)
City of Lebanon, former Assistant Mayor and City Councilor



Lisa Sweet
Vice Chair (Term Expires 2026)
Town of Rye, Energy Committee Member



Kim Quirk
Treasurer (Term Expires 2027)
Town of Enfield, Energy Committee Member



Evan Oxenham
Secretary (Term Expires 2025)
Town of Plainfield, Energy Committee Co-Chair



Kathleen Kelley
Audit Committee Chair
(Term Expires 2026)
Town of Randolph, Androscoggin Valley Energy Collaborative



Clyde Carson
Finance Committee Chair
(Term Expires 2025)
Town of Warner, Director of Finance



Andrea Hodson
Governance Committee Chair
(Term Expires 2026)
Town of Harrisville, Select Board Member



Matt Miller
Risk Management Chair
(Term Expires 2026)
Town of Pembroke, Select Board Member



Chuck Willing
(Term Expires 2027)
City of Concord, Energy & Environment Advisory Committee Member



Bruce Tucker
(Term Expires 2027)
Town of Peterborough, Community Power Committee Member



Doria Brown
(Term Expires 2026)
City of Nashua, Municipal Energy Manager



Terry Clark
(Term Expires 2025)
Cheshire County, County Commissioner Chair



Jim Garrity
(Term Expires 2027)
Town of Atkinson, Town Moderator & Energy Commission Chair



Joe Lamattina
(Term Expires 2025)
Town of Newmarket, Town Councilor



Peter Kulbacki
(Term Expires 2027)
Town of Hanover, Director of Public Works



Steve Holmgren
(Term Expires 2027)
Town of Durham, Energy Committee Member



Jamie Hess
(Term Expires 2025)
Town of New London, Energy Committee Chair



Nick Devonshire
(Term Expires 2025)
Town of Exeter, former Energy Committee Member



David Hemenway
(Term Expires 2025)
Town of Webster, Select Board Chair & Energy Committee Member



Craig Putnam
(Term Expires 2026)
Town of Hudson, Sustainability Committee Member

Committees

April 2024-April 2025

Executive

Clifton Below, Committee Chair
Doria Brown
Evan Oxenham
Kimberley Quirk
Lisa Sweet

Audit

Kathleen Kelley, Committee Chair
Doria Brown
Terry Clark
Peter Kulbacki
Clayton MacDonald
Robin Rainie-Lobacz

Finance

Clyde Carson, Committee Chair
Clifton Below
Terry Clark
Stephanie Giovannucci
Kathleen Kelley
Peter Kulbacki
Paul Looney
Kimberley Quirk
Chuck Willing

Governance

Andrea Hodson, Committee Chair
Martin Bender
Terry Clark
Beth Fenstermacher
Andrew Maneval
Joseph Lamattina

Regulatory & Legislative Affairs

Bill Baber, Committee Chair
Clifton Below
Doria Brown
Clyde Carson
Julie Gilman
David Hemenway
Howard Kalet
Henry Noel
Evan Oxenham
Carol Shutte

Risk Management

Matthew Miller, Committee Chair
Clifton Below
Bob Benson
Doria Brown
Nick Devonshire
Jamie Hess
Peter Kulbacki
Joseph Lamattina
James Mashal
Michael Prange
Chuck Willing

Member Outreach & Engagement

Lisa Sweet, Committee Chair
Jo-Ellen Courtney
Terry Cox
Beth Fenstermacher
David Hemenway
Jamie Hess

Steve Holmgren
Joseph Lamattina
Bill Perkins
Craig Putnam
Bruce Tucker
Jackie Wengenroth

Staff, Departments & Vendors



Henry Herndon
Acting General Manager



Bobbi-Jo Michael
Director of Administration



Jackson Kaspari
Director of Member Services



Mark Bolinger
Director of Projects & Programs



Deana Dennis
Director of Regulatory & Legislative Affairs



Scott May
Senior Energy Analyst



Nick Gosling
Customer Experience & Communications Manager



Andrew Hatch
Engagement Manager



Madelyn Bradley
Communications Coordinator

Administration

Manages general administrative services, board and committee support, human resources, and development of internal policies.

Member Services

Oversees engagement with Members, the media, and the public. Responsibilities include implementing Electric Aggregation Plans and ensuring regulatory compliance (Join, Plan, Launch); marketing and communications; customer service, retail data, and key account management; and implementation of certain programs developed by the Projects & Programs Department (Operate).

Projects & Programs

Develops and implements strategies to bring cost-effective new distributed energy resources online to serve CPCNH members and to create innovative rate structures to help manage member loads. Oversees CPCNH's REC procurement and provides technical assistance to members.

Regulatory & Legislative Affairs

Advocates on behalf of consumer interests and the collective voice of its Community Power municipal Members in regulatory proceedings before the Public Utilities Commission and the New Hampshire Department of Energy and legislative priorities before the New Hampshire General Court.

Power Resources

Handles energy portfolio analytics and risk management, load forecasting, cost modeling, rate recommendations, and oversight for financial operations. Manages wholesale energy market participation, including power procurement and hedging.

Thank you to our partner vendors!

Ascend Analytics – Energy portfolio risk management

BCM Environmental & Land Law, PLLC – Regulatory counsel

Calpine Energy Solutions – Retail data management, customer service, and market participant

Community Choice Partners – Technical consulting

Cornerstone Government Affairs – Government affairs

Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer & Pembroke, P.C. – General counsel

EcoCFO – Accounting

Main Street Strategic – Press officer

Primmer, Piper, Eggleston & Cramer, P.C. – Local legal counsel

Resilient Buildings Group – Member services

River City Bank – Banking and financial services

2024 Key Highlights



2024 Annual Meeting

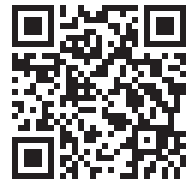
CPCNH held its **third Annual Membership and Board of Directors meeting** on April 25, 2024, at the Susan B. McLane Audubon Center in Concord and virtually. Members voted on proposed amendments to the Joint Powers Agreement and By-laws, elected Directors to new terms, and received reports from staff and leadership on CPCNH's operations, financial position, and policy initiatives.

Member Services

Membership Growth: Increased CPCNH membership from 23 to 68 municipalities and counties through governing body adoption of the Joint Powers Agreement.

Program Expansion: Launched 36 local Community Power programs and added 9 communities through two county-based initiatives—bringing service to 45 new communities in 2024.

Service Delivery: Maintained high-quality service during rapid expansion, as CPCNH grew from 83,000 to nearly 200,000 customer accounts.



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Projects & Programs

New REC Program: Launched CPCNH's Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) Aggregation Program to purchase renewable energy certificates from member-owned systems and retire them in support of CPCNH's electricity products.

Major Solar Project: Finalized a term sheet and Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for a 5 MW photovoltaic (PV) project—set to be one of New Hampshire's largest once completed in 2026—that will be structured as a Group Net Metering arrangement to maximize member value.

Project Pipeline Strategy: Designed an annual solicitation program to build a steady pipeline of distributed generation projects across the state.

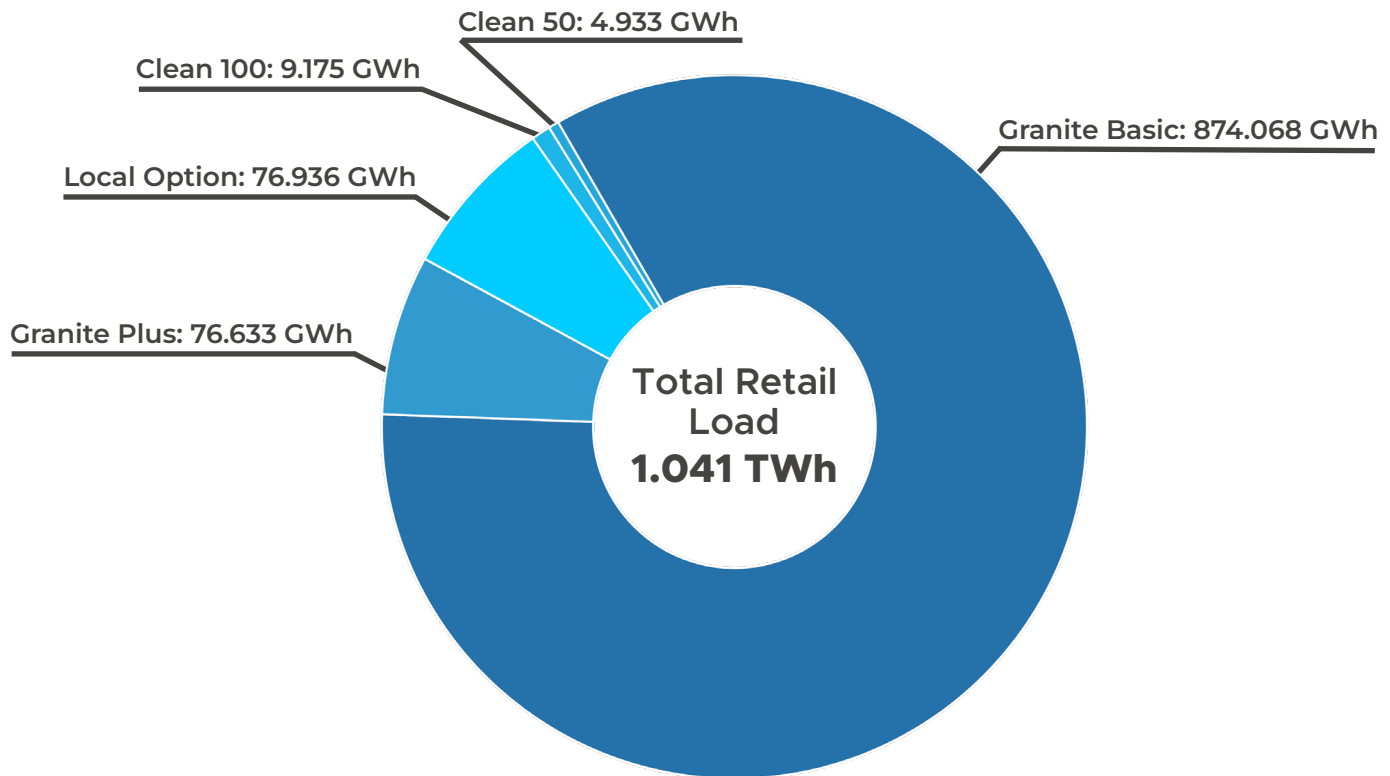
Regulatory & Legislative Affairs

Member Action: Nearly 300 leaders across 40+ Member communities took over 300 advocacy actions in support of CPCNH's public policy agenda to advance competitive energy markets and represent consumer and community interests.

Regulatory Impact: Advocated for practical solutions in multiple Public Utilities Commission and New Hampshire Department of Energy proceedings to address the roadblocks that prevent CPCNH from serving net metering customers and offering other cost-saving innovative rates and programs.

Legislative Impact: Strengthened Member engagement in crafting the *NH Energy Forward Act*—designed to empower NH customers and communities to source more of their energy from local energy, access innovative rate and program options, and lower costs for all Granite Staters.

2024 Energy Load by Product



Energy Products Defined

Granite Basic: Granite Basic is CPCNH's default electricity product. It meets New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) by including the minimum required percentage of renewable energy — currently 25.2% (March 2025) — through the purchase of qualified Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs).

Granite Plus: Granite Plus increases renewable content to approximately 33% by purchasing additional New Hampshire RPS-compliant RECs, with a preference for sourcing from in-state renewable generators.

Clean 50: Clean 50 provides electricity with 50% renewable or carbon-free content. This option supports a cleaner energy mix through the voluntary purchase of additional RECs beyond the state minimum.

Clean 100: Clean 100 delivers 100% renewable or carbon-free electricity. All customer usage is matched with RECs and/or clean energy sources, enabling full environmental offset.

Local Option: The Local Option rate saves customers money while allowing communities to capitalize a fund to support local energy projects and programs to the benefit of its residents and businesses.

Data Sources, pgs. 10-11: Jan. 2025 Variance Report. 2024 audit in progress – financial reporting subject to audit completion.

2024 Financials

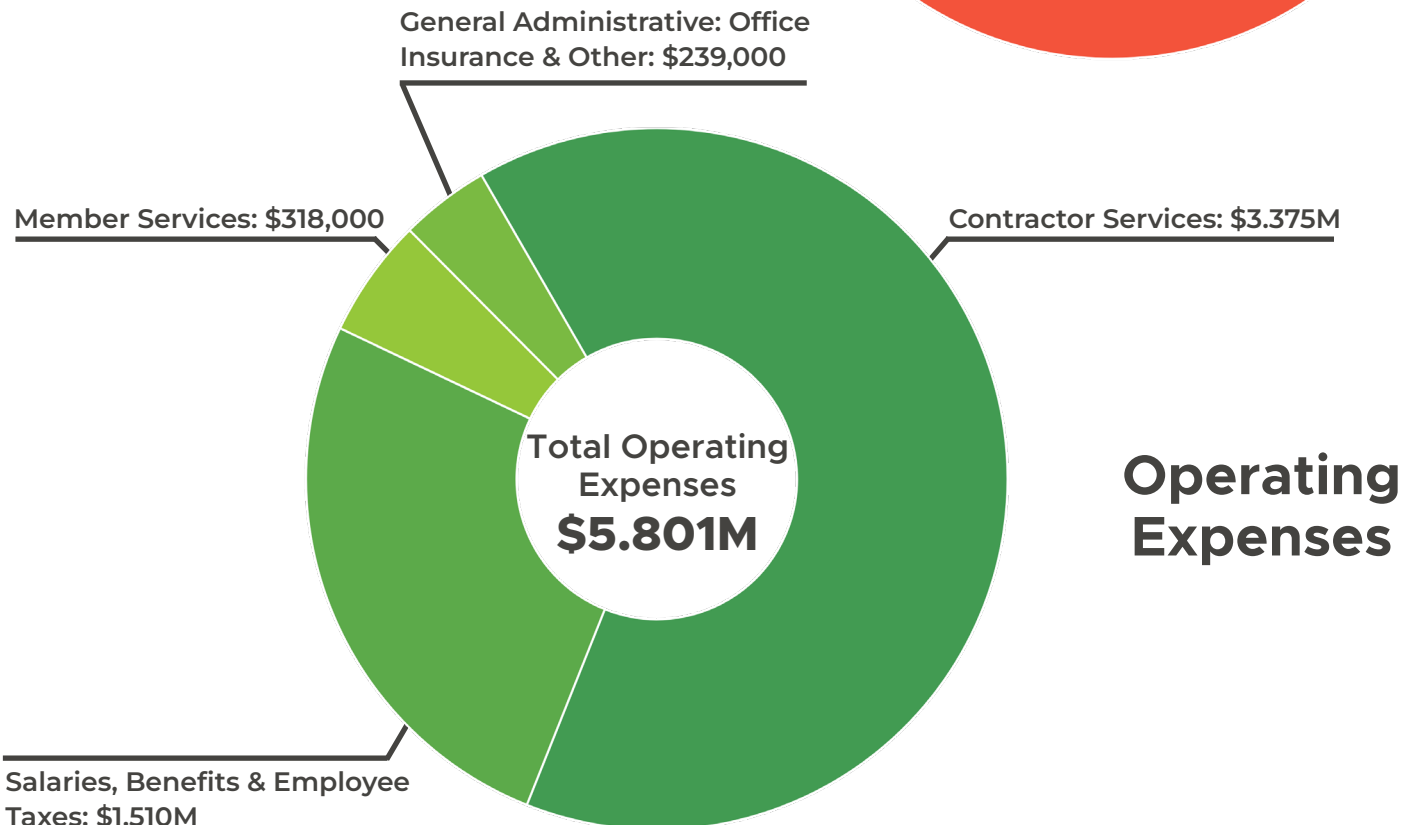
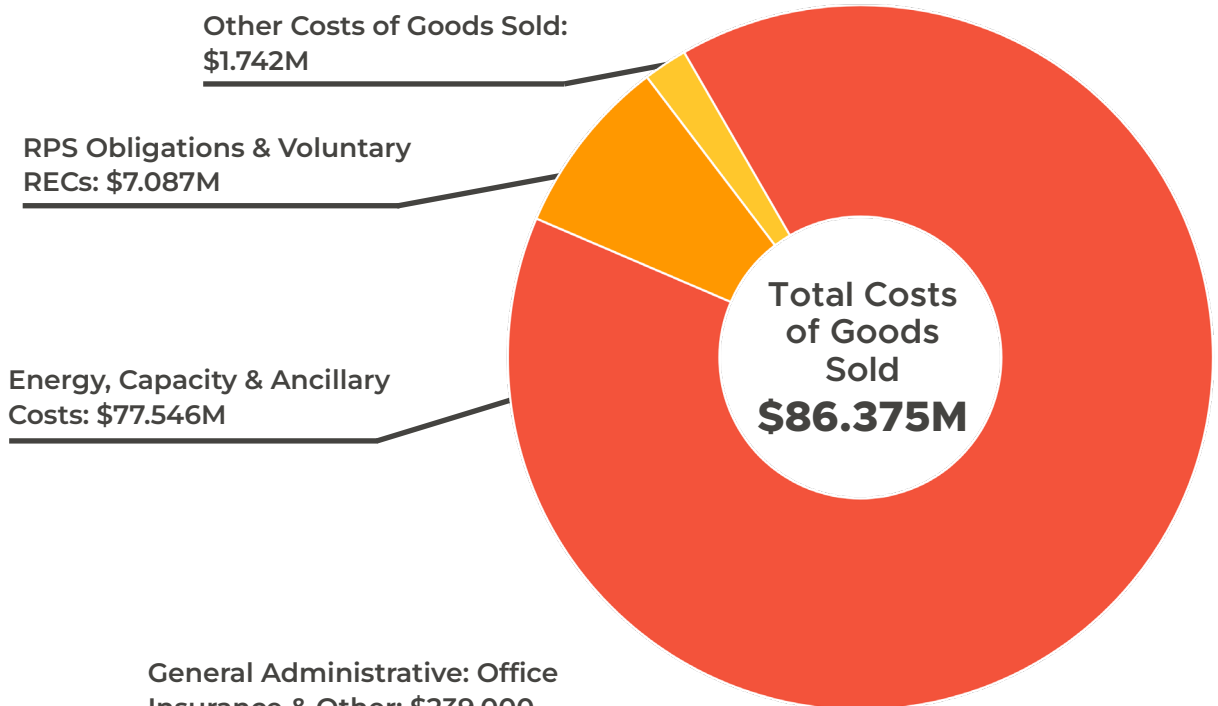
Net Margin
\$87K

Accounts Served
200K

Joint Reserves (End of Year)
\$8.66M

Reserve Operating Days
22

Costs of Goods Sold





A View That Inspired a Movement

The CPCNH logo was inspired by the view from **Artist's Bluff in Franconia Notch**—an iconic overlook that gained fame in the 1800s when artists flocked there to paint the dramatic landscape, and where hikers still go today to take in the sweeping panorama of Echo Lake and Cannon Mountain. For generations, this place has stirred creativity, exploration, and reflection. Today, that same spirit of inspiration is driving a new kind of movement: communities across New Hampshire choosing to take control of their energy future. Just as Artist's Bluff invites people to see the landscape from a new perspective, **CPCNH empowers cities, towns, and counties to reimagine what's possible—together.**



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