

Kensington Community Power

Public Hearing: Electric Aggregation Plan

December 12th, 2023 - 2:30pm - Kensington Town Hall

December 13th, 2023 - 2:30pm - Kensington Town Hall

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POWER COALITION
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**



Agenda

1. What is Community Power
2. Electric Aggregation Plan
3. Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire
4. Implementation Process and Timeline
5. Q&A

What is Community Power?

- CP programs aggregate the demand of customers in a community and purchase electric power on behalf of that community
- Goal: **lower costs** and expand **access to low cost/renewable energy**
- CP programs are enabled by New Hampshire's updated Community Power law [RSA 53-E](#)
- RSA 53-E's intent: "encourage voluntary, cost effective and innovative solutions to local needs with careful consideration of local conditions and opportunities"

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 Services &
Programs**

*Lower Rates &
Product Choices*

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

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

Community Power programs must be paid for out of revenues received from participating customers

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Source

Delivery

Community

Kensington Community Power purchases electricity from the sources you choose.

Unitil delivers the electricity using the same power line infrastructure and billing mechanisms.



Kensington Energy Users save money and have the power to choose new rates and products, and how much electricity comes from renewable sources.

What is Community Power?

“Community Power will only launch if it is able to (at launch) offer residential default rates that are lower than those offered by Unitil”

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Understanding your bill

ELECTRIC SERVICE			
			
ELECTRIC SERVICE	PERIOD	10/26/23 - 11/28/23	
Delivery Charges Residential			
Customer Charge			16.22
Delivery Charge	1307.00 kWh x \$0.09284		121.34
Stranded Cost Charge	1307.00 kWh x (\$0.00010)		(0.13)
Taxes & Surcharges			
System Benefits Charge	1307.00 kWh x \$0.00700		9.15
Total Current EL Charges			\$146.58
		ELECTRIC SUPPLIER SERVICE	PERIOD 10/26/23 - 11/28/23
		Supplier Charges	
		Energy Service Chg Fixed	1307.00 kWh x \$0.13257 173.27
		Total Current SS Charges	\$173.27

ELECTRIC SERVICE:

- Delivery & fixed charges: poles, wires, infrastructure, services

NO CHANGE

ELECTRIC SUPPLIER SERVICE:

- Actual electricity

Kensington Community Power replaces Unitil's default service

Understanding your bill

Total with Unutil default:

\$319.85

Totals with Kensington Community Power's **Granite Basic Rate:**

\$289.04

Key points

- If/when Your Community Power launches, most Unitil default electric supply customers will be automatically enrolled in the same service for a lower price. Community Power will be the new default electricity supplier for Kensington's customers.
- Participation in Community Power is voluntary. Customers can choose to opt-out and to stay with Unitil for electric supply, or shop for another market option.
- Unitil will continue to deliver electricity using their poles and wires, provide billing services, and ensure reliability.
- Customers shopping with third-party suppliers will remain with their supplier unless they choose to opt-in to Community Power.
- Community Power will be self-funded by rates paid by participating customers. **No taxes will be used to cover program expenses.**
- The Town will save money on all town building electric bills as they will be enrolled in the program automatically

The Electric Aggregation Plan (EAP)

What is the Electric Aggregation Plan?

- ✓ **Selectmen** establish a Committee pursuant to RSA 53-E to oversee development of the Electric Aggregation Plan (EAP).
- ✓ EAP details how the Community Power program will operate and comply with state legal requirements.
- ❑ There will be two Public Hearings on 12/12/2023 and 12/13/2023 to educate the Community about the Plan and to receive community input.

Purpose of the EAP

- Defines program goals and objectives
- Defines governance; implementation; customer noticing, enrollment, options
- Commits municipality to comply with applicable statutes and regulations:
 - *Providing universal access, reliability, and equitable treatment of all classes of customers;*
 - *Meeting, at a minimum, the basic environmental and service standards established by the Public Utilities Commission and other applicable agencies and laws and rules.*

Purpose of the EAP

The Plan does:

Address issues required to be considered by RSA 53-E including:

- How net metering will be provided;
- How customers enrolled in the Electric Assistance Program will receive their discount.

The Plan does not:

- Otherwise commit the town to any defined course of action; or
- Impose any financial commitment or liability on the town or its taxpayers.

Electric Aggregation Plan Outline

Chapters:

1. Introduction
2. Overview of Community Power
3. Goals & Objectives
4. Statutory Requirements

Appendices:

- I. CPCNH
- II. Net Metering
- III. Load Serving Entity Services
- IV. Customer Data Protection Plan
- V. Abbreviations

Draft EAP on Town website:

TODO

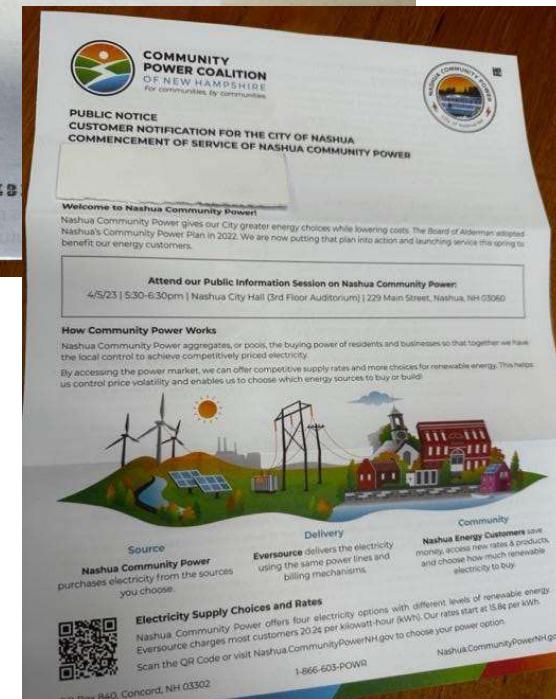
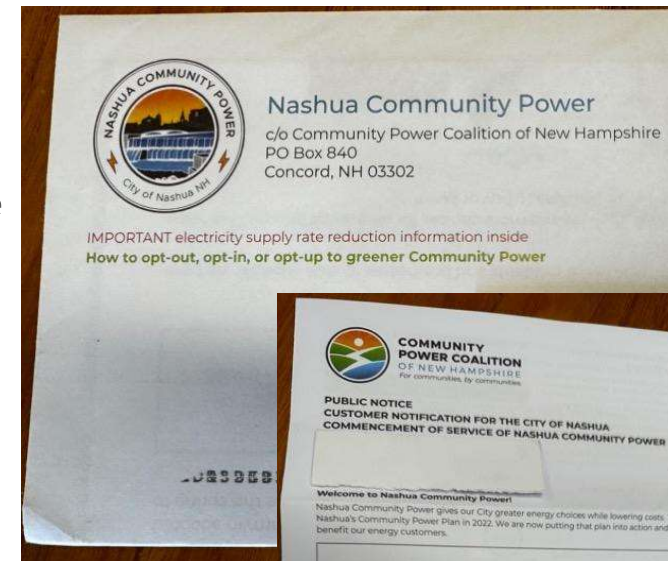
Implementation Process Steps

Form Committee >> Research & Planning >> Town Meeting >> Launch!

- 1. Form Committee & Join CPCNH “Joint Powers Agency”
 - Select Board voted to join CPCNH on November 6th, 2023 ([minutes](#))
 - Select Board established Committee on October 16th, 2023 ([minutes](#))
- 2. Electric Aggregation Committee | Research & Planning
 - Committee conducted research and drafted “Electric Aggregation Plan”
 - Public hearings to collect community input (December 12th, December 13th)
- 3. Town Meeting | Warrant Article (March 2024)
 - Town Meeting adoption of EAP authorizes (but does not require) the Select Board to contract for services to finance, launch, & operate Community Power.
- 4. Launch! (early summer 2024?)

Customer Notification and Enrollment Process

- At least **30 days before program launch all electric customers will be mailed notifications** including the initial fixed rate for Community Power service compared with Unitil
- Customers on Unitil default energy service will be **able to decline participation or “opt-out”** by calling 1-866-603-POWR, contacting info@CommunityPowerNH.gov; or visiting www.CommunityPowerNH.gov
- If a **customer is already getting their power from a competitive supplier**, nothing will change unless they choose to **“opt-in”** to Community Power.
- **Unitil will continue to deliver electricity** using their poles and wires, provide billing services, and ensure reliability.
- Rates posted at least 30 days in advance; customers can switch supplier at next meter read upon request with **no penalty or exit fee.**
- **Community Power is self-funded** by rates paid by participating customers. **No taxes will be used to cover program expenses.**
- **The Town will save money on all town building electric bills as they will be enrolled in the program automatically**








Electricity Choices

Energy customers can select from a menu of energy choices by visiting:

www.CommunityPowerNH.gov and using the portal, or calling **1-866-603-POWER**, to select their power option

*Customers are always free to choose to buy power from their utility, or from another market option, without charge.

Aug 1, 2023 – Jan 31, 2024

Renewable Content	Power Options	Rate (¢/kWh)	Estimated Cost*	6-Month Savings
 100%	Clean 100	15.2 ¢	± \$91 / month	Clean Premium
 50%	Clean 50	12.3 ¢	± \$74 / month	± \$6
 33%	Granite Plus	11.3 ¢	± \$68 / month	± \$42
 23.4%	Granite Basic <i>(Default Power)</i>	10.9 ¢	± \$65 / month	± \$60
 23.4%	Unitil Eversource	13.267 12.582 ¢	± \$75 / month	N/A

*Based on usage of 600 kWh per month



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3. Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire

Community Power Coalition Members

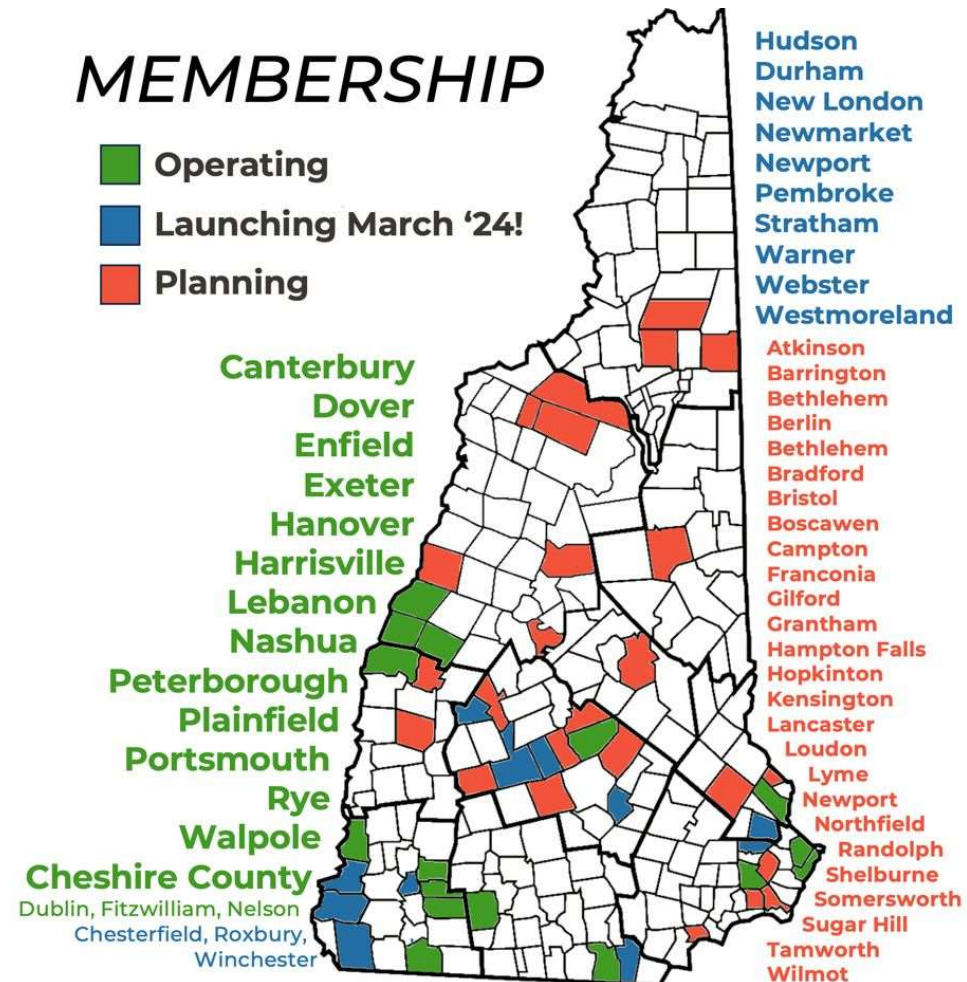
CPCNH is a community-governed power supplier

- ~40 Municipal Members Representing >25% of NH population
- 15 cities & towns + 1 county launched 2023
 - ~80,000 customers
 - Larger than Unitil or Liberty loads
- Remaining & new Members to launch 2024+
- Many cities/towns in process of joining

All NH cities & towns are invited to join

MEMBERSHIP

- Operating
- Launching March '24!
- Planning



Board of Directors

Community Governance

Technical Expertise | Transparent & Accountable
Accelerate Energy Transition | Public Advocacy



Local elected officials, former utility executives, energy finance & development professionals, municipal managers, teachers, & much more.

Staff & Service Providers

Expert Operations

Board Committees

- ~ Audit
- ~ Executive
- ~ Finance
- ~ Governance
- ~ Member Outreach & Engagement
- ~ Regulatory & Legislative Affairs
- ~ Risk Management



CEO
Brian Callnan

Staff:
Administration
Member Services
Load & Power Resources
Regulatory & Legislative Affairs

Energy Portfolio
Risk Mgmt.



Retail Customer
Services & Data
Mgmt.



Legal
Accounting
Banking



Community
Engagement



Kensington Electricity Use (12 months)

TO BE POSTED SOON



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Proposed Warrant Article 2024

Kensington Community Power

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Kensington Community Power plan, to authorize the Select Board to implement the plan, and to take all action in furtherance thereof, pursuant to RSA 53-E. The Kensington Community Power plan is an initiative to offer lower electricity rates to residents. The plan will launch only if it can offer lower rates. Initial participation can be declined and residents can opt out at any time in the future.

Tax Impact: None



Questions & Answers

[Town website - Energy Committee](#)

www.cpcnh.org

www.CommunityPowerNH.gov