

**Monday, November 25, 2024 6:00 PM**  
**Public Hearing for Community Power**  
**Town of Dalton**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Eric. Select Board members Jo Beth Dudley, Thomas Dubreuil (Tom), and Eric Moore were physically present. Town Admin, Jeanette Charon present and note taking.

Public attendees: Carol Sheltry, Cathleen Fountain, Evelyn Blakslee, and Bill Jones.

Andrew Hatch from Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) was present to provide information for the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire and the proposed Dalton Community Power Program through CPCNH. CPCNH has nearly 70 members representing approximately 40% of NH residents. They saved their customers \$14 million and has become the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest supplier in New Hampshire.

A description of the program was provided for attendees along with details of how the rates are set and how often they can potentially change.

Andrew explained that Eversource will continue to deliver power since they own the infrastructure. Electric bills will still come from Eversource, but the provider will be listed as Dalton Community Power.

Residents will be automatically enrolled into the program unless they are with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party provider at the time of the program launch or have solar power. CPCNH does not have a system in place yet for working with solar power customers, but they are in the process of designing a program with the Utility Commission. Residents can contact customer service to withdraw their home from the program. There are no fees for cancelling and residents can re-enroll at any time.

Dalton Community Power will only launch if it is able to initially offer residential default rates that are lower than those offered by the default utility service.

The program is self-funded by the rates paid by participating customers. No taxes will be used to cover program expenses.

A draft Dalton Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan was provided for the committee to review and revise, if necessary. The committee will have the reviewed plan complete for the next public hearing.

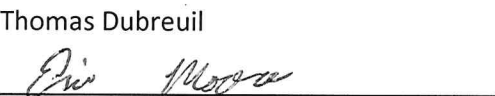
The second public hearing is scheduled for Monday, December 9, 2024 at 6pm. The program will be a warrant article at town meeting in March and must be approved by town vote.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Charon.

Minutes Approved On: 12/9/24 (date)



Jo Beth Dudley  


Thomas Dubreuil  


Eric Moore



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# Dalton Community Power

## Public Hearings: Electric Aggregation Plan

Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> & December 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm



# 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

# Benefits of Community Power



## Local Control

Democratizing energy procurement to the community level



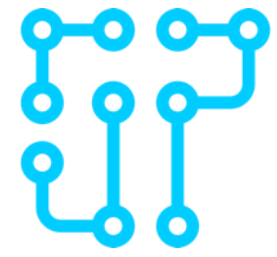
## Lower Costs

Demonstrated lower rates than regulated utilities



## Clean Energy

Build and buy clean energy  
Support more local renewables



## Resilience & Innovation

New technologies  
Market competition  
Price signals  
Customer empowerment

***Dalton Community Power will only launch if it is able to initially offer residential default rates that are lower than those offered by the default utility service.***

# Key Points

- ~ **If/when Your Community Power launches, most Utility 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 your Town's customers.
- ~ **Participation in Community Power is voluntary.** Customers can choose to opt-out and to stay with their Utility for electric supply, or shop for another market option.
- ~ **Your Utility 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.**

# Electricity Choices

- ⚡ Energy customers can select from a menu of energy choices.
- ⚡ Visit [www.CommunityPowerNH.gov](http://www.CommunityPowerNH.gov) and use the portal, or call **1-866-603-POWER**, to select your power option.
- ⚡ Please have your utility account number handy so your selection may be easily processed.
- ⚡ Customers are always free to choose to buy power from their utility, or from another market option, without charge.

CPCNH Supply Rates August 1 <sup>st</sup> – January 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2025 <i>For Residential, General Service, &amp; Outdoor Lighting</i>			
Power Options	Renewable Content †	Rate (¢/kWh)	Estimated Cost of Supply per Month *
Clean 100	100%	12.0 ¢	~ \$75/month
Clean 50	50%	10.0 ¢	~ \$65/month
Granite Plus	33%	9.3 ¢	~ \$60/month
<b>Granite Basic</b> <small>(Default Power Option)</small>	24.3%	8.6 ¢	~ \$56/month

Utility Default Supply Rates August 1 <sup>st</sup> – January 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2025 <i>For Residential, General Service, &amp; Outdoor Lighting</i>			
Default Utility	Renewable Content †	Rate (¢/kWh)	Estimated Cost of Supply per Month
Liberty	24.3%	10.976 ¢	~ \$71
Unitil		10.506 ¢	~ \$68
<b>Eversource</b>		<b>10.403 ¢</b>	<b>~ \$68</b>
NH Electric Co-op		8.648 ¢	~ \$56

# Utility Still Sends Out the Bills



Account Number:  
 Customer name key:  
 Statement Date: 11/08/23  
 Service Provided To:

Svc Addr: [REDACTED] PETERBOROUGH NH 03458  
 Serv Ref: 882223001 Bill Cycle: 08  
 Service from 10/11/23 - 11/08/23 28 Days  
 Next read date on or about: Dec 11, 2023

Meter Number	Current Read	Previous Read	Current Usage	Reading Type
[REDACTED]	32616	32067	549	Purchases
[REDACTED]	8452	8452	0	Sales

Previous Carry Forward	Plus Current Sales (Customer)	Minus Current Purchases (Eversource)	Current Net Billed Usage	New Carry Forward
0	0	549	549	0

**Contact Information**  
 Emergency: 800-662-7764  
 www.eversource.com  
 Pay by Phone: 888-729-7764  
 Customer Service: 800-662-7764

For information or questions regarding your account, please contact Eversource at 1-800-662-7764. If after contacting us, your billing dispute is still unresolved, you may contact the New Hampshire Department of Energy at 800-852-3793.

Payment will be sent to bank for processing on 11/29/23 **\$137.55**

**Electric Account Summary**

Amount Due On 11/05/23	\$124.67
Last Payment Received On 11/01/23	-\$124.67
Balance Forward	\$0.00
Current Charges/Credits	
Electric Supply Services	\$67.53
Delivery Services	\$70.02
Total Current Charges	\$137.55
<b>Total Amount Due</b>	<b>\$137.55</b>

**Total Charges for Electricity**

**Supplier**  
 PETERBOROUGH COMMUNITY PO  
 Service Reference:

Generation Srv Chrg***	549.00kWh X \$0.12300	\$67.53
Subtotal Supplier Services		\$67.53

**Delivery**  
 (RATE R RESIDENTIAL SVC)  
 Service Reference:

Customer Chrg		\$13.81
kWh Distribution Chrg	549.00kWh X \$0.05357	\$29.41
Regulatory Reconciliation Adj	549.00kWh X \$0.00047	\$0.26
Transmission Chrg	549.00kWh X \$0.02965	\$16.28
Pole Plant Adjustment	549.00kWh X \$0.00270	\$1.48
Strnded Cst Recovery Chrg	549.00kWh X \$0.00694	\$3.81
System Benefits Chrg	549.00kWh X \$0.00905	\$4.97
Subtotal Delivery Services		\$70.02
<b>Total Cost of Electricity</b>		<b>\$137.55</b>

# 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 their Utility's rate
- Customers on Utility default energy service are **able to decline participation or "opt-out"** by calling 1-866-603-POWR, or by emailing [info@CommunityPowerNH.gov](mailto:info@CommunityPowerNH.gov); or visiting [www.CommunityPowerNH.gov](http://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.
- Rates are posted at least 30 days in advance; customers can switch supplier at next meter read upon request with **no penalty or exit fee**.



## PUBLIC NOTICE CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION FOR THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE COMMENCEMENT OF SERVICE OF CHESHIRE COMMUNITY POWER

### Welcome to Cheshire Community Power!

In December 2022, the Cheshire Community Power Plan was adopted by County Delegation vote. Our non-profit program is now launching service to save Cheshire electric customers money and expand energy choices by offering four renewable energy options.

Cheshire Community Power rates start at 8.1¢ per kilowatt-hour (kWh). Eversource charges most customers 8.285¢ per kWh.

The Select Boards of Chesterfield, Dublin, Fitzwilliam, Nelson, Roxbury and Winchester have voted to join Cheshire Community Power. All municipalities in the county are invited to participate.

### Do I need to take action to benefit from Cheshire Community Power?

If Eversource is currently the electricity 'Supplier' listed on your monthly bill, you will likely not need to take any action to participate (limited exceptions listed on page 3).

Unless you opt-out or choose a different option by calling us or visiting our website within 30 days, you will be automatically enrolled into our Granite Basic power option and start saving money. The switch occurs on the day your meter is read starting in March 2024. Your meter reading date is shown on your bill.

### ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CHOICES

Residential, General Service, & Outdoor Lighting  
Fixed supply rates effective through July 2024

Renewable Content	Power Options	Rate ¢/kWh	Estimated Cost*
100%	Clean 100	12.4¢	~ \$81 / month
50%	Clean 50	9.4¢	~ \$61 / month
33%	Granite Plus	8.4¢	~ \$55 / month
24.3%	Granite Basic (DEFAULT)	8.1¢	~ \$53 / month
24.3%	Eversource	8.285¢	~ \$64 / month

\*Based on usage of 650 kWh per month

### Please attend our public information sessions on Cheshire Community Power:

1/29/24 | 6:30 PM | Cheshire County Hall, Stillman Rogers Room | 33 West St #4, Keene, NH 03431

1/31/24 | 5:30 PM | Winchester Town Hall | 1 Richmond Rd, Winchester, NH 03470

2/1/24 | 6:30 PM | Chesterfield Town Hall | 522 NH-63, Chesterfield, NH 03443



### What are my options? Can I choose another power option, or decline to participate?

The choice is yours. To choose another power option or to opt out of Cheshire Community Power, scan the QR code or visit [CommunityPowerNH.gov/cheshire](http://CommunityPowerNH.gov/cheshire) and use the portal under "Electricity Choices" OR call us at 1-866-603-7697 (POWR). Have your Eversource account number handy so we can easily process your selection.

You are always free to choose to buy power from Eversource or from a competitive supplier without penalty or fee for switching if you switch at the next available regular meter reading date. Customers requesting transfer of supply service upon dates other than on their next available regular meter reading date (if such a service is available from Eversource) may be charged an off-cycle meter reading and billing fee by the utility.

PO Box 840, Concord, NH 03302

1-866-603-POWR

[CommunityPowerNH.gov/cheshire](http://CommunityPowerNH.gov/cheshire)



# Implementation Process Steps

**Form Committee** □ **Research & Planning** □ **Town Meeting** □ **Launch!**

## □ **1. Form Committee & Join Coalition “Joint Powers Agency”**

- ✓ Selectboard voted to join CPCNH
- ✓ Selectboard established Committee

## □ **2. Electric Aggregation Committee | Research & Planning**

- Committee conducted research and drafted “Electric Aggregation Plan”
- Public hearings to collect community input

## □ **3. Town Meeting | Warrant Article**

- Town Meeting adoption of EAP authorizes (but does not require) the Selectboard to contract for services to finance, launch, & operate Community Power.

## □ **4. Launch!**



# The Electric Aggregation Plan

# What is the Electric Aggregation Plan?

- ~ Selectboard establishes 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 to educate the Community about the Plan and to receive community input.

# 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

# Purpose of the Electric Aggregation Plan

- ~ Defines program goals and objectives
- ~ Defines governance; implementation; customer noticing, enrollment, options
- ~ Commits the Town to comply with applicable statutes and regulations:

*(a) Providing universal access, reliability, and equitable treatment of all classes of customers;*

*(b) Meeting, at a minimum, the basic environmental and service standards established by the Public Utilities Commission and other applicable agencies and laws and rules.*

## **The Plan does:**

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

- a) How net metering will be provided;
- b) 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.

# Draft Warrant Article

*“To see if the Town will vote to adopt the **Dalton** 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 **Dalton** Community Power plan is an opt-out program that offers more flexible electricity procurement. The plan will initially provide lower electricity rates for residents, or it will not launch. Initial participation in the plan can be declined, after which enrollment becomes voluntary.”*

Tax Impact: None

Select Board Vote:



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## About the Coalition

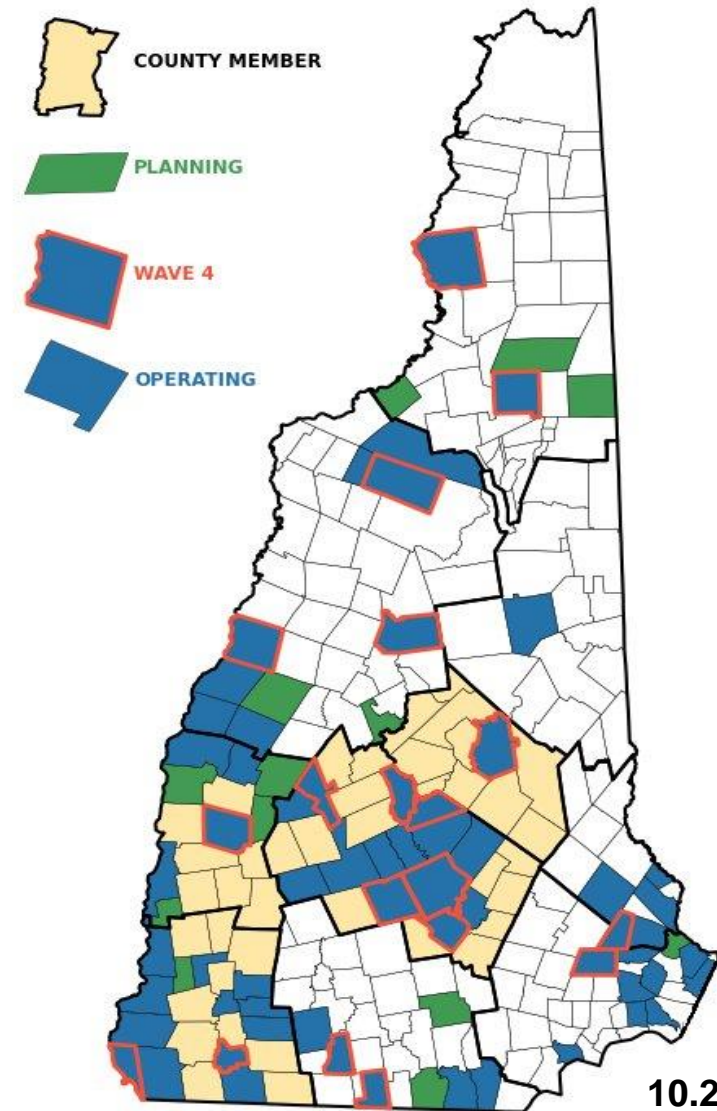
# Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire

## Community-Governed, Non-Profit Power Agency

### Our Mission

To foster resilient New Hampshire communities by empowering them to realize their energy goals.

- ⚡ **66** Municipal & **4** County members
- ⚡ Representing ~ **40%** of NH population
- ⚡ Serving ~**188,000** customers
- ⚡ **>\$14 million** customer savings in 1<sup>st</sup> year
- ⚡ **2<sup>nd</sup> largest** electric supplier in NH



10.20.2024

**Community Power is transforming NH's energy economy!**



# 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  
Senior Energy Analyst  
Regulatory & Legislative Affairs  
Director of Energy Programs & Projects

Energy Portfolio  
Risk Mgmt.



Retail Customer  
Services & Data  
Mgmt.



Legal  
Accounting  
Banking



Community  
Engagement





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# Questions & Answers

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[www.cpcnh.org](http://www.cpcnh.org)



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*A Proud Member of Community  
Power Coalition of NH*

LAUNCH TIMING

2023

Canterbury | Dover | Enfield | Exeter | Hanover  
Harrisville | Lebanon | Nashua | Peterborough  
Plainfield | Portsmouth | Rye | Walpole

Spring 2024

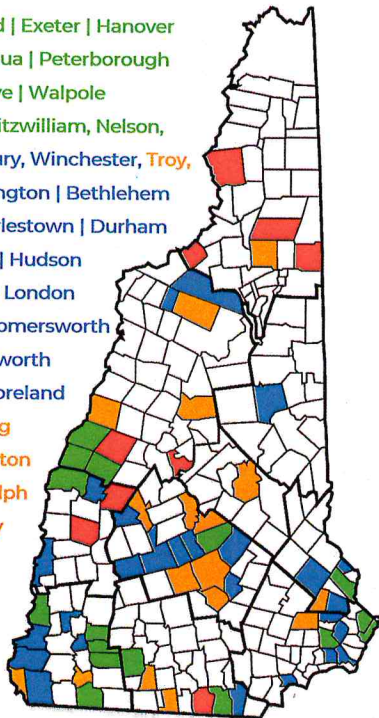
Cheshire County (Dublin, Fitzwilliam, Nelson,  
Chesterfield, Gilsom, Roxbury, Winchester, Troy,  
Hinsdale) | Atkinson | Barrington | Bethlehem  
Boscawen | Bradford | Charlestown | Durham  
Grantham | Hampton Falls | Hudson  
Kensington | Loudon | New London  
Newmarket | Pembroke | Somersworth  
Sugar Hill | Stratham | Tamworth  
Warner | Webster | Westmoreland

Fall 2024

Campton | Concord | Epping  
Franconia | Gilford | Hopkinton  
Lee | Lyme | Mason | Randolph  
Temple | Merrimack County  
(Bow, Franklin, Northfield,

Planning

Wilmot) | Berlin | Bristol  
Canaan | Dalton | Hollis  
Newport | Shelburne  
Springfield | Stratford



Information current as of July 1, 2024.

# Community Power – Fall 2024 Competitive Rates & Energy Options

Electricity Supply Rates for Residential, General Service, & Outdoor Lighting Customers  
Effective August 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025

Power Options		Renewable Content +	Rate (¢/kWh)	Estimated Cost per Month*
Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire	Clean 100	100%	12.0 ¢	~ \$78
	Clean 50	50%	10.0 ¢	~ \$65
	Granite Plus	33%	9.3 ¢	~ \$60
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+ Minimum content compliant with RSA 362-F – Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS). Total renewable content includes the NH RPS, set to increase to 25.2% in 2025, prior to NH Dept. of Energy reductions.

\*Based on avg. residential usage of 650 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month.

Check out our community webpages at [www.CommunityPowerNH.gov](http://www.CommunityPowerNH.gov) to learn more about our member's programs or call us at 1-866-603-POWR (7697).

Consumer Choice

Clean Energy



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Lower Rates

Local Control

**CPCNH.org**  
**CommunityPowerNH.gov**

**1-866-603-POWR (7697)**

# Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire

*A Community-Governed, Non-Profit Power Agency*

The Coalition represents over 60 New Hampshire communities and is governed “for communities, by communities.” We help expand energy choices for cities, towns, and counties statewide.

**What is Community Power?** Community Power allows electricity customers to save money and expand their energy choices through economy of scale. The program pools the electricity demand of participating customers to increase buying power and expand local control. Community Power is self-funded through electric bill payments. Community Power is voluntary; customers can opt-in, -out, -up, or -down any time.

**Who will deliver my electricity?** Electric distribution utilities (Eversource, Liberty, Unitil, NH Electric Co-op) continue to own and operate the electric grid, respond to outages, and bill customers.

## **Community Power Coalition of NH helps:**

- ⚡ Create value for communities by lowering rates, saving customers money, and expanding clean energy choices
- ⚡ Neighboring communities work together to develop beneficial local energy programs and projects
- ⚡ Provide public education and engagement on New Hampshire energy issues
- ⚡ Represent the interests of communities and customers at the legislature and Public Utilities Commission