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COMMUNITY POWER COALITION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Hudson Board of Selectmen

Update on progress to date and future timeline

Hudson Electric Aggregation Committee
July 26, 2002



Progress to date



CPCNH - "For Communities, By Communities"

- CPCNH is a NH non-profit Joint Powers Agency incorporated on October 1, 2021, whose mission is to foster resilient New Hampshire communities by empowering them to realize their energy goals.
- The Hudson Board of Selectmen authorized the Town Administrator to execute the Joint Powers Agreement and join CPCNH as a member on November 23, 2021.
- Over the past nine months, five additional municipalities have joined the Coalition's Membership, putting our collective 19 Members at approximately 20% of the state's population (not counting the population of Cheshire County). [Peterborough is expected to join CPCNH in August.]

Progress to date (cont.)







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- The Hudson Electric Aggregation Committee (HEAC) has been actively involved with various CPCNH committees and activities
- HEAC has been drafting an Electric Aggregation Plan (EAP) which will be ready for BOS review by late August

Timeline - 1



Coalition established as a Joint Powers Agency

Founding members execute the Coalition Joint Powers Agreement & incorporate the "Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire" as a new joint powers agency

Community Power Committee Established

Select Board directs Committee to prepare an Electric Aggregation Plan in compliance with RSA 53-E (Community Power Act)

Committee adopts Plan after Public Hearings

Committee (1) holds public meetings and incorporates public feedback and (2) adopts Plan "in the best, long-term interest" of ratepayers and community (RSA 53-E requirement); Select Board passes to Town Meeting for approval

March '23

Hudson

Community

Power Approved

Process Initiated

Hudson approves Coalition Joint Powers Agreement

Select Board votes to approve the Coalition Joint Powers Agreement, delegates signing authority, and designates primary and alternative representatives to serve on Board of Directors

Electric Aggregation Plan drafted

Data request submitted to utility

Coalition facilitates engagement, provides draft plan for Committee to finalize & provides advisory support throughout the process

Town Meeting approves Electric Aggregation Plan

Requires approval by a majority present and voting

Community Power program is officially established

Timeline - 2



Town Representatives oversee startup activities

Coalition Board of Directors oversees / adopts: Board policies, officers, standing committees, business planning, key staff hiring, competitive solicitation & contract negotiations with vendors (to launch programs)

NH Public Utilities Commission approves EAP

Town submits Electric Aggregation Plan for compliance review & approval

Coalition facilitates engagement & requests for clarifications or amendments to the plan

Select Board adopts Cost-Sharing Agreement

Hudson's Directors submit Coalition Cost-Sharing Agreement to Select Board for approval & recommend Coalition services to launch and operate Community Power Program (provided at no upfront cost)

Hudson Community Power Approved Coalition Prepares to Launch Programs

NH Public Utilities Commission adopts rules

The Coalition has been drafting rules with Commission staff & utilities, and is engaging throughout the public review process through CPA Administrative rule adoption

Select Board adopts Risk Management policies

Energy Risk Management and Financial Reserves policies submitted for approval, along with any associated delegation of authorities to Hudson's Directors (on Coalition Board)

Timeline - 3



Utilities provide detailed us age data

Coalition receives detailed energy usage data for customers in Hudson

Constructs load/price forecasts, energy portfolio strategy & conducts power procurement

Public Outreach Campaign

Coalition supports public events, virtual meetings, website and media relations, education re: Net Energy Metering and "opt-up" customer products and rates, and promotion of local programs

Customer notifications & Public Meeting

Coalition vendors activate customer call center

30+ days prior to launch: mailers sent to all customers

15 days after notification: public information meeting held

Coalition Prepares to Launch Programs Hudson Community Power Launched

Coalition oversees power procurement

Coalition Board of Directors oversees power procurement to meet Hudson's customer rate and portfolio content requirements (in compliance with Energy Risk Management & Financial Reserve policies)

Utilities provide customer mailing data

Customer names, addresses and account numbers received

Coalition prepares customer notifications with required disclosures

Program launch initiated

Coalition vendors establish services (integration, testing and compliance requirements)

Utilities notified of account switch-over via Electronic Data Interchange process

Future timeline overview



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- Editing and reviewing of initial drafts of the EAP by HEAC (Spring & Summer '22)
- Bring draft of the EAP to the BOS (Summer '22)
- Interview candidate power provider organizations; do due diligence on these organizations (started Fall '20 and ongoing)
- Work with BOS, etc. to get EAP to a point where the BOS is happy with it (Summer & Fall '22)
- Develop materials for educating Hudson voters about CPA (Spring Fall '22)
- Develop and submit warrant article (due to BOS by 11/1/22?)
- Conduct at least two public education sessions on CPA (Fall '22 & Winter '23)

Future timeline overview (cont.)



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- Recommend candidate power provider organization to the BOS (TBD could happen prior to the 2023 town meeting but doesn't necessarily need to)
- Town meeting (March '23)

The following assumes the EAP is approved by Hudson voters...

- Work with BOS to partner with selected power provider organization (TBD)
- Execute with CPCNH & selected power provider to bring Hudson Community Power online for Hudson's retail electricity customers (TBD)