

# BOSCAWEN COMMUNITY POWER

part of the



COMMUNITY  
POWER COALITION  
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*For communities, by communities.*

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## Benefits of Community Power

- **Local Control.** Democratizing energy procurement to the community level
- **Lower Costs.** Initial power purchasing by participating NH towns and cities has demonstrated lower rates than regulated utilities. For example, most recent CPC rates are 18% less than Unutil.
- **More Choice.** Community power is another choice available to residents
- **Renewables.** Build and buy clean energy; support more local renewables

## What is Community Power?

Community Power, authorized by [NH RSA 53-E](#), allows local governments to procure electric power on behalf of their residents, businesses, and municipal accounts. Your utility will continue to deliver electricity to you but instead of Unutil or Eversource purchasing supply, Boscawen Community Power will purchase supply through a coalition of communities across the state. This large pooled demand will enable us to compete for more favorable pricing.

Community Power empowers towns, cities, and counties to choose where their electricity supply comes from. In nine states plus NH, municipalities and counties have launched regional Community Power programs as a means of taking control of their combined electricity purchases, both to reduce the cost to consumers and to push for greater local control and support renewable energy options.

Community Power programs can help provide all citizens of Boscawen lower cost electric bills access to renewables, and energy-saving innovations.

## Who else is working on NH Community Power?

A Coalition of 39 NH communities and Cheshire County have or are developing Community Power Plans. In addition to Boscawen, these include the cities of Berlin, Dover, Lebanon, Nashua and Portsmouth; the Towns of Brentwood, Campton, Canterbury, Durham, Enfield, Exeter, Hancock, Hanover, Harrisville, Hudson, Loudon, Lyme, Newmarket, New London, Peterborough, Rye, Pembroke, Plainfield, Randolph, Rollinsford, Shelburne, Somersworth, Sugar Hill, Tamworth, Walpole, Warner, Webster, Westmoreland, and Wilmot.

## Do you have to join Community Power?

No. Just as it is possible today for a customer to choose a different energy supplier, any customer will be able to opt-out of the program and stay with the Unitil or Eversource for default supply or choose another competitive energy supplier. Any customer already on competitive supply will need to opt-in to switch to Boscawen Community Power.

## Will my bill be the same?

Your bill will look like it does now with one exception. Under the Supply, there will be a dollar amount and it will say “Cost of electricity from Boscawen Community Power.” For Delivery, there will be a dollar amount and it will say “Cost to deliver electricity from Eversource or Unitil.”

## Are taxpayers at risk if we launch Boscawen Community Power?

No. Joining CPCNH doesn't cost anything and doesn't commit a city or town or its residents to the programs of the CPCNH. Municipalities are under no financial obligation until they execute a cost-sharing agreement. Municipalities may withdraw from the Coalition prior to entering into a cost-sharing agreement without any financial obligation and withdraw at any time thereafter subject to the terms, conditions and continuing obligations specified in the cost-sharing agreement.

Community Power programs are to be self-funded from the revenue received from participating customers:

Members will be able to launch Community Power programs at no upfront expense through the CPCNH.

Program implementation and ongoing operating costs for each Member will be recovered post-launch through revenues from electricity sales.

There are no taxpayer funds required for a community to take power supply services through CPCNH. The cost to operate programs will be recovered through revenues associated with electricity sales (i.e., a small portion of the energy supply rate paid by each participating electric customer).

## The Coalition

The Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH) is a non-profit Joint Powers Agency, governed “by communities, for communities”, empowering towns, cities and counties across New Hampshire to:

1. Streamline the process for authorizing a Community Power program locally.
2. Share services and staff support across member cities, towns and counties.
3. Participate in joint electric supply solicitations and local project development opportunities.
4. Share knowledge and collaborate regionally on clean energy and resilient infrastructure development.
5. Speak with one voice at the Legislature and Public Utilities Commission on public advocacy issues related to energy and Community Power.