

Are taxpayers at risk if we join CPCNH or launch Pembroke Community Power?

No. Joining CPCNH doesn't cost anything and doesn't commit a city/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 self-funded from 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.
- All operating costs will be recovered in the customer rates set by each Member. 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).

CPCNH

The Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) is a non-profit Joint Powers Agency in development — governed “by communities, for communities” — that will empower 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 power 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.

For more information: <https://www.cpcnh.org>



Join us!

The Pembroke Select Board and the Pembroke Energy Committee will be forming a Community Power Committee to collect data, set goals, and draft a community power plan with the support of CPCNH. Contact the Pembroke Energy Committee at pembrokeenergycommittee@gmail.com if you would like to learn more!

Pembroke Community Power

Information brought to you by the Pembroke Energy Committee



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. Providing electricity supply involves being responsible for procuring electric generation (supply) to match customer loads (consumption) in real time – putting power into the grid to match what customers take out.

Community Power is also referred to as "Community Power Aggregation" (CPA) and as "Community Choice Aggregation" (CCA).

Community Power programs empower towns, cities, and counties to choose where their electricity supply comes from. In several states across the country, 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 production of more renewable energy.



Community Power programs can help provide all members of the community access to renewables and energy-saving innovations.

What will my bill look like?

Your bill will look just like it does now with one exception. The bill is broken into two parts: Supply and Delivery. Under the Supply, there will be a dollar amount and it will say "Cost of electricity from *Pembroke Community Power*." For Delivery, there will be a dollar amount and it will say "Cost to deliver electricity from Eversource."

3 Main Components of Community Power



Bulk Electricity Purchases

Currently each household and business purchases electricity on an individual basis. With Community Power, communities pool their purchasing power to create economies of scale. Informed bulk purchasing can stabilize and lower costs and can also expand choices like renewable energy options.



Electric Distribution Utilities

Under Community Power programs, the existing electric utility (Eversource), will continue to deliver power over their distribution system and arrange for transmission services to bring power to their systems from bulk generators throughout New England.



Value Added Retail Products & Services

Community Power can create a number of benefits for residents and businesses including: affordable rates, green power options, demand response and time varying rates, greater access to community solar, energy storage, or other technology innovations.



Benefits of Community Power

- Local Control - Democratizing energy procurement to the community level
- Lower Costs - MA, NY, CA and other markets have demonstrated lower rates than regulated utilities
- Renewables - Build and buy clean energy; support more local renewables
- Resilience and Innovation - New technologies, market competition, customer engagement

Who else is working on Community Power?

There are at least 18 communities in NH that are exploring and developing Community Power Plans. Hanover, Harrisville and Lebanon have already approved plans for their communities. Nashua, Exeter, Dover, Durham and Newmarket are also developing plans for Community Power programs and are hoping to implement programs in the coming year. Other towns, like Pembroke, are aiming for a 2023 launch.

Do you have to join Community Power?

No. Just as it is possible today for a customer to choose a different energy supplier, any retail, commercial, municipal and industrial customer will be able to enroll or stay with their current competitive energy supplier. One of Pembroke's main decisions is to decide upon the most appropriate enrollment mechanism for Pembroke Community Power.