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Community Power Coalition Announces First CEO

Brian Callnan is Uniquely Qualified to Lead New Statewide Power Agency

Concord – Today, [the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire](#) (CPCNH) announces Brian Callnan as the first Chief Executive Officer of CPCNH. Mr. Callnan is currently Vice President of Power Resources and Access for New Hampshire Electric Cooperative and will start as CEO of CPCNH on May 22.

“We are thrilled to announce this hire today,” stated April Salas who chaired the CEO Search Committee. “Mr. Callnan brings a breadth of experience to this position having managed the cooperative’s power resource portfolio strategy and we are confident that he will serve our members well,” continued Mrs. Salas.

Brian Callnan began his utility career twenty years ago as a Resource Planning Analyst at Burlington Electric Department with a focus on Energy Efficiency valuation and systems design. In 2007, he moved to Vermont Public Power Supply Authority, a joint action agency of 12 Vermont municipal electric systems. He became VPPSA’s Director of Power Supply and Transmission in 2010; in that position he was responsible for all aspects of power supply and transmission, including representation of public power in municipal government, the State of Vermont and the ISO-NE stakeholder process. He joined NHEC in 2017 as its Director of Power Resources and Access and later in 2019 as its Vice President of Power Resources and Access.

“I am looking forward to the opportunity to help deliver ratepayer savings throughout New Hampshire,” said Brian Callnan. “CPCNH will provide the tools to help accelerate the transition to a more economic and environmentally sustainable energy system for cities and towns in New Hampshire. I’m excited to get started,” concluded Callnan.

“This is an important milestone for the Coalition as Mr. Callnan brings demonstrated organizational leadership and innovative thinking to support our 33 member

communities' energy goals" said CPCNH Chair Clifton Below at it 2nd Annual Membership meeting.

Brian is an alumnus of the University of Colorado Leeds Business School and Deming Center for Entrepreneurship, and he holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Management with a focus in Resource Economics from the University of Vermont.

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Community Power, authorized under NH RSA 53-E, democratizes energy governance by empowering towns, cities, and counties to choose where their electricity supply comes from on behalf of their residents and businesses, work with utilities on local energy infrastructure upgrades, and provide electricity supply rates and services to all customers participating in the program.

Residents of the twelve towns and cities launching their community power programs this spring will benefit from lower electric bills and expanded energy choices, when the Coalition takes over as an alternative default electricity supplier for their communities. Under Community Power, electric distribution utilities continue to own and operate the power grid while local communities gain control over where their power is sourced from. Many more New Hampshire towns and cities have begun the process to launch their own programs in the coming months and years. A total of 32 municipalities and one county have already voted to join [the Community Power Coalition](#) and are currently in the process of developing their own Community Power Programs

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