



**COMMUNITY  
POWER COALITION  
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
*For communities, by communities.*

**2024 Legislative &  
Policy Platform**  
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## **2024 Legislative & Policy Positions:**

### **Advancing Community Benefits through Open Access to the Electric System**

CPCNH supports non-discriminatory open access to the electric system for wholesale and retail transactions. Ensuring the equitable treatment of all customers – whether on competitive supply, community default service, or utility default service – is of paramount importance in achieving an affordable, equitable, and market-based sustainable energy transition in New Hampshire.

#### **CPCNH supports actions that:**

- ⚡ Leverage the buying power of our members to deliver more cost-effective, clean, and reliable energy solutions available for our customers.
- ⚡ Enable greater competition in retail electricity markets and allow competitive electricity power suppliers (CEPS) and CPAs the same opportunities to compete to serve customers as electric distribution utilities (EDUs).
- ⚡ Uphold cost-causation ratemaking principles and ensures that costs and benefits produced by CEPS or CPAs stay within those CEPS and CPA customers and vice versa with utility default customers.
- ⚡ Reduce the costs for all consumers of electricity by harnessing the power of competitive markets for wholesale and retail electricity services.
- ⚡ Provide enhanced access to production, distribution, and anonymous consumption data of electric power so that everyone from ratepayers to legislators and regulators can make well informed decisions.
- ⚡ Clarify that CPAs can contract with customer-generators between 1-5MW through net energy metering (NEM) programs as “load reducers” when such customer-generators are CPA customers and not on utility default service.

#### **CPCNH opposes actions that:**

- ⚡ Restrict or foreclose the existing authority and ability of CPAs to access the electric system under RSA 53-E, RSA 362-A, and RSA 374-F:2.
- ⚡ Impede CPCNH’s ability to serve its customers and launch new CPA programs.
- ⚡ Reverse decades of state policy to promote competition in the electricity markets by expanding the utility monopoly over retail market functions.



- ⚡ Socialize and/or shift costs from utility default service onto competitive supply and CPA service.

## **Increasing Innovation through Local Control, Equity & Community Development**

CPCNH supports protecting local control and autonomy for its CPA Members, especially with regards to finances, power procurement, reliability, customer data and billing services, and the development of local projects and customer programs. This will safeguard CPCNH's ability to innovate and create new value for its communities and customers.

### **CPCNH supports actions that:**

- ⚡ Allow communities to promote renewable and distributed energy development, energy efficiency programs, price stability, access to innovative energy products, services, and rates, and local economic benefits through local control.
- ⚡ Expands distributed behind-the-meter (BTM) solar generation such that it lowers the delivered cost of power, enhances system optimization, creates local employment, and has positive environmental impact.
- ⚡ Encourages westerly facing BTM solar photovoltaics (PV) and/or southerly-facing BTM solar PV combined with battery storage to enhance avoided cost value.
- ⚡ Allow NEM customer generators to be compensated fairly for the power they produce and for all the costs that are avoided by this production.
- ⚡ Support energy storage designed to target load reductions such that they occur during periods of higher avoided cost value.
- ⚡ Encourage the adoption of low- and zero-emission vehicle standards to protect public health.
- ⚡ Incentivize the efficient build-out of zero-emission or electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

### **CPCNH opposes actions that:**

- ⚡ Detract from existing CPA authority under RSA 53-E, RSA 53-A, RSA 53-F, RSA 374- D, RSA 38-D, RSA 33-B, RSA 674:2, and RSA 155-A:2, V.

## **Enforcement of Laws, Market Rules, and Regulations**

CPCNH supports full compliance with statutory requirements, rules, and regulations by electric distribution utilities (EDUs) and market participants so that CPCNH may serve all CPA customers equitably and prevent undue harm on any



customers, including but not limited to those who elect to participate in net energy metering and time-varying electric rates.

**CPCNH supports actions that:**

- ⚡ Ensure that EDUs are in full compliance with RSA 53-E and the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Municipal and County Aggregation rules (Puc 2200 rules).
- ⚡ Ensure NEM customer usage and export information for a CEPS or a CPA is accurately captured and commensurately credited to the CEPS or CPA in load settlement.
- ⚡ Protect CPCNH's financial sustainability, its ability to be responsive to local priorities, and its ability to promote the common good and general welfare by supporting the economic vitality and prosperity of local communities.
- ⚡ Support all well-conceived efforts to expand energy efficiency programs that benefit everyone.

**CPCNH opposes actions that:**

- ⚡ Weakens or eliminates CPA rules and regulations applicable to EDUs and market participants.

**Administrative Authority:**

Individuals who should be authorized by the Board to field inquiries and/or to engage with policymakers, the media, and the public on matters related to LSR 24- 2332.1 are the CPCNH Chair, CEO and/or designated staff, RLAC Chair and/or designated committee member, and legislative advocates under contract to CPCNH.