

The City of Portsmouth is pursuing Community Power – increasing the electric energy options available for all residents

Community Power Is Coming to You!

Community Power, authorized by NH RSA 53-E, allows local governments to procure electric power on behalf of their residents, businesses, and municipal accounts. Community Power empowers towns, cities, and counties to choose their source of electric energy. This program allows residents to take advantage of this pooled supply, stay with Eversource or a 3rd party supplier.

There are three main components of Community Power:

- Bulk Electricity Purchases
- Electric Distribution Utilities
- The Community Benefits by having access to, for example, green power options

What is Community Power?

New Hampshire cities, towns, and counties procure electric power supply on behalf of their residents and businesses and provide related services.



Pooled Purchasing Power for Energy Supply

- Access to competitive markets
- Joint risk management = lower costs & price stability
- Option to source power locally & build new renewables



Utility Company Delivers Power

- Utilities own & maintain power grid
- Connecting generation to load
- Ensuring reliable electric service



Communities Benefit from Value Added Services

- Affordable rates
- Access to green power options
- Time-of-Use rate options
- Solar, storage, electric vehicle support

Enabling Legislation: [RSA 53-E, Relative to Aggregation of Electric Customers by Municipalities & Counties](#)

Community Power offers several community benefits for residents and businesses including:

- Local Control
- Competitive Rates
- Availability to Renewables
- Resilience & Innovation

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 & Buy Clean Energy Support more local renewables



Resilience & Innovation

New Technologies Market Competition Price Signals Customer Empowerment

Make Your Voice Heard!

We want your feedback and hear your questions to inform Portsmouth's Community Aggregation Electric Plan. In the coming months, the Portsmouth Energy Advisory Committee will be working with the City, and a variety of community stakeholders, to further communicate, educate and continue the dialogue to formulate this Plan.

For more information about Portsmouth Community Power: <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/citycouncil/mayors-blue-ribbon-portsmouth-energy-advisory-committee>

