## **Coalition Overview**

Q1 2023





## **Agenda**

- Overview of the Coalition & Power Agency Team
- 2 Coalition Technical Assessment & Financial Forecast
- 3 Wave 1 Launch Process & Enabling Agreements
- 4 Reference Documents

## What is Community Power?

New Hampshire cities, towns, and counties can become **default electricity provider** for their residents + businesses and provide related services:



Economies of Scale

Communities manage an

**Energy Supply Portfolio** 

Grid Reliability
Utility Company
Delivers Power

Lower Rates & Product Choices

Communities benefit from

New Services & Programs



## Overview of the Coalition & Power Agency Team



## Coalition: "for Communities, by Communities"

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- l. Chair Clifton Below, City of **Lebanon** (alternate Greg Ames)
- 2. Vice Chair Kevin Charette, City of Portsmouth (alt. Peter Rice)
- 3. Treasurer Kimberly Quirk, Town of **Enfield** (alt. Jo-Ellen Courtney)
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- 13. Director April Salas, Town of **Hanover** (alt. Peter Kulbacki)
- 14. Director Nick Devonshire, Town of Exeter (alt. Julie Gilman)
- 15. Director Jordan Applewhite, Town of Sugar Hill (alt. Margo Connors)
- 16. Director Christopher Parker, City of **Dover** (alt. Jackson Kaspari)
- 17. Director Kent Ruesswick, Town of Canterbury (alt. Howard Moffett)
- 18. Director Toni Weinstein, Town of Newmarket (alt. Steve Fournier)
- 19. Director Craig Putnam, Town of **Hudson** (alt. Kate Messner)
- 20. Director Marty Bender, Town of Webster (alt. David Hemenway)
- 21. Director Clyde Carson, Town of Warner (alt. George Packard)
- 22. Director Steve Walker, Town of **Peterborough** (alt. Danica Melone)
- 23. Director Terry Clark, County of **Cheshire** (alt. Chris Coates)
- 24. Director Jamie Hess, Town of New London (alt. Tim Paradis)
- 25. Director Matt Miller, Town of **Pembroke** (alt. Jackie Wengenroth)
- 26. Director Mark Terry, Town of Westmoreland (alt John Snowdon)
- 27. Director Lisa Sweet, Town of Rye (alt. Howard Kalet)

#### **COMMITTEES**

Executive Finance Risk Management

CEO & Staff Regulatory & Member Operations & Legislative Affairs Engagement

(Audit & Governance Committees under formation)

#### **OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**



Clifton Below Chair

City of Lebanon
Assistant Mayor & City



Matt Miller Chair, Risk Management

**Town of Pembroke** Energy Committee



Kim Quirk Treasurer

**Town of Enfield**Energy Committee



Lisa Sweet Chair, Member Operations

**Town of Rye** Energy Committee



Kevin Charette
Vice Chair





Mandy Merrill Chair, Regulatory & Legislative Affairs





Evan Oxenham Secretary

**Town of Plainfield** Energy Committee



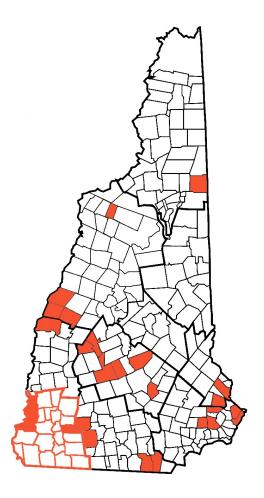
April Salas
Chair of CEO &
Staff Search

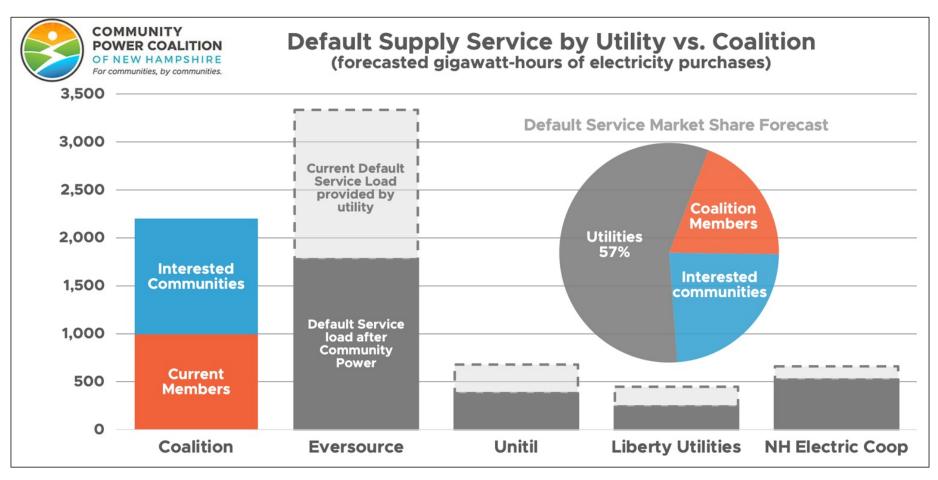
**Town of Hanover** Sustainability Director

## **Rapid Membership Growth**

Membership has doubled over the past year, to 27 members, and 45+ are interested in joining.

#### **Current Members**





The Coalition is poised to become the largest default Load Serving Entity in New Hampshire!

## **Streamlined CPA Program Implementation**

Step-by-step plans, custom logos & websites, FAQs & community outreach materials (etc.)

















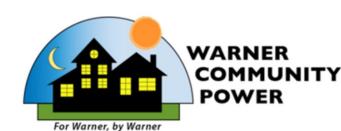












(more under formation)





## **Org Chart**

Wave 1 **Members** 

Wave 2 **Members**  **Plainfield Community Power** 

**Exeter Community Power** 

**Rye Community Power** 

**Peterborough Community Power** 

**Harrisville Community Power** 

**Lebanon Community Power** 

**Hanover Community Power** 

**Walpole Community Power** 

**Nashua Community Power** 

**Cheshire Community Power** 

**Durham Community Power** 

**Enfield Community Power** 

Brentwood, Canterbury, Dover, Hancock, Hudson, New London, Newmarket, Pembroke,

**Citizens of New Hampshire** 

Portsmouth, Shelburne, Sugar Hill, Webster, Warner, Westmoreland & Wilmot



**Risk Management** Committee



Regulatory & Legislative **Affairs Committee** 



**Member Operations & Engagement Committee** 



**CEO Search Committee** 

**"truesearch** 

(Executive Search firm)



**Executive Committee** 

**Finance Committee** 

**Audit Committee** 

**Governance Committee** 

**Project Committees** (Ad Hoc)

Committees not yet active

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** 





Michael Postar, Esq. DWGP, P.C.



Eli Emerson, Esq. **Primmer Piper** 

#### **Consultants (until staff hired)**

**General Counsel & NH Legal Advice** 



Samuel Golding Community Choice Partners Herndon Enterprises



**Henry Herndon** 

#### **POWER AGENCY OPERATIONS**

**Revenue Custodian** 

**Load Serving Entity** 

**Retail Customer Services** 

**Supply Portfolio Risk Management** 

**Community & Media Support** 































## **Operated by Expert Contractors**

Months of competitive solicitations assembled a team of industry-leading advisors and professional service providers experienced in launching CPAs to operate our power agency and provide support services:



**Energy Hedging, Planning &** Portfolio Risk Management



**ISO-NE Market Participant** + Retail Customer Services



**Member Services & Public Engagement** 



**General Counsel & Legal Services** 





**Start-up Consultants** 



**HERNDON ENTERPRISES** 

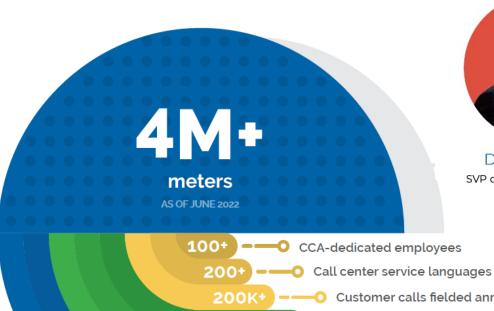
Revenue Controls & **Accounting Services** 



## Wholesale & Retail Services Team CEALPINE ENERGY SOLUTIONS



Industry leader: launched 20+ CPA Joint Power Agencies (like Coalition) & serves 4+ million customers





Drake Welch SVP of Community Power



Paula White

**VP** Operations



Marcus Dotson VP Retail Commodity



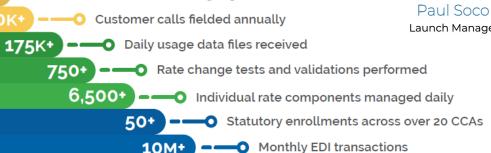
Launch Manager



Joshua Brock **VP Commercial Operations** 



Sam Schmidt **VP** Applications







Matthew Leia Manager of Systems Support



Santiago Chuck Director of Products and Services

Calpine's team includes significant call center agent capacity and an additional ~20 support staff to manage CPCNH data and billing operations.

## Wholesale & Retail Services



Calpine will serve as Load Serving Entity & enable advanced rates / services for CPA customers

- Load Serving Entity (LSE) & Market Participant services for ISO-NE wholesale market participation + credit support (for ISO-NE collateral and twice-weekly market invoices)
- ✓ Retail Customer Services: customer notices, utility data management, billing & call center services + advanced rate structures:
  - Time of Use Rates
  - Market-based pricing (market pass-through, hourly / monthly caps, floors, collars, & real-time pricing)
  - Group and individual Net Energy Metering (NEM)
  - On-bill product options for customers
- **✗** Value-added services:
  - NEM Independent Monitor (customer-generated RECs)
  - Digital Customer Portal options
  - Technical support for strategic regulatory initiatives
  - Performance-Based Residential EE & Electrification Programs
- ✓ Financial Support: \$750k in startup funding + donating 2% of fees / year to local nonprofits + \$250k credit for software-driven Distributed Energy procurement (Recurve platform; next slide)
- ✓ Data access platform & local program / project software tools (next slide)

## Value-Added Data Services

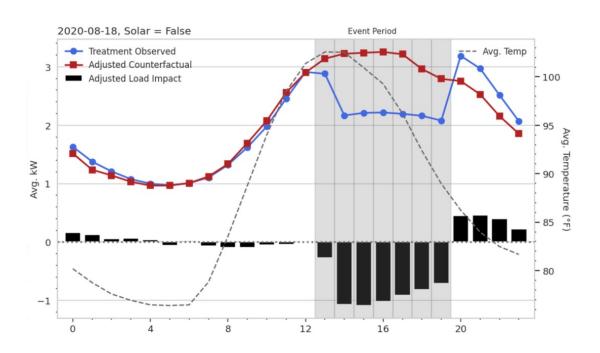


Calpine will help enable Coalition in-house data capabilities & analytics for local programs

## Data-driven software to procure Distributed Energy (Recurve Platform)

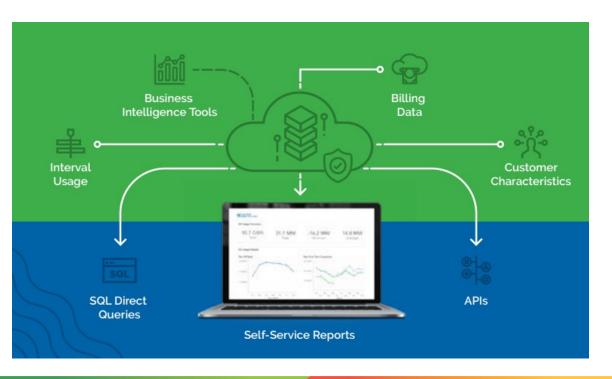
Values actual \$ impact of efficiency, demand response, & distributed generation based on weather-adjusted usage.

Used by CPAs to target, plan, and create "virtual power plants" out of customer resources to lower wholesale risk.



#### **Unparalleled Transparency & Access to CPA Data**

- Direct access to CPA data managed by Calpine
- ✓ Log-ins for Coalition staff to use Customer Relationship Management software
- ✓ Integration of CPA data → Coalition data warehouse



## **Energy Risk Management Team**

## Ascend

#### Industry leader in "software for the energy transition"

**Experts in power portfolio risk management:** market simulation, hedging & project solicitations

**Extensive client list:** N. America's more advanced Community Power Agencies, utilities, financial traders, and RE + storage project developers



Dr. Gary Dorris

President of Ascend Analytics



Scott Wrigglesworth VP Operations & Strategy



Dr. Allison Weis

VP Optimization



Dr. Carlos Blanco

Managing Director of
Analytics Solutions



Justin Brickhouse
Director of Storage
& RE Operations

#### **Services include:**

- . Hosted software platform:
  - SmartBidder (wholesale market bidding)
  - PowerSIMM Portfolio Manager (hedging)
  - PowerSIMM Planner (projects)
  - ISO-NE Market Intelligence (0-30-year forecasts)
- 2. Risk Management services: committee support, market & counterparty monitoring, portfolio reporting & analysis, short-to-long-term planning, hedging & rate setting, enterprise risk management advice & local project solicitations, etc.
- **3.** Credit support to launch CPAs (\$8.5M)



or. Brent Nelsor

Director of Market Intelligence



Dr. Brent Nelson Dr. Brandon Mauch

Manager of Resource Planning Analytics



Michael Ballow

Director of Analytics and Strategy



Rishi Sahay, CFA



Robert LaFaso

Director of Portfolio Analytics ISO Monitoring & Compliance Analyst

+ ~30 analysts support procurement and portfolio risk management

## **Energy Portfolio Risk Management Services**

Provides "Software and Services" working with our Board & Risk Management Committee

Fees decrease if the Coalition hires staff to assume risk management responsibilities



#### **Optional transition to staff**

Ascend's fees decrease if Coalition hires Staff to assume responsibilities:

Year 1 100% Ascend team

Year 2 up to 50% Coalition

**Year 3** up to 70% transition to Coalition staff experts

Ascend will help train staff to build in-house capacity & self-reliance

#### **Continuous Monitoring & Optimization of Portfolio**

#### REPORT CREATION & DELIVERY

PowerSIMM analytic outputs are pushed to automated report creation. Ascend staff may review for accuracy and push via desired distribution methods. Ascend SMEs to offer observations and recommendations.

#### **POWERSIMM MODELING**

PowerSIMM churns to produce accurate asset valuation, burn, and cost projections with meaningful uncertainty through stochastic simulation



#### LOAD FORECAST & RESOURCE UPDATES

Any client updates to its short/medium load forecasts and/or resource updates (outages, parameters) via automated process.

#### TRADE UPDATES

Any client trades are updated via automated template upload for proper position and risk reporting from the analytics platform.

#### **AUTOMATED CURVE HARVESTS**

Ascend CurveDeveloper will harvest liquid market forward curves from public or client subscription services.

#### **DECISION MAKING**

The client absorbs delivered reporting and evaluates vs risk policy threshold; decisions lead to hedging and other decisions.

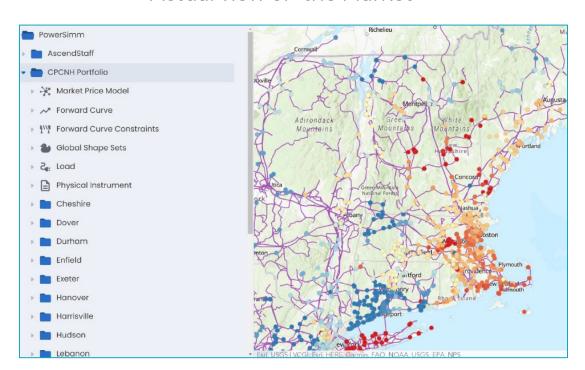
## **Energy Modeling, Hedging & Project Contracts**

Better understanding risk exposures → better risk management decision-making
Ascend has evaluated 500+ project offers since 2018 (2,500+ MW of RE+storage deals)



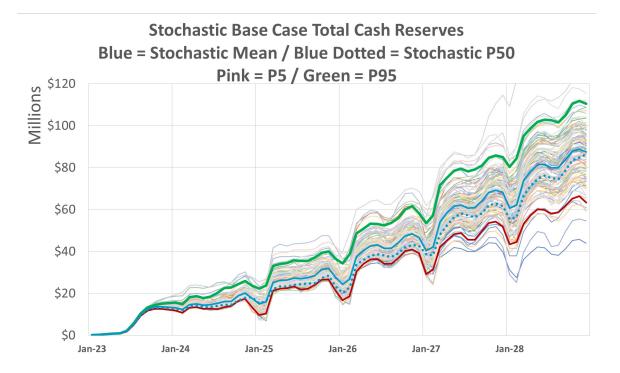
#### **PowerSIMM Portfolio Manager Interface**

Actual view of "the Market"



#### **PowerSIMM Portfolio Manager Outputs**

CPA Reserves x 100 simulation runs



Models capture physical topology + bidding dynamics of ISO-NE + 100s of probabilistic future scenarios

## Technical Assessment & Financial Forecast

Base Case Economics (across 100 simulations)

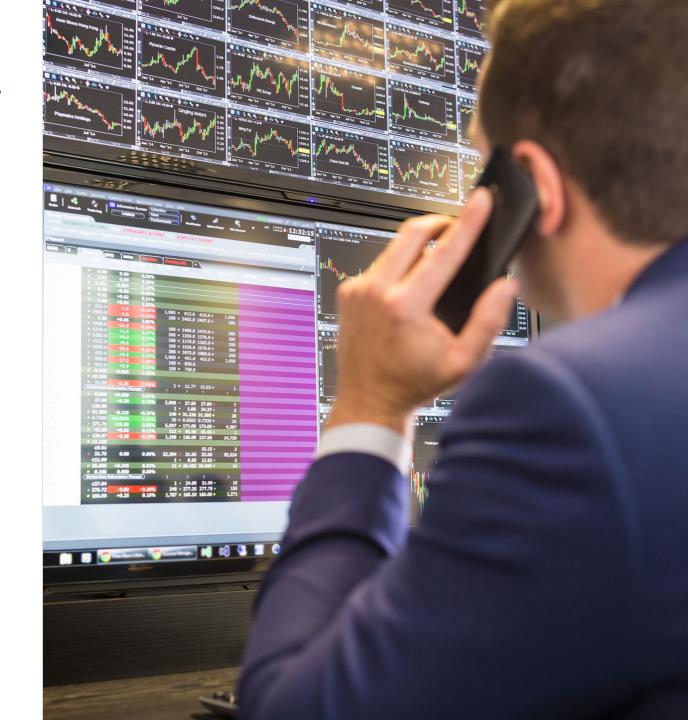
Scenarios & Stress-Tests

Local Project Development Economics

Rate & Headroom (margin) Forecast

Breakout: Wave 1 CPA Benefits

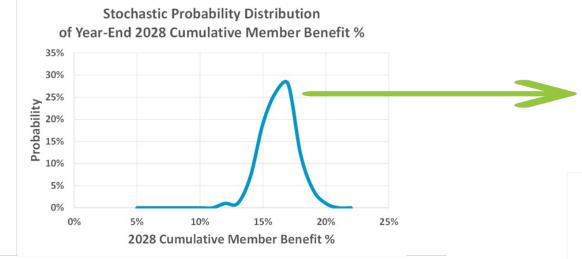




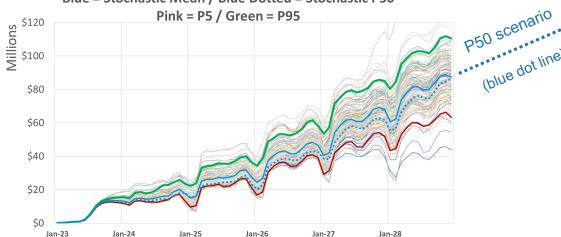
### 'Base Case' Forecast Results

Coalition is financially competitive: ~16% less cost than utility default x 100+ future price scenarios

#### 100+ power simulations yield probability forecasts:



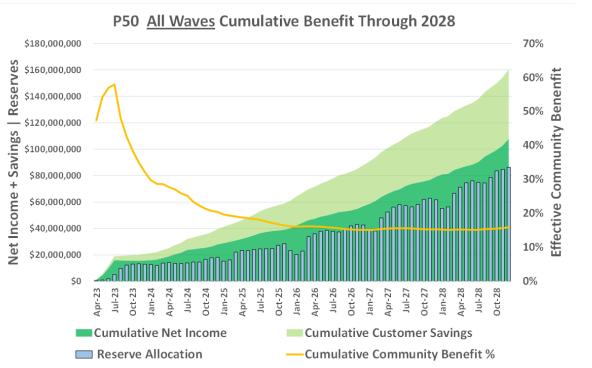
#### Blue = Stochastic Mean / Blue Dotted = Stochastic P50 **Pink = P5 / Green = P95**



**Stochastic Base Case Total Cash Reserves** 

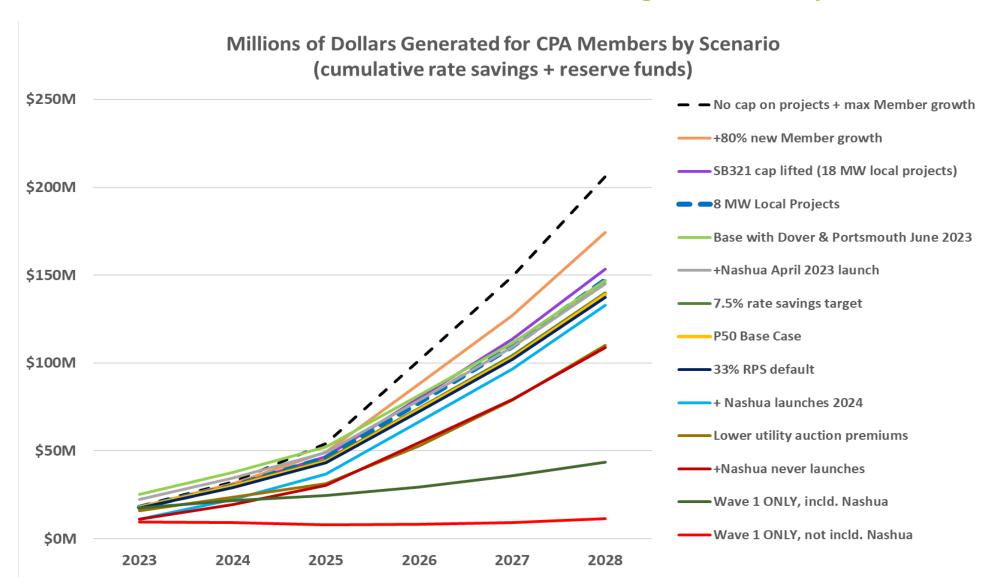
#### Median (P50) expected outcome by 2028:

- → ~\$60MM in customer savings
- → ~\$85MM+ in financial reserves
- **Net benefit = average 16%+ lower cost than utility** (forecast range between >13.5% up to <20%)
- 2028: achieves A investment-grade credit rating



### **Scenario & Stress-Test Results**

Dozen+ scenarios simulated to assess launch conditions & range of financial performance



## **Local Project Opportunity**

#### The Coalition can build new local projects for 30%+ less cost than purchasing market power

- ✓ Reserves enable Coalition to execute long-term contracts (w/ CPA approval) to build local projects
- ✓ Senate Bill 321 pilots: local clean projects < 5MW credited as 'load reducer' for CPAs</p>
  - Local generation lowers wholesale energy + transmission + capacity charges
  - Worth > \$200/MWh (on average)
- ✓ Inflation Reduction Act of 2022: direct pay or tax credit incentives = up to 50% of cost offset
  - 30% baseline incentive
  - +10% bonus for brownfield
  - +10% bonus for <u>low-income</u> <5 MW</li>
  - PLUS: <5MW installed in <u>low-income</u> zones can include interconnection costs
- ★ Ascend's scope includes local project solicitations, valuation, and contracting support

Community Projects generate \$millions / year extra (strong competitive advantage)



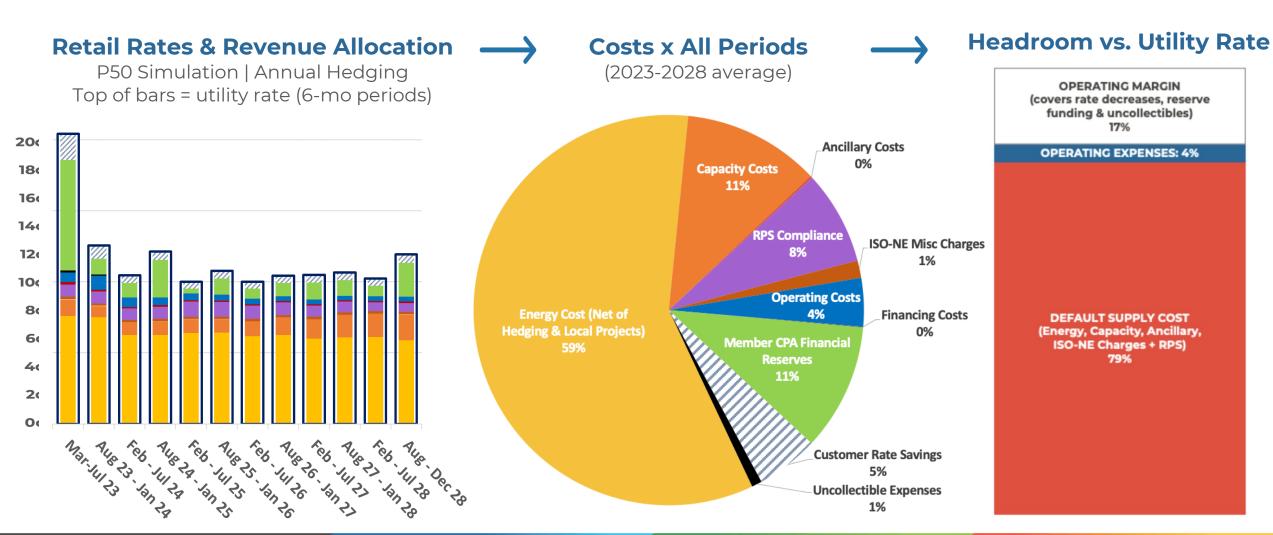
Nashua zones additional tax credits under IRA



Low Income (green shading) + Brownfield Sites (brown dots)

### **CPA Rates & Headroom Forecast**

Base rates are <u>uniform across CPAs</u> in each utility territory & change w/ utilities to maintain discount Deferred implementation costs = 0.01% of revenues (forecast 0.019¢/ kWh repaid for 5 years)
Steady-state cost of operating our own power agency = 4% of revenues (competitive business model)



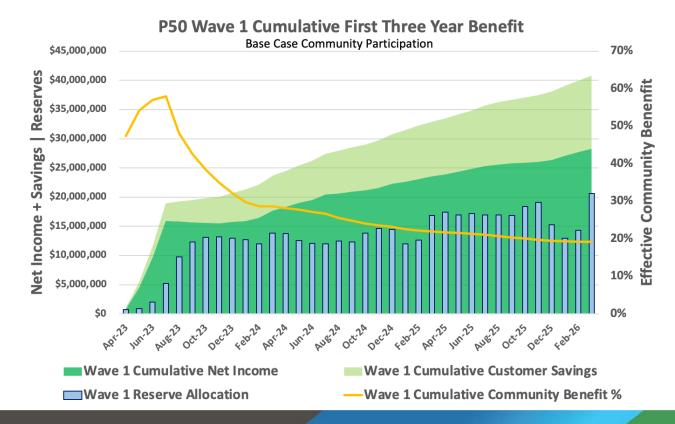
### **Wave 1 Member Benefits**

Financial benefits are <u>substantial</u> due to current market conditions & outlook

#### **Forecasted Benefits**

Member Service Contract initial 36-month term:

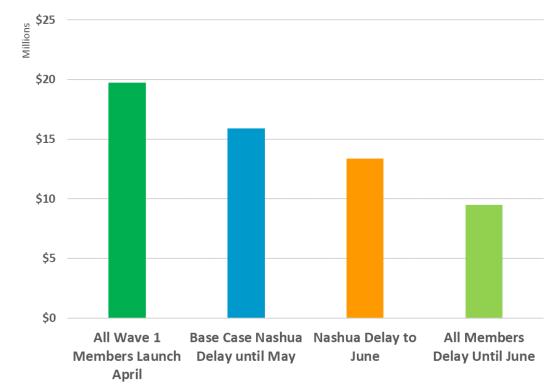
- ★ \$12.5M in customer savings
- ★ \$20-30M in financial reserves
- ✓ Net benefit = 19% lower costs vs utility rates



#### **Key Takeaways**

- ✓ Utility auction premiums = all-time high
- ✓ Delayed launch foregoes \$ millions in benefits

Decrease in CPA Reserves from Delaying Launch From April to June 2023 (\$ millions)



## Wave 1: Community Power Launch Process

**Execute Coalition Agreements** 

Authorize Procurement

Select Rates

Launch!





## **Enabling Agreements**

All Member CPAs are provided services under the same set of governing agreements

#### 1. Cost Sharing Agreement

- ✓ Overarching framework to categorize & allocate costs across Member CPAs
- Enables Member to execute Service Contracts & Project Contracts (listed under Exhibits)

#### 2. Member Services Contract: Complete Services Bundle

- "Complete Service Bundle" for turnkey launch & operation of CPA program
- ✓ Authorizes Coalition to provide CPA services & collect revenues for 3+ year term
  - Early termination option (provided that no costs shifted to other CPAs)
- ✓ Member's individual "Authorized Official" may be delegated authority over key decisions:
  - Option to defer participation in procurement (delays launch of CPA)
  - Option to choose rate products offered by CPA (default & premium products)
  - Option to collect discretionary reserves (rate adder for CPA's individual use)
- References Policies (below) to govern decision-making

#### 3. Energy Risk Management, Retail Rates & Financial Reserves Policies

- ✓ Contract + Policies govern procurement, ratesetting & reserve decisions for all CPAs.
- 4. Data Security & Privacy Policy
  - Ensures individual customer data is held confidential (pursuant to NH Law & Regulations).

## **Implementation Process Steps**

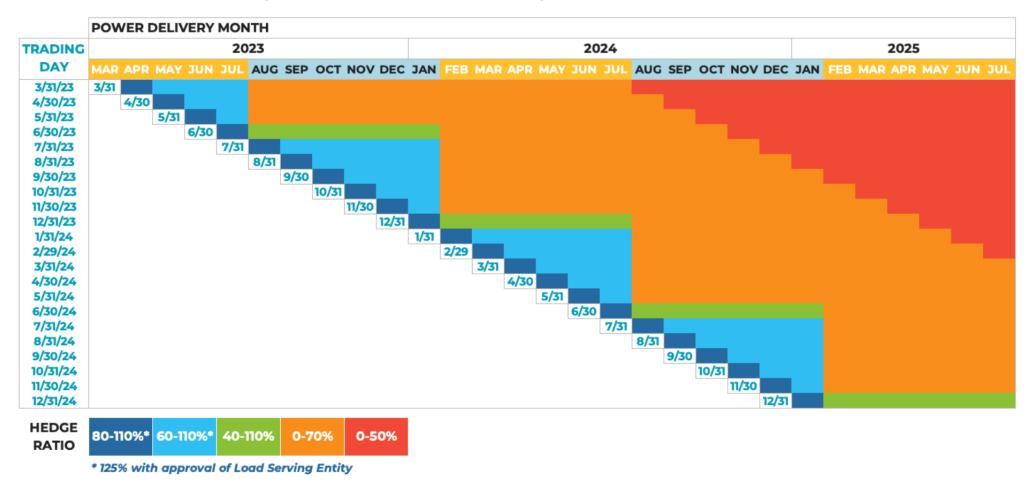
Sign Enabling Agreements → Authorize Procurement → Select Rate Products → Launch!

☐ 1. Each Member's Governing Body adopts Enabling Agreements
Approves final Electric Aggregation Plan updates required for launch + Amended JPA (if not previously adopted
Adopts Coalition's Data Security, Energy Portfolio Risk Management, Rates, & Reserves policies
Adopts (and signatory executes) Cost Sharing Agreement and "Complete Service Bundle" contract
Designates "Authorized Officer" for "go/no-go" procurement decision and rate product selection
2. Risk Management Committee (RMC) meets to assess market conditions
Committee votes to authorize power procurement (Yes or No) to meet target rates
Authorized Officer can verbally opt-out of Wave 1 procurement at meeting to defer launch of CPA
<ul> <li>Coalition procures power hedges (pursuant to <u>Energy Portfolio Risk Management Policy</u>)</li> </ul>
☐ 3. Risk Management & Finance Committee meetings to deliberate rates w/ public inp
RMC finalizes rates for all products, recommended for Board approval (pursuant to <u>Rates &amp; Reserves policies</u> )
Governing Body or Authorized Officer selects recommended default & optional rate products
■ 4. Coalition Board reviews and approves rates
Coalition publishes rates, notifies utilities, mails customer notifications, prepares enrollment and opt-ins/outs
Member holds public hearing within 15 days of mailers being sent (Coalition supports)
□ 5. CPA launch → customers enrolled & power flows!

## Rolling Procurement & Risk Management

Risk Regulations require Coalition to hedge CPA load on a rolling, forward basis to manage price-risk Ascend reports weekly & Risk Management Committee meets monthly (at least) to authorize hedging

Coverage Ratio Requirements (hedged positions as a % of CPA load)



## **Financial Reserves Targets**

Reserves Policy requires collection of "joint reserves" so CPAs remain stable w/ competitive rates Policy targets = reserve covers 60 days of expenses by year  $3 \rightarrow 120$  days by year 5:

#### **Financial Reserve Targets**

(# days of CPA expenses that funds could cover)



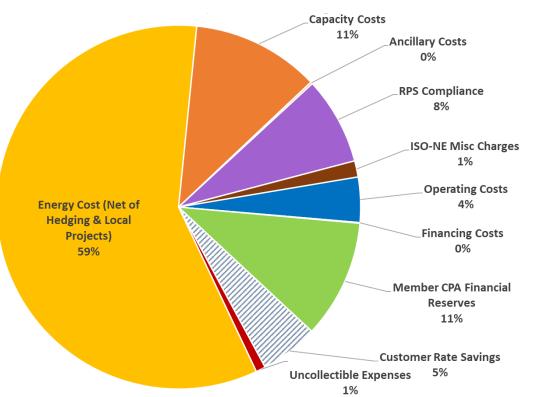
## **Ratesetting & Product Selection**

Policy requires rates to cover cost of CPA power supply + operations + reserve fund contributions

Rates change with utilities (every 6 month) to ensure discount + implement Member CPA product choices

#### 1. 'Granite Basic' Cost Forecast

(5-year forecast average shown; actual %s will vary by period)



#### 2. Rates set by Coalition to cover costs + reserves

**Granite Basic:** default rate covers all costs + reserves

Granite Plus, Clean 50 & Clean 100: + rate adder for RPS / GHG free

PRODUCT	CONTENT *	MEMBER ELECTIONS
Granite Basic	Minimum RPS Content (23.4%)	Default, opt-down/in, or N/A**
Granite Plus	33% Renewable or Carbon Free	Default, opt-up/in, or N/A**
Clean 50	50% Renewable or Carbon Free	Opt-up/in or N/A
Clean 100	100% Renewable or Carbon Free	Opt-up/in or N/A

<sup>\*</sup> Specified percentages are minimums (floors).

#### 3. Member CPAs select Products

Members select (1) which products to offer as default / opt-in and (2) whether to collect additional reserves for Member's sole use\*

\*NOTE: discretionary reserves won't be enabled in time for April 2023 launch

<sup>\*\*</sup> One of these two products must be offered as Default Service.

## **Cost Sharing Agreement**

Power Agency + power supply costs are shared across CPAs based on "cost causation principles"

#### **Cost Allocation Summary**

CLASSIFICATION	COST FACTOR	ALLOCATION METHOD	
General & Administrative	All Costs	\$/MWh forecasts and annual true-up to pro rata share of <u>actual</u> "Annual Retail Electricity Load" (JPA defined term)	
Direct Project	Costs identified in Project Contracts	As specified in Project Contracts	
	Unanticipated Costs	As directed by Project Committee vote; alternatively, Member Project Contract participation share %	
CPA Member Services	All Requirements Electricity	Member CPA actual cost	
Power Supply	Net Hedging	\$/MWh (across all CPAs) <u>or</u> actual cost (for each CPA)	
	Optional / Opt-Up Products	Member CPA actual cost	
Operations	Allocated Staff, Overhead & Misc. Svc	\$/MWh	
	Member CPA Compliance Costs	Member CPA actual cost	
	General Compliance Costs	\$/MWh	
	Financing and Credit Support	\$/MWh (across all CPAs) <u>or</u> actual cost (for each CPA)	
	Portfolio & Risk Management Services	\$/MWh	
	ISO-NE Load Serving Entity (LSE) Services	\$/MWh	
	Marketing & Community Services	\$/MWh	
	Customer Notifications	\$/Notice	
	Data Management & Billing Services	\$/Meter	
	Call Center & Customer Services	\$/Meter	
	Local Program Design, Admin & Finance	\$/MWh (across all CPAs) <u>or</u> actual cost (for each CPA)	
Elective Services	Additional services as authorized by the Board		

Unfair cost allocation is a major risk (political stability)

Each CPA pays their own costs to the max extent practical

Transparency & oversight mechanisms:

- Monthly cost reports
- Quarterly / annual financial statements
- Board-ordered financial audits
- Joint Powers Agreement permits Members to inspect "books and records of the Corporation"

Costs recovered from CPA rates - or grants / 3rd party sources - per RSA 53-E

- Coalition sets rates to cover full costs + reserve collections
- No recourse to municipalities / taxpayers

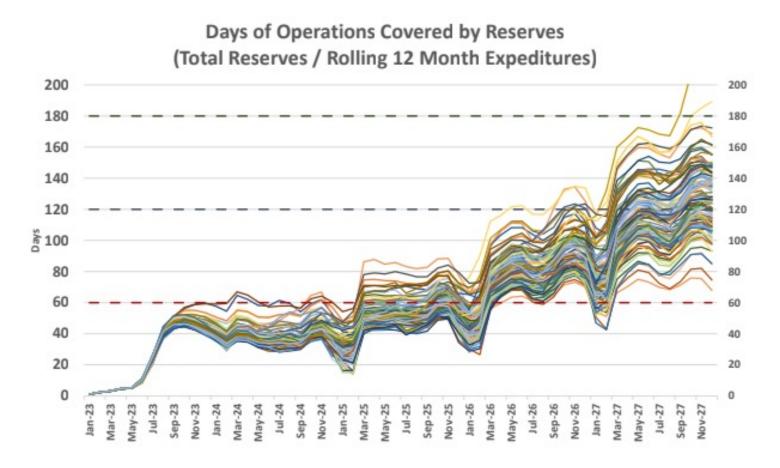
#### **CPA's revenues from customers**

Minus costs allocated to CPA

= Joint reserves allocated to CPA

## **Financial Reserve Forecast**

Reserve requirements are forecasted, collected in rates, and monitored / adjusted over time to meet targets Projected range of reserves across 100 future price simulations (forward price updated 1/20/23):



## **Contract Term & Exit Ramp Options**

Coalition procures power on an active, rolling basis up to 36 months out, adjusting rates & reserves every 6 months (maintains discount to utilities) — until CPA terminates service

After execution of Member Services Contract...

- ✓ Risk Management Committee convenes to authorize procurement for CPA
- Member's "Authorized Official" participates & can elect to defer procurement & delay launch (contract can be terminated at any time before procurement is authorized)

After procurement authorization...

- ✓ Risk Management Committee meets each month (or as-needed) to authorize hedging.
- ★ Risk Policy allows (partial) hedging up to 36 months out to capture risk management benefits.
- CPA has three options to terminate contract:
  - 1. During first 12-months, CPA may submit notice to terminate at conclusion of 36-month term
  - 2. After first 12-months, CPA may terminate w/ 36-month advance notice at any time
  - 3. Early termination: **CPA may terminate contract at any time, if no cost are shifted to other CPAs** (reserves allocated to Member can pay off net costs of "unwinding" above-market hedges)

Maximizes flexibility for each Member to terminate — while protecting all Members from cost shifts

#### FOR COMMUNITIES, BY COMMUNITIES.



# COMMUNITY POWER COALITION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## **Coalition Key Documents**

Posted online at <a href="https://www.cpcnh.org/about">www.cpcnh.org/about</a> (under "key documents")

- 1. Joint Powers Agreement & Bylaws
- 2. Cost Sharing Agreement & Member Services Contract
- 3. Data Security and Privacy Policy
- 4. Energy Portfolio Risk Management, Retail Rates & Financial Reserves Policies
- 5. Energy Portfolio Risk Management Regulations
- 6. Board Approved Start-up Budget
- 7. Technical Assessment by Ascend Analytics