



Putting the *Public* in *Power*.

WHAT WE DO

Since 1979, VPPSA has been providing services and solutions to municipal electric utilities across Vermont. These utilities are locally owned and democratically run, much like a public school or public library. That's why we call them public power utilities.

VPPSA offers a range of services to its member utilities. We provide wholesale power supply, financial support, IT support, rate planning, legislative and regulatory representation, and marketing and communications solutions.

Individually, VPPSA utilities serve anywhere from 600 to 6,000 customers. Combined, the customer base adds up to nearly 30,000. VPPSA enables small public power utilities to offer services comparable to a larger utility.

WHO WE SERVE



- Barton Village**
- Village of Enosburg Falls**
- Town of Hardwick**
- Village of Jacksonville**
- Village of Johnson**
- Ludlow Electric Light Department**
- Lyndonville Electric Department**
- Morrisville Water & Light**
- Northfield Electric Department**
- Village of Orleans**
- Swanton Village**

PUBLIC POWER IS...



Renewable

VPPSA municipals are 59% renewable and 90% carbon free, mostly thanks to local hydropower. We are also developing 10 megawatts solar.



Reliable

In the U.S., public power customers average 1.25 hours without power each year. For-profit utilities average 2.25 hours.



Affordable

Public power utilities operate as non-profits. When electricity costs are lowered, the savings go directly back to the customer!

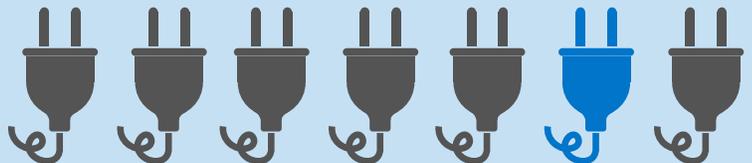


Community Based

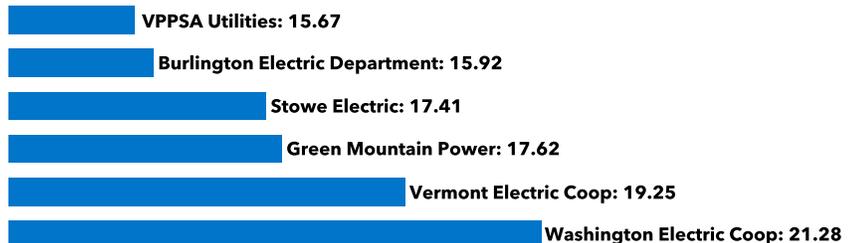
You have the power to change how your utility operates. Meetings are held on a monthly basis and are free and open to the public.

1 in 7

Vermont electricity customers are served by a public power utility.



The most recent available data shows that VPPSA utilities' residential rates (cents/kWh) are the lowest in Vermont.



VPPSA Position on S. 337

- Supportive of limited pilot to reduce greenhouse gas emissions using **electric efficiency charge** (EEC) funds as a *short-term* measure.
 - PUC oversight is appropriate in reallocating EEC funds *away from* electric efficiency.
- Distribution Utility (DU) Equity is Critical
 - VPPSA member concerns that EEC dollars are flowing out of their territories.
 - Load control efforts can exacerbate cost-shifting among utilities
 - Greater utility involvement in efficiency program design (especially for public power utilities) is preferable.
 - Responsive to local needs
 - Access to diverse funding sources (grants and loans)
 - VPPSA support for this Bill is linked to the amount of control that the local community has in spending the EEC money raised there.
- Programs and services should be additive to, not in competition, with Tier 3 programs under Vermont's Renewable Energy Standard.

Considerations regarding Efficiency Service Delivery:

- Pilot moves Efficiency Vermont away from its core function - electric efficiency for ratepayer benefit.
- Opens door to increased EEC to fund GHG reductions.
 - Diverse funding sources preferable; increasing cost of electricity undermines electrification efforts
 - Maintain *direct financial benefits* to ratepayers from EEC investments.
- Is this funding duplicative to what is included in the Transportation Bill for EV and EV charging deployment?

VPPSA supports the Act 62 PUC process for long-term solutions

- Deliberative process including many stakeholders with diverse concerns
- Short term - policies should focus on identified gaps in services
 - Electric vehicle market development - consensus to authorize limited EEC expenditures on this.
- Long-term goal is comprehensive suite of energy efficiency services available to Vermonters.
 - Cost/Budget: Need to evaluate total potential for cost-effective energy efficiency in Vermont (\$30-60M per year is current estimate)
 - Leverage strengths of different entities
 - Efficiency Vermont is well-positioned as a statewide resource.
 - DUs direct electrification and load management activities.
 - Don't preclude other service providers from participation.