

Utility Overview Presented to House Committee on Natural Resources & Energy

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Burlington Electric Department

### **BED** Overview

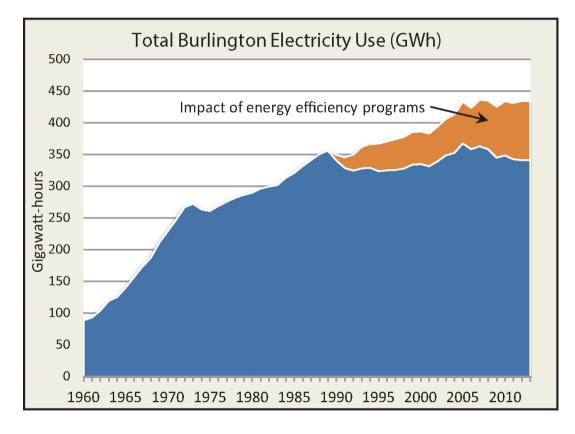
### Municipal utility located in Burlington

- Public Power since 1905
- 20,000+ customers
  - 16,600 residential
  - 3,755 commercial and industrial
- Electricity facts:
  - Summer Peak: ~68 MW
  - Energy Use: ~350,000 MWH



# BED is its own Energy Efficiency Utility

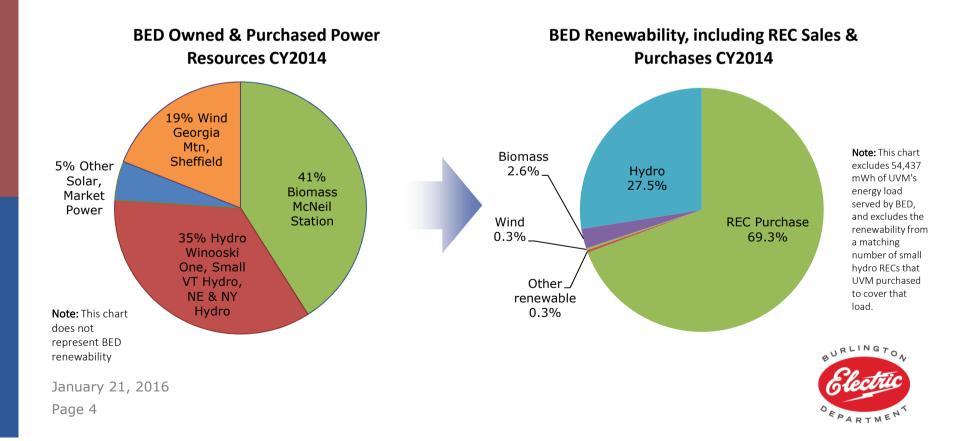
#### Burlington uses less energy today than it did in 1989





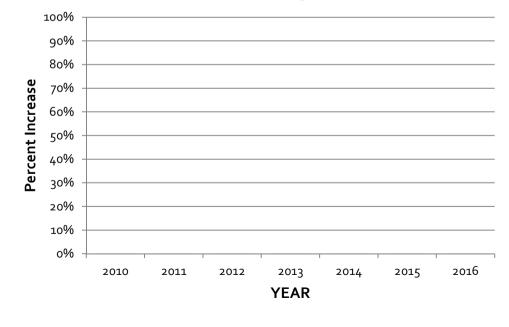
# National Leader in Renewable Energy

First city in the nation to source 100% of energy from renewable generation



### No rate increase since 2009

- □ Nor do we expect an increase soon
- Keeping rates low and stable for customers while continuing to lead in renewable power



#### **BED Rate Increase by Fiscal Year**



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# Why transform?

#### The energy industry is undergoing a sea change. Think:



Traditional Utility Hub and Spoke Model "One-Way Power System"



Utility 2.0 Peer-to-Peer Network Model "Energy Cloud"



# Era of Utility Disruption



#### Three driving factors:

- 1. Customer choice is the strongest force
- 2. Distributed generation and energy efficiency have changed demand forever
- 3. Energy technology is advancing at an everquickening pace

### These are all good things!



### **Key Observations**



- 1. Data has become as important as electrons
- 2. Extraordinary opportunity to strengthen grid both in resiliency & security
- 3. Energy regulation must keep pace with dynamic industry



# Transforming in Step with Customers

#### Inside out

- Strategic transformation
  - Structural reorganization
  - Extensive process improvement
  - Efficient operations translates to savings

#### Focus on customer engagement

- Trusted partner to customers
- Concierge service model
- Growing human capital
  - Modernize utility roles and functions
  - Expanding our skill set



# Transforming in Step with Customers



- Efficiency First
  - Increase traditional EEU work
  - Electric/thermal efficiency
    - Energy Champ Challenge
    - Successful partnership with Vermont Gas
  - Passive House
  - Building labeling



- Improve Electric Vehicle Infrastructure
  - 4 stations in Burlington
  - Another 8 to be built in 2016



# Transforming in Step with Customers

#### Outside in

- Increased Solar
  - Two utility scale projects in 2015
  - Push to expedite solar deployment in 2016
- Storage Pilots
  - Economics still difficult for residential scale storage
  - Near-term opportunity with utility scale storage
- Microgrids Development
  - Site-specific installations
  - Neighborhood scale





# Thank you

Questions?

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