Washington Electric Cooperative

House Energy & Technology Committee

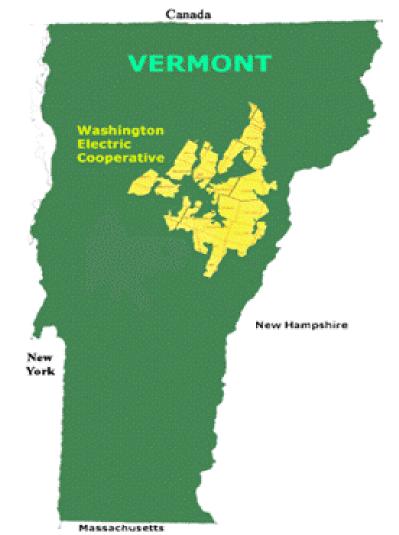
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About WEC

- Electric Cooperative Not for Profit
 - Established in 1939
 - Member owned
 - Created by and for those without power
 - investor owned utility would not extend lines to rural landscape

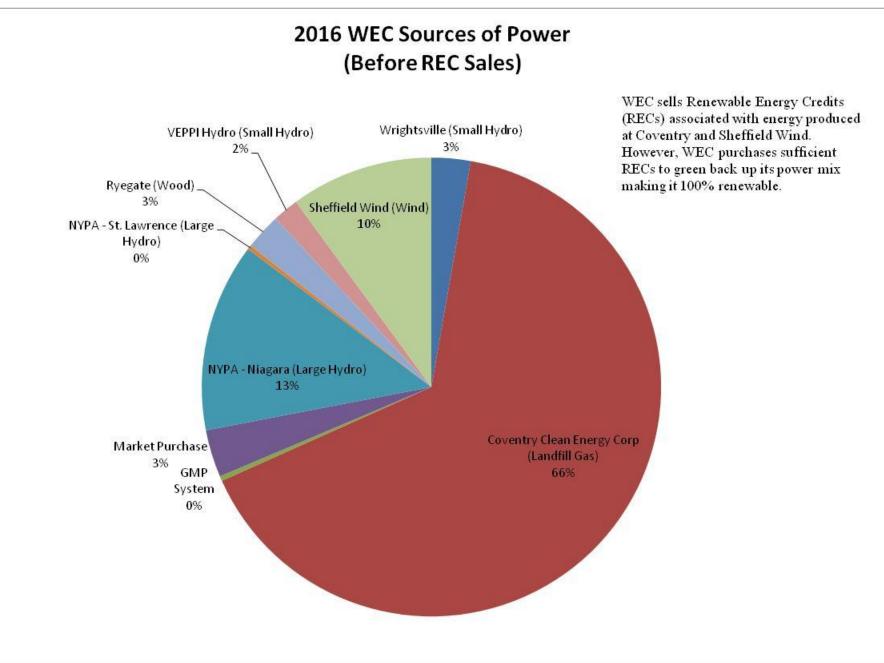
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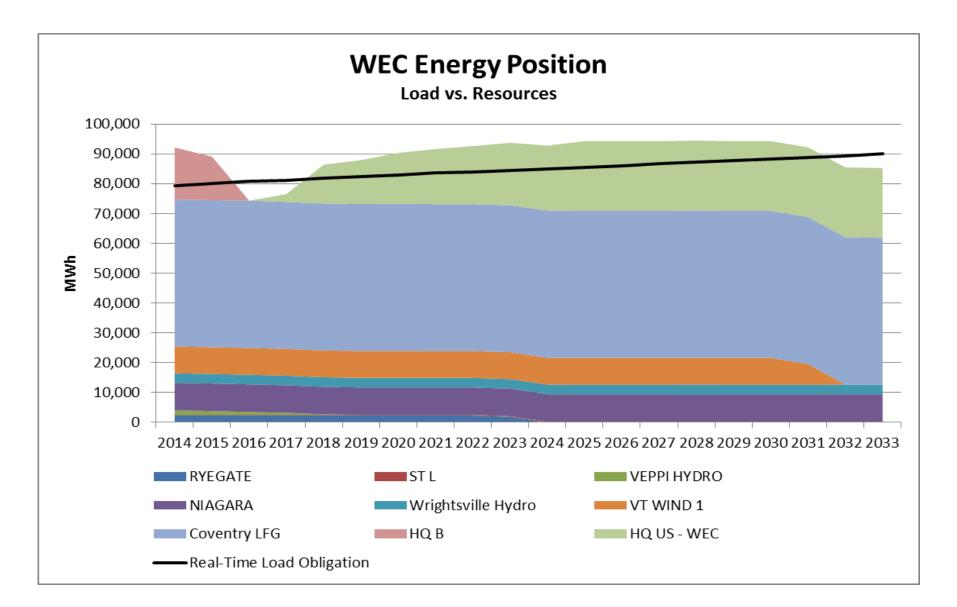
- Peak 16 MW (Winter)
 - State of VT ~ 1,000 MW Peak (Summer)
- 70,000 MWH Retail Sales Annually
 - 1.3% of State Load
- 10,800 members
- 41 towns 4 counties Central Vermont (Washington, Orange, Orleans, Caledonia)
 - 17% of Vermont Towns
- 96% of our members residential
- Board of Directors
 - Nine Directors
 - Set Policy
 - All Members
- Annual Meetings



About WEC

- Very rural and little commercial base
 - WEC 8 members per mile
 - GMP is 20 customers per mile
 - BED 87 customers per mile
- WEC largest cost driver is infrastructure (wires, poles, substations, etc)
 - Power Supply Costs ~ 8.2 cents/kWh
 - All other costs ~ 10.8 cents/kWh
- Average residential user ~ 500 kWh per month (12% less than statewide avg)





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- WEC supports renewable power (100% renewable)
- Local Resources and Investments
 - Coventry \$16M
 - Wrightsville \$3.2 M
 - Sheffield Wind \$572K per year
 - Small Vermont IPP's \$380K per year
- Dollars stay in the VT Economy (multiplier effect)
- Leader in Net Metering (11% of Peak)
- Early adopter of Energy Efficiency since 1991
- Tier 3 Act 56 Weatherization Focus

Questions & Thank You

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