



Putting the *Public* in *Power*.

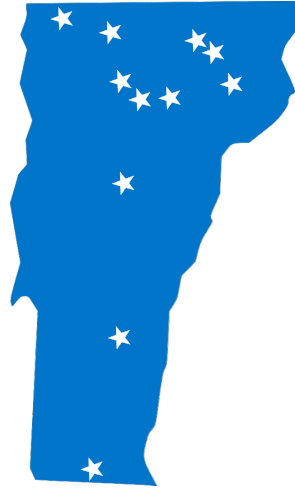
## WHAT WE DO

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 60% renewable and 90% carbon free, mostly thanks to local hydropower. We are currently developing 10 megawatts solar.



### Reliable

Over the course of a year, power outages in VPPSA communities are 42 minutes shorter than in the rest of Vermont.



### Affordable

On average, our municipalities offer household electric rates that are 11.3% lower than what the typical Vermonter pays.

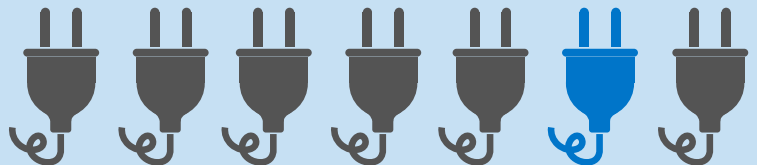


### Community Based

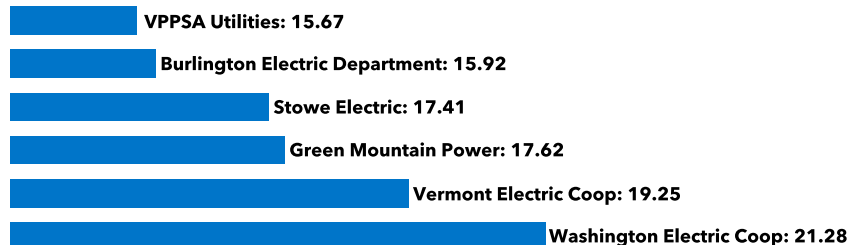
You have the power to change how your utility operates. Meetings are held monthly and are free and open to the public.

# 1 in 7

Vermont electricity customers are served by a public power utility.



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





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## **H.573 Testimony**

- VPPSA supports innovative rates as a tool to deliver value to customers and facilitate progress towards Vermont's climate and energy goals.
- Municipal and cooperative utilities should be granted flexibility in designing rates that meet the needs of their specific customer base and minimize overall costs.
- H.573 would be more effective if it were structured to allow the pilot rate to remain in effect after the 18-month period unless concerns were raised by the Public Utility Commission or Department of Public Service. The process could:
  - Require the municipal or cooperative utilities to file a notice with the Commission at the end of 18-months indicating whether they planned to continue the rate or not and why.
  - The Commission and Department could use their existing authority to open an investigation if they desired. Otherwise the rate could continue.
- Suggested language - Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 218d(n) (3): The municipal company or cooperative shall provide written notice to the Department and Commission at least 30 days prior to the end of the innovative rate pilot period. Unless an objection to the innovative rate or service is filed with the Commission within 15 days of this notice or the Commission orders an investigation on its own motion, the municipal company or cooperative shall be able to continue offering the innovative rate or service to its customers.