

VPPSA Member Utilities



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

About VPPSA

VPPSA was established by the Vermont Legislature in 1979.

- Provide services and solutions to communityowned utilities
- Allow for beneficial consolidation while maintaining local control

Putting the Public in Power.





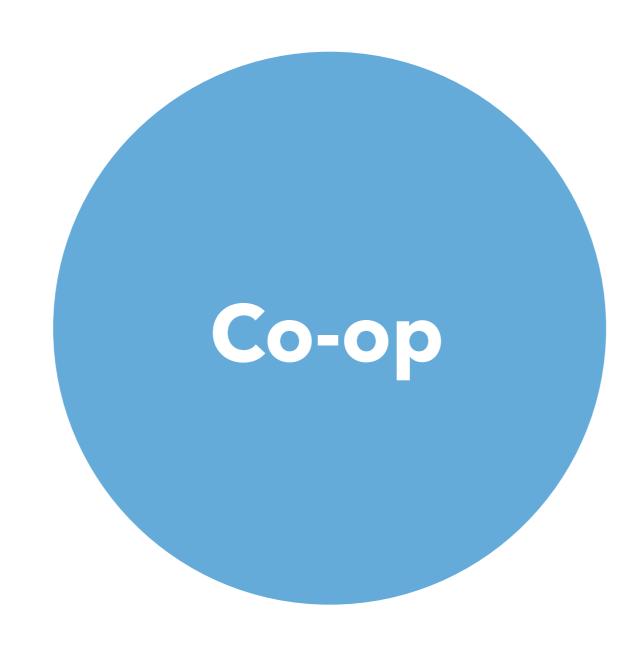
About VPPSA

- **Power Supply Purchasing**
- Financial Services
- Rates and Planning
- Legislative and Regulatory
- IT Support
- **Communication and Outreach**
- **GIS and Field Services**
- Renewable Energy Standard

Vermont Utilities



Green Mountain Power



- Vermont Electric Co-Op
- Washington Electric Co-Op

Public Power "Munis"

- Burlington Electric Department
- Stowe Electric Department
- Village of Hyde Park
- 11 VPPSA Members

Public Power Utilities

- Non-profit, publicly-owned.
 - Both VPPSA and its members operate on a not-for-profit basis
 - Any "rate of return" flows to customers
- Overseen by elected or appointed local governing body
 - Select Board or Electric Commission
- Transparent
 - Public Meetings
 - Open books
- Fully regulated by the Public Utility Commission and Department of Public Service

Purpose of S. 60

- Allow munis and coops to offer innovative rates and services on a pilot basis
 - Changing energy landscape is requiring utilities to adapt to industry changes and customer desires.
 - Option for these rates or services to become permanent following a pilot period.
- Provide the ability to implement minor rate adjustments without the added expense of full rate case.
 - Up to 2% annually and 10% cumulatively without full rate case
 - Allow munis and coops to absorb specific cost drivers

Rationale for S. 60

- Allows municipal & cooperative utilities to quickly respond to energy industry transformation
 - Allows utilities to be flexible and serve modern needs and expectations
- Facilitates innovation necessary to meet Vermont's energy policies
 - Increased reliance on renewable resources and carbon reduction goals
- Reduces costs and administrative burden of regulatory ratemaking processes
 - Helps minimize utility costs and accompanying electric rate pressure
- Improves municipal credit ratings and reduces ratepayer costs
 - Vermont's ratemaking environment has been cited as a concern to Moody's
- Provides rate stability by minimizing large, sporadic rate increases
 - Smooths impact on customers



Rate Case Schedule

Utility Cost: \$37,800 - \$45,800, excluding legal



Regulatory Safeguards

- Requires a traditional rate case to be eligible to implement minor rate adjustments
 - PUC approval of rates after January 1, 2021.
- Retains DPS and PUC oversight
 - Requires advance notice of rate adjustments and pilot rates
 - Full PUC authority to investigate a pilot rate or minor rate adjustment at any time
- Requires periodic full PUC rate proceeding
 - No more than 2% per year
 - 10% cumulative threshold
- Rate adjustments require approval of the utility governing body

Existing Utility Reporting Ensures Transparency:

- Integrated Resource Plan 20-year comprehensive plan developed every 3 years pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 218c
- Service Quality and Reliability Plan (SQRP) Reliability reports filed quarterly and annually.
- Annual Outage Reports completed under PUC Rule 4.900
- Audited Financials available on most utility websites and upon request
- Energy Information Administration Reports utility financials that DPS has access to
- Annual Report previously required financial data similar to FERC's Annual Report o
- Quarterly and Annual Reports detailing past and proposed power supply transactions under PUC Rule 5.200
- Renewable Energy Standard Compliance under 30 V.S.A. § 8005 and PUC Rule 4.400
 - Tier 3 Annual Plan (November 1)
 - Tier 3 Savings Claim (March 15)
 - Compliance Filing (August 15)
- Net Metering Data for Biennial Update submitted under PUC Rule 5.100
- Annual Resource Survey documenting power supply resources and kWh sales. Requested by DPS
- Ad Hoc reports based on regulatory or legislative requests (e.g. retail sales and arrearage impacts of COVID)

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