

Senate Transportation Committee

- **About VPPSA**
- **EVs in Our Communities**
- **3** Considerations





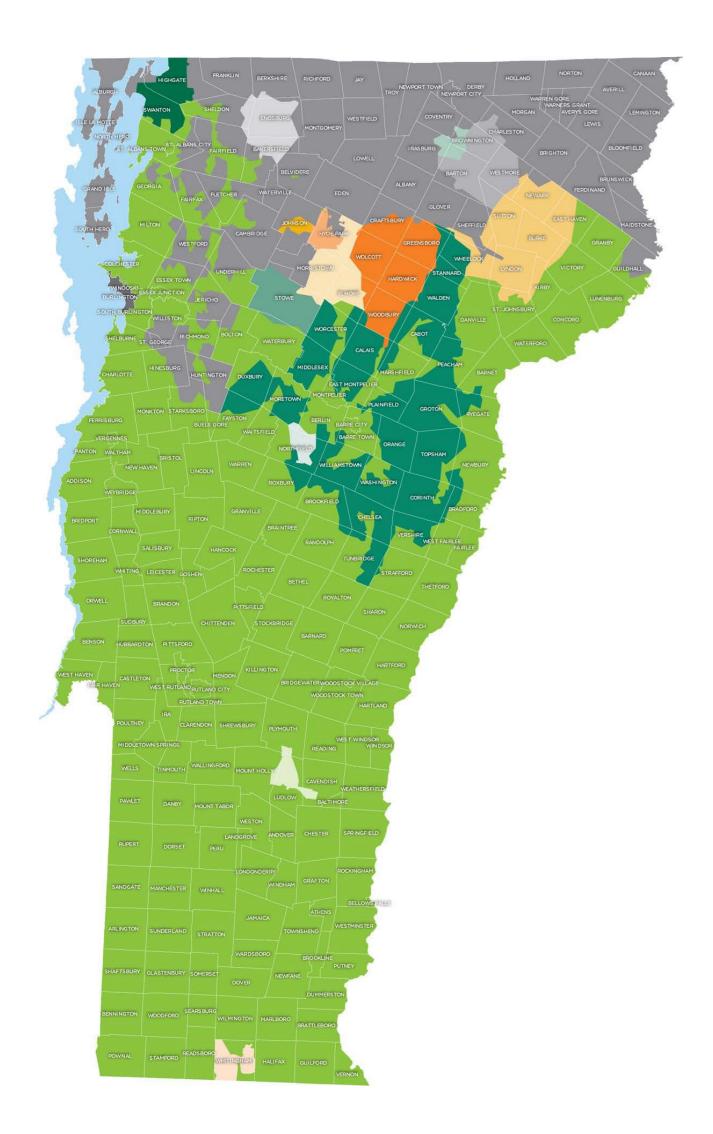


Public Power Utilities

Electric Cooperatives

Investor-Owned Utilities

Business Model:	Not for profit, community-owned	Not for profit, member-owned	For profit, shareholder owned
Governed By:	Elected/appointed boards: mayors, city council members, citizens	Member-elected boards	Private boards
Regulated By:	VT: PUC Other states: Elected/appointed municipal government boards	VT: PUC Other states: Member- elected boards or Public Utility Commission	VT and other states: PUC





Public Power Utilities

VPPSA Members

- Barton Village Electric
- Village of Enosburg Falls
- Hardwick Electric Dept
- Jacksonville Electric Co.
- Village of Johnson
- Ludlow Electric Light Dept
- Lyndonville Electric Dept
- Morrisville Water & Light
- Northfield Electric Dept
- Orleans Electric
- Swanton Village

<u>Other</u>

- Burlington Electric Dept
- Hyde Park Electric Dept
- Stowe Electric Dept



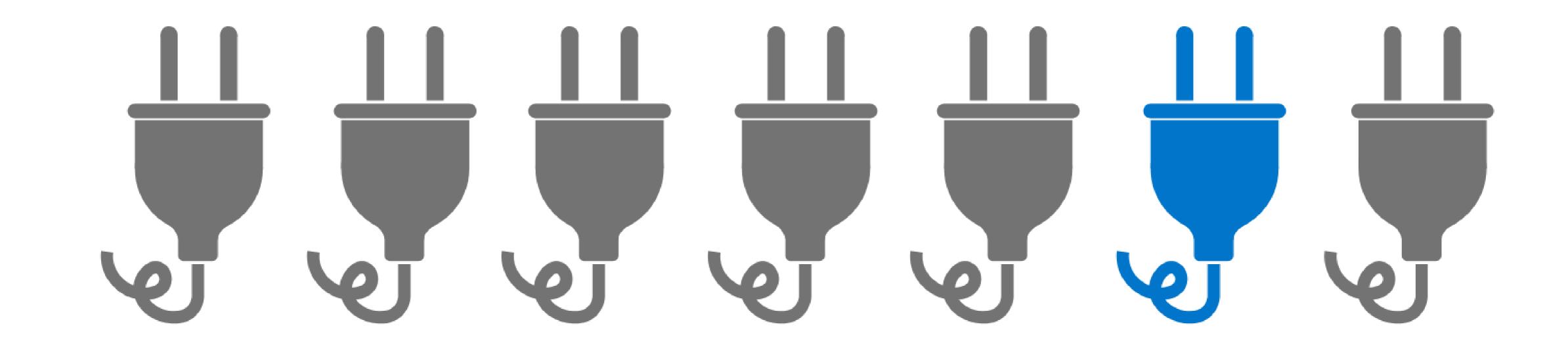
Electric Cooperatives

- Vermont Electric Coop
- Washington Electric Coop



Investor-Owned Utilities

Green Mountain Power



1 in 7 Vermonters Are Served by Public Power.

Community is at the Heart of VPPSA.

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

Community is at the Heart of VPPSA.



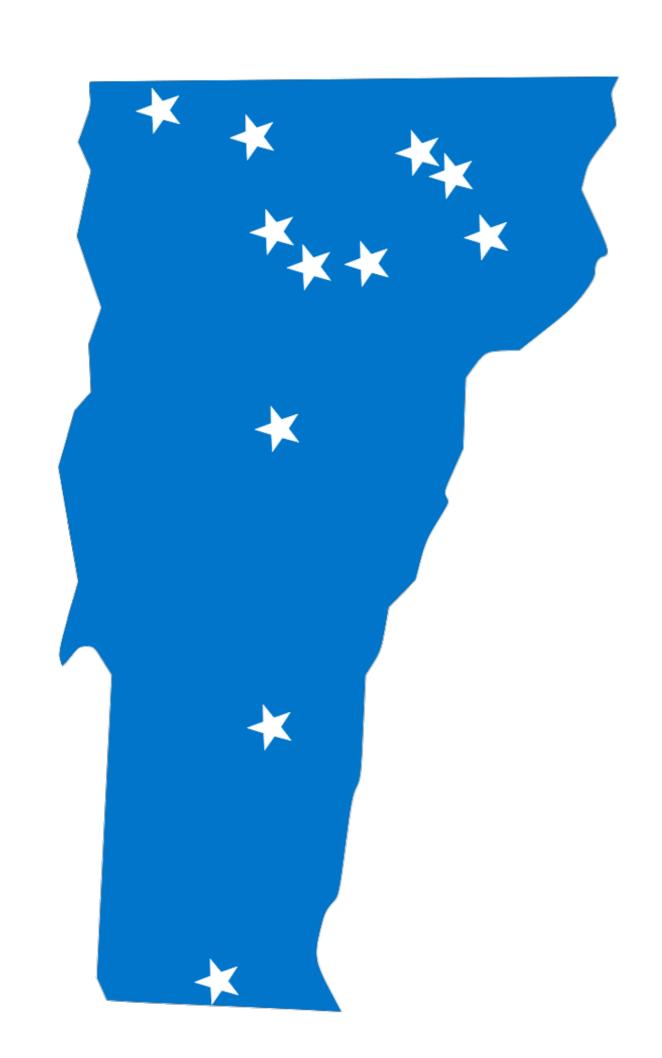
About VPPSA: Our Services





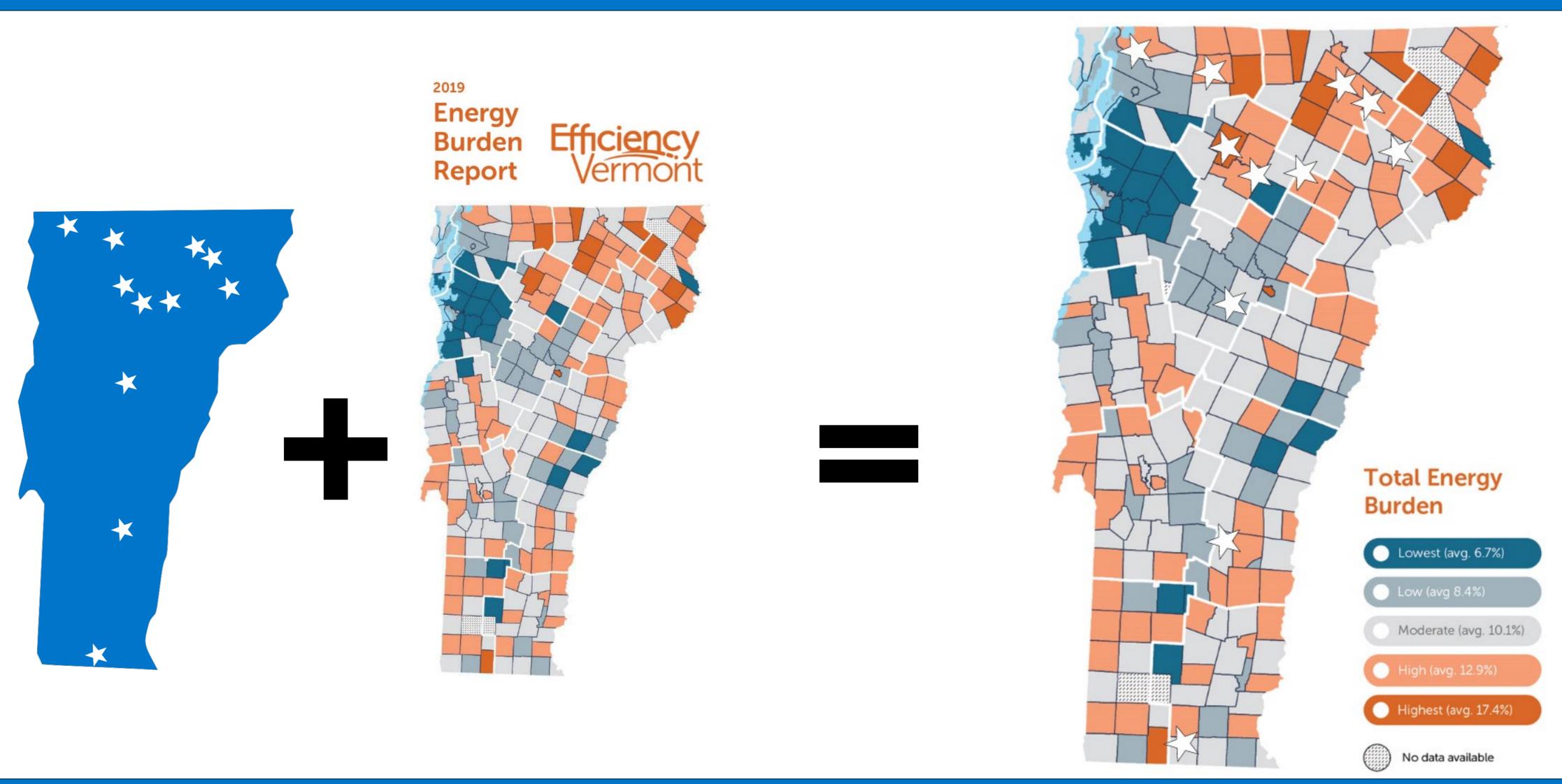
- **Financial Services**
- Rates and Planning
- Legislative and Regulatory
- IT Support and Technology Upgrades
- **Communication and Outreach**
- **GIS and Field Services**
- Renewable Energy Standard
- **Key Accounts Program**

About VPPSA: Where We Work



- Barton Village: 2,000
- The Village of Enosburg Falls: 1,700
- Hardwick Electric Department: 4,500
- Village of Jacksonville: 700
- Village of Johnson: 1,000
- Ludlow Electric Light Department: 3,700
- Lyndonville Electric Department: 5,700
- Morrisville Water & Light: 4,200
- Northfield Electric Department: 1,800
- Village of Orleans: 700
- Swanton Village: 3,800

About VPPSA: Where We Work



About VPPSA: Legislative Recap

Recap:

- In 2022, budget bill passed with \$8
 million for advanced meter
 infrastructure (AMI) for munis and
 coops.
- VPPSA received notice in February 2023 of \$5 million award.
- Rolling installation expected to begin in late 2023/early 2024.



Thank you for putting Community at the Heart!

EVs In Our Communities: Incentives

VPPSA has spent over \$725,000 on more than 1,500 incentives to help Vermonters reduce fossil fuels, including over 150 EV incentives.

Incentive Amounts:

- \$1,000 for new all-electric
- \$500 for new plug-in hybrid
- \$500 for used all-electric
- \$250 for used plug-in hybrid
- \$400 income-qualifying adder for new EVs



EVs In Our Communities: Number of Incentives



Incentives provided from 2019 - 2022:

- Barton Village: 7
- The Village of Enosburg Falls: 7
- Hardwick Electric Department: 33
- Village of Jacksonville: 1
- Village of Johnson: 2
- Ludlow Electric Light Department: 5
- Lyndonville Electric Department: 25
- Morrisville Water & Light: 41
- Northfield Electric Department: 21
- Village of Orleans: 2
- Swanton Village: 14

EVs In Our Communities: PowerShift Pilot

- Free EV Charger and \$500 rebate for residential customers who buy/lease an all-electric vehicle
- Scheduled charge outside of peak demand hours
- Supports up to 40 customers
- Funding for income-eligible customers who need service panel upgrades
- Partnership with Efficiency Vermont



Considerations

VPPSA's 2023 Legislative Recommendations:

- Providing a safe and reliable electric grid.
- Keeping electricity affordable for all consumers.
- Continuing the modernization of distribution systems.
- Decarbonizing the transportation, heating, and commercial sectors.
- The Public Service Department is reviewing existing renewable electricity policies with a recommendation due to the legislature in December 2023.
- Supporting efforts to align environmental and climate policies. Small, local hydro is an environmentally sustainable way to provide Vermonters with renewable energy.

Considerations

- A utility administered kWh fee would come with a high price tag.
 - Hardware or software technology necessary in addition to AMI
 - Updates to billing systems
 - Each municipal utility would need additional resources
- Increased utility administrative costs add to electric rate pressures.
 - Increased rate pressure puts the cost burden on non-EV drivers
 - VPPSA member utility customers are likely already facing a high energy burden
 - Increased electric costs disincentivize the energy transition
- EV drivers can easily bypass the technology that tracks when the vehicle is charging.
- A statewide mileage-based fee may provide a more equitable solution to replacing revenue from the gas tax.



Contact Info

Julia Leopold

Director of Public Affairs

Phone: (802) 884-4488

P.O. Box 126 5195 Waterbury-Stowe Road Waterbury Center, VT 05677



Putting the Public in Power.

www.vppsa.com