



House Energy & Digital
Infrastructure Committee
Federal Policy Impact Update
October 30, 2025

Our Guiding Principles

Affordability

Local Energy Democracy



**Community
is at the
Heart of
VPPSA.**

Reliability

**Sustainability
& Growth**

Our Members/Partners



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

Contract

- WEC
- GFPower
- Ashland, NH
- New Hampton, NH
- Fox Island, ME
- Kearsarge Energy
- Hyde Park

Our Services



Power Supply Purchasing and Generation



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

Ongoing Grants/Programs

- **Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI)**
 - \$5 million state General Fund Grant
 - Part of overall Technology update
- **Business Energy Repayment Assistance Program (BERAP)**
 - \$1 million Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) 2022 Appropriations
 - Obtained by Senator Sanders
- **Affordable Community Renewable Energy (ACRE)**
 - \$1.5 million state grant (initially federal ARPA funds)
- **Energy Storage Access Program (ESAP)**
 - Joint grant with BED and WEC
 - Distributed Energy Resource Management System (DERMS) - \$1.16 million federal grant
 - Battery Deployment - \$2.95 million federal grant
- **GRID Program Grants – for grid resiliency improvements**
 - \$3.46 million federal grant across VPPSA full member utilities

Grant/Reimbursement Impacts Of Federal Policy Changes

- **BERAP Program**
 - Intended as a \$1 million for Fossil Fuel Reduction Revolving Loan Fund
 - Loan Fund not viable – in process converting to grant
 - Advised to avoid technologies the administration opposes
- **FEMA – storm impacts**
 - Municipals seeing delays in reimbursement
- **Concern about clawbacks**
 - In particular GRID Program funding
 - Concern about cancellation after work begins

Broader Impacts of Federal Policy Change

- **Acceleration of instate projects**
 - In particular solar and battery
 - Projects that were uneconomic or rejected are now top priority
 - Attempting to meet Treasury Department requirements before new rules take effect
 - Expect a significant lack of projects to follow
- **Cancellation of Offshore Wind and change in access to Canadian options**
 - Modifying VPPSA's view of how to meet requirements in Tier 4 of the Renewable Energy Standard
 - Accelerating decision timelines
- **Market Impacts**
 - Loss of assumed market resources is beginning to affect forward prices
 - Needed transmission projects are changing as a result of the new projected mix
 - Support for AI Data Centers is raising concern around existing resources leaving the market
 - Support for nuclear and fusion starting to raise interest in collaboration

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