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Statement on PUC Ruling in Net Metering Docket

Commission to Consider CPCNH Local Power Market Proposals in Phase II

On November 18, 2024, the NH Public Utilities Commission issued two Orders in the Net Metering proceeding ([DE 22-060](#)) considering changes to how community-scale power generators are compensated in the New Hampshire energy market.

1. In [Order No. 27,074](#), the Commission ruled to:
 - a. Maintain the current net metering tariff (NEM 2.0)
 - b. Starting January 1, 2025, allow utilities to charge application fees for customer-generators seeking to interconnect
 - c. Maintain (not extend) the existing legacy period of transitioning existing applicable net meter terms to then-applicable net metering terms at the end of December 2040 for all net-metered customers
 - d. Consider many of CPCNH’s proposals to increase the compensation paid to local power producers using a competitive local power market (by extending opportunities already available to state utilities to market actors more broadly)
2. In its [Supplemental Order of Notice](#), the Commission established a phased process to consider [CPCNH’s “Local Power Market” proposal](#), expanding opportunities for local power generators, energy storage, and other innovative market-based energy solutions.

CPCNH welcomes the Commission’s decision to maintain the state’s net metering program while pursuing additional phases of the proceeding to help increase the compensation to local power producers. Distributed Generation creates significant value for communities and their compensation should be reflective of that value. CPCNH is concerned with the Commission’s ruling to not maintain a 20-year legacy period for new net metering projects (1. c. above), which is critical to provide certainty for project investments. The decision to not extend certainty beyond 2040 will make it difficult for current projects to find the financing they need to get developed.

“Phase II” of this proceeding represents a pathway towards enabling the practical improvements to market rules that will allow municipalities, Community Power programs, competitive suppliers, and other market actors to take advantage of the value that Distributed Generation and storage bring to the state of New Hampshire. We look forward to a future where communities can take direct advantage of all the value created from local generators and storage projects.

CPCNH is committed to helping New Hampshire communities have a voice in enacting the necessary policy reforms that will enable a robust and competitive energy market for our state's energy users. We will continue to work towards both legislative and regulatory reforms to realize the power of a local power market that increases value to developers, opens innovation, expands choices, and lowers costs for customers.

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Additional Reading

For additional materials see:

- ⚡ [Summary of CPCNH Local Power Market Proposal](#)
- ⚡ [CPCNH Net Metering Load Settlement Office Hour](#)

And NHPUC Docket No. DE 22-060 information:

<https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2022/22-060.html>

- ⚡ [Tab 63 – CPCNH Direct Testimony](#)
- ⚡ [Tab 69 – CPCNH Rebuttal Testimony](#)
- ⚡ [Tab 100 – CPCNH position statement for recommendations at hearing](#)
- ⚡ [Tab 120 – Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire Post-Hearing Brief](#)
- ⚡ [Tab 123 – Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire Post-Hearing Reply Brief](#)
- ⚡ [Tab 124 – Order No. 27, 074 on Net Metering](#)
- ⚡ [Tab 125 – Supplemental Order of Notice](#)