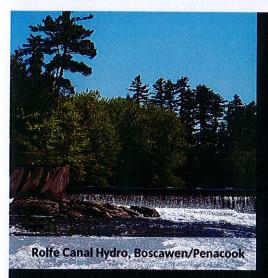
OVERRIDE THE VETO OF HB365

HB 365 increases the allowable size of a renewable electric project that a community or business can use to self-generate power (aka "net meter") to 5 megawatts. The bill includes safeguards so savings to all NH ratepayers are maximized and there is no cost-shifting or subsidies.

HB 365 is a Solution to High Electricity Costs and Lack of New Supply

HB 365 provides NH businesses and communities another option to power their facilities. Increasing the local supply of electricity will lower costs for all ratepayers. Local power will avoid the high costs of transmitting electricity from distant power plants and improve fuel security and grid reliability.



Setting the Record Straight on the Veto of HB 365

Passing HB 365 will have significant positive impacts for NH including:

- Ratepayer savings on electric bills from locally produced power
- Increased state & local tax revenues from local producers will lower the burden on other taxpayers
- Reduced regulatory barriers to producing low-cost, home-grown renewable energy
- Greater energy independence & reduced price volatility
- A defense against regional cost-shifting by other states onto NH ratepayers
- Improved grid diversity & reliability
- Tens of millions in new investment & well-paying local jobs
- No siting issues related to eminent domain / property rights that are faced by pipelines, power lines, & power plants

HB 365 Will NOT Result in Cost-Shifting or Subsidies

- The PUC found little to no evidence of cost-shifting from net metering
- The HB 365 fiscal note does not support the claim of costs or subsidies
- Utilities will use net-metered power to offset imported power, saving all ratepayers money and mitigating cost shifting
- Net metering rules ensure fair and equitable rates for all ratepayers



By using more locally produced energy, NH's peak demand will be reduced, the need for expensive transmission will be reduced, and line losses will be reduced – to the benefit of all NH ratepayers instead of utility shareholders. By using more locally produced energy, NH can also better manage its share of regional costs, including transmission, the fastest growing part of our electricity bills. This leads to lower electricity costs for all Granite Staters.

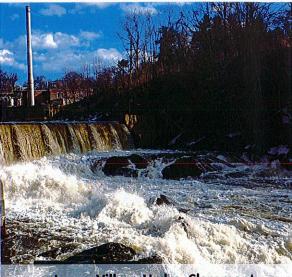
The Legislature can help. Stand with your constituents. Stand with NH energy.

NH House and Senate lawmakers overwhelmingly supported HB 365 in the House & Senate.

Please do so again. Override the Veto on HB 365.

Significant Energy Contributions

- NH hydro facilities under 1 MW are currently saving NH businesses and communities about \$750,000 per year
- NH hydro facilities of 1-5 MWs could save NH businesses and communities an additional \$2 - \$2.5 million per year
- 100MW of NH solar will generate enough electricity to power 16,000 homes

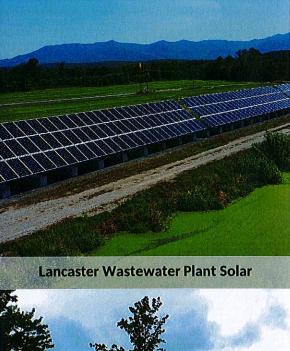


Lower Village Hydro, Claremont

HB365 is Critical to Lowering Costs & Increasing NH's Energy Independence



- The NH solar industry supports over 1,000 well-paying jobs
- NH hydro plants directly employ more than 100 NH residents and purchase over \$1 million per year in NH goods and services
- In one year, 100MW of clean, local, community solar can generate **\$150** million of private investment
- NH hydro plants pay an estimated \$2.5 \$3 million per year in property taxes, business taxes, lease payments and fees – and would pay even more under HB 365



MUNICIPALITIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES CONSIDERING 1-5 MW PROJECTS FOR NET METERING

Alton Derry Hopkinton New Hampton Whitefield Barrington Dover Kingston Ossipee Winchester Bedford **Farmington** Laconia Pittsfield Bow Franklin Lebanon Rochester **Belknap County** Bristol Gilmanton Lisbon Sanbornton Strafford County Charlestown Glen Loudon Somersworth Colebrook Goffstown Manchester Tamworth Concord Hanover Milton Tilton Conway Henniker Nashua Wakefield

A SAMPLE OF NH BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT INCREASING THE NET METERING CAP (* CONSIDERING 1-5 MW PROJECTS FOR NET METERING)

Abenaki Timber Corp.*

Admix Inc. Autodesk

Charlestown Health Center*
Coca-Cola Bottling Company
Dartmouth Hitchcock Health*

DiPrizio Pine Sales* Duprey Companies Durgin & Crowell*

Eastern Bank

Ever Better Eating Inc. dba Rustic Crust

FoodState

Freedom Energy Logistics GDS Associates Inc. Hannaford Supermarkets

HHP Inc.*

HL Turner Group

Hypertherm

Impax Asset Management/Pax World Funds

Liberty Utilities Lonza Biologics MegaFood

Monadnock Paper Mills* Northeast Delta Dental

Ski NH

Standard Power of America

Stonyfield Farm Timberland

TRC

Valley Regional Hospital* Velcro Companies Whelen Engineering*

Wire Belt Company of America

Woods Without Gile Worthen Industries*

NH HYDRO PLANTS BETWEEN 1 MW AND 5 MWS

Bennington - Monadnock Paper Mills

Berlin - Cross Power Berlin - Sawmill Hydro

Boscawen - Penacook Lower Falls

Bristol - Newfound Hydro Claremont - Lower Village

Concord - Penacook Upper Falls

Concord - Rolfe Canal Errol - Errol Hydro Franklin - Riverbend Goffstown - Greggs Falls Gorham - Gorham Station Gorham - Gorham Hydro

Hillsborough - Hosiery Mills Hydro Hillsborough - Jackman Station Hooksett - Hooksett Station Milton - Milton Mills / SFR Hydro

Nashua - Mine Falls

Rollinsford - Rollinsford Hydro West Stewartstown - Canaan Station Shelburne - Shelburne Hydro Somersworth - Somersworth Hydro

Suncook - Pembroke Station

Tilton - Clement Dam

NH SCHOOLS, MUNICIPALITIES, AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES GROUP NET METERING WITH NH HYDRO PLANTS ≤ 1 MW¹

Schools

Dublin Christian AcademySAU #54 RochesterDublin School Inc.SAU #73 GilfordSAU #1 Contoocook ValleySAU #75 Grantham

SAU #6 Claremont SAU # 87 Mascenic Regional

SAU #10 Derry Cooperative SAU #92 Hinsdale SAU #19 Goffstown (Goffstown, New Boston) SAU #95 Windham

SAU #33 Raymond UNH (currently group net metering; waiting list for

SAU #40 Milford more)

SAU #47 Jaffrey-Rindge

Municipalities

Allenstown Derry Hancock Nashua Swanzey Auburn Dublin Hinsdale New London Temple **Bedford** Francestown Hopkinton Weare Peterborough Candia Gilford Jaffrey Windham Rindge

Chester Goffstown Marlborough Stoddard
Deerfield Grantham Milford Sunapee

Government Agencies

Southern NH Regional Planning Commission Southwestern NH District Fire Mutual Aid Belknap County

WAITING LIST FOR GROUP NET METERING USING NH HYDRO PLANTS²

Schools

Colby Sawyer College SAU #63 Wilton-Lyndeborough

SAU #13 Tamworth SAU #94 Winchester

SAU #16 Exeter (Swanzey, Newfields)

Thomas More College of Liberal Arts (Merrimack)
SAU #41 Hollis-Brookline

UNH (currently group net metering; waiting list for

SAU #57 Salem more)

SAU #62 Mascoma Valley (Enfield, Canaan)

Municipalities

Bath Harrisville Salem

Danbury New Boston Westmoreland Franklin Richmond Winchester

Government Agencies

Allenstown Sewer & Water Contoocook Housing Trust Pennichuck Water Works

¹ Information provided by Standard Power.

² Information provided by Standard Power.

AFFECTED BY VETO OF HB 365



LOAD REDUCTION

How the "load reduction" approach to net metering in HB 365 prevents subsidies & cost-shifting

CURRENTLY

- Utilities buy electricity from a default service supplier
- Utilities sell the electricity to their customers at the same price it cost for them to buy it
- The net metering reimbursement rate for projects up to 1MW equals the buy/sell price

UNDER HB365

- Requires utilities to handle net metered electricity up to 5MW as "load reduction"
- The utility buys slightly less electricity from a default service supplier
- The utility buys the remainder of their electricity from a net metering customer-generator
- Utility pays the same amount for the net metered power as they would have paid the default service provider to meet energy demand

NO SUBSIDIES NO COST-SHIFTING

By using the "load reduction" approach, buying locally-produced power does not require utilities or ratepayers to pay more. Liberty Utilities already handles net metered energy in this manner because it benefits all of their customers.

cents/kwh

CURRENT

