 <p>COMMUNITY POWER COALITION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE</p>	REGULATORY & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – APPROVED MINUTES –	
	Meeting Type:	Regular Meeting
	Meeting Location:	14 Dixon Ave., Suite 201
		Concord, NH 03301
	Meeting Date:	Thursday, December 21, 2023
	Meeting Time:	1:00 – 3:00 PM

CPCNH Regulatory & Legislative Affairs Committee			
Member	Name	Office	Present/Absent
Dover	Bill Baber	Committee Chair	Present
Rye	Howard Kalet		Present (Virtual)
Exeter	Julie Gilman		Present (Virtual)
Lebanon	Clifton Below	Board Chair	Present
Plainfield	Evan Oxenham	Committee Vice Chair	Present
Warner	Clyde Carson		Present
Webster	David Hemenway		Absent
Berlin	Henry Noel	Clerk	Present (Virtual)
Vacancy			

Others Present:


Brian Callnan, CPCNH (In Person)
Deana Dennis, CPCNH (In Person)

1. Welcome, Roll Call, Approve Minutes

- Chair Baber called the meeting to order 1:03 pm.
- Chair Baber called the Roll.
- Minutes: 12/8 meeting; Vice Chair Oxenham made a motion to approve, Mr. Carson seconded, and the committee approved the minutes through unanimous consent.

2. Review, Rank, and Determine Appropriate Actions for Retained 2023 Bills


- The committee discussed members’ recommendations for action on the retained bills. Chair Below reminded the committee that all of the House retained bills will be voted on in the first week of January. RLAC Chair Baber will let the Board know which bills the committee recommends support for, opposition for, support or opposition with amendments for, as well as bills the committee intends to monitor and not take a position on at this time. Below is a summary of RLAC recommended action on each of the retained bills of interest.
 - HB 558-FN: Monitor in Senate.
 - HB 609: Monitor in Senate.
 - HB 314-FN: Oppose, unless amended to allow CPCNH to operate as intended.
 - HB 458: Monitor.
 - HB 159: Ignore.
 - HB 631-FN: Monitor.

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- HB 622-FN: Support, with an amendment in the Senate.
- SB 165: Ignore.
- HB 509: Ignore.

3. Review and Rank 2024 Bills

- HB 1289: Monitor.
- HB 1431: Support, with an amendment.
- HB 1576-FN: Ignore.
- HB 1600-FN: Strong support.
- HB 1617-FN: Monitor.
- HB 1036: Monitor.
- HB 1465-FN: Ignore.
- HB 1398: Oppose.
- HB 1623-FN: Monitor.
- HB 1499: Monitor.
- HB 1644-FN: Monitor.
- SB 391: Strong support, with a possible amendment.
- SB 584-FN: Ignore.
- SB 540: Support, and use it as an opportunity to educate allied legislators.
- SB 303-FN: Support.
- SB 320: Support, with an amendment.
- SB 388-FN: Support, with amendment.
- SB 307-FN: Monitor, and use to educate on risk to consumers.
- Ms. Gilman reported that the House Speaker recently announced creation of rulemaking subcommittees (two from each party from each committee) to review rules that are made to see if they comply with the intent of the legislation.
- Vice Chair Oxenham moved, and Mr. Carson seconded, to recommend the positions on the retained and new bills, as discussed and recorded in the minutes and spreadsheet, to the Board.
 - RLAC voted by roll-call and it was approved unanimously.
 - Chair Baber: Yes
 - Vice Chair Oxenham: Yes
 - Mr. Carson: Yes
 - Mr. Below: Yes
 - Mr. Kalet: Yes
 - Ms. Gilman: Yes

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- Mr. Noel: Yes

4. Staff Report (Review Recent Regulatory Actions)


- Liberty Utilities rate case (DE 23-039):
 - Chair Below reported on his recent testimony submitted on behalf of CPCNH in the Liberty rate case. The testimony focused on providing feedback on Liberty’s proposed time-of-use rates for whole homes; battery storage, including support for expansion of Liberty’s Bring Your Own Battery program; advanced metering infrastructure; performance-based ratemaking; and Electric Reconciliation Adjustment Mechanism (ERAM). Chair Below also noted DOE’s motion to dismiss the rate case. The PUC will be holding a hearing on DOE’s motion on January 4, 2024.
- Net metering issues:
 - CEO Callnan reported that CPCNH recently met with DOE and the utilities on our needs to serve net metered customers and prevent financial harm on customers that are/were inadvertently enrolled in CPA programs. He said we proposed solutions to load settlement processes and for developing production/load profiles for net metered customers.
 - Ms. Dennis and Mr. Below reported that CPCNH is planning to submit a petition to the PUC to initiate an adjudicatory proceeding in early 2024. The focus of the petition is to initiate an adjudicatory proceeding to determine line loss adjustment value, make changes to load settlement processes, and require utilities to flag net metered and time-of-use customers for us so that we do not inadvertently enroll them and so that they are not caused financial harm.

5. Review RLAC 2024 Platform Report Draft

- Ms. Dennis reviewed the draft Legislative Platform.
- Chair Baber noted that it was difficult to do this without knowing the legislation and suggested that maybe it should be a report instead.
- Ms. Dennis will update the Platform based on RLAC’s recommended actions on the various retained and new bills with the goal of reporting a final draft of the Legislative Platform to the Board at its January meeting.

6. Update on Regulatory & Legislative Tracking Available Data Sources, Presentation Options, and Refresh Frequency

- Ms. Dennis presented legislative and regulatory tracking options from CENH (legislation) and Primmer Piper Eggleston & Cramer (regulation).

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- Ms. Dennis will provide regular updates on committee hearings and actions on our priority bills and legislator members will also provide updates and information to CPCNH staff and RLAC.

7. Discussion of Prospects to Fill Open RLAC Position

- Postponed to next meeting.

8. New business

Next Meeting: January 12th, from 10:00 am – noon, at the Warner Town Hall (5 East Main Street) with virtual accommodation.

9. Adjournment

Chair Below moved to adjourn; Vice Chair Oxenham seconded; and hearing no objections, the Chair adjourned the meeting by Unanimous Consent.