 <p>COMMUNITY POWER COALITION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE</p>	REGULATORY & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – DRAFT MINUTES –	
	Meeting Type:	Regular Meeting
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CPCNH Regulatory & Legislative Affairs Committee			
Member	Name	Office	Present/Absent
Dover	Bill Baber	Committee Chair	Present (Virtual)
Rye	Howard Kalet		Present
Exeter	Julie Gilman		Present
Lebanon	Clifton Below	Board Chair	Present
Plainfield	Evan Oxenham	Committee Vice Chair	Present
Warner	Clyde Carson		Present
Webster	David Hemenway		Present
Berlin	Henry Noel	Clerk	Present (Virtual)
Vacancy			

Others Present:


- Brian Callnan, CPCNH (Virtual)
- Deana Dennis, CPCNH (In Person)
- Bobbi-Jo Michael, CPCNH (In Person)
- Jhelum Bagchi, Calpine (Virtual)

1. Welcome, Roll Call, Approve Minutes

- Vice Chair Oxenham called the meeting to order 10:00 a.m.
- Vice Chair Oxenham called the Roll.
- Minutes: 12/21 meeting; Chair Below noted one minor formatting error that was corrected on the spot. Chair Below made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Carson. Hearing no objections, the motion was approved by Unanimous Consent.

2. 2024 Legislation Review


- HB 314-FN (strongly oppose, unless amended): Status – passed the House with amendment 1/4/24.
 - Chair Below reported that thanks to Director Lamattina, we were able to secure an amendment from Rep. Ellen Read over the New Year’s holiday weekend. Chair Below met with House Judiciary Committee leaders and the bill sponsor over the weekend and secured their support for the floor amendment. Both the amendment and the bill were passed by a raucous voice vote in the House on 1/4/24.

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- HB 1398 (strongly oppose): Status – interim study 1/9/24.
 - Ms. Dennis reported that we were successful in getting HB 1398 reduced to an interim study bill in the ST&E committee on 1/9/24. She noted that Chair Below and her provided testimony to the committee on 1/8/24 detailing how the bill would reverse nearly three decades of state policy by foreclosing the competitive market for CPAs and competitive suppliers to serve net metered customers and limiting customer choice by precluding net metered customers from choosing an alternative supplier to default utility service. Ms. Dennis noted that CPCNH sent out an Action Alert to the Board and Member Representatives on Sunday evening and that 103 individuals filed remote testimony opposing the bill, the vast majority of them coming from CPCNH member communities.
 - Director Carson noted that the Town of Warner was able to share the Action Alert with their committee and that he conducted direct outreach to their local Rep. Tony Caplan, a member of ST&E. Director Carson and Ms. Gilman commented that CPCNH’s Action Alert is a great model. Ms. Gilman also noted that she is not sure committee members may fully read the written testimony so encouraging CPCNH members to conduct direct outreach to their Representatives and Senators is helpful.
- HB 1499 (monitor): Status – amended in ST&E committee and passed 1/9/24.
- SB 388 (support, with an amendment): DOE proposed a friendly amendment to remove section 3 on 1/4/24. This amendment would remove the section that CPCNH had concerns about as it proposed exclusive jurisdiction to the DOE over how energy storage systems are interconnected and compensated.
- SB 303 (support): Status – heard in Energy & Natural Resource committee 1/4/24.

3. Upcoming Legislation Next Week


- SB 320 (support, with an amendment): Status - E&NR committee hearing on 1/16/24. Chair Below reported that CPCNH is working with CENH on possible friendly amendment language to include metrics that measure how well a utility is doing to enable third parties (e.g., CPAs and CEPS) to provide innovative retail product and solutions to customers that deliver system efficiencies such as improved load shapes, shifting peak demand, etc. CPCNH has heard that DOE and Eversource oppose the bill and may be providing their own amendment in committee next week. CPCNH wants to start the conversation around building the competitive market. Chair Below noted that we will not go all out on this bill and that it might be headed toward an interim study.

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- HB 1036 (monitor): Status – ST&E committee hearing on 1/16/24.
- HB 1617 (monitor): Status – heard in ST&E committee 1/4/24; scheduled for continued hearing and Executive Session in ST&E on 1/16/24.

4. Regulatory Update

- Net Metering Policy Briefing Memo Draft: Purpose is to serve as an educational resource for members.
 - Chair Below mentioned that he had some suggested edits to it.
 - Committee members discussed the content of the memo and suggested that it be re-focused on clarifying which NEM customers CPCNH is currently able to serve and what CPCNH is doing to be able to serve all NEM customers in the near future. Chair Baber noted that the FAQ on the CPCNH website might be a good place to start and said that it could be further simplified. The Committee agreed that the Member Outreach & Education Committee (MOEC) should have the lead on developing this material and that it would be good to have this as a one-page handout to have for city/town meetings in March.
 - **ACTION:** Chair Baber asked CPCNH staff to talk to Henry Herndon and MOEC.
- Liberty rate case: Chair Below reviewed CPCNH's priorities, which were also discussed during the 12/21/23 meeting; further details may be found in the meeting minutes. He noted that the PUC held a hearing on the DOE's motion to dismiss and there is a continuing hearing on the motion on 1/23/24.
- Statewide Data Access Platform: Data Platform Governance Council, along with utilities, NRG, and state energy agencies in CT and MA submitted to the USDOE a concept paper on 1/11/24 for a BIL GRIP Grant. If the USDOE gives us the clearance, we will work together through the Council and with the other state stakeholders to put together a more detailed application for approval.
- Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Working Group: DOE is reconvening the EDI Working Group and has scheduled the kick-off meeting for 1/25/24. Ms. Dennis and Mr. Samuel Golding (Community Choice Partners) will be covering this along with representatives from Calpine.
- Load settlement meeting: Postponed from 1/10/24 to 1/30/24. CPCNH has continued dialogues with utilities regarding our needs in the load settlement process. We have not yet filed our petition with the PUC to determine line loss factor and provoke needed changes to


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load settlement. The benefit of continuing the meetings with the utilities and DOE is to give us more information which can inform our petition. CPCNH expects to file the petition soon.

- DOE meeting regarding CPCNH’s complaint and status update held on 1/9/24. Chair Below reported that the focus of the meeting was on the fact that Eversource is still not providing CPCNH with negative usage (export) data for NEM customers. Eversource has still not sought a waiver for this and determined that they need to decide whether they can provide this data to us, or they need to request a waiver from the PUC.
- NEM 3.0 docket (DE 22-060): Chair Below reported that no parties have served data requests on our testimony. He shared that the first technical conference and settlement meeting are scheduled for next week. This will accelerate quickly with rebuttal testimony, with utilities rebutting our and other parties’ testimony. The PUC will be holding a hearing on the case on 3/12/24.

5. Review RLAC 2024 Legislative Platform Draft

- Chair Baber reviewed the draft Legislative & Policy Platform, noting how the Charter specified its approval as it develops. He noted that we had aligned it more around NHMA’s platform and that we will always maintain a spreadsheet of our priority bills as a separate document. He posed a question to the committee: how public do we want to make these documents?
- Vice Chair Oxenham pointed out that the Platform is more about high level policy goals vs. specific bills.
- Several members commented that the content was good and that the document should be posted to the CPCNH website for public consumption.
- Chair Baber noted that the committee will need to request an update to the RLAC’s charter at the next CPCNH Annual Meeting.
- The Committee discussed whether to publicly share the spreadsheet of priority bills that we are engaging on. Chair Below noted that after the Board approves the 12/28/23 meeting minutes during its upcoming meeting on 1/25/24, the list of priority bills will become publicly available.
- **ACTION:** The Committee asked CPCNH staff to ensure that the 2024 priority bills spreadsheet is made available to the membership in read-only format.
- Ms. Michael reported that CPCNH is working to implement the OnBoard software system that integrates into the Microsoft SharePoint system and would allow Board Directors and

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Committee members to access the materials that are intended to be accessed. She said that it allows multiple users to be able to edit documents but does not take away from the transparency to all of our members. She indicated that the Board will be discussing the OnBoard platform during its 1/25/24 meeting. Chair Baber agreed to forward the email from Ms. Michael with more information about the OnBoard platform to the RLAC committee.


- **COMMITTEE ACTION:** Chair Below moved that RLAC recommend the content of the Draft Legislative & Policy Platform to the Board for approval. The motion was seconded by Chair Below. Hearing no objections, the motion was approved by Unanimous Consent.

6. RLAC Legislation Support Teams Concept

- Discussion: how can the committee best aid in successful outcomes in the legislature?
 - Chair Baber introduced the topic about how the RLAC members can best support Ms. Dennis in CPCNH’s legislative advocacy. He noted that the City of Dover energy committee has demonstrated this concept successfully. He overviewed his proposed approach of aligning RLAC members with priority legislators with CPCNH members that are on House ST&E and Senate E&NR committees.
 - Chair Baber asked for additional volunteers to work with Ms. Dennis to build relationships and advocate CPCNH’s interests.
 - Several RLAC members volunteered to support outreach to and build relationships with priority legislators in coordination with Ms. Dennis.
 - Vice Chair Oxenham raised that his member Representative and Senator are not on the committees of interest and that it would be helpful to develop and provide resources about CPCNH priorities to them.

7. Discussion of Prospects to Fill Open RLAC Position

- Chair Baber announced that Director Doria Brown (City of Nashua) expressed interest in joining the RLAC to fill our open position and that she intends to attend the next RLAC meeting in February.
- Chair Below said that he plans to appoint her to the open position and that the Board will vote to approve her appointment during its 1/25/24 meeting.
- Chair Below noted that in a recent Committee Chairs meeting, it was discussed that the size of the committees could be expanded, since CPCNH is rapidly growing in membership. He

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expressed interest in doing this in order to give new members opportunities to get involved with CPCNH.

- Chair Baber asked if the additional members would be alternate members, given that it can often be hard to get a quorum at meetings.
- Chair Below said that that is an important consideration and that we would need to amend the Joint Powers Agreement to enable committee alternates.
- **COMMITTEE ACTION:** Chair Baber moved that RLAC recommend that Director Brown be appointed to the committee. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Oxenham. Hearing no objections, the motion was approved by Unanimous Consent.

8. **New business**

Next Meeting: February 2, 2024, from 10:00 am – noon at the CPCNH Concord office, 14 Dixon Ave., Suite 201 in Concord with virtual accommodation.

9. **Adjournment**

Director Carson moved to adjourn; Mr. Kalet seconded; and hearing no objections, the Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:27 p.m. by Unanimous Consent.