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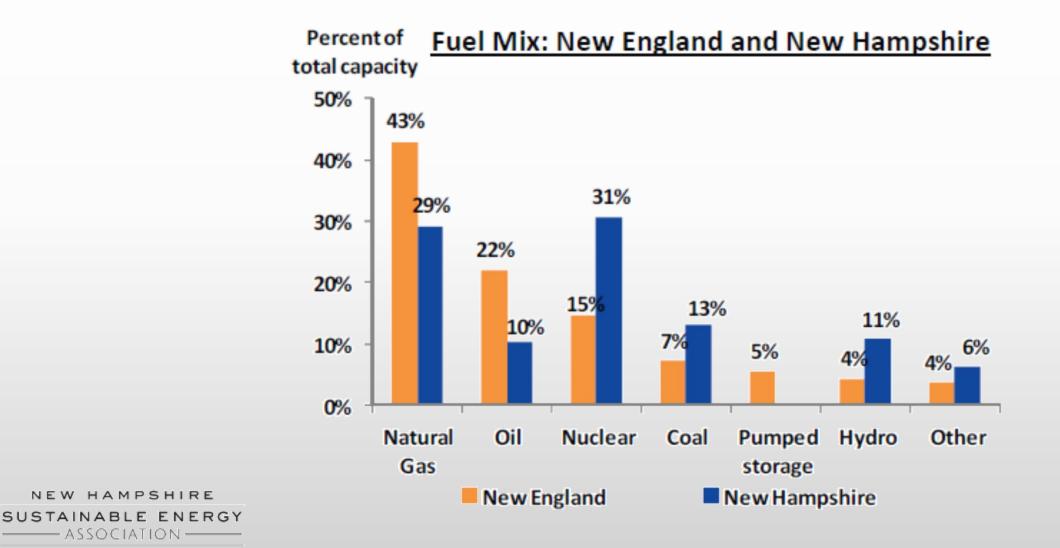
The New Hampshire [Clean] Energy Landscape



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NH's Electric Profile

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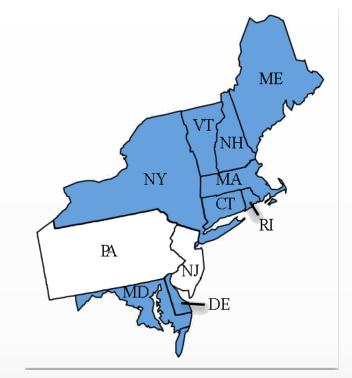
NH's Thermal & Transportation Profile

- "Petroleum products dominate New Hampshire's energy consumption, and the state's residential consumption per capita is among the highest in the nation, in part because of heavy dependence on heating oil during the frigid winters."
 - 1 in 12 households depend on wood as primary heating source.
- Transportation sector relies 97% on petroleum.
 - Limited passenger rail, extensions under consideration
- NH is 2nd only to Maine in percentage of forested land. (EIA)



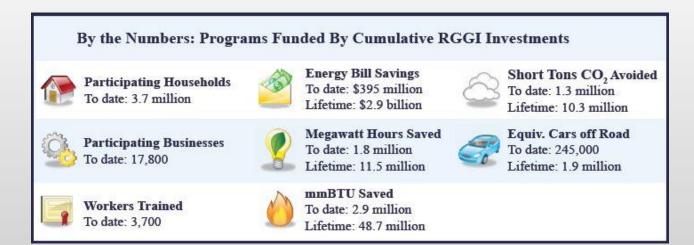
Energy Efficiency—RGGI + CORE

- The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) is a marketbased regulatory program started in 2008 to reduce CO_2 emissions from the power sector.
- NH only uses first \$1 (out of ~\$5/ton CO2) of auction proceeds on energy efficiency. Special efficiency carve-out program for municipalities. (available to ALL 234 NH munis)



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- NH's Utilities' CORE EE programs: www.nhsaves.com
 - Available through your local gas and/or electric utility



Energy Efficiency Resource Standard

- Open docket at PUC on establishing an Energy Efficiency Resource Standard for NH.
 - Current EE programs are limited to \$20M of funding per year, run by the utilities.
- Proposed EERS for NH would increase savings from 0.5% per year to 1.3% per year in 2020. Increase savings thereafter toward all cost-effective efficiency



Renewables—RPS & REF

- Initially ('08) the NH RPS required 4% renewable energy. The requirement increases each year until it reaches 25% in 2025
- Four classes of RPS Resources:
 - New (wind, etc.), **THERMAL**
 - Solar Electric,
 - Existing Biomass,
 - Existing Small Hydro



 REF (Renewable Energy Fund) comes from the RPS and funds the rebate and grant programs managed at the PUC
 RECs are monetized, tradable

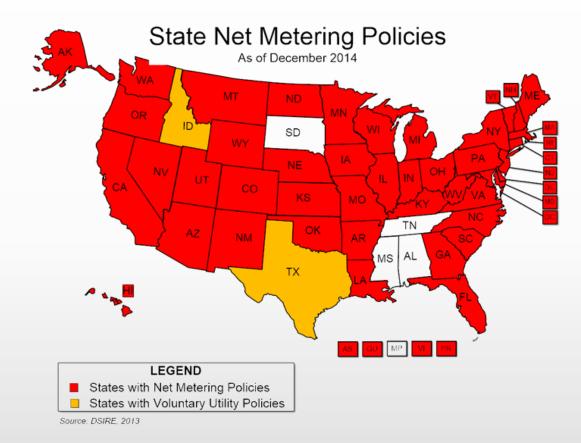
attributes for renewable power.

Renewables—Net Metering

- NEM was first passed in NH in 1998 & expanded in 2009.
 - Group/virtual NEM was passed in 2013.
- Statewide cap is now 100 MW (HB1116)
- Retail versus default energy reimbursement system based on size.

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 Ongoing policy discussion at PUC to make changes post-100 MW cap (<u>DE 16-</u> <u>576</u>)



Energy Siting, Permitting, etc: Large and Small

- The <u>Site Evaluation Committee</u> has jurisdiction over projects larger than 30 megawatts (some smaller projects in limited cases).
- Municipalities have significant control over small-medium siting.
 - Zoning ordinances (<u>OEP Guide</u>)
 - Taxation (e.g. <u>RSA 72:61</u>)
 - Local Permitting





Transportation

- Granite State Clean Cities: <u>http://www.granitestatecleancities.nh.gov/</u>
- Smart Traffic technologies (rotaries, smart traffic lights, bike friendly roads, anti-idling initiatives etc.)
- Alternative Fuel Vehicles & Infrastructure
 - Electric Vehicles
 - Trains

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Unhealthy air pollution obstructs this view of Mt. Washington



State Energy Strategy

- The State Energy Strategy is a 10-year plan developed by the Office of Energy and Planning and the Energy Advisory Council in 2014. Read it <u>HERE</u>: (https://www.nh.gov/oep/energy/programs/SB191.htm)
- The intent is to provide forward-looking guidance on our electric, gas and thermal, and transportation energy strategy to improve:
 - Energy reliability
 - Affordability,
 - Promote energy efficiency and renewables,
 - Consider positive and negative economic & environmental impacts.



NEW HAMPSHIRE 10-YEAR STATE ENERGY STRATEGY



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Resources & Incentive \$\$\$

- ✓ NH Public Utilities Commission (<u>https://www.puc.nh.gov/Sustainable%20Energy/SustainableEnergy.htm</u>)
- ✓ Community Development Finance Authority (<u>http://www.nhcdfa.org/energy/</u>)
- ✓ Utility-funded programs (<u>www.nhsaves.com</u>)
- ✓ USDA REAP Grants (<u>http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-</u> america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency)
- ✓ NH Thermal-REC Enterprise Fund (<u>http://www.t-recsfund.org/</u>)
- ✓ *NH Wood Energy Council* (<u>*http://www.nhwoodenergycouncil.org/*</u>)
- ✓ New England Grassroots Environment Fund (<u>https://grassrootsfund.org/</u>)
- EPA Cash Flow Opportunity Calculator (<u>https://www.energystar.gov/ia/business/downloads/A_Look_Inside_the_Cash_Flow_Opportunity_Calculator_FINAL.pdf?61b9-4fca</u>)

Questions?

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