

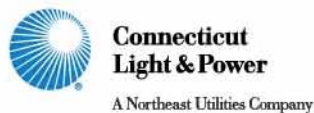


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smart energy choices

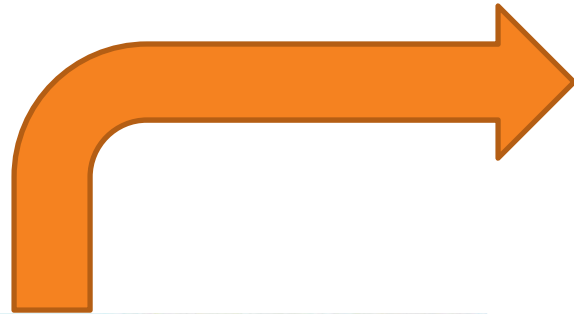
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Zero Net Energy: Moving from Homes to Community



Moving from homes to communities!



What is a Zero Energy Community?

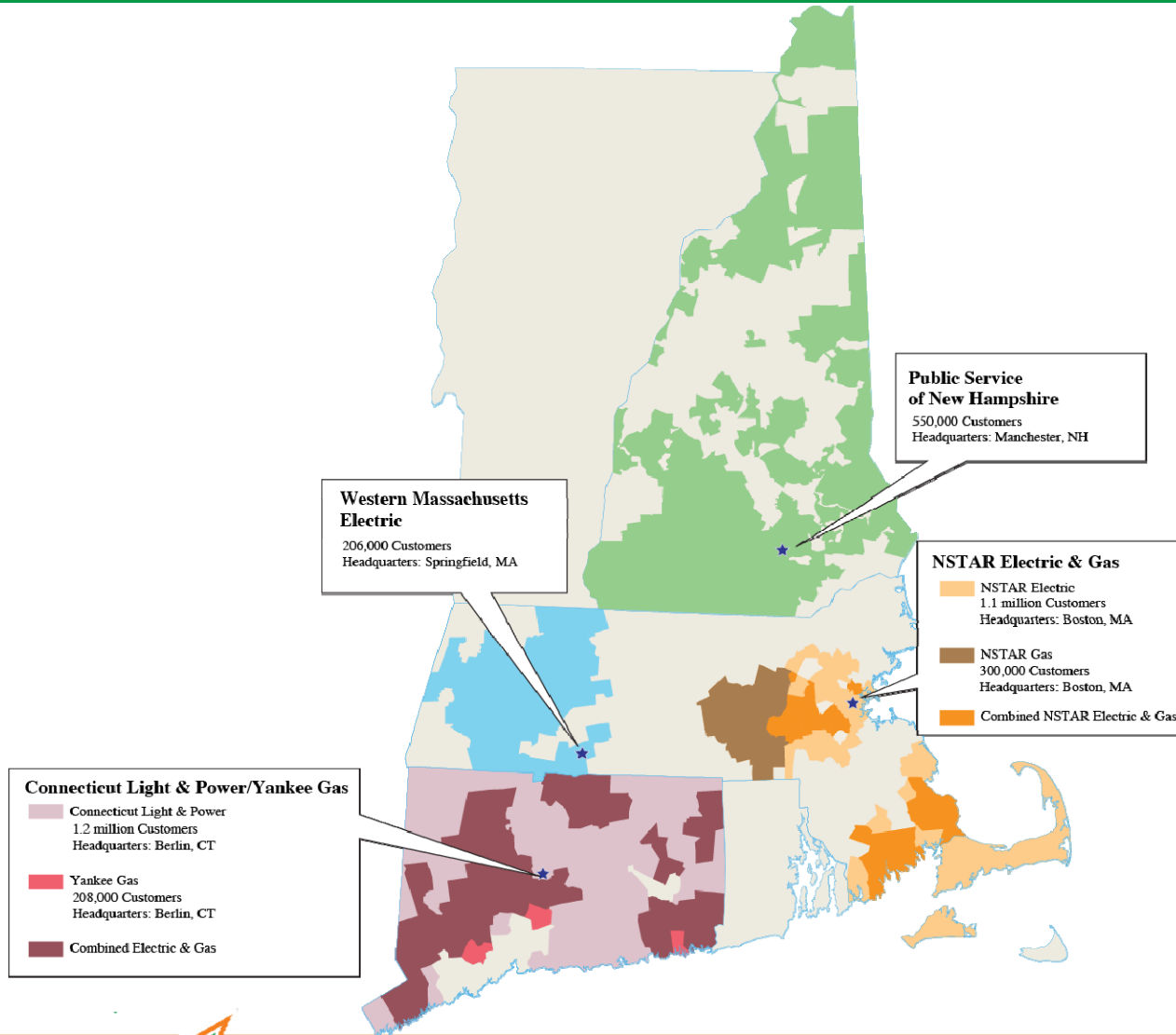
- Energy efficiency
- Renewables energy
- Sustainability
- Small scale
- Large scale
- Stakeholder engagement
- The industry will continue to define

What is Energize ConnecticutSM?

- Statewide branding initiative to promote the use of clean, affordable energy.
- Energize Connecticut programs are a partnership of the Energy Efficiency Fund, the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority, the state, and local electric and gas utilities
- Programs funded by a charge on customer energy bills



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What's working to get to ZNE communities?



1. Communities Program
2. Market transformations initiatives
3. ZNE Programs



Clean Energy Communities Program

60% of towns have signed the pledge

Ansonia, Ashford, Avon, **Barkhamsted**, Beacon Falls, Berlin, Bethel, Bethany, **Bethlehem**, Bloomfield, Branford, Bridgeport, **Bridgewater**, Bristol, Brookfield, **Cheshire**, Chester, Clinton, Cornwall, Coventry, **Danbury**, Derby, Durham, **East Hampton**, East Haven, Easton, Enfield, Essex, Fairfield, Farmington, Glastonbury, Goshen, Greenwich, Guilford, Hamden, Hampton, Hartford, Harwinton, Hebron, Killingworth, **Lisbon**, **Litchfield**, Madison, Mansfield, **Middlefield**, Middletown, Milford, Monroe, New Britain, **New Haven**, New London, New Milford, Newtown, North Branford, North Haven, **Norwalk**, Old Saybrook, Orange, Oxford, Plainville, Plymouth, Portland, Prospect, Rocky Hill, Roxbury, **Salem**, Scotland, Seymour, Sharon, Shelton, Somers, Southbury, Stafford, Stamford, Stratford, **Suffield**, Thomaston, Trumbull, **Warren**, Washington, Waterbury, **Watertown**, West Hartford, West Haven, Westbrook, Weston, Westport, Wilton, Windham, Wolcott, Woodbridge & Woodstock



93 Clean Energy Communities
(through 3/5/2014)

Clean Energy Communities Program

How our program works:

- Plan
 - Town signs pledge (20% energy reduction by 2018)
 - Jointly creates plan
 - Program offers benchmarking
- Implement
 - Used established EE programs
 - Get the word out (grassroots outreach and marketing)
- Reward
 - Grants
 - Publicize success

Next steps for CEC program

Expand program:

- Massachusetts – NSTAR, NSTAR Gas, WMEO
- New Hampshire – Public Service of New Hampshire

Target Zero Net Energy Communities:

- Identify the champions
- Engage the proper stakeholders
- Design plan/pilot

Market Transformation

Upstream Programs:

- Instant rebates
- Manufacturer, distributor, and retailers
- Influencing stocking and marketing decisions

Customer Engagement Programs:

- Customer-facing portal for managing energy use and decisions
- Behavior program – Home Energy Reports

CT ZERO ENERGY CHALLENGE





What is the CT Zero Energy Challenge?

- Annual design build competition – started in 2010
- Promotes builders and homeowners to achieve near zero energy homes
- Education – project team throughout design and construction
- Marketability
- Learn from fellow participant's best practices



2013 Zero Energy Challenge Complete:

- 11 homes participated
- 5 winners were announced December 29th
- Ceremony and awards presentation March 27th
- Homes were graded based on 4 different categories:
 - Lowest overall HERS Index
 - Lowest HERS Index w/o renewable technology
 - Most affordable project (cost/SqFt)
 - Lowest annual operating costs

Project Example: Affordable Housing Community

Yale Acres Zero Energy Community – Meriden, CT

- 163 residential units
- Community building/warming center
- First model building completed January 2014



Project Example: Zero Energy Community/Microgrid

Great Pond Sustainable Community – Windsor, CT

- 653 acres
- 4,010 residential units
- 850,000 sq/ft commercial spaces
- First 350 units to start construction Summer 2014



The design of neighborhoods within Great Pond draws on the character of historic towns and villages in the region.

The plan creates a diverse mix of residential choices, offices, neighborhood retail, civic and institutional uses.

- 653 acres total site area
- 365 acres of open space
- 4010 residential units
- 85,000 sq. ft. of neighborhood commercial
- 640,000 sq. ft. of office
- 128,000 sq. ft. of civic and institutional uses

Components for future ZNE communities?



1. Communities Program
2. Market transformations initiatives
3. ZNE Programs



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