



Key Policy Topics in Solar & Storage Deployment

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NECEC: The Connective Thread

As the largest non-profit trade association for the sector, we champion solutions from over 300 members spanning renewable energy, grid modernization, clean transportation, building efficiency, cleantech innovation, workforce development, and community engagement.

Our goal is a decarbonized, equitable Northeast where all communities access the benefits of sustainability.





Integrated Approach for Impact

Municipal Leadership

We support community leaders in their decarbonization and climate response efforts by providing a toolkit, networking opportunities, procurement support, and innovative solutions to address energy affordability and equity challenges.

Policy Advocacy

We drive campaigns to enact regulations that facilitate affordable clean energy and technology deployment at scale by convening utilities, legislators, project developers and equity advocates.



Ecosystem Engagement

We link the Statehouses, environmental justice organizations, and stakeholders from across the climate economy ecosystem for an inclusive, equitable approach to the clean transition

Workforce Development

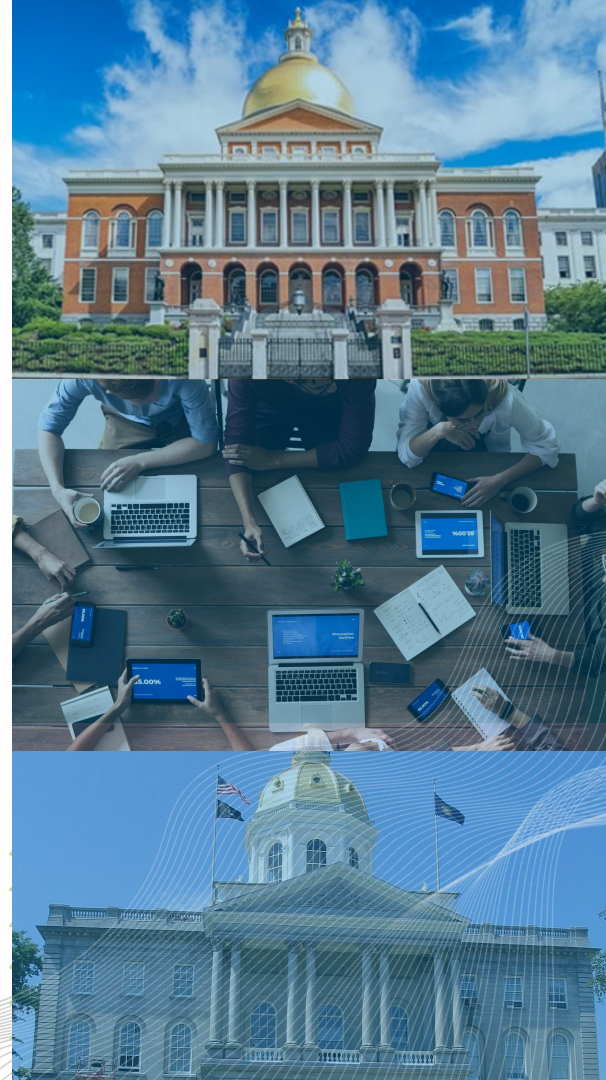
Centered on equitable access to clean energy jobs, workforce development partners across employers, training providers and municipalities to analyze needs and build inclusive hiring pipelines

Innovation

We run accelerators supporting dozens of cleantech startups, as well as networks connecting later-stage ventures to partners and capital.

NECEC's Public Policy Objectives:

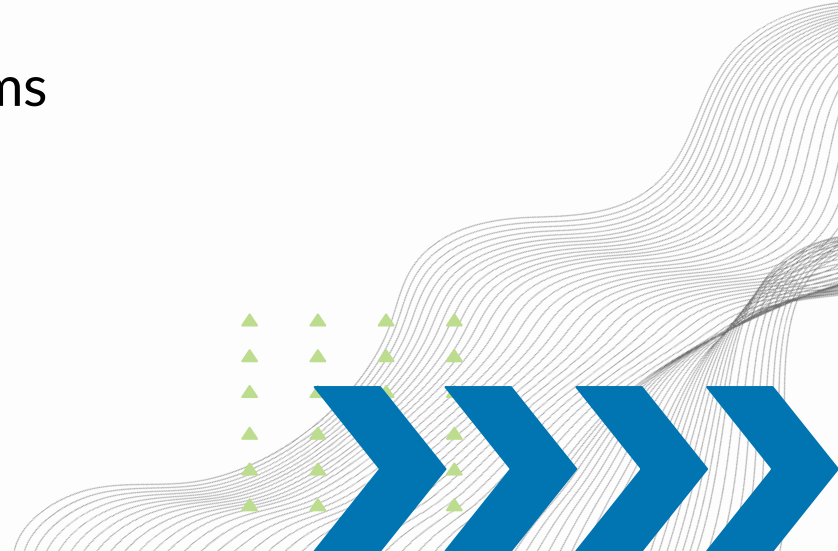
- **Develop strong, binding state-level decarbonization mandates** to provide a clear roadmap for the clean energy transition and ensure accountability.
- **Champion cleantech and clean energy legislation and regulations** at the local, state, and federal levels to push for bold innovation, protect our member assets, and speed up the clean energy transition.
- **Reform grid planning, cost allocation, and interconnection** to facilitate the integration of renewable energy sources and ensure a fair and efficient transition.
- **Streamline inclusive siting and permitting frameworks** to accelerate clean energy project development while engaging local communities and leveraging state guidance.
- **Expand incentives and procurement programs to drive the adoption of clean energy technologies** and create market opportunities for our members.





Key Issues in the Deployment of Solar & Storage

- Siting & permitting
- Interconnection process
- Who pays, who benefits
- Updating state and utility programs
- Leveraging federal funding





Current Proceedings & New Programs in Massachusetts

Electric Sector Modernization Plans

Turning the Energy Infrastructure Siting and Permitting Recs into legislation

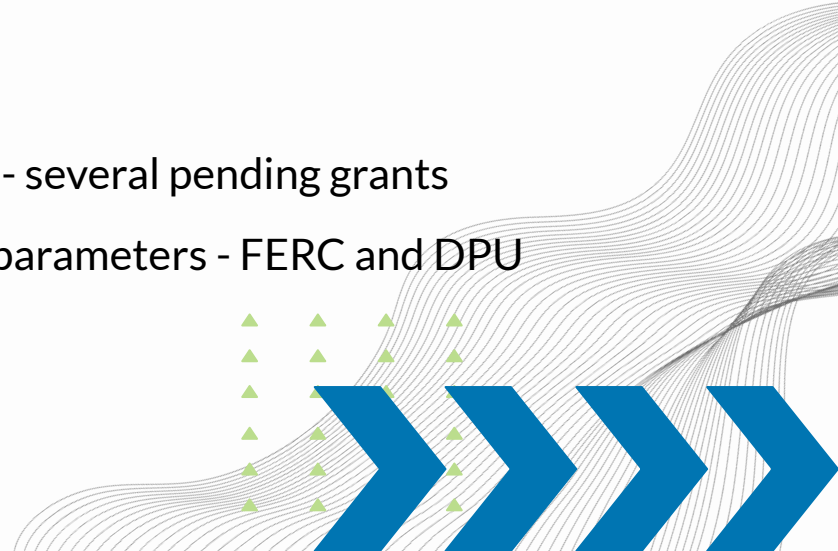
Review of SMART and Clean Peak programs

Charging Forward - new storage programs

DOE Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships - several pending grants

Grid-scale storage: wholesale tariffs & operating parameters - FERC and DPU

Solar for All program roll-out





Aligning Interests

How do we set programs and policies that:

- Support state climate and clean energy goals
- Include equity, justice and conservation objectives
- Protect ratepayers and the “energy burdened,” especially
- Provide transparency, certainty and reasonable costs for clean energy developers
- Allow communities to have a say, while ensuring things can get built





Thank You!



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