

**CAPE & VINEYARD ELECTRIC  
COOPERATIVE, INC.**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**



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## **Independent Auditors' Report**

The Board of Directors  
Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Barnstable, Massachusetts 02630

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Inc. as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### *Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

## *Opinion*

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Inc. as of June 30, 2014, and the change in financial position and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## *Other Matters*

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis (located on pages 3 through 4) be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.



**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**

Boston, Massachusetts  
June 17, 2015

CAPE & VINEYARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
JUNE 30, 2014

As management of the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CVEC), we offer readers of these financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of CVEC's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2014.

**Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the *financial statements*, which consists of the following two components:

1. Financial statements
2. Notes to the financial statements

**Financial Statements**

CVEC's financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), as set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting and include the following three basic financial statements: (1) the Statement of Net Position, (2) the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position and (3) the Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements can be found on pages 5-7 of this report.

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 8-12 of this report.

**Financial Statement Analysis**

The following tables present current and prior year data on the financial statements.

Net Position

CVEC's assets exceeded liabilities by \$244,322 as of June 30, 2014 and are summarized as follows:

	2014	2013	Change (\$)	Change (%)
<b>Assets</b>				
Current assets.....	\$ 432,206	\$ 409,664	\$ 22,542	5.5%
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Current liabilities.....	187,884	98,276	89,608	91.2%
<b>Net Position</b>				
Unrestricted.....	\$ 244,322	\$ 311,388	\$ (67,066)	-21.5%

CVEC's assets consist entirely of cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable. Liabilities consist entirely of accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

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Changes in Net Position

CVEC's net position decreased by \$67,066 for the year ended June 30, 2014 and is summarized as follows:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Change (\$)</u>	<u>Change (%)</u>
Operating revenues.....	\$ 163,875	\$ 126,712	\$ 37,163	29.3%
Operating expenses.....	<u>713,757</u>	<u>572,451</u>	<u>141,306</u>	<u>24.7%</u>
Operating (loss).....	(549,882)	(445,739)	(104,143)	23.4%
Nonoperating revenues.....	<u>482,816</u>	<u>402,938</u>	<u>79,878</u>	<u>19.8%</u>
Change in net position.....	(67,066)	(42,801)	(24,265)	56.7%
Net position - beginning of year.....	<u>311,388</u>	<u>354,189</u>	<u>(42,801)</u>	<u>-12.1%</u>
Net position - end of year.....	<u>\$ 244,322</u>	<u>\$ 311,388</u>	<u>\$ (67,066)</u>	<u>-21.5%</u>

Operating revenues consist of photovoltaic solar sales. Operating revenues increased approximately \$37,000 due to an increase in on-line projects and usage associated with these projects.

Operating expenses consist primarily of legal expenses (\$416,835 or 58%) and purchased power costs (\$159,149 or 22%). Operating expenses increased approximately \$141,000 due to an increase in legal fees (approximately \$94,000) pertaining to Rounds I and II Solar PV Initiatives and an increase in purchased power costs (approximately \$37,000) due to an increase in on-line projects and usage associated with these projects.

***Requests for Information***

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of CVEC's finances for all those with an interest in its finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report should be addressed to the President of the Board of Directors, P.O. Box 427, Superior Court House, Barnstable, Massachusetts 02630.

CAPE & VINEYARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2014

<b>ASSETS</b>	<u>Amount</u>
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 269,247
Receivables:	
Members - energy sales, net of allowance (\$0).....	62,424
Members - renewable energy certificates, net of allowance (\$0).....	<u>100,535</u>
Total assets.....	<u>432,206</u>
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable.....	162,641
Accrued liabilities.....	<u>25,243</u>
Total liabilities.....	<u>187,884</u>
 <b>NET POSITION</b>	
Unrestricted.....	\$ <u><u>244,322</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Amount
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>	
Sales - energy.....	\$ 163,875
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	
Salaries.....	57,302
Purchased power costs.....	159,149
Legal fees.....	416,835
Administrative and general.....	80,471
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES.....	713,757
OPERATING (LOSS).....	(549,882)
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES</b>	
Investment income.....	40
Member contributions.....	402,745
Other.....	80,031
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES.....	482,816
CHANGE IN NET POSITION.....	(67,066)
NET POSITION AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.....	311,388
NET POSITION AT END OF YEAR.....	\$ 244,322

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

CAPE & VINEYARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Receipts from customers and users.....	\$ 74,428
Payments to vendors and customers.....	(568,016)
Payments for employee services.....	<u>(56,133)</u>
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES.....	<u>(549,721)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Proceeds from sales of renewable energy certificates.....	167,760
Purchase of renewable energy certificates.....	(167,760)
Member contributions.....	402,745
Other.....	<u>80,031</u>
NET CASH FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES.....	<u>482,776</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Investment income.....	<u>40</u>
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS.....	(66,905)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.....	<u>336,152</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR.....	<u><u>\$ 269,247</u></u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING (LOSS) TO NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Operating (loss).....	\$ <u>(549,882)</u>
Adjustments to reconcile operating (loss) to net cash from operating activities:	
Effect of changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Accounts receivable.....	(89,447)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities.....	<u>89,608</u>
Total adjustments.....	<u>161</u>
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES.....	<u><u>\$ (549,721)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 1 - REPORTING ENTITY**

The Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CVEC) consists of 17 member municipalities, 2 counties and one intergovernmental organization located on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard in the State of Massachusetts. CVEC was established September 12, 2007 under Massachusetts General Laws for the purpose of developing and/or owning renewable electric generation facilities and procuring and/or selling long term electric supply or other energy-related goods or services at competitive prices to its Members and consumers within its Member communities.

CVEC is governed by a Board of Directors that consists of an appointed Director from each member. The Officers of CVEC are elected annually by the Board of Directors and consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Clerk.

Any municipality or county or political subdivision thereof, or body politic that meets the requirements of Internal Revenue Code Section 115, is eligible to apply for membership in the CVEC, provided that the governing board of each Member has authorized its membership.

Subsequent Events

Subsequent to June 30, 2014, the Town of Chilmark was accepted as a CVEC member and the Town of Mashpee withdrew as a CVEC member.

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The basic financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. CVEC accounts for its operations as an enterprise fund. The significant accounting policies are described herein.

***A. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation***

CVEC's financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liabilities are incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

CVEC distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the principal ongoing operations. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

***B. Deposits***

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

***C. Revenue Recognition***

CVEC Members and participants in net metered sales agreements are billed their portion of power used (and related maintenance fee and operational adders) based on actual production during each month. Except for billings related to renewable energy certificates, Members are billed monthly. Billings for renewable energy certificates are performed quarterly.

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**D. Salaries**

Employees of CVEC are legally employed by the County. As such, expenses related to salaries represent charge backs to CVEC from the County.

**E. Purchased Power Costs**

Purchased power costs reflect actual purchased power from the multiple solar photovoltaic (PV) installation sites.

**F. Legal Fees**

Legal fees primarily represent costs incurred related to several projects including multiple Solar PV installations and certain wind projects. Legal fees also represent expenses related to general legal consulting.

**G. Income Taxes**

The Cooperative is exempt from federal and state income taxes.

**H. Use of Estimates**

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure for contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the basic financial statements and the reported amounts of the revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS**

Deposits and investments are governed by the Massachusetts General Laws and CVEC's by-laws.

Deposits - Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, CVEC's deposits may not be recovered. CVEC's policy for custodial credit risk of deposits is to rely on FDIC insurance. As of June 30, 2014, \$19,254 of CVEC's bank balance of \$269,254 was uninsured and uncollateralized.

**NOTE 4 - MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Cape Light Compact (a CVEC Member) provided CVEC contributions totaling \$402,745 related to CVEC's operations for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. This contribution did not provide the Cape Light Compact an individual or separate interest in the property or the assets of CVEC. In addition, CVEC has no obligation to repay the contributed amounts. Contributions from the Compact since inception total \$3,069,422, of which \$2,549,422 was funded from the Compact's mil-adder revenue.

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**NOTE 4 - MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS (CONTINUED)**

Subsequent Events

Subsequent to year-end, the Compact provided CVEC a contribution totaling \$403,455 to fund CVEC's operations for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Similar to previous amounts, the contribution did not provide the Compact an individual or separate interest in CVEC and there is no obligation for CVEC to repay the contributed amount.

**NOTE 5 - COMMITMENTS**

761 kW Solar PV Installation Project

CVEC has entered into seven "Power Purchase Agreements" (PPA) with Consolidated Edison Solutions, Inc. for 100% of the net energy generated at various installations at a fixed rate through fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

CVEC has entered into seven "Cooperative Net Metered Power Purchase and Equipment Attachment Agreements" with Consolidated Edison Solutions, Inc. and the Towns of Barnstable, Bourne, Brewster, Eastham and Harwich, to sell 100% of the net energy generated as part of the 761 kW PV installation project to the respective Towns at a fixed rate through fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

CVEC has entered into seven "Agreements for the Purchase and Sale of Renewable Energy Certificates" with Consolidated Edison Solutions, Inc. for the purchase of renewable energy certificates based on the net energy generated as part of the 761 kW PV installation project at a fixed rate through fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

Rounds 1 & 2 Solar PV Initiative

CVEC has entered into 25 "Inter-Governmental Project Development Agreements" with the Towns of Barnstable, Bourne, Brewster, Chatham, Eastham, Edgartown, Harwich, Orleans, Provincetown, Tisbury and West Tisbury, the Barnstable Fire District and the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District for the lease of land to design, procure, install, test, commission, own, operate and maintain a solar PV system. The lease calls for a rate of \$1 per year through fiscal years 2031, 2032, 2033 and 2034.

CVEC has entered into 25 "Energy Management Services Agreements for Solar PV Systems", with various third party contractors. The agreements are effective through fiscal years 2031, 2032, 2033 and 2034 and provide for, among other things, the following:

- The design, installation, operation and maintenance of a solar PV system by the third party contractors
- CVEC's purchase of 100% of the net energy generated as part of each solar PV system at a fixed rate through fiscal years 2031, 2032, 2033 and 2034
- CVEC's option to purchase the solar PV system at various dates over the term of the agreements

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**NOTE 5 - COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)**

CVEC has entered into 25 “Inter-Governmental Net Metered Power Sales Agreements” with the Towns of Barnstable, Bourne, Brewster, Chatham, Eastham, Edgartown, Harwich, Orleans, Provincetown, Tisbury and West Tisbury, the Barnstable Fire District and the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District to sell a percentage of the net energy generated at the solar PV installation sites to the respective Towns based on their respective estimated annual usage at a fixed rate through fiscal years 2031 (Towns of Barnstable, Brewster, Chatham, Eastham, Edgartown, Harwich and Tisbury), 2032 (Towns of Chatham and West Tisbury, and the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District), 2033 (Towns of Barnstable, Bourne, Orleans and Provincetown) and 2034 (Barnstable Fire District).

Subsequent Events

Subsequent to year-end, CVEC entered into the following:

- 9 “Inter-Governmental Net Metered Power Sales Agreements” with the Towns of Brewster, Chatham, Chilmark, Oak Bluffs, Provincetown and Yarmouth, the Monomoy Regional School District, and Barnstable County and Dukes County, to sell excess energy generated at several sites (associated with CVEC’s Rounds 1 and 2 PV Solar initiatives) at a fixed rate through 2039.
- A “Net Metering Power Purchase Agreement” with a third party to purchase a portion of the energy generated by a wind energy generation project (Project) and receive from the host customer an allocation of the net metering credits to offset electric utility bills of participating CVEC Members or other governmental entities. The term of this agreement is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the commercial operation date of the Project. The term of the agreement may be extended no less than 5 years and no more than 25 years.
- 7 “Inter-Governmental Net Metered Power Sales Agreements” with the Towns of Brewster, Chatham, Oak Bluffs, Provincetown and Yarmouth, the Monomoy Regional School District, and Barnstable County to sell energy generated by the Project and provide the aforementioned entities their respective share of the net metering credits to offset electric utility bills. The term of these agreements is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the commercial operation date of the Project.
- A “Control Agreement for Deposit Account” to secure its obligations related to certain “Energy Management Services Agreements”.

**NOTE 6 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Fiscal Administration and Procurement

Barnstable County (a member of CVEC) provides, among other things, the following financial and administrative services:

- Barnstable County serves as CVEC’s fiscal administrator. Such services consist of banking, accounting, billing, collection and financial reporting.
- Barnstable County provides the necessary administrative services related to the procurement of goods and services on behalf of CVEC.

Barnstable County provides these services free of charge.

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**NOTE 6 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)**

Letter of Credit

In order to secure CVEC's performance under its PPA's with Consolidated Edison Solutions, Inc., CVEC was required to obtain an irrevocable standby letter of credit equal to the value of one year's worth of payments under the PPA and other PPA and REC agreements. The letter of credit is guaranteed by Barnstable County (at no cost to the County) through the use of Cape Light Compact funds, for which Barnstable County serves as fiscal agent.

The required letter of credit value totals \$100,000 and expires November 30, 2015.

Through the date of our report, no amounts have been drawn on the letter of credit.

Renewable Energy Certificates

Renewable energy certificates purchased by CVEC are sold to the Cape Light Compact for an amount equal to CVEC's cost. Total purchases and sales of renewable energy certificates for the year ending June 30, 2014 totaled \$167,760.

Loan

The Cape Light Compact's Board of Representatives has authorized a loan to CVEC in the amount of \$100,000 for potential cash flow deficits related to potential delays in receiving payments related to net metering credits. The authorized loan period is for 6 months at a rate of 1.1%. No amounts have been drawn on the loan authorization.

