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**NCPA EXPANDS MEMBER SUPPORT SERVICES VIA INVESTMENT
IN HOMETOWN CONNECTIONS, INC.**

ROSEVILLE, Calif. (June 1, 2018) — Today, the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) announced its investment in Hometown Connections, Inc. (HCI), a non-profit utility services organization that provides guidance, access to technology and services, and integrated solutions that are specifically designed to help public power utilities succeed in the communities they serve.

NCPA is one of five joint powers agencies to partner in the purchase of the majority of Hometown Connections International's assets from the American Public Power Association. NCPA, American Municipal Power, Inc., Missouri Public Utility Alliance, Vermont Public Power Supply Authority, and Alabama Municipal Electric Authority all partnered as initial members of HCI.

Each of the HCI members will have a director on the organization's Board. NCPA's General Manager Randy Howard will serve as Chair of the HCI Board, and NCPA's Chief Financial Officer/Assistant General Manager of Finance & Administrative Services Monty Hanks will serve as HCI's Chief Financial Officer. Both roles have a two-year term.

"As Chair of the HCI Board, I look forward to facilitating the growth of the organization and maximizing its potential," said Randy Howard, NCPA's General Manager. "HCI's new structure allows NCPA to expand the support services we are currently offering to our members and increase the benefits and economies of scale achieved through joint action."

By investing in HCI, NCPA members will have access to an advanced metering infrastructure program, power management consulting services, and the ability to benefit from large-scale pricing for vendor services. The comprehensive advanced metering program will be available nationwide to public power utilities that offer electric, gas, or water service. The program will help utilities with designing and managing the deployment of fully-integrated advanced metering solutions in their communities. Utilities participating in the program will work with industry-leading vendors to provide tailored solutions which include advanced meters, the associated network, system integrations, and ongoing operational support.

“Several NCPA members are in the process of evaluating deployment of advanced metering infrastructure,” said Howard. “Advanced metering technology could help NCPA members with data analytics necessary to make important decisions on resource procurement needs and customer program offerings.”

HCI issued a [press release](#) earlier today on the organization’s structural change. For more information, visit www.hometownconnections.com.

About NCPA: Headquartered in Roseville, California, NCPA is a nonprofit California joint powers agency established in 1968 to construct and operate renewable and low-emitting generating facilities and assist in meeting the wholesale energy needs of its 16 members: the Cities of Alameda, Biggs, Gridley, Healdsburg, Lodi, Lompoc, Palo Alto, Redding, Roseville, Santa Clara, Shasta Lake, and Ukiah, Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative, Port of Oakland, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), and Truckee Donner Public Utility District—collectively serving nearly 700,000 electric consumers in Central and Northern California.

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