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Football analogies may be cliché, but there is little doubt that lessons can be learned from the New England Patriots' victory in Super Bowl LI. Behind 28-3 in the third quarter it seemed as if the Atlanta Falcons were destined to win the game. And yet, through determination and teamwork, the Patriots put together the greatest comeback in Super Bowl history.

So, what can public power learn from the Patriots? Over the last 17 seasons they have been a dominant force in the National Football League. In that time, New England has broken nearly every record imaginable. And they've done it all by doing their jobs and putting team ahead of personal ego. Down 28-3 it was James White, essentially the 3rd string running back, who helped carry the team to victory. It is this selfless dedication to working together that we should admire and seek to emulate.

While public power certainly isn't playing a game in front of 100 million people, the nearly 80 electric utilities that make up NEPPA certainly face their share of challenges. Many of those issues are unique and our long history of local control affords us the opportunity to develop solutions that best meet our individual community needs. There are, however, an equal number of common challenges that we all face together. And if we want to defy the odds, if we want to accomplish the impossible, we need to be able to work together, to put aside our differences, and come together as a team. When we do that we will be unstoppable!

