

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 22-084

COUNTY OF CHESHIRE

Request for Approval of Cheshire Community Power Plan

ORDER OF NOTICE

On December 16, 2022, Cheshire County (Cheshire) filed a Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan (Community Power Plan) with the Commission pursuant to RSA 53-E:7 for Commission review and approval. Cheshire stated that its Community Power Plan was adopted by a vote of a quorum of County State Representatives. RSA 53-E:7, II provides that

The commission shall approve any plan submitted to it unless it finds that it does not meet the requirements of this chapter and other applicable rules and shall detail in writing addressed to the governing bodies of the municipalities or counties concerned, the specific respects in which the proposed plan substantially fails to meet the requirements of this chapter and applicable rules.

Cheshire's Community Power Plan will provide electric energy supply to the county's facilities, as well as other participating electric customers. Other participating electric customers include residents, businesses, and other entities within Cheshire that opt-in to Cheshire's Community Power Plan, as well as residents, businesses, and other entities within Cheshire municipalities when the municipality so requests, by a majority vote of their respective governing bodies, to participate in Cheshire's Community Power Plan as the municipalities' default option on an opt-out basis. Pursuant to Puc 2205.04, municipal community power aggregations take priority or precedence over county community power aggregations with respect to customer enrollment. Several municipalities within Cheshire have requested Commission approval of community power plans, some of which have been approved.

This filing raises, *inter alia*, issues related to whether Cheshire's Community Power Plan meets the requirements of RSA chapter 53-E and applicable rules, including Puc 2205.04.

RSA 53-E:7, II also directs the Commission to accept public comments for 21 days after receiving any such request for approval of a community electric aggregation plan, and states that the Commission's review of the plan and comments shall not require a contested case. Accordingly, the Commission hereby provides notice that it will accept public comments on Cheshire's Community Power Plan within the first 21 days from the date submission, or until **January 6, 2023**. Comments shall be addressed to the Chairman of the Commission, by mail at:

21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10,
Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

or by e-mail at: ClerksOffice@PUC.NH.gov.

All comments shall readily identify Docket No. DE 22-084 in the document header and/or in the subject line of any email.

Cheshire's filing, including its Community Power Plan and attachments, and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are available on the Commission website at www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2022/22-084.html.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

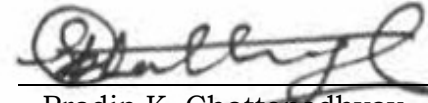
ORDERED, that public comments shall be accepted as set forth in this notice and pursuant to RSA 53-E:7, II, until **January 6, 2023**; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, a copy of this order of notice shall be posted on the Commission's website no later than December 23, 2022.

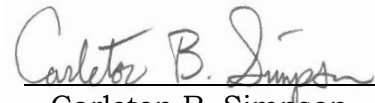
So ordered, this twenty-first day of December, 2022.



Daniel C. Goldner
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Commissioner



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