

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 22-079

**TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
Office of the Town Administrator
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Plainfield, NH 03781**

Request for Approval of Plainfield Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan

Commission Approval of Community Power Aggregation Plan

O R D E R N O. 26,766

January 27, 2023

In this order, the Commission approves the Town of Plainfield's (Plainfield) Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan (Plan).

I. BACKGROUND

On November 28, 2022, Plainfield submitted a request for approval of a community power aggregation plan to provide electric power supply and services for residents, businesses, and other entities in Plainfield pursuant to RSA chapter 53-E. Accompanying its request, Plainfield submitted the text of its Plan with attachments.

On November 29, 2022, the Commission issued an order of notice establishing a deadline for comments on Plainfield's Plan. The New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NHEC) submitted timely comments.

Plainfield's request, along with all subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, is posted at: <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2022/22-079.html>.

II. COMMISSION ANALYSIS

The Commission has reviewed Plainfield's Plan pursuant to RSA 53-E:7, II, as amended, which states 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.

RSA 53-E:7, II also provides specific direction on the process to be used for the submission of such plans, including the following requirements: 1) on the same day the plan is submitted to the Commission, copies shall be provided to the Office of the Consumer Advocate and any electric distribution utility providing service within the jurisdiction of the municipality; 2) the Commission shall accept public comments for 21 days thereafter; and 3) the Commission's review of the plan and comments shall not require a contested case. N.H. Admin R. Puc 2204.01 (a) also requires notification of aggregation plan filings be made with the New Hampshire Department of Energy.

Plainfield's submission complied with these procedural requirements. The NHEC stated that it does not have significant concerns with Plainfield's Plan assuming its pending requests for waivers of portions of the Puc ch. 2200 rules are granted, current electronic data interchange standards, its billing and metering system limitations, and realistic deployment timelines.

Plainfield is a member of the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH), a joint powers agency authorized under RSA 53-A. As a member of CPCNH, Plainfield's Plan indicates that it will likely utilize (but is not required to) CPCNH's joint resources with other member-municipalities, including shared third-party services,

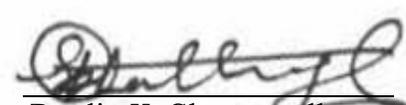
staff support, power solicitations, local project development, information sharing, and public advocacy.

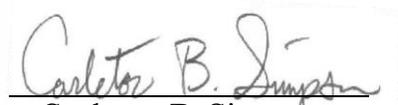
Based on our review of the Plan, we have determined that Plainfield's Plan contains an adequate level of detail of the RSA 53-E:6, III statutory criteria, other applicable statutory requirements, and applicable rules including N.H. Admin R. ch. 2200.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby determined that the Town of Plainfield's Request for Plan Approval is APPROVED.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-seventh day of January, 2023.


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