STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Request for Approval of Lincoln Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan

Commission Approval of Community Power Aggregation Plan

<u>O R D E R N O. 26,795</u>

March, 31 2023

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

I. BACKGROUND

On January 30, 2023, Lincoln 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 Lincoln pursuant to RSA chapter 53-E. Accompanying its request, Lincoln submitted the text of its plan.

On January 31, 2023, the Commission issued an order of notice establishing a deadline for comments on Lincoln's plan. The New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed timely Comments.

On February 23, 2023, in response to the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s comments, Lincoln filed revisions to its Plan (Revised Plan). These revisions addressed timing related to requests for customer data, as well as enrollment and treatment of net metering and electric assistance program customers. On February 27, 2023, the Commission issued a supplemental order of notice

establishing a deadline for comments on Lincoln's Revised Plan. No additional

comments on Lincoln's Revised Plan were received.

Lincoln'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: <u>https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2023/23-007.html</u>.

II. COMMISSION ANALYSIS

The Commission has reviewed Lincoln's Revised 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. Code Admin R. Puc 2204.01 (a) also requires notification of aggregation plan filings be made with the New Hampshire Department of Energy. Lincoln's submission complied with these procedural requirements.

Based on our review, we have determined that Lincoln's Revised Plan does not substantially fail to meet the applicable requirements of RSA Chapter 53-E. Lincoln's Revised 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 Lincoln's Request for Plan Approval is GRANTED.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this thirty-first day of March, 2023.

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