

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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**TOWN OF WALPOLE
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Request for Approval of Walpole Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan

Commission Approval of Community Power Aggregation Plan

O R D E R N O. 26,740

December 5, 2022

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

I. **BACKGROUND**

On October 5, 2022, Walpole 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 Walpole pursuant to RSA chapter 53-E. Accompanying its request, Walpole submitted the text of its Plan with attachments.

On October 6, 2022, the Commission issued an order of notice establishing a deadline for comments on Walpole's Plan. No comments were received.

Walpole'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/2022/22-065.html>.

II. COMMISSION ANALYSIS

The Commission has reviewed Walpole'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.


Walpole's submission complied with these procedural requirements. Walpole is a founding member of the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH), a joint powers agency authorized under RSA 53-A. As a member of CPCNH, Walpole's Plan depends on 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 Walpole's Plan contains an adequate level of detail of the RSA 53-E:6, III statutory criteria, other applicable statutory requirements, and applicable rules. In reviewing compliance with the N.H. Code Admin R. ch. 2200, we note that Walpole was the last municipality to submit its Plan prior to the effective date of these rules, which were adopted in their

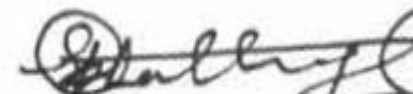
final form on October 5, 2022 (the same day Walpole's Plan was submitted), for effect October 12, 2022.

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


By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this fifth day of December, 2022.



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