

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 22-086

**CITY OF NASHUA
Aggregation Committee
229 Main Street, P.O. Box 2019
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Request for Approval of Nashua Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan

Commission Approval of Community Power Aggregation Plan

O R D E R N O. 26,774

February 16, 2023

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

I. BACKGROUND

On December 19, 2022, Nashua 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 Nashua pursuant to RSA chapter 53-E. Accompanying its request, Nashua submitted the text of its Plan with attachments.

On December 21, 2022, the Commission issued an order of notice establishing a deadline for comments on Nashua's Plan.

No comments were received.

Nashua'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/2022/22-086.html>.

II. COMMISSION ANALYSIS

The Commission has reviewed Nashua'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.

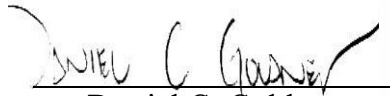
RSA 53-E:7, II also provides specific direction on the process to be used for the submission of such plans, including the following requirements: 1) on the same day the plan is submitted to the Commission, copies shall be provided to the Office of the Consumer Advocate and any electric distribution utility 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. Nashua's submission complied with these procedural requirements.

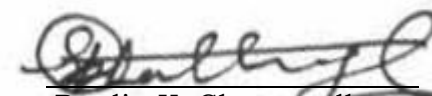
Under the terms of the Plan, Nashua's Board of Aldermen, after consultation with the Mayor and the Electric Aggregation Committee, may elect to either hire an electricity broker/consultant and contract with a Competitive Electric Power Supplier to provide electricity and related program services, or participate in the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) to provide electricity and related program services. CPCNH is a joint powers agency authorized under RSA 53-A, where members-municipalities would utilize joint resources with each other, including shared third-party services, staff support, power solicitations, local project development, information sharing, and public advocacy.

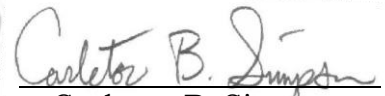
Based on our review of the Plan, we have determined that Nashua's Plan does not substantially fail to meet the applicable requirements of RSA Chapter 53-E. Nashua's Plan contains an adequate level of detail of RSA 53-E:6's statutory criteria, other applicable statutory requirements, and applicable rules including N.H. Admin R. ch. 2200.

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

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this sixteenth day of February 2022.


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