

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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**CITY OF SOMERSWORTH
One Government Way
Somersworth, NH 03878**

**Request for Approval of Somersworth Community Power Electric Aggregation
Plan**

Commission Approval of Community Power Aggregation Plan

O R D E R N O. 26,933

January 9, 2024

In this order, the Commission approves the City of Somersworth's (Somersworth or the "Hilltop City") Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan (Plan).

I. BACKGROUND

On December 12, 2023, Somersworth 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 the Hilltop City pursuant to RSA chapter 53-E. Accompanying its request, Somersworth submitted the text of its Plan with attachments.

On December 15, 2023, the Commission issued an order of notice establishing a deadline for comments on Somersworth's Plan.

No comments were received.

Somersworth'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/2023/23-100.html>.

II. COMMISSION ANALYSIS

The Commission has reviewed the Hilltop City'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, 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. Somersworth's submission complied with these procedural requirements.


Somersworth's Plan assumes, but does not require, that Somersworth will participate fully in the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) to provide electric energy supply and related program services. CPCNH is a joint powers agency authorized under RSA 53-A, where member-municipalities 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 the Hilltop City's Plan does not substantially fail to meet applicable requirements of RSA Chapter 53-E or applicable rules. Somersworth's Plan contains an adequate level of detail of RSA 53-


E:6's statutory criteria, other applicable statutory requirements, and applicable rules including Puc ch. 2200.

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

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this ninth day of January, 2024.



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Chairman



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Commissioner

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