

53-E:6 Electric Aggregation Plan. –

I. The governing body of a municipality or county may form an electric aggregation committee to develop a plan for an aggregation program for its citizens. A municipality or county may join other municipalities or counties in developing such plans. A county plan may provide an aggregation program for all or a subset of municipalities within the county that request to participate by a majority vote of their respective governing bodies.

II. The plan shall provide universal access, reliability, and equitable treatment of all classes of customers subject to any differences arising from varying opportunities, tariffs, and arrangements between different electric distribution utilities in their respective franchise territories, and shall meet, at a minimum, the basic environmental and service standards established by the commission and other applicable agencies and laws concerning aggregated service.

III. The plan shall detail:

(a) The organizational structure of the program.

(b) Operation and funding.

(c) Rate setting and other costs to participants, including whether energy supply services are offered on an opt-in basis or on an opt-out basis as an alternative default service.

(d) The methods for entering and terminating agreements with other entities.

(e) The rights and responsibilities of program participants.

(f) How net metered electricity exported to the distribution grid by program participants, including for group net metering, will be compensated and accounted for.

(g) How the program will ensure participants who are enrolled in the Electric Assistance Program administered by the commission will receive their discount.

(h) Termination of the program.

IV. The committee shall approve a final plan which the committee determines is in the best, long-term interest of the municipality or county and the ratepayers.

V. The committee shall solicit public input in the planning process and shall hold public hearings.

Source. 1996, 192:2, eff. Aug. 2, 1996. 2019, 316:4, eff. Oct. 1, 2019. 2021, 229:8, eff. Oct. 25, 2021.