

## **RESOLUTION 2024-74**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF STOCKTON BOROUGH, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM AGREEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has been engaged in a process to establish a competitive market place through deregulation and restructuring the electric and natural gas utility markets; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a governmental energy aggregation program ( "GEA Program") to purchase electric generation service and natural gas pursuant to the Government Energy Act of 2003, *N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 et seq.* ("Act") and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' implementing rules at *N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.1 et seq.* ("Rules") will increase competition for the provision of electric power and natural gas to residential and non-residential electricity and gas ratepayers, thereby increasing the likelihood of lower electric rates and natural gas rates for these users without causing an interruption in service; and

**WHEREAS**, under a GEA Program the residential ratepayers may have the opportunity to receive a direct reduction in their electric bills through the bulk purchase of energy from a third-party energy supplier; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ordinance #19-08 adopted by the Council of Stockton Borough on October 14, 2019, Stockton Borough publicly declared its intent to commence a GEA Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Califon is the Lead Agency for the Hunterdon Area Energy Cooperative (HAEC) and shall accept or reject pricing on behalf of the Cooperative and its participant members; and

**WHEREAS**, Stockton Borough wishes to be a participating member of the HAEC and hereby agrees to proceed with the program, by signing the Supplier Agreement, should the Borough of Califon accept pricing, which provides a savings on the supply portion of the electric bill for the residential energy aggregation program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Califon appointed Commercial Utility Consultants, Inc. (CUC) and Concord Engineering dba Concord Energy Services (CES) for the HAEC to serve as the Energy Agents to assist and administer the GEA program at no cost to the Borough of Califon or HAEC or its participating members; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of Stockton Borough, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, duly assembled in public session, as follows:  
Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

1. The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.
2. Stockton Borough, as a participating member of the HAEC, hereby agrees to proceed with the program by signing the Supplier Agreement should the Borough of Califon accept pricing which provides a reduction on the supply portion of the electric bill for the residential energy aggregation program.
3. The Mayor, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer or other municipal officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of Stockton Borough any documents necessary to carry out the purpose of this Resolution including the Supplier Services Agreement providing a reduction is achieved at the time of auction.

**Certification:**

I, Laurie A. Courter, Clerk of the Borough of Stockton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton on September 16, 2024.



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Laurie A. Courter, Borough Clerk