

**220. AN “ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY COOPERATIVES”
(INITIALLY APPROVED SEPTEMBER 5, 2017; FINALLY APPROVED OCTOBER 2, 2017)**

WHEREAS, Public Act No. 17-73 “An Act Concerning Municipal Electric Utility Cooperatives and Establishing a Municipal Electric Consumer Advocate” was passed through the Connecticut General Assembly and made effective October 1, 2017; and

Section 1.

The representatives to be appointed to the Cooperative Utility Board, Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (“CMEEC”), by the Groton Utilities Commission, shall:

1. Two (2) Member Representatives from Groton Utilities shall be the Chairman of the Utilities Commission and the Director of Utilities, *ex officio*. The term of each Member Representative to CMEEC shall not expire unless and until he or she (i) ceases to hold the office of Chairman or the position of Director of Utilities, as applicable, or (ii) is sooner removed pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 4, below;
2. The Chairman of the Utilities Commission may elect to appoint an official or high-ranking employee of Groton Utilities, in good standing, to act as a Member Representative to CMEEC in his or her stead, provided such appointee shall require the approval of the Utilities Commission. Such appointee shall serve a three (3) year term as Member Representative to CMEEC from the date of Utilities Commission Approval unless sooner removed pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 4, below;
3. (A) The Chairman of the Utilities Commission shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Utilities Commission, the Alternate Member Representatives from Groton Utilities to CMEEC who will each serve a three (3) year term from the date of Utilities Commission approval unless sooner removed pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 4, below. Only an official or high-ranking employee of Groton Utilities, in good standing, at the time of his or her approval shall be eligible to serve as an Alternate Member Representative to CMEEC;

(B) In the event the Chairman of the Utilities Commission has designated a person to act as a Member Representative to CMEEC in his or her stead, then the Chairman of the Utilities Commission may appoint himself or herself as an Alternate Member Representative, which appointment shall not require the approval of the Utilities Commission. In no event may the Chairman of the Utilities Commission simultaneously serve as both a Member Representative and an Alternate Member Representative to CMEEC;

4. The Utilities Commission may remove any Member Representative or Alternate Member Representative to CMEEC, without cause, by a super majority vote;

5. The terms of Member Representatives and Alternative Member Representatives approved in May, 2017, for purposes of the initial term, shall remain in effect until its original term expiration date.

Section 2.

The representative to be appointed to the Cooperative Utility Board, Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative ("CMEEC") by the Mayor and Council in the City of Groton ("Ratepayer representative") shall:

1. A representative who is a residential or commercial ratepayer of the municipal electric utility that operates in the municipality of such legislative body;

2. Does not hold other official positions in and is not employed by (a) the governing body of such member municipal electric utility, (b) the municipality in which the member municipal electric utility operates, (c) the governing body of any other member municipal electric utility, (d) the municipality in which any other member municipal electric utility operates, or (e) the municipal electric energy cooperative (CMEEC);

3. Such appointee shall serve a three (3) year term as a Representative to CMEEC from the date of Mayor and Council Approval unless sooner removed pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 4, below;

(A) Initial term will commence on or before November 1, 2017 and expire May 24, 2020;

4. The Mayor and Council may remove the Ratepayer Representative without cause, by a super majority vote.

Section 3.

The Ratepayer representative qualifications will be defined as:

1. The representative should represent a typical ratepayer.

2. Professional expertise to the board that will help the board with opinions and direction as it relates to electrical procurement and electrical generation strategy, contracting, and management.

3. Have enough time to dedicate to CMEEC board preparation and participation.

Section 4.

The Representatives to CMEEC may receive such salary or compensation and expense reimbursement as may be determined by the CMEEC Bylaws. CMEEC may reimburse its representatives for expenses for travel, both within and without the state, incurred by them in connection with services as a designated representative on such board.

1. Representatives appointed by the Groton Utilities Commission;
 - (A) Employees of the member electric utility – shall have stipends deposited into the utilities rate stabilization fund.
 - (B) Volunteer official of the member electric utility – may take the stipend or have it deposited into the utility rate stabilization fund by their preference.
2. Representatives appointed by the Groton City Council;
 - (A) Ratepayer representative – may take the stipend or have it deposited into the utility rate stabilization fund by their preference.

Section 5.

1. The municipal electric energy cooperative (CMEEC) shall post notice of agenda's pursuant to Public Act 17-73;
2. Groton Utilities shall post on its Internet web site, and provide to the City of Groton, notice of and the agenda of the municipal electric energy cooperative (CMEEC) for each meeting and public hearing, and any changes made thereto notice, agenda and changes, not later than four days before such meeting or public hearing;
3. The City of Groton shall post on its Internet web site such notice, agenda and changes not later than three days before such meeting or public hearing.

Section 6.

1. The municipal electric energy cooperative (CMEEC) shall post meeting minutes pursuant to Public Act 17-73;
2. Groton Utilities shall post on its Internet web site, and provide to the City of Groton, minutes of such meeting or public hearing, including any actions taken, motions voted and resolutions adopted, not later than six days after such meeting or public hearing.
3. The City of Groton shall post such minutes on its Internet web site not later than seven days after such meeting or public hearing.

WHEREAS, this Ordinance was published in The Day, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Groton on September 9, 2017 and September 10, 2017;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance will take effect upon passage;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council Finally Approve an “Ordinance Concerning Municipal Electric Utility Cooperatives”.