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ROSENBERG SUPPORTS HAMPSHIRE COG ENERGY AGGREGATION PLAN

State Senator Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst), President Pro Tem of the Massachusetts Senate, is supporting the Hampshire Council of Governments' municipal energy aggregation plan filed with the state Department of Public Utilities.

The plan, if approved, would allow the Hampshire CoG, as the lead agency, to aggregate its purchasing power to obtain better electricity rates for its 21 member communities.

Rosenberg was the author of the municipal aggregation provision of the utility restructuring legislation that enables municipalities to organize for better electricity rates.

In a letter to the chair of the state Department of Public Utilities, Rosenberg stated that Hampshire Council of Governments' officials "have the capacity to administer and the experience to manage this next step in energy aggregation in western Massachusetts."

"I am hopeful that the DPU will look favorably on this proposal," Rosenberg said. "My goal from the beginning was to establish a mechanism for cities and towns to reduce electricity rates. I know that the CoG has the experience to make this plan a success."

