

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

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SUBJECT

Resolution 2026-097 Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Platte River Power Authority and Other Owner Communities for Distributed Energy Resources Programs and Projects.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to update an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Platte River Power Authority and owner communities to support programs and projects for community wide distributed energy resources. This IGA modernizes the partnership by updating governance and funding mechanisms, identifies programs and projects as components of an integrated Distributed Energy Resources (DER) strategy, and outlines the data sharing necessary to support the next generation of community electricity management and energy transition.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Platte River and its owner communities have established regional programs, such as Efficiency Works, since 2014, using an intergovernmental agreement as a mechanism for partnership. Establishing common, regional programs not only creates efficiencies of scale and reduces administrative costs but also simplifies the participation experience for customers and participating contractors across the four service territories. An integrated approach to DER program and projects ultimately results in reduced rate pressure while maintaining world class programs and services for community members.

Under the updated IGA, collaborative efforts include a wider range of programs, projects, systems, and grid integration efforts that can support electric system reliability and affordability while integrating increased renewable generation resources to advance the goals of both the member communities and Platte River. This expanded approach reflects the evolving role of energy resources and technologies in supporting a modern electric grid.

Updated modern language has been added to the IGA, in addition to current laws and industry standards.

The IGA broadens the types of projects the owner municipalities and Platte River may pursue, including system integration initiatives, load forecasting and load management, electrification efforts, and virtual power plant (VPP) enablement activities.

The governance structure is revised from a Project Team to a DER Advisory Committee. Platte River and each owner municipality appoint one staff representative to the committee, which plays a larger role in directing DER strategy and activities, strengthening regional collaboration and integrated system planning.

Finally, the updated IGA reinforces the autonomy of each owner municipality to develop and operate independent DER programs and initiatives, provided they communicate program goals and policy alignment with Platte River and the other owner municipalities and comply with other agreements.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

None.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Fort Collins Energy Board recommended adoption of the agreement (9-0 in support).

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS / LINKS

1. Excerpt from Energy Board Minutes, June 11, 2026
2. Resolution 2026-097