

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM MEMO
REGULAR MEETING**

SUBJECT: Resolution Adopting the Rochelle Municipal Utilities Energy Action Plan

Staff Contact: Blake Toliver, Superintendent of Electric Operations

Summary:

The EnergySense Resilience Center at the University of Illinois System prepared an Energy Action Plan for Rochelle Municipal Utilities and the communities it serves. The plan was developed through stakeholder interviews, public outreach and feedback, energy assessments of major community facilities, and coordination with a community steering committee. Its development was supported by an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant obtained with assistance from the Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone and Blackhawk Hills Regional Council.

The plan provides a planning framework for 2026 through 2050 to help RMU maintain reliable, affordable electric service while preparing for state energy requirements and long-term changes in the power supply. Recommended strategies are organized into four focus areas: short-term energy efficiency; long-term resilience and sustainability; affordability and rate stability; and community engagement.

Adoption by resolution will formally establish the Energy Action Plan as a guide for future utility planning, grant applications, and evaluation of potential programs and projects. Adoption does not authorize a specific capital project, contract, rate change, or expenditure. Any action requiring funding, a policy change, or separate Council approval will be presented to the City Council at the appropriate time.

Funding Sources:

Source:	Budgeted Amount:	Proposed Expenditure:
N/A	N/A	N/A

Strategic Plan Goal Application: Core Service Delivery

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the resolution adopting the Rochelle Municipal Utilities Energy Action Plan dated August 5, 2026.