

Braese Named to Lead Hardwick Electric

Sarah Elise Braese has been appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the Hardwick Electric Department to be the next General Manager of the Town of Hardwick Electric Department. She comes to HED following her work as Assistant General Manager for the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority.

“We are delighted to bring Sarah’s focus on customers, policy and the regulatory environment to our team” noted Commission Chair Lynne Gedanken. “Her understanding of the electric industry and the communities we serve will help HED meet the needs of our customers.”

Due to a consistent flow of policy changes that the Vermont Legislature has enacted over the past decade, Sarah understands that customers’ needs will continue to evolve with the changing energy landscape. “While energy policy and complex grid challenges create a dynamic future, the foundation of public power is a proximity to the people it serves and local energy democracy. Upon joining HED, I anticipate meeting with customers directly to understand their wants, needs and priorities from Hardwick Electric” Sarah offered. “My priority is to engage with the communities HED serves and help customers sustainably meet their energy needs affordably and reliably.” She notes that HED is fortunate to have an incredibly talented, dedicated team and a Commission focused on helping the communities thrive.

Sarah’s first day will be January 6th of 2025.

The Town of Hardwick Electric Department (HED) is a not for profit, locally owned municipal electric utility. We are governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners and serve approximately 4,350 customers in eleven Vermont towns with approximately 325 miles of transmission/distribution facilities. HED’s staff works where you work, shops where you shop, and we raise our families in the same communities where our customers raise their families.

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