

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS UTILITIES

Development of a Statewide, Multi-Use Online Energy Data Platform

Procedural Order: Request for Status Update

The Commission's oversight of the development of the statewide Data Platform is designed to assist the Commission in making determinations concerning: (1) whether the proposed Data Platform meets the elements of RSA 378:51, II (a), (b), and (c); (2) whether the costs of the Data Platform are reasonable and in the public interest, as required by RSA 378:51, III; and (3) how those costs should be recovered, pursuant to RSA 378:54, II.

During a status conference on October 12, 2023 the Governance Council (GC)¹ sought approval to seek federal Department of Energy funds for this project. The federal funds identified were the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Grant. The GC articulated that the GRIP Grant, if received, could provide funding to offset both the build out of the Data Platform and enhance the community outreach/education which is necessary to create a successful launch of the Data Platform. The GC requested funds to hire a consultant to coordinate the grant application process. After the presentation, the Commission authorized the GC to engage a consultant and begin the GRIP Grant process. *See Order No. 26,894 (October 13, 2023).*


¹In Order No. 26,589 the Commission authorized the establishment of the Governance Council (GC) in this docket. The GC oversees the development of the Data Platform. It consisted of 12 members and is responsible for supervising the administration and operation of the Data Platform. *See Order No. 26,589 (May 2, 2022).*

Since October 2023 the GC has provided status updates to the Commission concerning the GRIP Grant process. The updates included seeking approval to develop, and put forward, a larger, regional application. The regional approach was approved by the Commission on February 8, 2024 and the regional GRIP Grant proposal was submitted on May 21, 2024. See Order No. 26,944 (February 8, 2024) and June 6, 2024 GC Status Update.

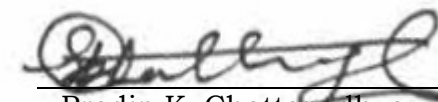
On November 14, 2024, the GC submitted an update to the Commission on the GRIP grant application. Unfortunately, the proposed project was not selected for a GRIP grant award. No other information concerning the direction of the design and cost estimates to develop software to implement the statewide data platform was provided. Furthermore, the GC's workflow chart that has been previously submitted at multiple status conferences has not been updated since February 2024.

The GC is requested to submit an updated workflow chart that shows the timing of the filing of its final report with the Commission concerning the proposed cost of the data platform development by February 14, 2025.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this fifth day of December, 2024.



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