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Via Electronic Mail Only

Daniel C. Goldner, Chair
Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street
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Re: DE 19-197 Electric and Natural Gas Utilities, Development of a Statewide, Multi-Use Online Energy Data Platform, *Utilities' Motion for Prehearing Conference, DOE Issues and Concerns.*

Dear Chair Goldner:

On April 1, 2022 the Department of Energy (DOE), with other Settling Parties, assented to the relief request in the *Utilities Motion for Prehearing Conference* (filed April 1, 2022). As stated in that motion, DOE wishes to discuss additional matters not specifically identified in the motion. *Id.* at 1, note 2. DOE requests additional discussion and clarification on the following issues:

1. Request for proposal (RFP) issues, including but not limited to criteria other than "lowest cost" for selecting a successful bid for software development and implementation, or for any other contractor selection, *see* Order 26,589 (March 2, 2022) at 12, 15-16;
2. Provision of necessary technical leadership as [the] software design moves toward the RFP process, *see id.* at 14-15;
3. Cost-effectiveness methodologies, *see id.* at 16;
4. Use of a survey to forecast platform usage and the structure of that survey, *see id.* at 15-16;
5. Methods for obtaining information about existing software and associated costs, *see id.*

DOE wishes to provide the Commission with this list promptly. Accordingly, DOE is unaware of whether other Settling Parties also wish to engage the Commission in additional discussion and clarification on these matters.

Sincerely,

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