

**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

**Order on Proposed Request for Proposal concerning Integration of Utility Back-
End Software with the Data Platform**

ORDER NO. 26,776

February 23, 2023

In this order the Commission authorizes the issuance of a request for proposals for the development of software in order to integrate utility back-end processes with the proposed data platform. The Commission also recommends consideration of certain improvements to enhance clarity, selection and administration of the RFP.

I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On January 5, 2023, the parties submitted a proposed request for proposals (RFP) to the Commission for review. The submission was made pursuant to the Commission's Order No 26,589 (March 2, 2022). That order required the parties to "submit the RFP for the consultant to assist with developing software for the integration of the utility back-end and utility application programming interface (API) for the Data Platform to the Commission for review and approval prior to issuance." *Id.* at 16.

II. COMMISSION ANALYSIS

The Commission thanks the parties for their efforts in coordinating and presenting this draft RFP for review. The Commission, having reviewed this draft, asks that the parties consider revising the RFP to address the following recommendations:

1. Provide a table of contents and make the document easily navigable.
2. More discussion of process would be helpful to understand the parties' interaction with the New Hampshire Governance Council and the interaction between the parties. Consider how the parties will divide up the tasks.
3. Tie the high-level project goals to the detailed software modifications.
4. Coordination of the project to include more detail, with a designated project manager on the utility side coordinating the flow of information to the winning bidder.
5. A monetarily driven points system for evaluation could clarify for bidders the critical components.
6. Clarify how Eversource and the remaining utilities will coordinate the software development.
7. Provide a mechanism that ensures critical input by external users of the software.
8. A draft Gantt chart would be useful in illustrating the project flow and iterations of anticipated deliverables, identifying responsibilities and scheduled interactions between utilities.


The Commission recognizes that each utility has its own unique software. Nonetheless, we request that the solutions to the data platform integration be as consistent as possible among the three utilities, to allow interested bidders to propose

most cost-effective integrated solutions. After due consideration of these recommendations, the utilities may proceed with issuance and selection of a winning proposal.

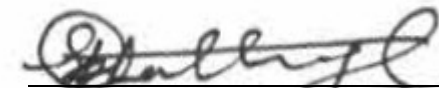
Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the parties may proceed with issuance of the RFP and selection of a qualified bidder.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-third day of February, 2023.



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