

Nuclear Feasibility Study Grant  
RFP Questions and Responses  
January 19, 2023

- 1. Is an analysis to restart Palisades Nuclear Plant to be included as part of this study?**
  - a. Palisades is currently not an operating nuclear plant in the State of Michigan; therefore, a specific analysis to restart it is not necessary. However, to the extent there are any changes during the development of this report, it could be included in the report. The Palisades site can be evaluated for the addition of new nuclear generation.
  
- 2. Are federal nuclear power policy recommendations allowed to be part of this report or should the contractor limit recommendations to only policies the State of Michigan controls?**
  - a. Yes. All applicable polices that impact nuclear power generation in the State of Michigan, including federal, state, and local policies, should be evaluated for this report. However, primary focus should remain on State of Michigan policies.
  
- 3. What role if any does the MPSC see for incumbent electrical power producers in the state?**
  - a. The MPSC welcomes all parties to participate as stakeholders and when appropriate, provide data when called upon.
  - b. The Legislature has asked for a broad investigation into the feasibility of nuclear power in Michigan, the MPSC has no pre-determined preference for the direction or recommendations that may result from this study.
  
- 4. What role if any does the MPSC see for large industrial users of process heat in the state?**
  - a. The MPSC welcomes all parties to participate as stakeholders and when appropriate, provide data when called upon.
  - b. The Legislature has asked for a broad investigation into the feasibility of nuclear power in Michigan, the MPSC has no pre-determined preference for the direction or recommendations that may result from this study.
  
- 5. What is the role, if any, of municipal utilities not under MPSC jurisdiction in this study?**
  - a. The MPSC welcomes all parties to participate as stakeholders and when appropriate, provide data when called upon.
  - b. The Legislature has asked for a broad investigation into the feasibility of nuclear power in Michigan, the MPSC has no pre-determined preference for the direction or recommendations that may result from this study.
  
- 6. The Nuclear Feasibility Study Grant RFP references a *total authorized budget*. Can you share the total budget for completion of this study that has been authorized, if available? If undetermined or unavailable, has the State or MPSC developed a target spend for this effort?**
  - a. Per [Public Act 166 of 2022](#) the MPSC has been appropriated \$250,000 to conduct the study. However, each application will be scored in part based on their proposed budget and budget narrative. See RFP Part VI: Evaluation and Selection Criteria.

- 7. Does the MPSC anticipate assigning any technical, administrative or other Staff to directly support the consultant conducting the assessment? If so, can you offer insights on the anticipated role of the Staff member(s) – e.g., project oversight only, supplemental subject matter support, public engagement support, etc.?**
  - a. Yes. The MPSC will have a Staff Technical Team assigned to provide support to the consultant conducting the study. MPSC Staff will provide project oversight and assist in all public engagement and stakeholder efforts.
  
- 8. With regard to the MISO CONE would we be using the existing transmission system as a cost basis or make a comparison with regard to building new transmission?**
  - a. The replacement cost analysis should provide two estimates based on assumptions that (1) no transmission upgrades are needed and (2) transmission upgrades are necessary.