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The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman  
Fiscal Committee of the General Court  
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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
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**REQUESTED ACTION**

1. Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 124:15 and contingent upon approval of requested action #2, authorize the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) to increase Class 046 Consultants for the purpose of hiring consultants to develop a replacement database that captures Dig Safe program violations with civil penalty administration and provides for greater interface with NH's one call center. Effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals through June 30, 2019. 100% Other Funds; the funds used by PUC to reimburse DoIT are 100% Federal Funds (PUC – US DOT/PHMSA grant).

2. Authorize the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) to accept and expend \$68,806.00 in State Fiscal Year 2019 (SFY 19) from the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to fund the development of a replacement database that captures Dig Safe program violations with civil penalty administration and provides for greater interface with NH's one call center. Effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2019. 100% Other Funds; the funds used by PUC to reimburse DoIT are 100% Federal Funds (PUC – US DOT/PHMSA grant).

In SFY 19, funds shall be budgeted in 01-03-03-030010-76810000, IT for PUC as follows:

SFY 2019	Budget Category	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
<b>Income</b>				
001-482781	Transfers from Other Agencies	\$288,703.52	\$68,806.00	\$357,509.52
<b>Totals</b>		\$288,703.52	\$68,806.00	\$357,509.52
<b>Expenditures</b>				
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$530.00	0	\$530.00
037-500173	Technology - Hardware	\$73,929.32	0	\$73,929.32
038-500175	Technology - Software	\$55,414.00	0	\$55,414.00
046-500465	Consultants	\$158,830.20	\$68,806.00	\$227,636.20
<b>Totals</b>		\$288,703.52	\$68,806.00	\$357,509.52

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### EXPLANATION

The expenses of the Public Utilities Commission's Safety Division are funded primarily by a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation - Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). This grant supports the Division's Pipeline Safety program, and a portion of the DigSafe enforcement program, commonly referred to as Dig Safe program. The amount of the grant award is determined by annual program audits by PHMSA of program requirements and benchmarks that included Governor Sununu's designation of the PUC as the agency authorized to apply for the associated grant. The statutory provisions for the Underground Utility Damage Prevention System, commonly referred to as DigSafe, are found in RSA 374:48 through RSA 374:56. The NHPUC, by Order No. 24,347 in Docket DM 04-119, authorized its Safety Division to administer and enforce the DigSafe program.

These additional FY 2019 funds of \$68,806 will be used by the Safety Division to contract with Spruce Technologies, Inc. for the development of a replacement database that captures Dig Safe program violations with associated civil penalty administration, provides for greater interface with Dig Safe Systems, Inc., New Hampshire's one-call center, and sends information for inclusion into a national repository for underground utility damages.

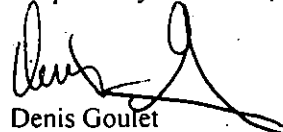
The funds are to be budgeted as follows:

The funds in Class 046-Consultants are required for the purpose of hiring consultants to develop a replacement database that captures Dig Safe program violations with associated civil penalty administration, provides for greater interface with Dig Safe Systems, Inc., New Hampshire's one-call center, and sends information for inclusion into a national repository for underground utility damages

The following information is provided in accordance with the Comptroller's instructional memorandum dated September 21, 1981.

1. List of personnel involved: Temporary consultants.
2. Nature, Need and Duration: The temporary consultants will provide for the increased needs for subject matter experts beyond the limited resources of in-house personnel.
3. Relationship to existing agency programs: Create a replacement for the existing database to enhance capabilities and reporting.
4. Has a similar program been requested of the legislature and denied? No.
5. Why wasn't funding included in the agency's budget request? The issues with the failing legacy database were not known at the time the FY 18/19 biennium budget was developed and the grant application period became available after the budget was developed
6. Can portions of the grant funds be utilized? This request is 100% federal funds.
7. Estimate the funds required to continue these positions: \$0.00. The consultants are required to provide the replacement database and will not be permanent.

Respectfully submitted,



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