# Utility\_v1.0.0\_Data Dictionary

Note:  Data dictionary can be found as part of the Utility SDD; link below.

# 1.           Overview

The purpose of this document is to define Data Dictionary (DD) definitions.  The goal is to consistently define data and make standardized data available across the enterprise.

# 2.           Data Dictionary

By definition, a data dictionary is a collection of descriptions of the data objects or items in a data model for the benefit of programmers and others who need to refer to them. When developing programs that use the data model, a data dictionary can be consulted to understand where a data item fits in the structure, what values it may contain, and, in essence, what the data item means in real-world terms.

An established data dictionary provides numerous benefits:

* Improved data quality
* Easy access to trusted data
* Improved documentation and control
* Reduced data redundancy
* Reuse of data
* Consistency in data use
* Easier data analysis
* Enforcement of standards
* Better means of estimating the effect of change

# 3.          Data Dictionary Location:  [Link to Data Dictionary Section of SDD](file:///C:\pages\createpage.action%3fspaceKeDNS)