

Q.DPS.GMP.1-107. How will GMP take equity and/or energy burden into account when prioritizing projects for the ZOI?

A.DPS.GMP.1-107.

See response to Q.DPS.GMP.1-65. Our Zero Outages Initiative is about equity and every customer having resiliency no matter their location or income. For our Resiliency Zones, we already use CDC's Social Vulnerability data.

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Q.DPS.GMP.1-100. Regarding equity of electric service discussed in Mr. Castonguay's direct testimony on page 19:

- a. Is GMP proposing any ZOI adjustments for economically disadvantaged ratepayers, specifically?;**
- b. Is GMP proposing any ZOI adjustments for locations known for second homeownership, specifically?; and**
- c. Does the ZOI create a cost shift to economically disadvantaged ratepayers from second-home homeowners?**

A.DPS.GMP.1-100.

- a. No, as noted in response to Q.DPS.GMP.1-65, the ZOI is about ensuring all customers have access to reliable, resilient service no matter their location.
- b. No.
- c. No. The ZOI is designed to benefit all customers on the system by lowering costs and improving reliability and resiliency in the face of extreme weather.

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Q.DPS.GMP.1-110. How will GMP assure that rate impacts on lower-income households and small businesses will be equitable with the impacts on its other customers with the implementation of ZOI?

A.DPS.GMP.1-110.

Our Zero Outages Initiative is about equity and every customer having resiliency no matter their location or income. This program will benefit everyone, including households who are income challenged and small businesses, and will protect them from otherwise rising storm costs that are happening now.

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Q.DPS.GMP.2-33. How does GMP ensure equity regarding spending and ZOI implementation across various socioeconomic groups?

A.DPS.GMP.2-33.

Please refer to the prior discovery responses on this topic, including A.DPS.GMP.1-65, 1-100, 1-107, and 1-110. This first phase of the ZOI is focused on projects in rural, heavily forested areas of the state that are experiencing the greatest impacts from climate change. These areas of focus align with communities identified for resiliency investment by our Resiliency Zone analysis, applying the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index (SVI). We will continue to reference SVI and other measures of disadvantaged communities in prioritizing ZOI investments, as explained in A.DPS.GMP.1-65. Ultimately, ZOI will ensure that all customers receive resilient, reliable service, regardless of location or socioeconomic group. To the extent this request asks about equity in spending, rather than results, please refer to A.DPS.GMP.2-24 and the responses cited therein.

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