

management is an important piece of overall system reliability, significantly expanding the amount of tree clearing is not a feasible solution for the goals of our work across zones described in this proceeding.

Person(s) Responsible for Response: Josh Castonguay, VP, Chief Innovation Officer, Generation and Power Supply; Mike Burke, VP, Field Operations.

Q:DPS:GMP.2-5: In response to DPS.GMP.1-33, GMP has asserted that its “ability to predict monthly peaks has not decreased.” Even if GMP’s ability to predict monthly peaks has not decreased, has GMP’s ability to activate flexible resources such as storage during monthly peaks decreased, given flatter peaks as described in the response, as well as increased storms where GMP chooses not to activate such resources?

Response: The modeled decrease in peak shaving effectiveness and value presented in this tariff filing reflects the complexity of several related factors in managing or reducing peaks in the future. GMP’s ability to activate peak shaving resources is not one of these factors, and has not decreased, just as our ability to predict peaks has not decreased as described in response to Q:DPS:GMP.1-33. For example, the flatter peaks described in that response may require more or longer dispatching of resources to manage the peak, and the value of peak shaving may change, even with effective forecasting and dispatching. Meanwhile, avoiding dispatching to reserve energy for storm response is a regular practice for these programs now and will continue to be. All of these factors are captured by the modeled forecast ranges and may be mitigated by offsetting factors (such as higher RNS costs).

Person(s) Responsible for Response: Josh Castonguay, VP, Chief Innovation Officer, Generation and Power Supply.

Q:DPS:GMP.2-6: Please confirm that, consistent with its presentation to the Vermont System Planning Committee Geotargeting Subcommittee on July 9, 2025, Green Mountain Power has forecasted no distribution system projects that are driven by load growth.

Response: Confirmed that GMP is not currently forecasting any specific distribution system projects driven by load growth.

Person(s) Responsible for Response: Kamran Hassan, Leader of Engineering.