

Q.DPS.GMP.1-72. Mr. Burke states on page 21 of his direct testimony “[t]he investment we are seeking approval for in this filing—up to \$250M for additional T&D projects and up to \$30M for additional energy storage between now and the end of FY26—would not exceed an annual 2% rate impact.” Please provide GMP’s benefit-cost analysis informing this conclusion, including anticipated cost savings to GMP’s ratepayers from reduced vegetation management and storm response, and identifying costs that would otherwise have been incurred due to asset condition.

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The rate impact cited in Mr. Burke’s testimony is the impact of the investments in isolation as shown in Attachment GMP.DPS1.Q54, without any benefits associated with cost reductions that will develop for customers. We have not performed any long-term speculative benefit-cost analysis, as the need for the ZOI is shown clearly by the impacts our customers and others have already seen from climate change-driven storms. We expect that the areas with significant cost savings include the following areas (with their current annual spending levels): vegetation management (~\$20M), minor storm restoration (~\$8M), major storm restoration (variable, \$45M last year), pole inspection (~\$0.6M) and overtime (variable). Additionally, we expect benefits from the grid transformation to a more two-way, decentralized system, as outlined in Mr. Castonguay’s testimony.

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