

Q.DPS.GMP.1-73. Mr. Burke states on page 20 and 37, respectively, of his direct testimony “i]n addition to these direct costs for outage repair, there are financial, social, and emotional costs to our customers every time an outage occurs—impacting their daily life and livelihoods, especially with an increased number of customers continuing to work from home,” and, “[f]ormulaic cost-benefit analysis and traditional tools like the Interruption Cost Estimate (ICE) method that attempts to place a system value on doing a project now versus deferring the project is highly inadequate and unsatisfactory for this work, as we described in the Climate Plan proceeding.” Has GMP attempted to use the ICE calculator, research other methodologies, develop other methodologies, or otherwise assign a value to these “indirect” costs?

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The value of resilience goes beyond simple calculations, especially because the value of avoiding outages will protect the health and safety of customers and their families. The traditional, formulaic cost-benefit analysis tools that might have worked in assessing the value of doing a project now versus some years from now cannot capture the full picture that we face together with climate change.

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