

**Q.GMP.1-47. Refer to page 13 lines 1–2 of your testimony, regarding outages on the transmission system in Chittenden County. Is it your opinion that four outages in two years is an acceptable number of outages for GMP's customers? If so, please explain the basis for this opinion. If not, what number of outages would you consider acceptable?**

**PSD Response:** Mr. Mara's testimony pointed out that 4 outages at the Chittenden County transmission substation was used to justify an investment of \$459,852 for animal guards in five substations. Mr. Mara agreed with the use of animal guards to reduce animal caused outages. However, Mr. Mara made the point that four outages in Chittenden County should not be the justification for installing animal guards in all of GMP's 185 substations.

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