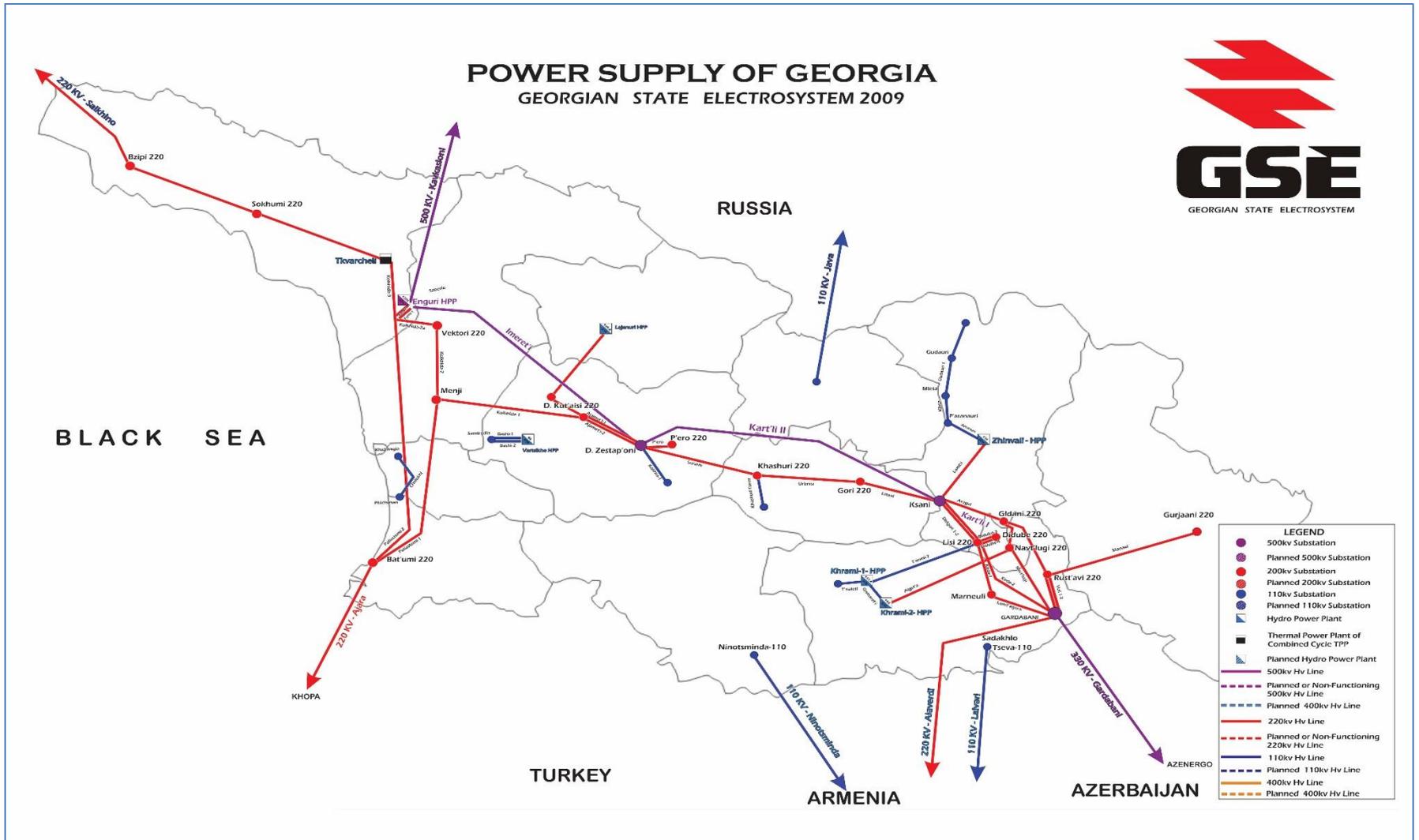


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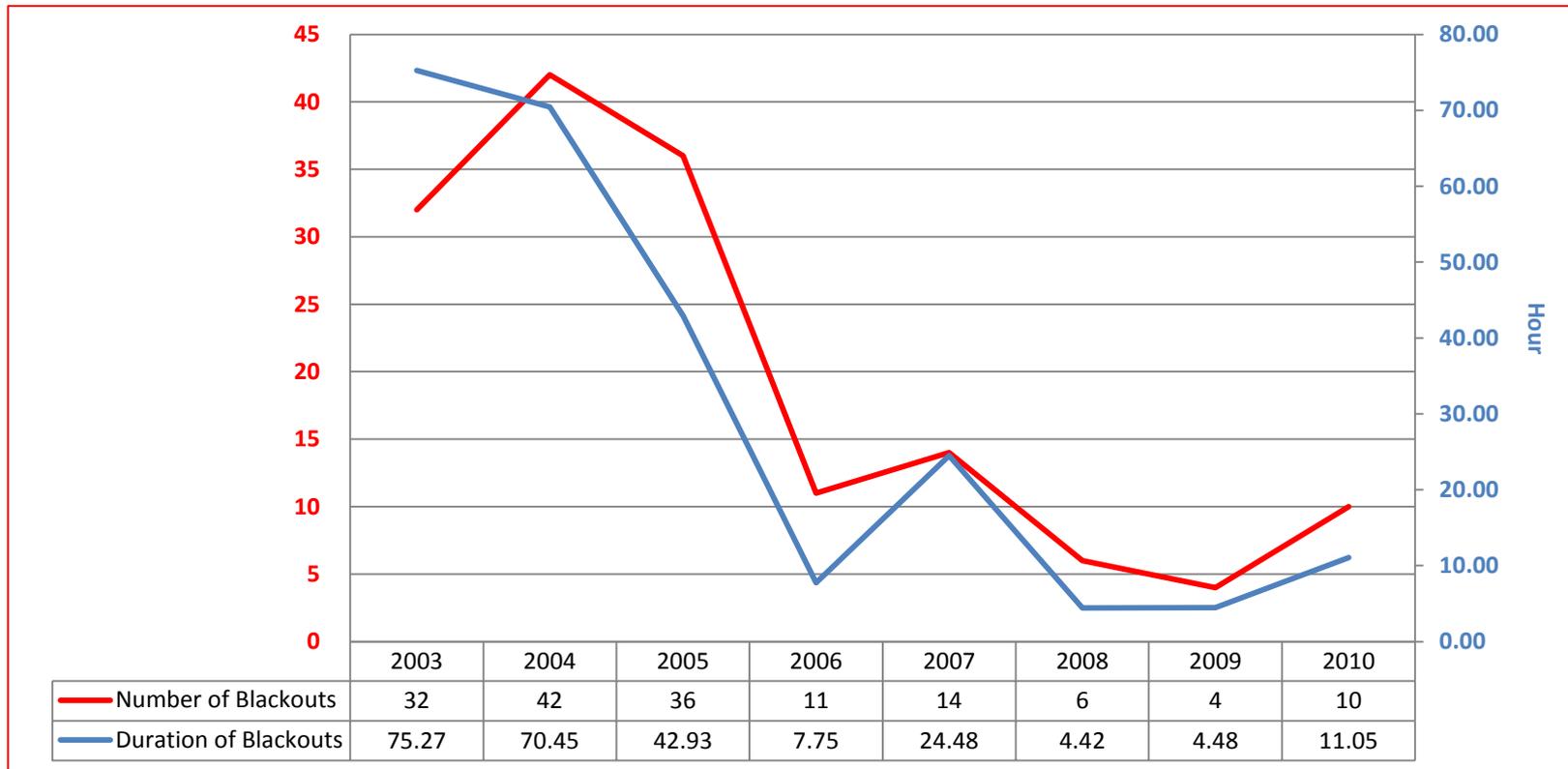
# Georgian State Electrosystem 2010



# GSE Customer Base

- Power Distribution Companies (DSOs)
  - Telasi, JSC
  - Energo-Pro Georgia, JSC
  - Kakhetis Energo Distributsia, JSC
- Georgian Railway (GR)
- Large Manufacturers
  - Georgian Manganese, LLC
- Other Utilities
  - Georgian Water and Power, LLC
  - Rustavi Water Company, LLC

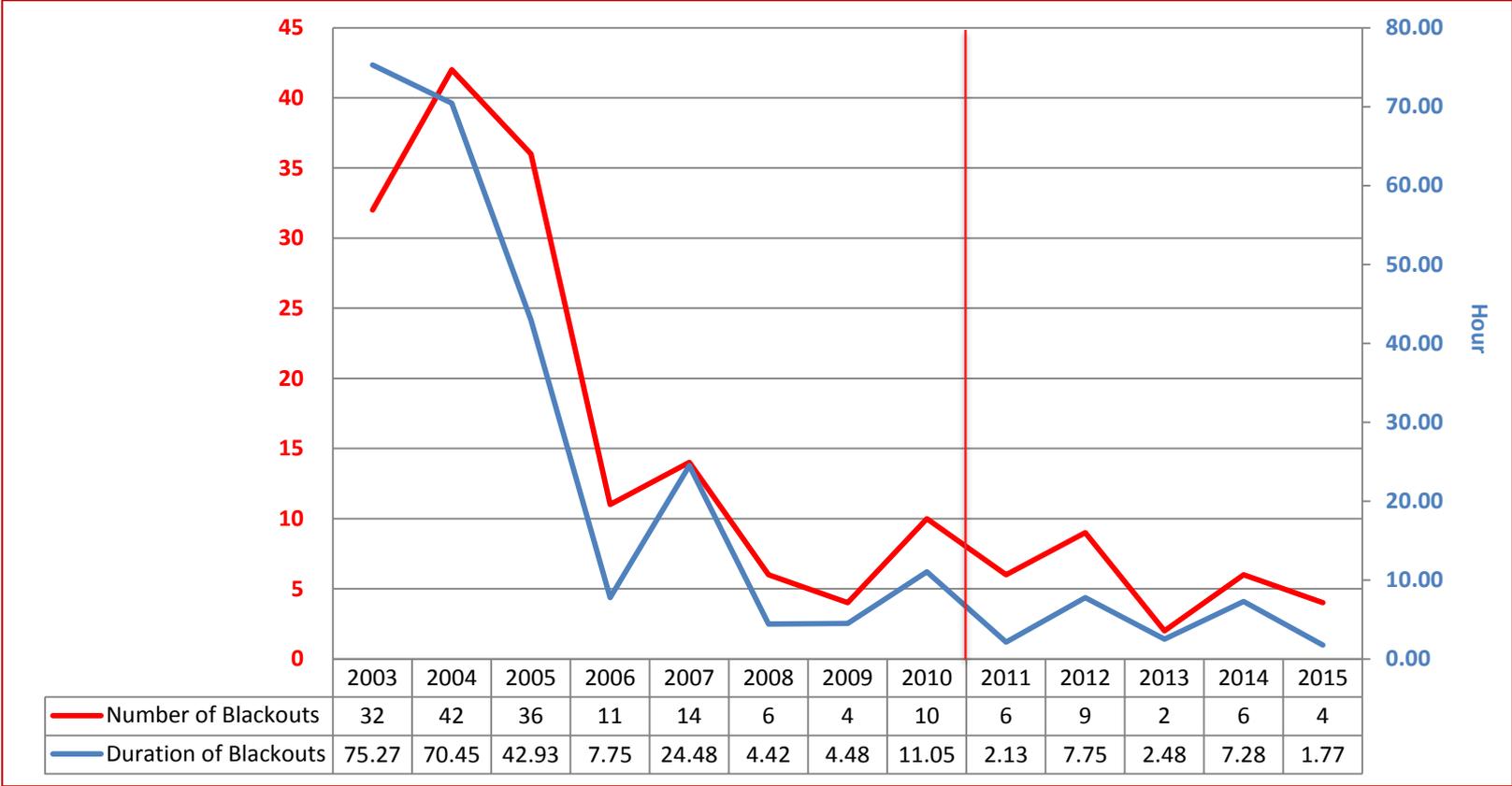
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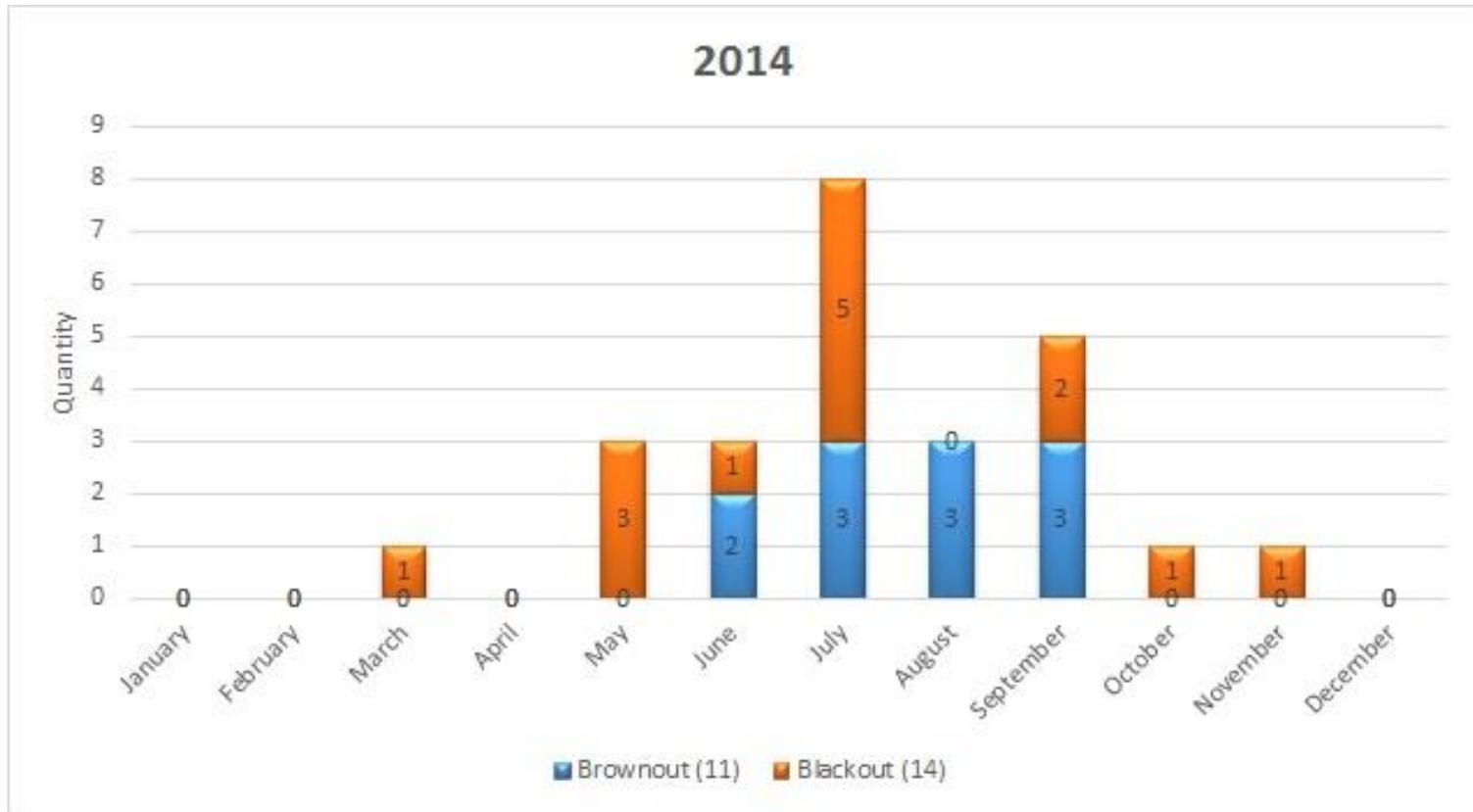
# GSE's Approach to Resolve Blackouts and Power Outages

- Decided to determine the **Root Cause** of existing problems
- The major **Root Cause** was determined over months of research
- Looked for supplier with the latest technologies to solve the problem
- Specifications were written describing the root problem
- Supplier (SEL) was chosen
- Project was implemented
- New system has been operating for 4 years

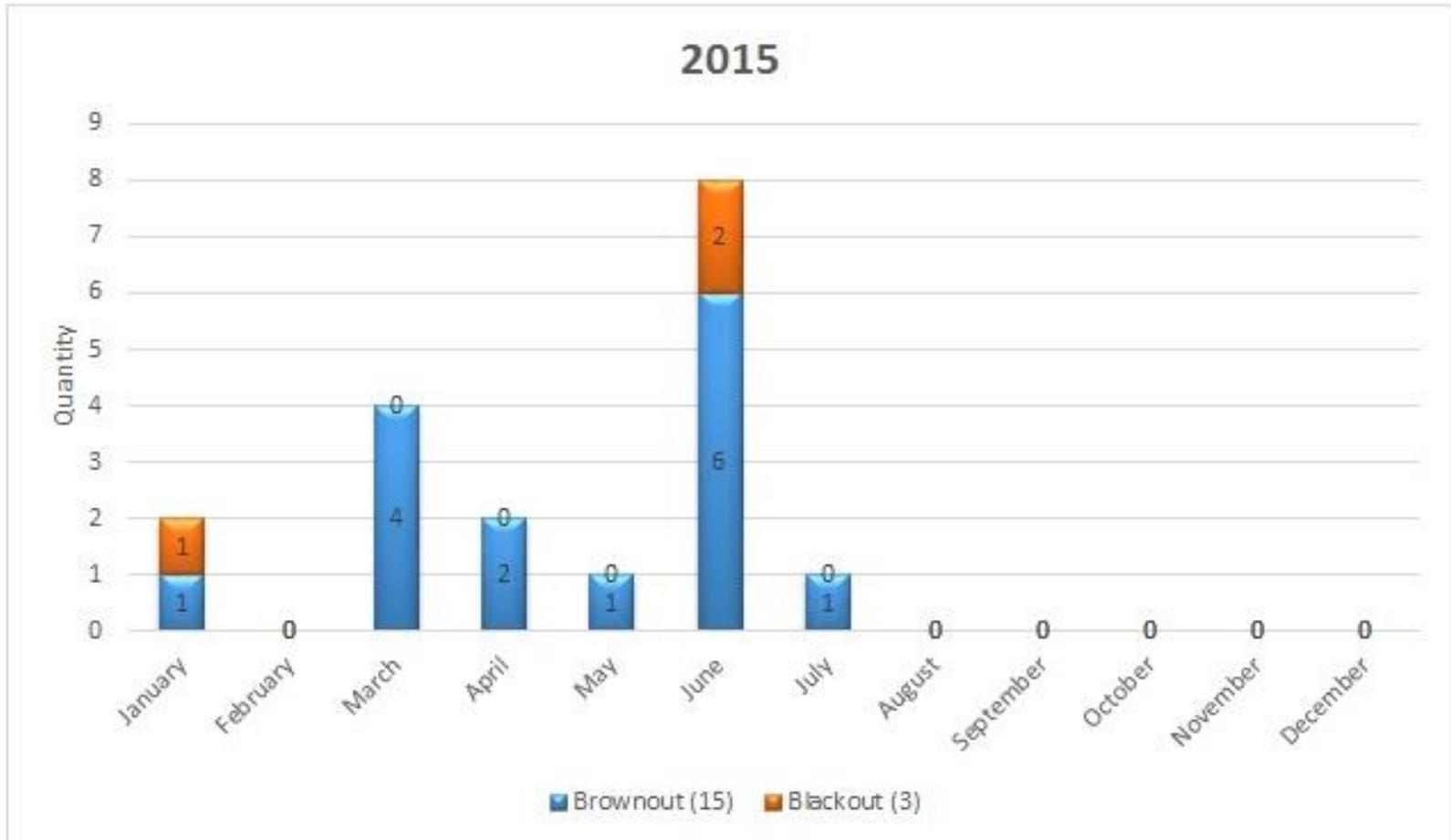
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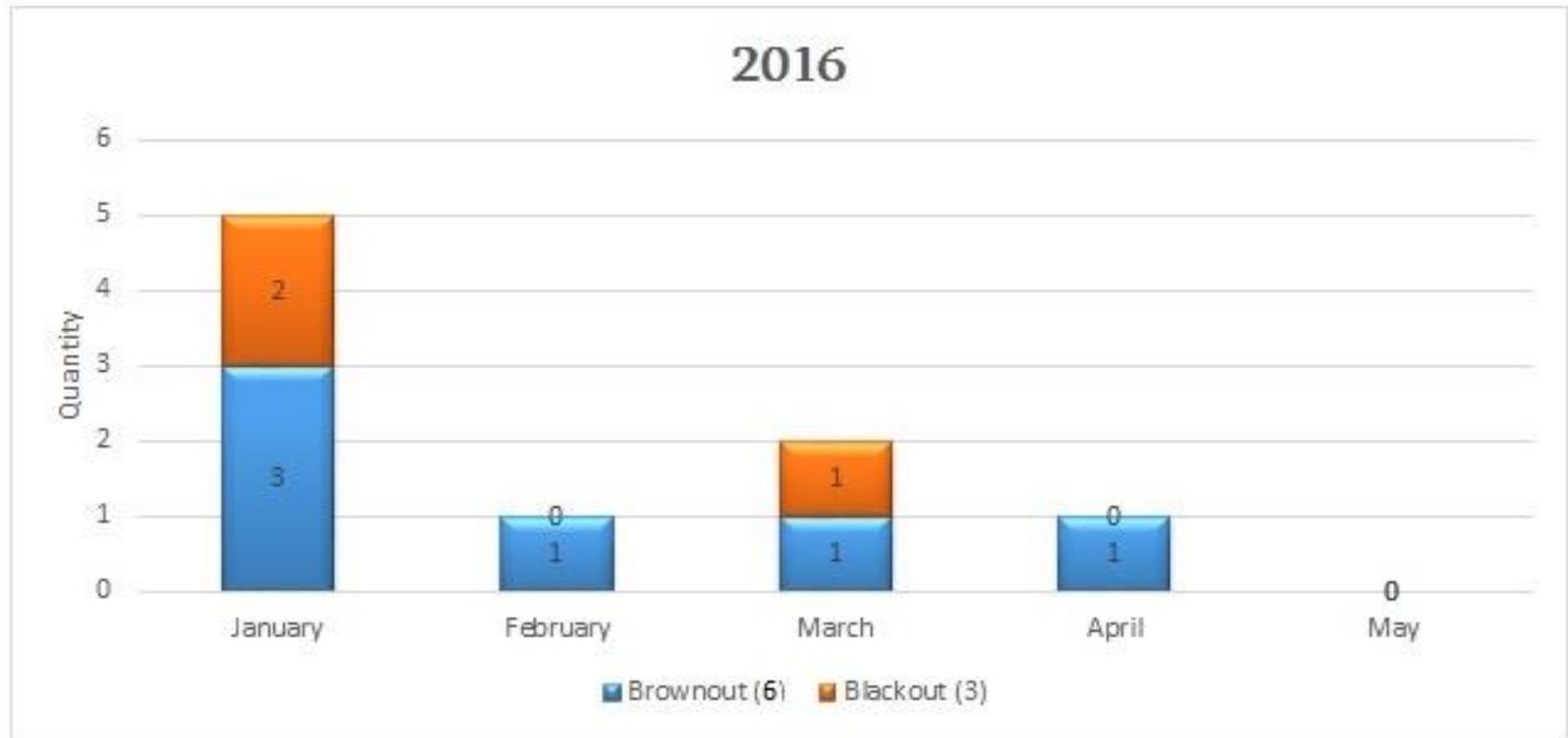
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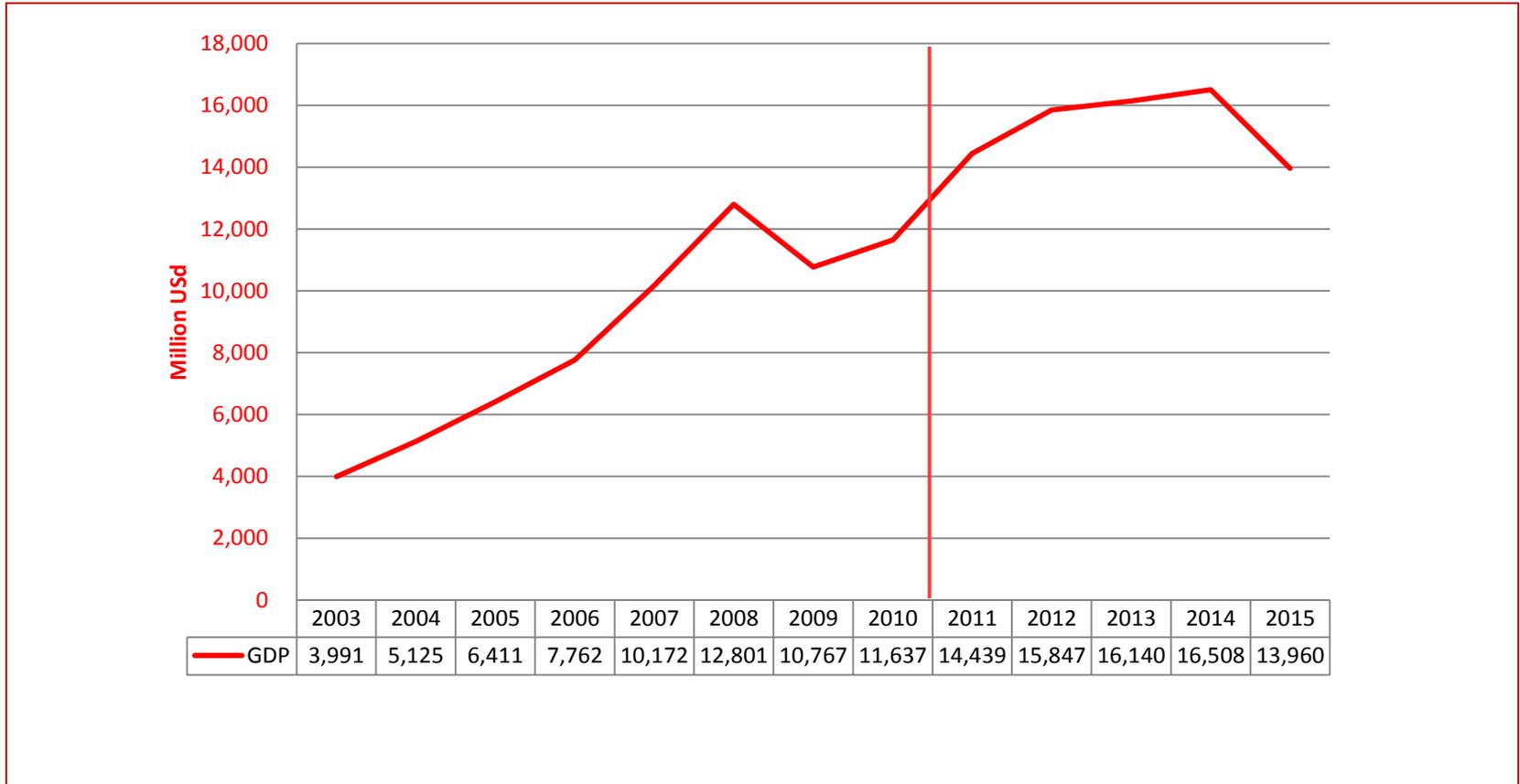
# RAS Operations for 2015



# RAS Operations for 2016



# Financial Benefits From Implementation of New Technology



GDP Georgia is \$1.59M per hour  
RAS cost today is \$2M

# Other Benefits to GSE

- New technology can be easily installed in existing installations
- This technology allows engineers and operators to know the interaction of all the components & devices in their power system – that was unknown before.
- This technology allows engineers to see the cascading effects after a contingency occurs.
- Create a separate communication network that is very reliable for emergency and protection
- Using PMU Technology not only for ECS and RAS, but also for SCADA
- GSE engineers are learning very quickly to understand data and information about their power system that was unknown before the new technology.

# Future Benefits

- This new technology is based on relays that have not only the protection functionality but also have synchrophasor technology, control logic, and I/O (RTUs).
- These relays have eliminated the need to specify synchrophasor units, RTUs, and Controllers.
  - Savings in hardware
  - Savings in installation, maintenance and testing
- The new grid technology will provide savings for future budgets for EMS & SCADA
- EMS will use new data from this technology to predict what will happen in the power system

# Definitions

- RAS – is the Remedial Action Scheme, in other places this is called Special Protection Systems and could also be called Wide Area Monitoring System (New technology by SEL Implemented for GSE.)
- ECS – Emergency Control System
- EMS – Energy Management System
- SCADA – Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition
- PMU – Phasor Measurement Unit
- Contingency – A Change in the Power System topology from normal operation

# Definitions

- GDP – Gross Domestic Product
- Blackout - when the whole country is without electricity
- Brownout - a section of the country's power system without electricity

Thank you for your attention!