



# Distribution System Workshop

Distribution System Plan Workshop # 3 | 24 - June 27, 2024



# Meeting Logistics



Audio



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# Operating Agreements



Establishing norms with our communities is foundational to building trust

To create a **safe space**, we established **common agreements** such as **respect, honoring diversity of thought**, and **inclusivity**

**Practice curiosity** and **seek to understand different perspectives**

**Stay  
Engaged**

**Be Willing To  
Experience  
Discomfort**

**Speak Your  
Truth**

**Expect and  
Accept Non-  
closure**

**Share the  
Airtime**



[The courageous conversations framework](#)  
by Glenn Singleton and Curtis Linton

# Agenda

9:00 - Welcome & Meeting Logistics

9:05 - Distribution System Planning - Solution Identification

9:50 - Capital Planning Process

10:25 - Grid Needs Analysis: Supporting DER Integration & Operation

10:55 - Closing Remarks & Next Steps

11:00 - Adjourn



# Distribution System Planning – Solution Identification

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# Distribution Information

## Service Territory

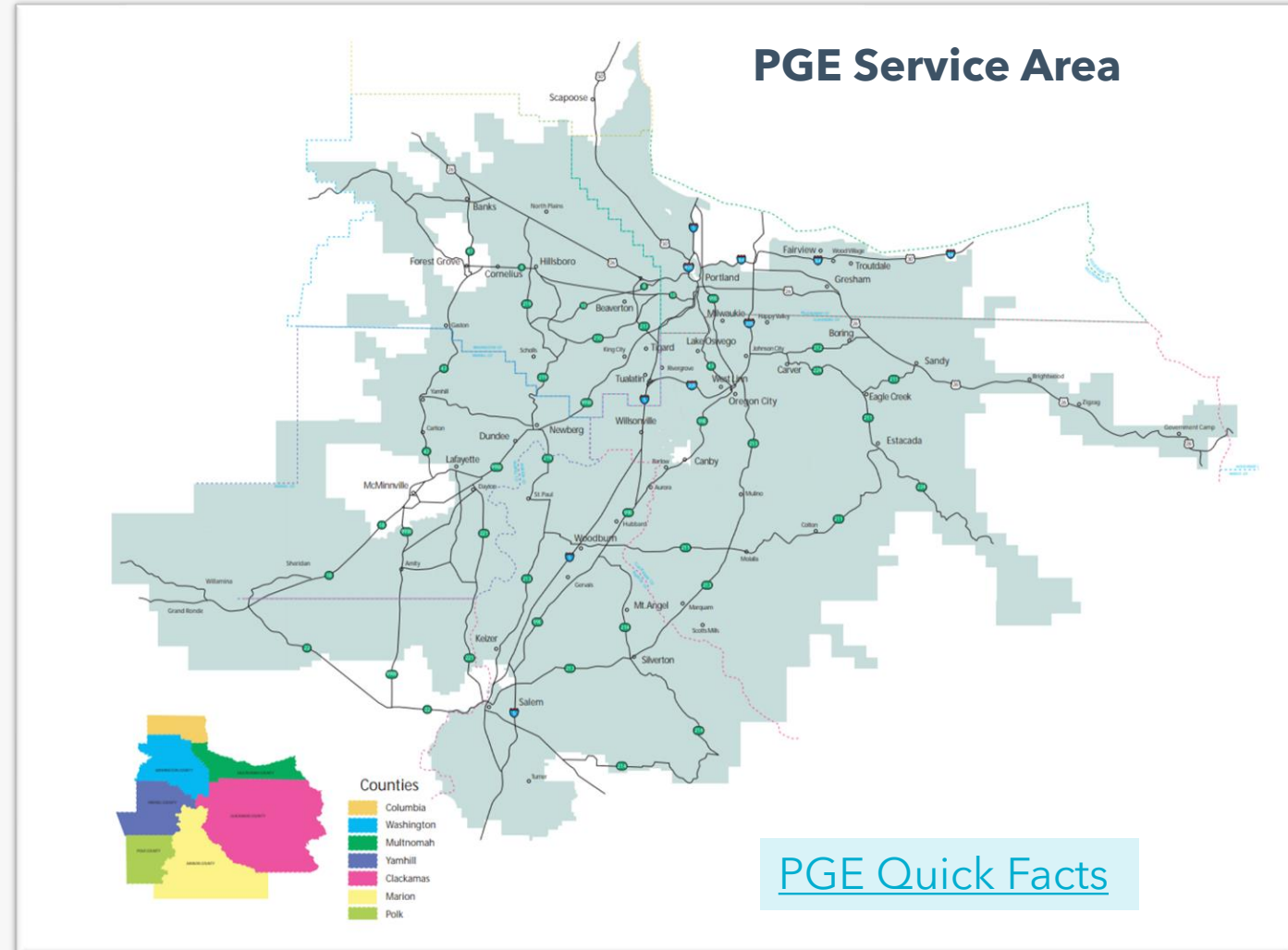
- 1.9 million population
- 4,000 square miles
- ~900,000 customers

## Big Equipment

- 152 Substations
- 280 Power Transformers
- 707 Feeders

## Net System Peak Load

- Summer: 4,498 MW
- Winter: 4,113 MW



# Peak Load



Is the highest electricity demand on a utility system



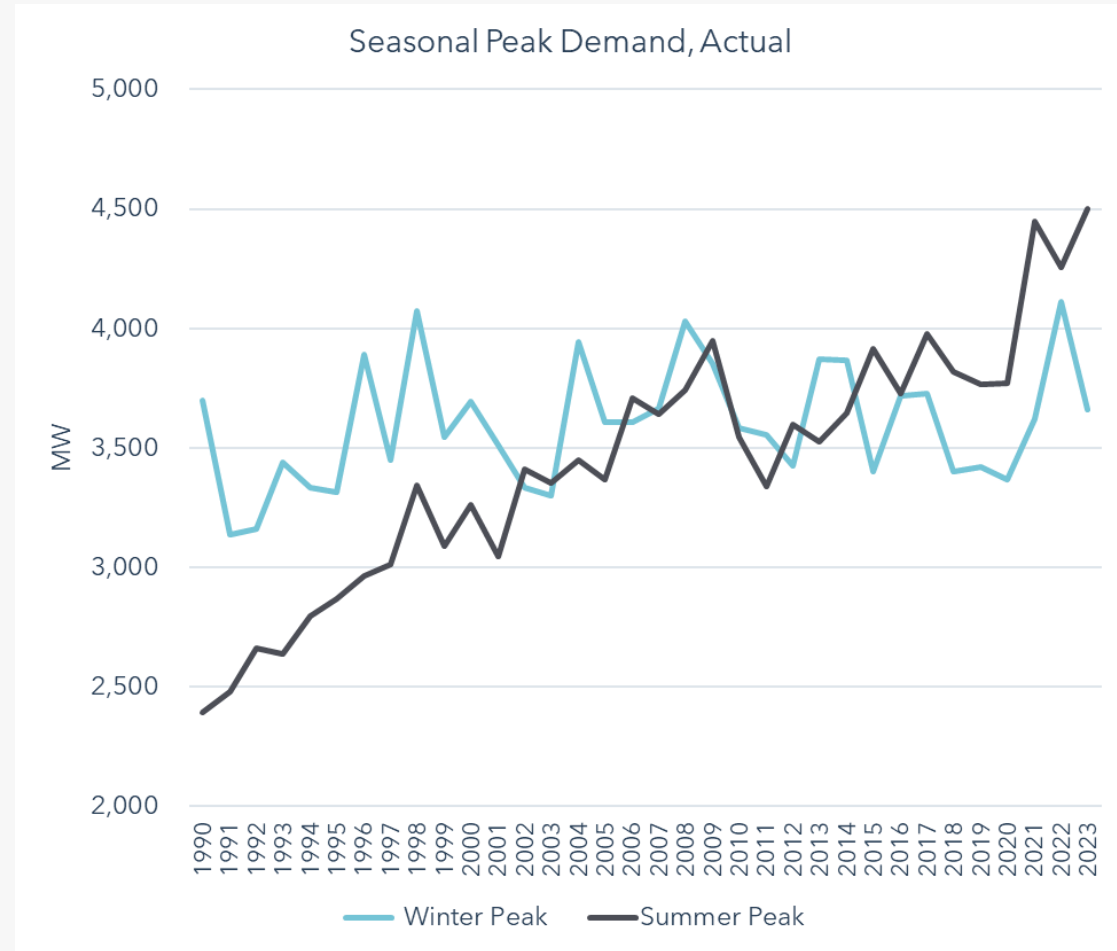
PGE typically experiences system-wide peak loads during both the hottest and the coldest days of the year

**Summer: 4,498 MW**

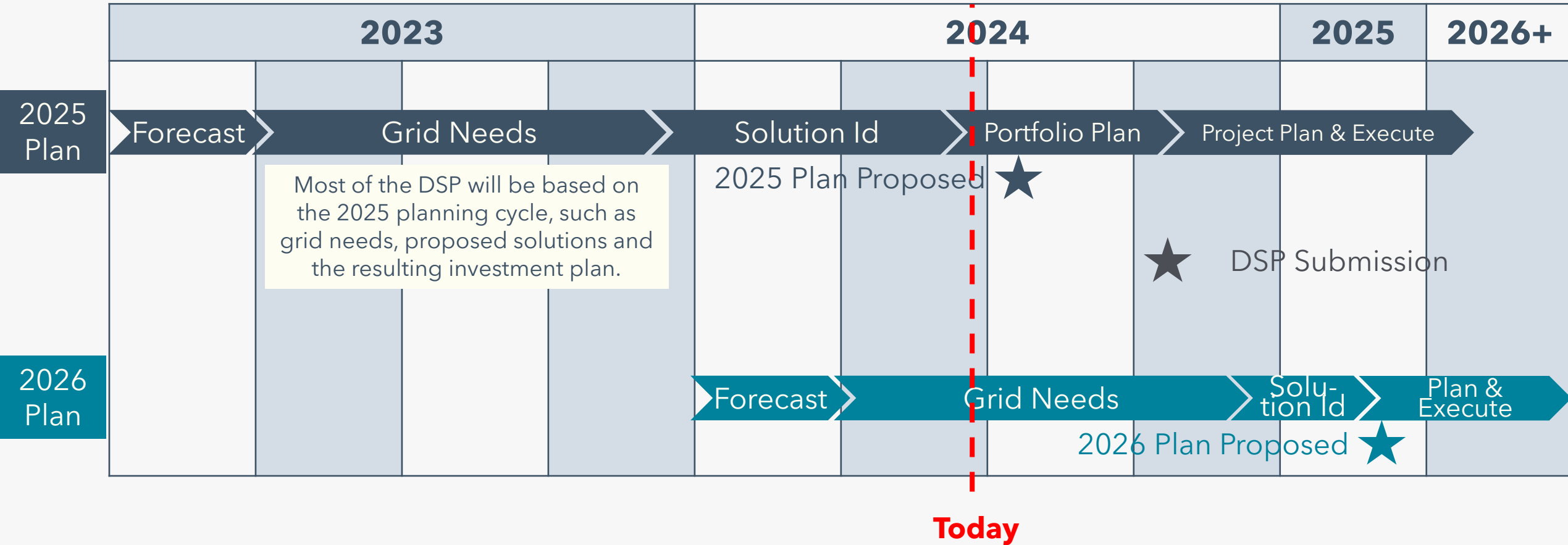
**Winter: 4,113 MW**



Knowing peak load helps utilities design systems to handle maximum demand



# Investment Timeline: A 3-year Cycle





# Solution Identification

## Step 1



WHAT & WHERE IS  
THE PROBLEM

## Step 2



CURRENT STATE  
ANALYSIS AND  
SOLUTION  
IDENTIFICATION

## Step 3



OPTION ANALYSIS

## Step 4



RECOMMENDATIONS

# Step 1: What is the problem?



Determine **why the system needs to be upgraded to meet future needs**  
(Identification Stage)



## Identification Tools



### Analysis

**Feeder Load (System Weak Link Report/Minimum Load):** Indicates equipment and conductors approaching certain limits or thresholds

**Forecast:** Indicate future load growth

**Reliability:** Focuses on trouble spots in the distribution system based on historic outage events



### Assessment

**System Assessments:** Indicates potential problematic areas when the system is most stressed



### Modeling

**Asset Risk Models:** Identifies and quantifies risk related to certain equipment

## Drivers

Economic development

Load growth/Forecasts

Lumped load additions

Modernization

Policy regulatory requirements

Safety

Substandard equipment

# Step 1: Where is the problem located?



Area affected by the problem

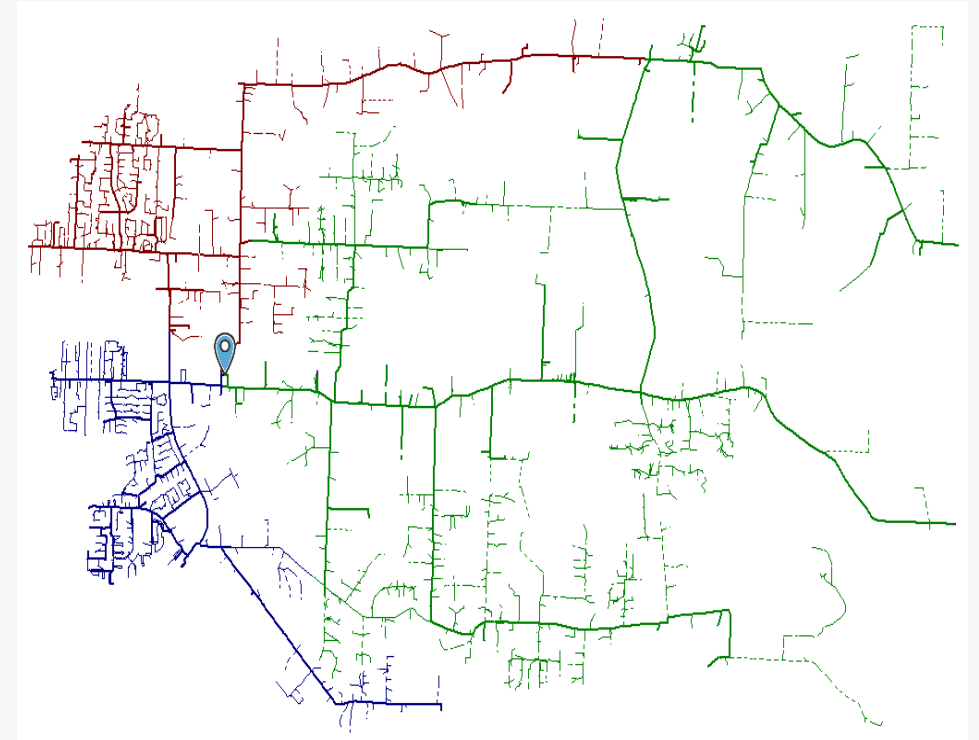
Review

- Geographic boundaries
- Affected customers
- Contractual obligations
- Approach to contingency analyses

Forecasting parameters

Load profiles/Allocation

Setup models



# Step 2: Current State Analysis



Examine the **severity of the grid needs** and **identify additional issues** using software simulation (CYME)



**Step One:** Run CYME of the grid needs under peak-load of normal-conditions (N-0)



**Step Two:** If issues are identified under normal conditions investigate how to make corrections where needed



**Step Three:** Run a contingency-analysis (N-1)\* at the grid needs

\*N-1 take each feeder & transformer out of service in the model, one at a time, and determining if the load can be pick up on other feeders and transformers without causing overloads or voltage issues

# Step 3a: Finding Solutions: Current State Analysis



**Software simulation** will further **define severity** of the **problem area** and **identify additional issues**



Conductor loading violations

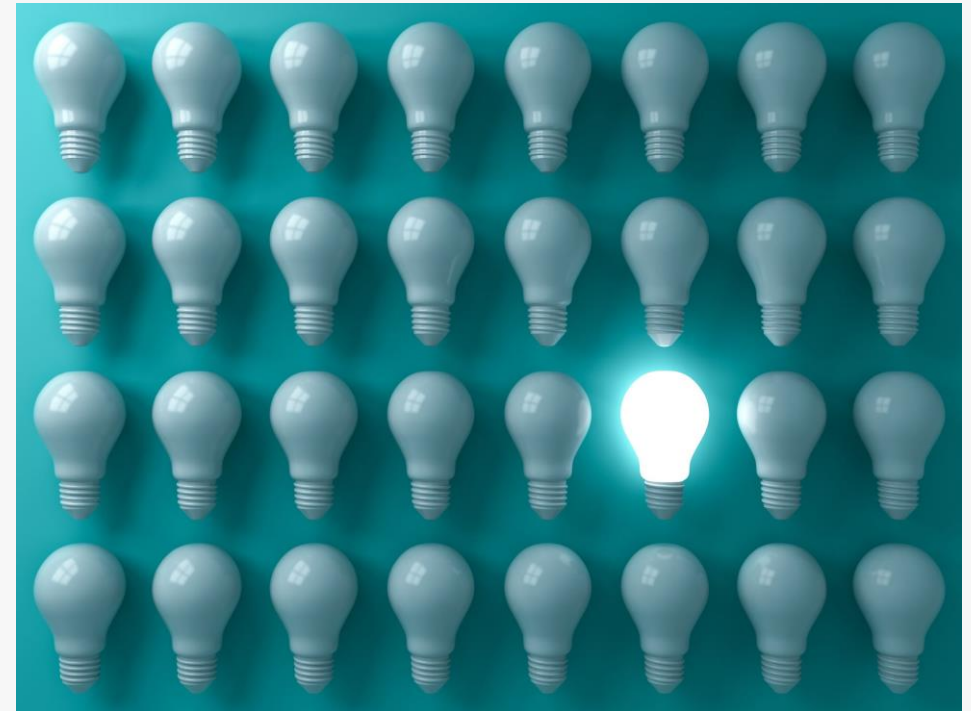
Voltage violations

Contingency analysis deficiencies

Faulted equipment violations

Load balancing / High neutral current

Protection-related issues





# Step 3b: Option Analysis



Benefit vs Cost

Risk reduction on assets and non-assets

Stacked benefits

Savings

Improve resilience

Reduce outage duration/ frequency



***Leads to Step 4***  
*Final*  
*Recommendation(s)*

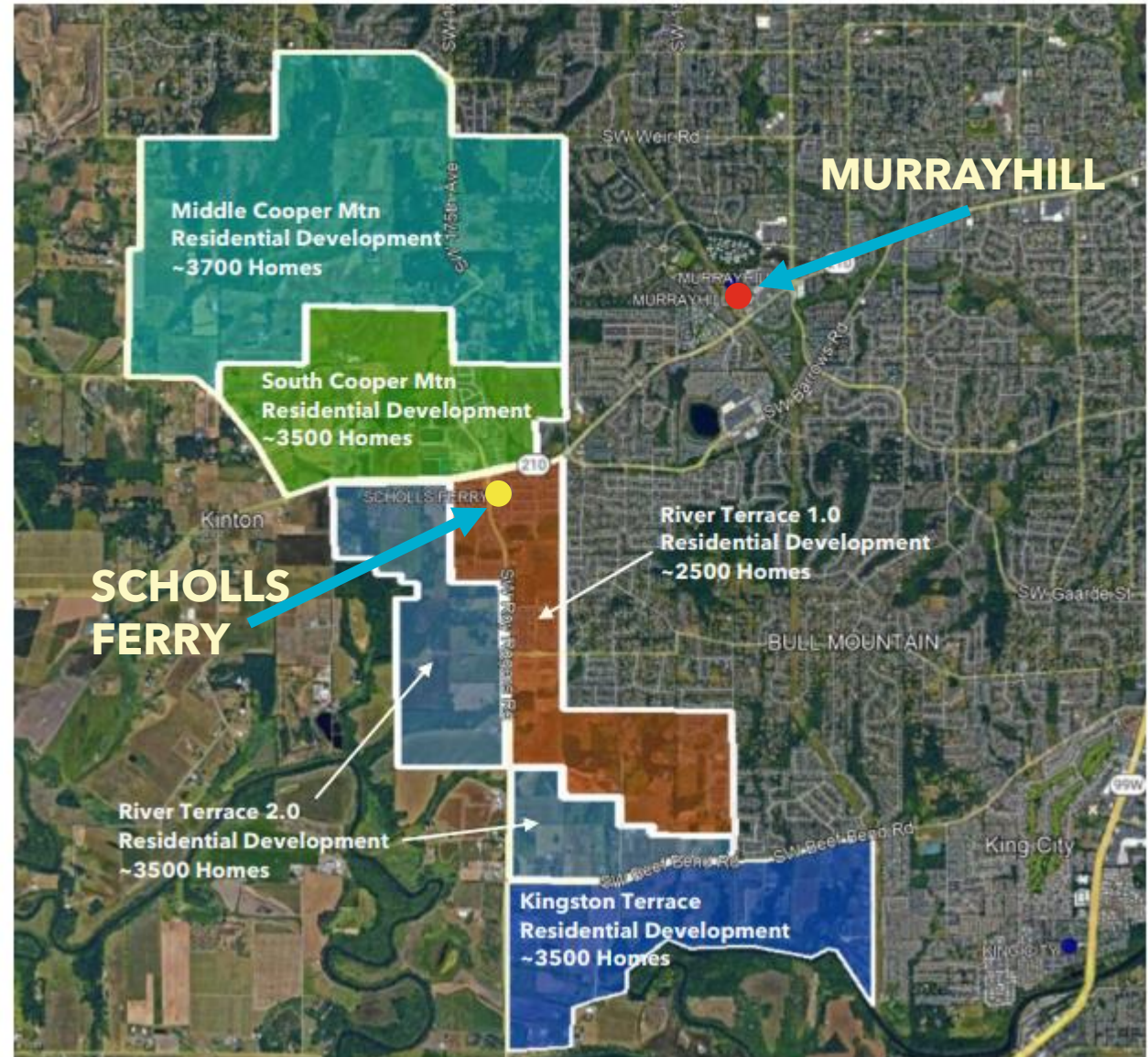
# Example Solution Identification

## Scholls Ferry Capacity Addition:

- The Scholls Ferry area consists of SW Beaverton, western Tigard, and western King City are experiencing large amounts of residential growth.
- Forecasted build out, the number of new homes is projected to reach approximately 15,000.

## Scholls Ferry Capacity Addition

Project Area



# Solution/Option Analysis



**Step One:** Start with the most basic option

Rebuild Scholls Ferry Substation & add capacity Murrayhill Substation

**Step Two:**

**Define Option 1:** Add 28 MVA equipment transformer (capacity)

**Analyze Option 1:** Determine if it meets needs before proceeding to Option 2 (more extensive)

**Step Three:**

**Define Option 2:** Add 50 MVA equipment transformer (capacity)

**Analyze Option 2:** Determine if it meets needs



Substation



Transformer



Feeder



Reconductor

# Solution/**Option 1** Results

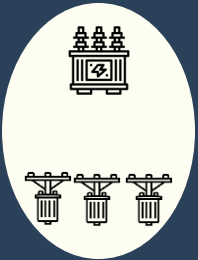
**Step Two:** Define and analyze Option 1 to determine if it meets our needs before proceeding to Option 2 (more extensive)

**Define Option 1:** Add 28 MVA transformer + 3 new feeders

**Analyze Option 1:** Add 28 MVA transformer + 3 new feeders

- Add a new 28 MVA transformer => **N-1\* redundancy is not achieved**
- Add three feeders at Scholls Ferry substation => **Does not alleviate load to Murrayhill**

\*N-1 contingency analysis takes each feeder & transformer out of service in the model, one at a time, and determining if the load can be pick up on other feeders and transformers without causing overloads or voltage issues



# Solution/Option 2 Results

**Step Three:** Define and analyze Option 2 to determine if it meets our needs

**Define Option 2:** Add 50 MVA transformer + 6 new feeders

**Analyze Option 2:** Add 50 MVA transformer + 6 new feeders

- Install a six new feeders from the School Ferry substation to alleviate new load and to offload part Murrayhill Substation => **Alleviates load**
- Establishes N-1 substation transformer redundancy at Scholls Ferry => **N-1\* achieved**

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# Solution Benefits



## Option 1

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## Option 2

The Scholls Ferry capacity addition with one additional 28 MVA transformer will

- add capacity into the area
- but will not increase reliability for the customers served by the substation or surrounded area.

The Scholls Ferry capacity addition will provide increased reliability for the customers in the area because during unplanned outages

This additional capacity will allow for faster and more extensive restoration, especially true during high loading periods

This reliability benefit reaches beyond Scholls Ferry and Murrayhill substations, reaching surrounding substations such as Huber, King City, Progress, and Tigard

Provides capacity to the area and removes all equipment over planning thresholds

Project Option	Reduction of Cost of Ownership + Geo Risk, NPV	Reduction of Annual Truck Rolls Near-Term FP%	Reduction of Near-Term CMI	Reduction of Near-Term Risk	B/C Ratio
Option 1	\$28,418,333	1	885,500	\$3,467,112	2.04
Option 2	\$31,155,506	1	935,954	\$3,779,420	2.01

# NWS Criteria Scholls Ferry Capacity Addition

## Type of grid need – Does not meet NWS criteria

- Transformer Addition
- Capacity Addition of 50 MVA
- Reliability Need for N-1\* condition

## Forecast certainty

## Lead time

Minimum of 30 months

## Minimum project cost

\*N-1 contingency analysis takes each feeder & transformer out of service in the model, one at a time, and determining if the load can be pick up on other feeders and transformers without causing overloads or voltage issues



# Questions/ Comments







# Capital Planning Process

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# Objectives

Build awareness of what will be in the Near-term Action Plan

Provide opportunities for review and comment on the investment decision-making process



# Discussion topics



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Pulling the thread through the DSP requirements and related data

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Bottom-up analysis and top-down governance - orientation to the decision-making process and framework

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Timing of activities - recap of prior discussions

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Categorization of investments/projects

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Overview of investments by category

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The project development funnel - from Grid Need to funded and initiated project

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Determining which projects to move forward - balancing the portfolio

# Capital Planning Process Roles

Role	Description
<b>Board of Directors (BOD)</b>	<p>The Board of Directors reviews and approves the annual capital budget. In addition, the BOD approves large strategic projects and future-year obligations for long-lead-time equipment purchases.</p>
<b>Capital Review Group (CRG)</b>	<p>The Capital Review Group is a standing committee with governance over capital projects and allocates capital resources based on business value and alignment with PGE's strategy.</p>
<b>Business Sponsor Group (BSG)</b>	<p>The Business Sponsor Group is a standing committee, empowered by the CRG to approve capital projects and manage the assigned portfolio to deliver the most value at the least cost. The BSG reviews and approves a proposed annual budget based on a five-year project road map that prioritizes projects based on PGE's initiatives and project readiness.</p>
<b>Generation, Transmission &amp; Distribution Project Management Office (G-T&amp;D PMO)</b>	<p>The G-T&amp;D PMO is an organization that manages a standardized process for the governance and execution of assigned capital projects for Generation and T&amp;D. The G-T&amp;D PMO includes roles such as Project Managers, Project Controllers, Estimators and Construction Managers.</p>
<b>Capital Portfolio Management Team</b>	<p>The Portfolio Management team optimizes the project portfolio, acts as the primary interface with the BSG and CRG, and oversees the steps related to the planning and execution gates. The Portfolio Management team also monitors Portfolio health and execution risks throughout the year, escalating issues to the executive team and the CRG as needed.</p>

# Business Sponsor Group (BSG) Reporting Structure



# What do Business Sponsor Groups (BSGs) do?



Develop 3-5-year project road maps that translate the corporate strategy into specific initiatives

Prioritize projects based on business benefit (and de-prioritize)

Executive Steering Committees (ESCs) endorse road maps as the best way to reach strategic goals

Communicate road maps and planned work

Decide when to promote projects from road map to active work

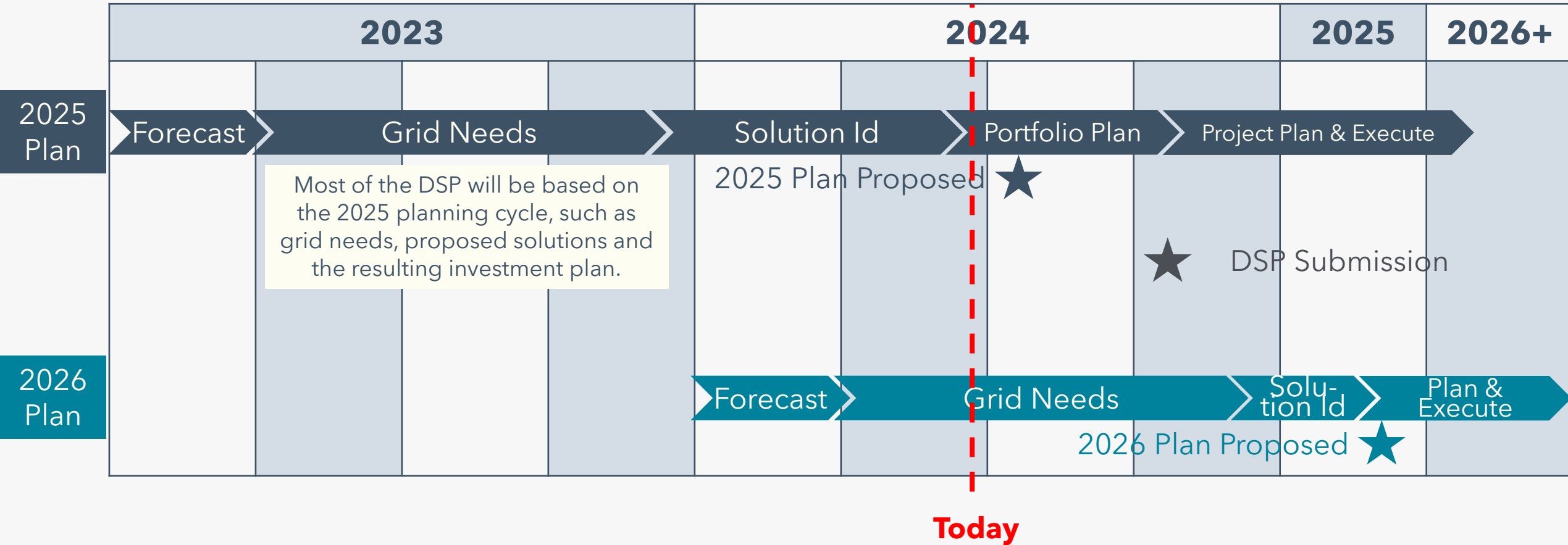
Allocate budget to projects based on performance

Monitor portfolio execution and benefits delivery

Manage project exceptions

Escalate issues to the CRG and ESC as needed

# Investment Timeline: A 3-year Cycle

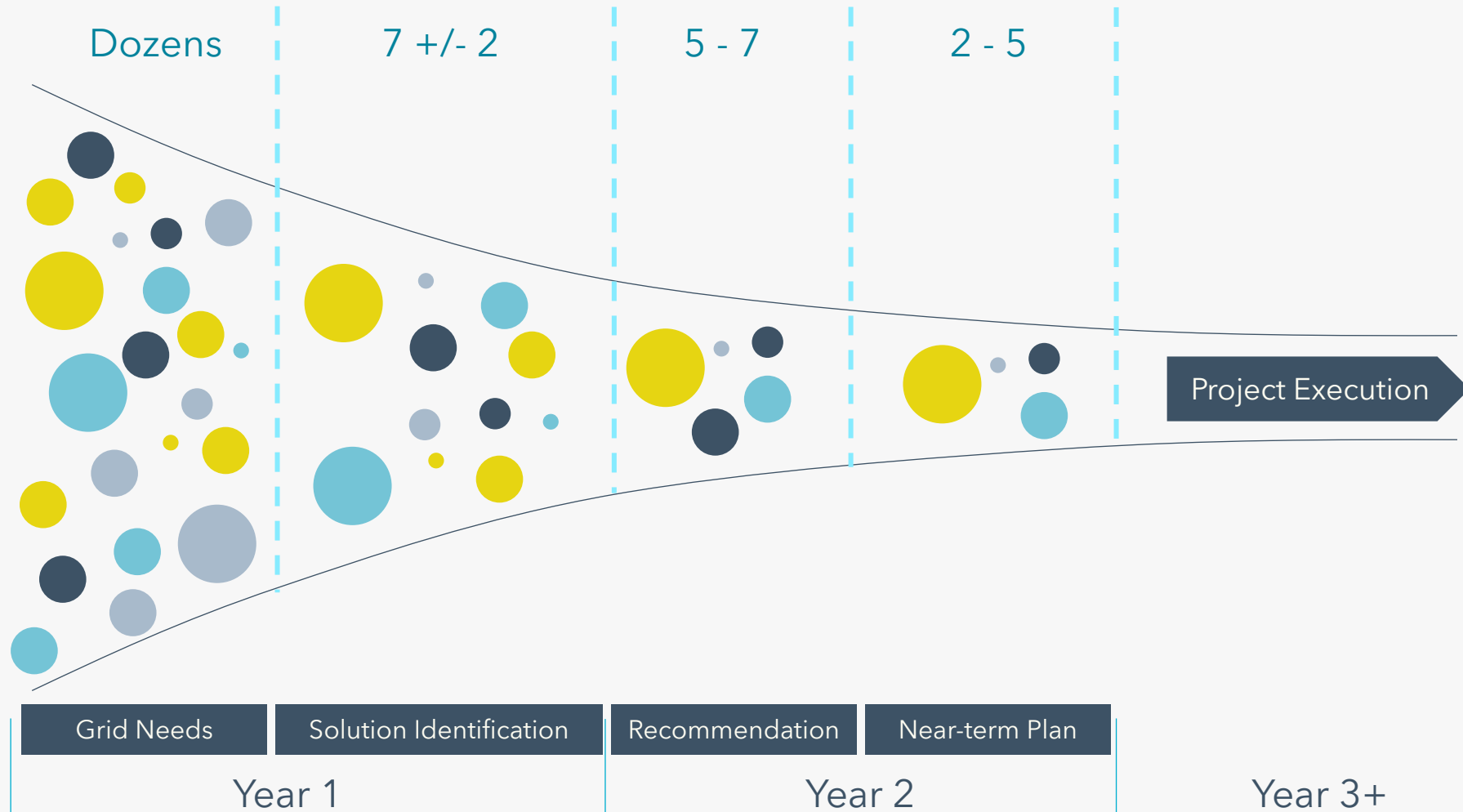




# Current T&D Project Categorization

Portfolio	Sub-Portfolio	Category
<b>Transmission &amp; Distribution</b>	<b>Grow</b> (load growth/ econ. dev.)	<b>Capacity/Flexibility</b> - increase capacity and/or flexibility to address load growth or increased demand; may include capacity-driven compliance and reliability projects
		<b>Customer/Partner</b> - investments involving a commitment to a customer, internal partner, municipality, or co-owner; includes critical service restoration and our obligation to serve; applicable to both sustaining and growth sub-portfolios
	<b>Sustain</b> (keep the lights on)	<b>Compliance</b> - address a non-capacity related compliance requirements from FERC, NERC, OPUC, EPA, DEQ or other regulatory body
		<b>Reliability</b> - enhance reliability, resiliency and security; includes proactive repair/replace in kind projects as well as broader improvement initiatives
		<b>Operations</b> - address tools, safety, restoration of non-critical services, and efficiency improvements

# T&D Project Development Funnel



# Portfolio Considerations

Alignment to Strategies and Goals

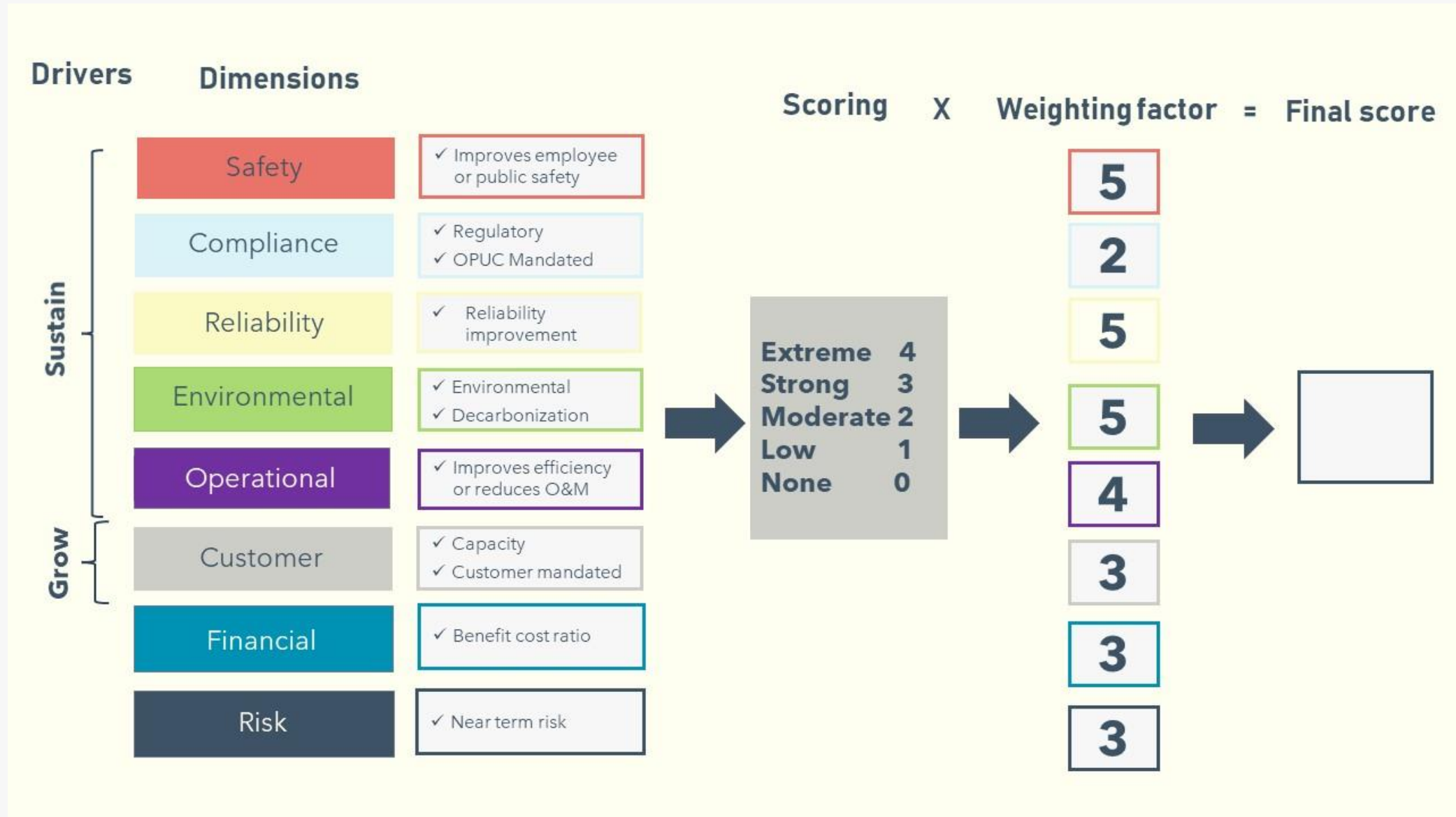
Firm commitments - customer and/or compliance

Execution readiness - cost estimate, resource and materials

Stage-gate approvals: minimize risk with planning-only approval

Quantified project benefits

# Portfolio prioritization



# Portfolio prioritization evolution



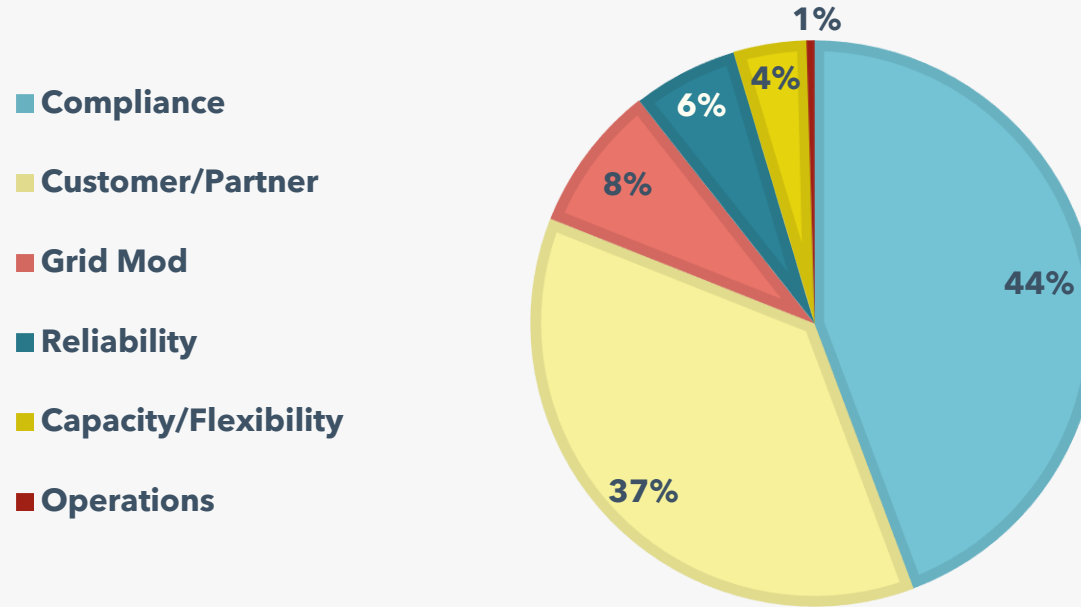
## Risk Impact Dimension Scoring Table

Probability	Safety	Customer Satisfaction	Compliance	Environmental	Reliability
<b>1-REMOTE:</b> Likelihood of at least 1 event occurring in a given year is <1% (1-in-100-year event, at worst)	<b>1-MINOR:</b> Minor Injury to employee or member of the public	<b>1-MINOR:</b> Minimal customer complaint calls	<b>1-MINOR:</b> Self-reported incident, no violations	<b>1-MINOR:</b> Immediately correctable or easily contained, and/or no benefit to PGE's emissions reduction goals	<b>1-MINOR:</b> 200 total customer hours of interruption, OR avoided EFOR Hours >0-29, OR Tx Reliability Score 1
<b>2-UNLIKELY:</b> Likelihood of at least 1 event occurring in a given year is >1% - 25% (No more than once every 4 years)	<b>2-MODERATE:</b> Minor injury to multiple employees or members of public	<b>2-MODERATE:</b> Negative social media posts by customers	<b>2-MODERATE:</b> Regulatory testimony required, but no punitive action	<b>2-MODERATE:</b> Short-term impact requiring remediation, and/or hinders PGE's emissions reduction goals	<b>2-MODERATE:</b> Outage resulting in at least 2,000 total customer hours of interruption, OR avoided EFOR Hours >29-104, OR Tx Reliability Score 2
<b>3-POSSIBLE:</b> Likelihood of at least 1 event occurring in a given year is >25% - 50% (At least once or twice every 4 years)	<b>3-SERIOUS:</b> Permanent or serious injury to employee or member of the public	<b>3-SERIOUS:</b> Request by member of the public for a formal investigation from regulatory agency	<b>3-SERIOUS:</b> Investigation reveals violations	<b>3-SERIOUS:</b> Medium-term impact requiring more extensive remediation, and/or minor increase in PGE's emissions	<b>3-SERIOUS:</b> Outage resulting in at least 20,000 total customer hours of interruption, OR avoided EFOR Hours >104-1,480, OR Tx Reliability Score 3
<b>4-LIKELY:</b> Likelihood of at least 1 event occurring in a given year is >50% - 75% (At least once every 2 years)	<b>4-MAJOR:</b> Permanent or serious injury to multiple employees or members of public	<b>4-MAJOR:</b> Complaints by customers that result in regulatory response (Action)	<b>4-MAJOR:</b> Formal hearing, new regulatory restrictions	<b>4-MAJOR:</b> Long-term impact requiring extensive remediation, and/or medium sized increase in PGE's emissions	<b>4-MAJOR:</b> Outage resulting in at least 200,000 total customer hours of interruption, OR avoided EFOR Hours >1,480 - 480,000, OR Tx Reliability Score 4
<b>5-EXPECTED:</b> Likelihood of 1 or more similar events occurring in a given year is >75% (Imminent/more likely than not to occur in a given year)	<b>5-SEVERE:</b> One of more fatalities to employees or member of the public	<b>5-SEVERE:</b> En masse customer defections, negative national media attention	<b>5-SEVERE:</b> Threat of revocation of business licenses.	<b>5-SEVERE:</b> Irreversible environmental impacts, and/or sharp increase in PGE's emissions	<b>5-SEVERE:</b> Outage resulting in at least 2 million total customer hours of interruption, OR avoided EFOR hours >480,000, OR Tx Reliability Score 5



## 2023 ACTUALS BY CATEGORY

# 2023 Transmission and Distribution Spending



The distribution system planning process (i.e., Grid Needs Analysis and Solution Identification) determines a subset of projects/ investments in these categories.

Categories	2023 Actuals (\$M)
Compliance	\$ 204.6
Customer/Partner	\$ 169.5
Grid Modernization	\$ 38.7
Reliability	\$ 27.7
Capacity/Flexibility	\$ 19.4
Operations	\$ 1.8
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 461.7</b>



# Questions/ Comments



# Grid Needs Analysis: Supporting DER Integration & Operation

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*"The grid is the most complicated machine we've ever built. It's gigantic, it is complex, and to get the most efficient use out of the system, we have to use it in the most coordinated way that we can."*

- **Carl Zichella**, environmental consultant focusing on climate change and the clean energy transition

# Key Takeaways

- 1 Pressure on the grid is increasing
- 2 DERs contribute to that pressure
- 3 Orchestration of DERs through a Virtual Power Plant (VPP) can relieve some pressure



# Overview

## Building capabilities to enable Non-wires Solutions and Virtual Power Plants

### Background

- DSP guidelines requested submission of two NWS concept proposals. We submitted:
  - Eastport substation: > 3 MW load relief
  - Dayton substation: >1.5 MW load relief
- Conceptualized how different combinations of DERs could cost-effectively provide load relief and defer capital investment
- Determined that there was not a pathway to execution due lack of:
  - project management,
  - regulatory approval,
  - capability to deploy, and
  - capability to call on/control DERs

### Proposed direction for next iteration of DSP - develop a plan to do the following in 2025

- Demonstrate capabilities necessary to deliver an NWS and a VPP that involves customer-sited DERs
- Demonstrate delivery and measurement of community benefits
- Investigate how CBREs can deliver an NWS or otherwise address grid needs

# What is accelerating the need for grid modernization?



Customer expectations for increasingly clean energy, without compromising reliability and keeping costs as low as possible, require increased integration of Distributed Energy Resources and Flexible Loads



## RESIDENTIAL

(SINGLE-, MULTI-FAMILY)

- Rooftop Solar
- Distributed Batteries
- Smart Devices
- Vehicle Charging
- Heat Pumps
- Thermostats
- Hot water



## IOC

(INTEGRATED OPERATIONS CENTER)

- Uniform standards
- Open-source API
- Plug-and-play connectivity



## COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL

- Heating Systems
- Building Management Systems
- Industrial Processes
- Warehouse Automation
- Chillers
- Data Center
- Back up Batteries & Generation



## MUNICIPALITY, SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY, HOSPITAL

- Community-based renewables
- Microgrids
- School bus V2G
- Advanced Heating/Cooling

As Virtual Power Plant capabilities increase, customers have more choice and control of the energy that powers their home, work, life and community

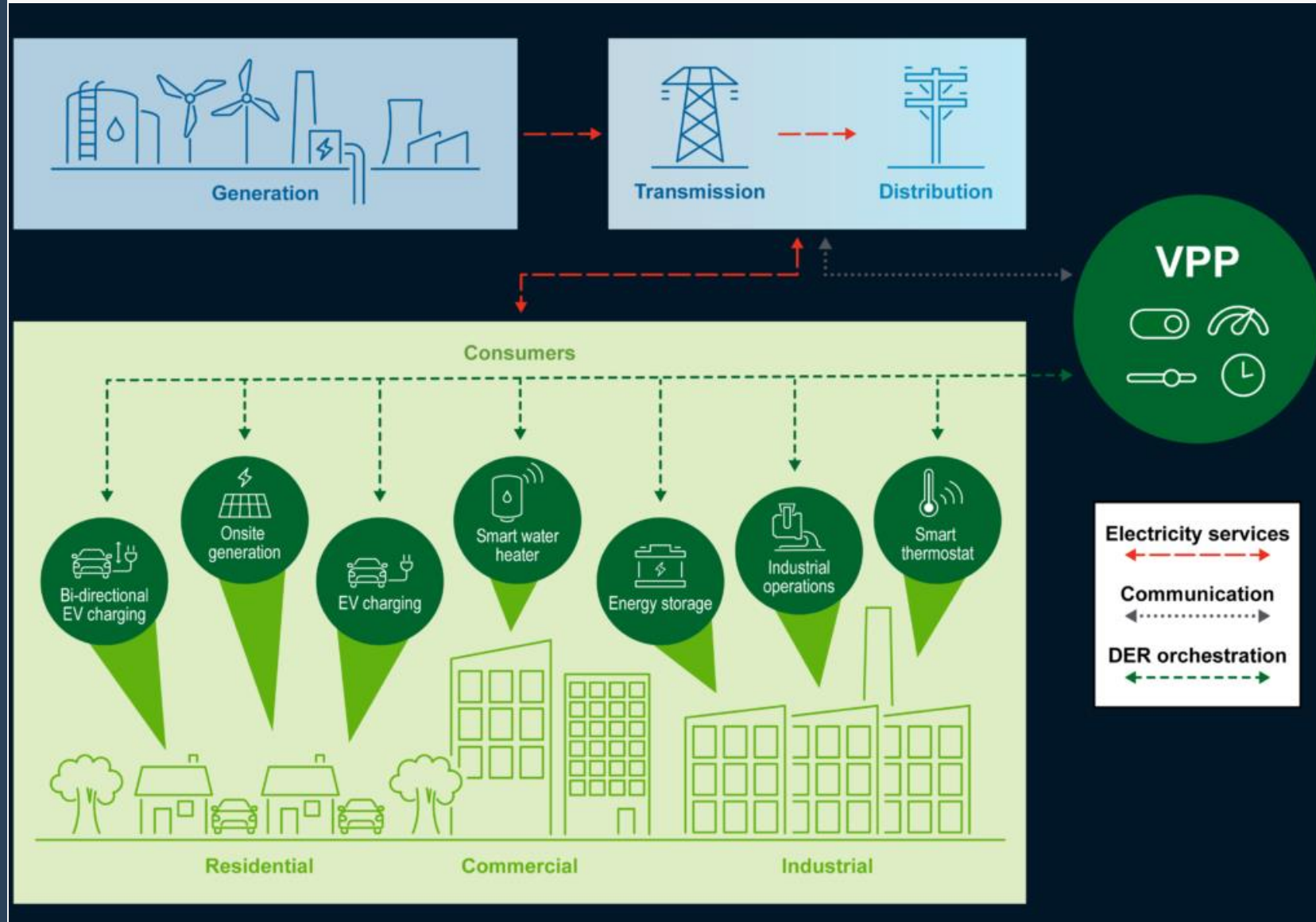


## TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION

- Transit & Freight
- Fleet Charging
- Public Charging
- Rental Properties
- OEM V2G and V2X

# What is a Virtual Power Plant (VPP)?

Aggregations of distributed energy resources (DERs) such as smart appliances, rooftop solar with batteries, EVs and chargers, and commercial and industrial loads that can balance electricity demand and supply and provide grid services like a traditional power plant.



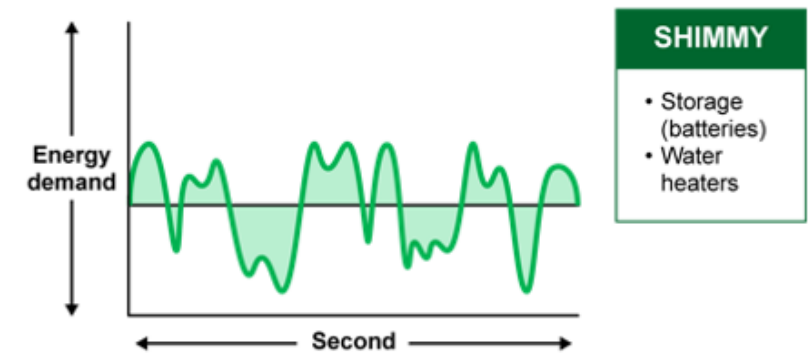
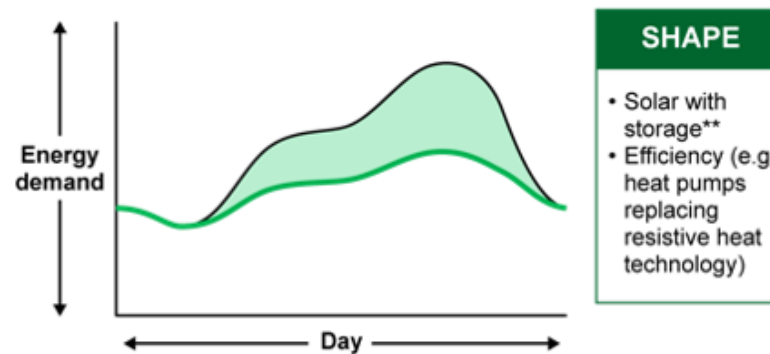
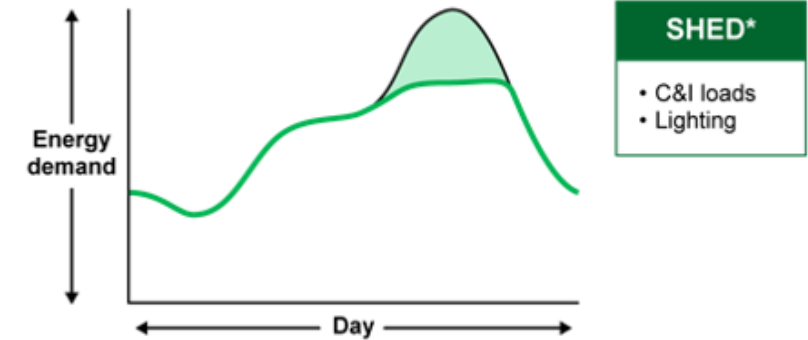
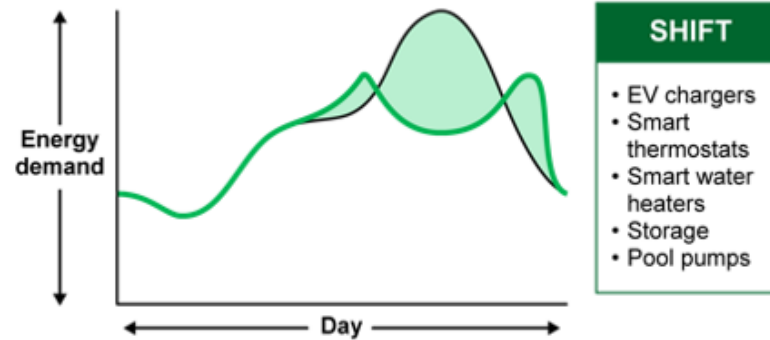
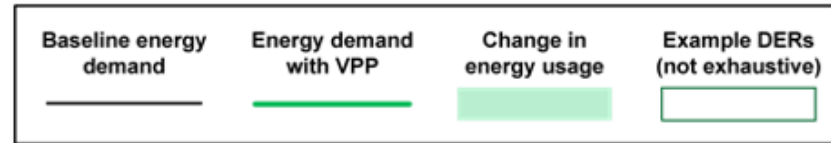
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# VPPs function in different ways to meet needs

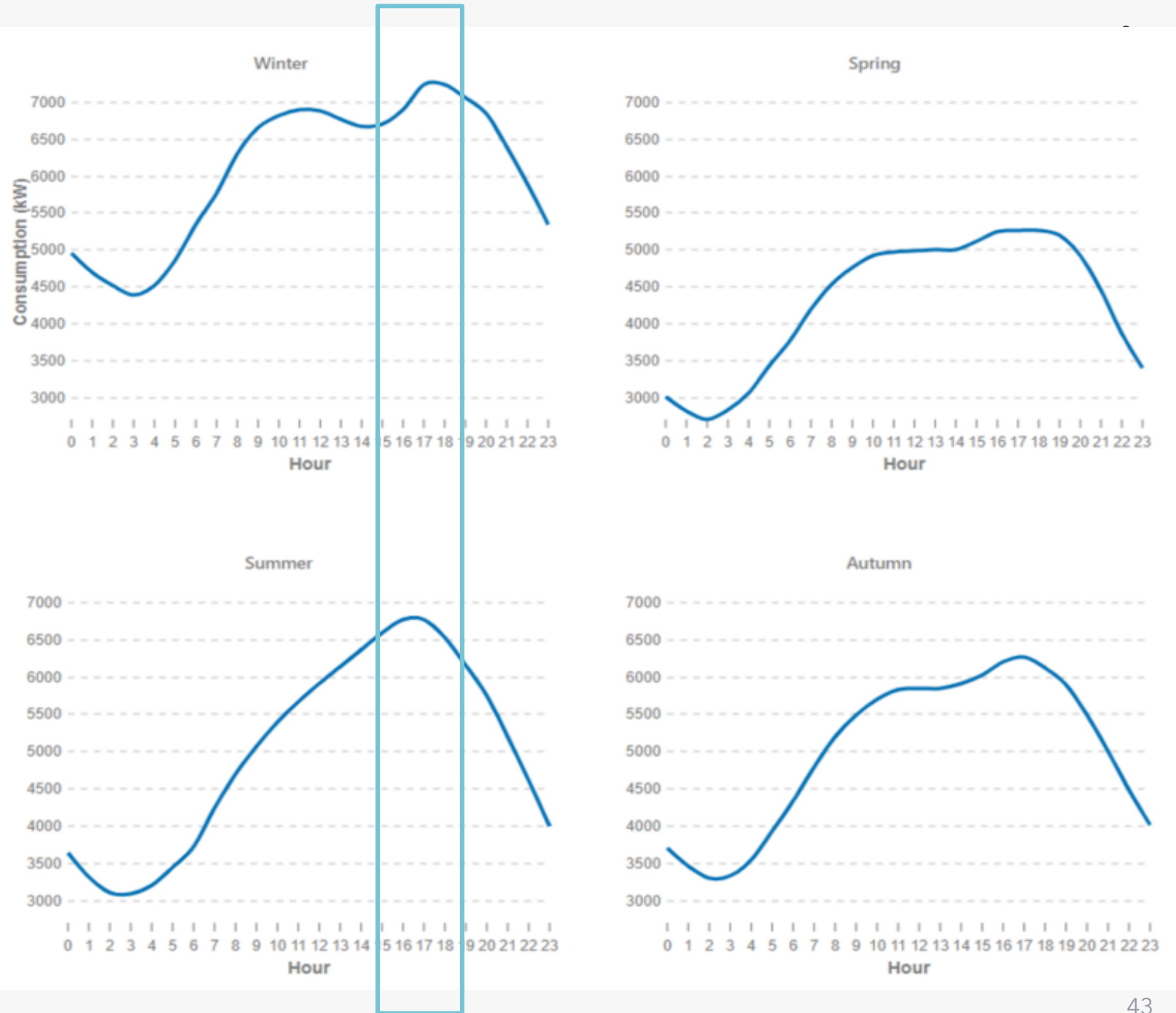


## For example

- Supplying homes with energy from on-site solar-plus-storage systems during peak hours when bulk power generation is scarce
- Shifting the timing of EV charging to avoid overloading local distribution system equipment
- Charging distributed batteries (increasing demand) when clean electricity is abundant to reduce curtailment, for example, of utility-scale solar



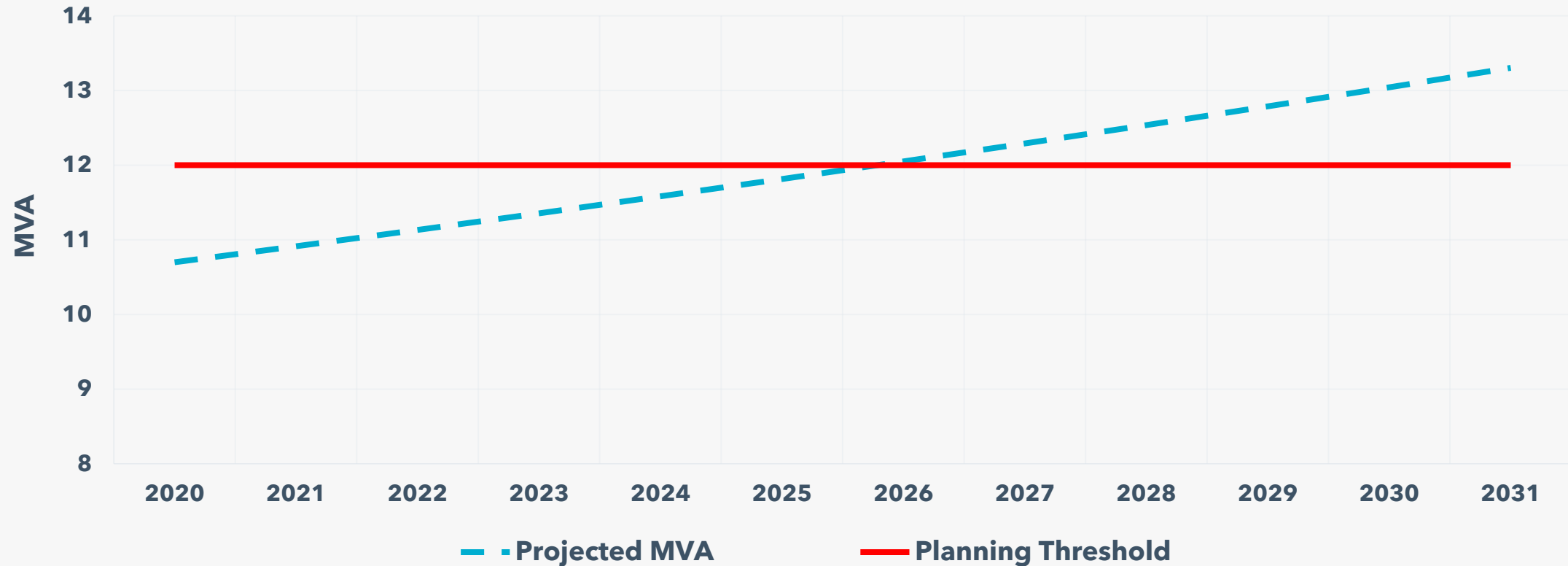
# Ruby Substation average seasonal load profiles (2021)





# Load Growth vs Planning Threshold

## RUBY-JUNCTION FEEDER PROJECTED LOADING



# Collectively, VPPs Can Deliver a Range of Benefits

Cost Control	Reliability & Resilience	Decarbonization	T&D Infrastructure Relief	Community Benefit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defer grid capex (generation, T &amp; D)</li> <li>• Avoid fuel costs</li> <li>• Compensate consumers and businesses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrate back-up power</li> <li>• Eliminate single-point-of-failure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add distributed renewable generation</li> <li>• Reduce curtailment of renewables</li> <li>• Reduce reliance on fossil fuels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase efficiency by smoothing peaks</li> <li>• Alleviate congestion with local dispatch</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable consumers to optimize energy cost, use, and source</li> <li>• Retain and create good jobs</li> </ul>

# Capabilities Required for NWS/VPP

Capability	Description
<b>Grid Modeling &amp; Analysis</b>	Digital twin/network model development, including analysis of SCADA and field sensor data, typology models and control settings, and DER performance data.
<b>DER Control &amp; Dispatch</b>	Design and implement DER controls, including DERMS alignment, lab simulation, hardware-interoperability and testing, OEM communication and coordination.
<b>Product Design &amp; Marketing</b>	Analyze customer composition of chosen locations, assess customer preferences/needs, customize product offerings to maximize participation/adoption, incorporate considerations for disadvantaged populations, design and implement measurement and evaluation framework.
<b>Contractor Training &amp; Management</b>	Identify installers who are willing to add NWS requirements to the install process, work with installers to design efficient installation processes, prepare installers to configure DERs to integrate with PGE systems/controls.
<b>ADMS/DERMS Controls Integration</b>	Configure ADMS/DERMS to recognize and operate NWS DERs, develop operations procedures to cover NWS use cases.
<b>Equity Lens</b>	Apply environmental justice principles in the deployment of DER-based solutions

# Decarbonize



# Electrify



# Perform



## Virtual Power Plant

**PGE will enable customers to shift their power usage from peak times while providing reliable and affordable energy**

### Virtual Power Plant

The orchestration of Distributed Energy Resources and Flexible Load, through technology platforms, to provide grid and power operations services.

Customer Programs

Distributed Solar

Distributed Thermal

Distributed Storage

Utility Storage

Technology Platforms

Policy and Regulation

To achieve a 25% peak usage offset while serving 100% of customer energy needs

**PGE is targeting 2,000 VPP-enabled megawatts by 2030**

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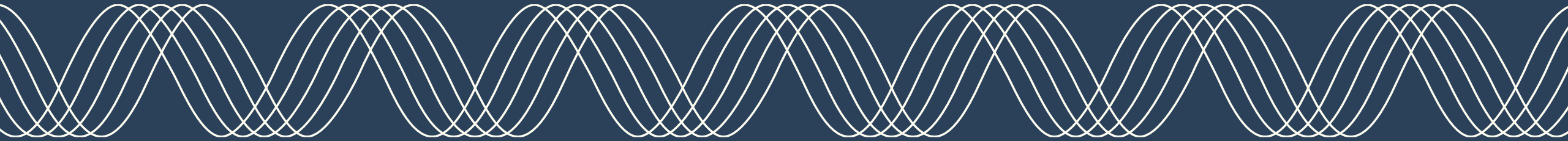




# Questions/ Comments



# Next Steps and Closing Remarks



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- Wednesday July 10 | 2-4p | [Zoom](#) | UM 2005 Public Workshop | Guideline Updates
- Thursday July 11 | 9-11:30a | [Zoom](#) | CEP/IRP Roundtable
- Thursday July 11 | 12-1p | [Zoom](#) | Distribution System Workshop | OFFICE HOURS
- Wednesday July 24 | 10a-12p | [Zoom](#) | CBIAG Meeting
- Thursday July 25 | 9-11:30a | [Zoom](#) | Distribution System Workshop



Meeting materials and recording will be posted to our Plan's Engagement webpage at [Plans Engagement | Portland General Electric](#)



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