



PROPOSED RATE INCREASES & 2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 12, 2025

Benton PUD Public Hearing

Topic: Proposed 2026 Budget and Rate Increases

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 • 6:00 PM Benton PUD Auditorium, Kennewick



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If approved, proposed rates are scheduled to take effect on April 1, 2026

Why propose a rate increase?

- **Rising power supply costs:** On October 1, 2025, Benton PUD's wholesale electricity provider Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) increased power rates by an average of 8.9% and transmission rates by an average of 19.9%
 - » BPA's increase is driven by rising operational costs and the need to fund critically important upgrades to hydroelectric dams, transmission systems, and the Columbia Generating Station nuclear plant
 - » Benton PUD along with consumer owned utilities across the Northwest worked hard to advocate for consumers to ensure reasonable BPA rates which resulted in a lower rate increase than originally proposed
- BPA power costs represent over 50% of Benton PUD's entire budget
 - » Power supply costs account for \$85.4 million of Benton PUD's 2026 annual retail revenue requirement of \$150.5 million

What you need to know!

- As a consumer-owned not-for-profit utility, the increase in power costs have a direct and significant impact on Benton PUD's retail rates
- As a result, Benton PUD is proposing to increase retail rates April 1, 2026
- Through the strategic use of cash reserves and responsible use of low-interest debt Benton PUD is able to propose smaller rate increases than would otherwise be needed
- To better align rates with cost causation principles, the proposed retail rate increases are different by rate class and would be implemented by increasing the Demand Charge for most customers; with three rate classes requiring no rate increase

2% Increase in Retail Revenues

\$2.8M

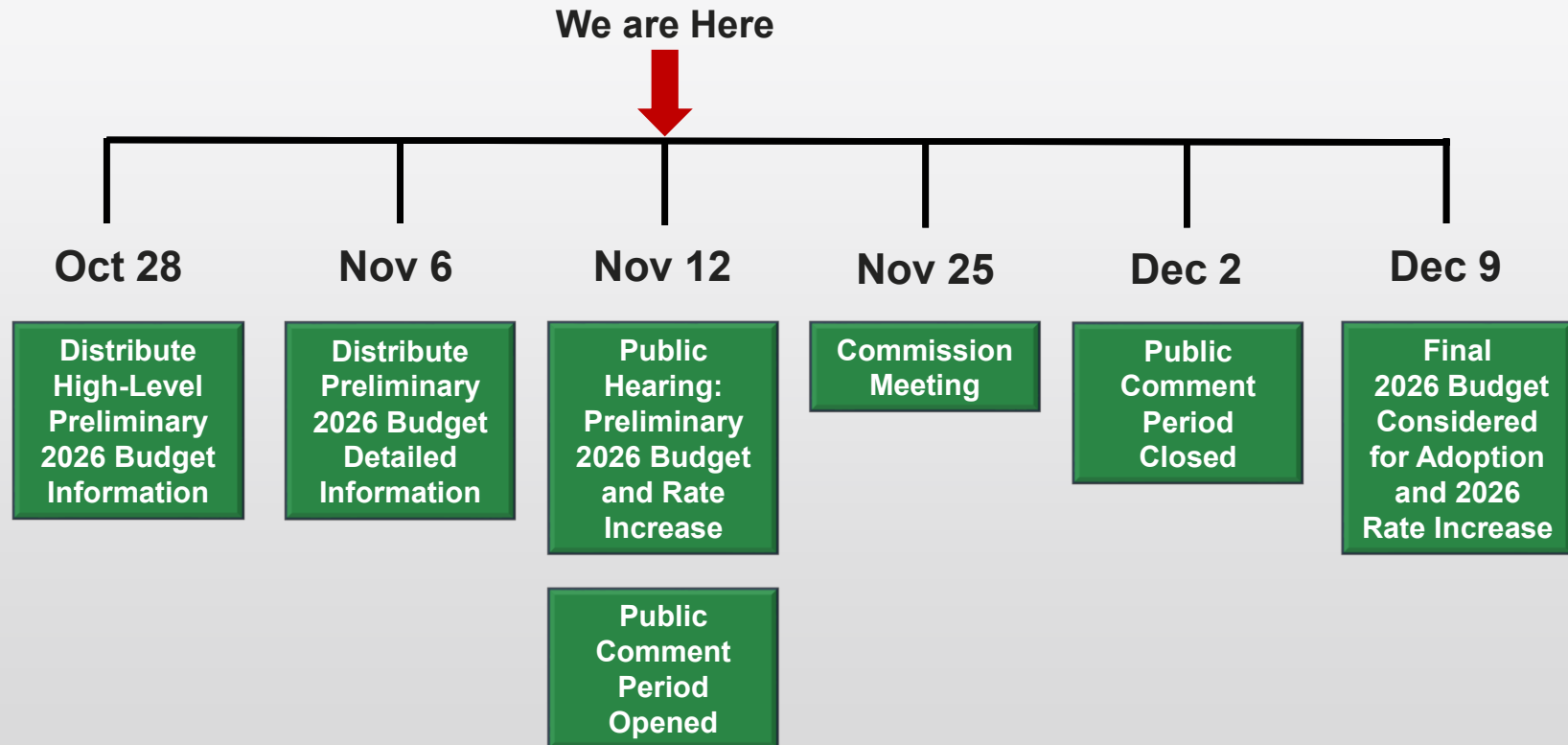
Proposed Rate Increases

Rate Class	Services	Increase
Residential	48,880	2.5 %
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Medium General Service	718	
Large General Service	91	0 %
Large Industrial	5	
All Irrigation	977	3 %
Street Lights	6,092	2 %
Security Lights	1,803	
Unmetered	400	10 %

Average residential monthly bill will increase from \$121 to \$124

	Current	Proposed
Proposed Residential Increase		
Energy (kWh)	7.22¢	7.22¢ (no change)
Demand (kW)	\$1.05	\$1.54
Daily System	\$0.66	\$0.66 (no change)

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE



AGENDA

1. Proposed Rate Increases – **Rick Dunn**
2. Questions & Comments
3. Short Break
4. Budget Presentation – **Rick Dunn, Jon Meyer, Chris Johnson, Keith Mercer & Chris Folta**
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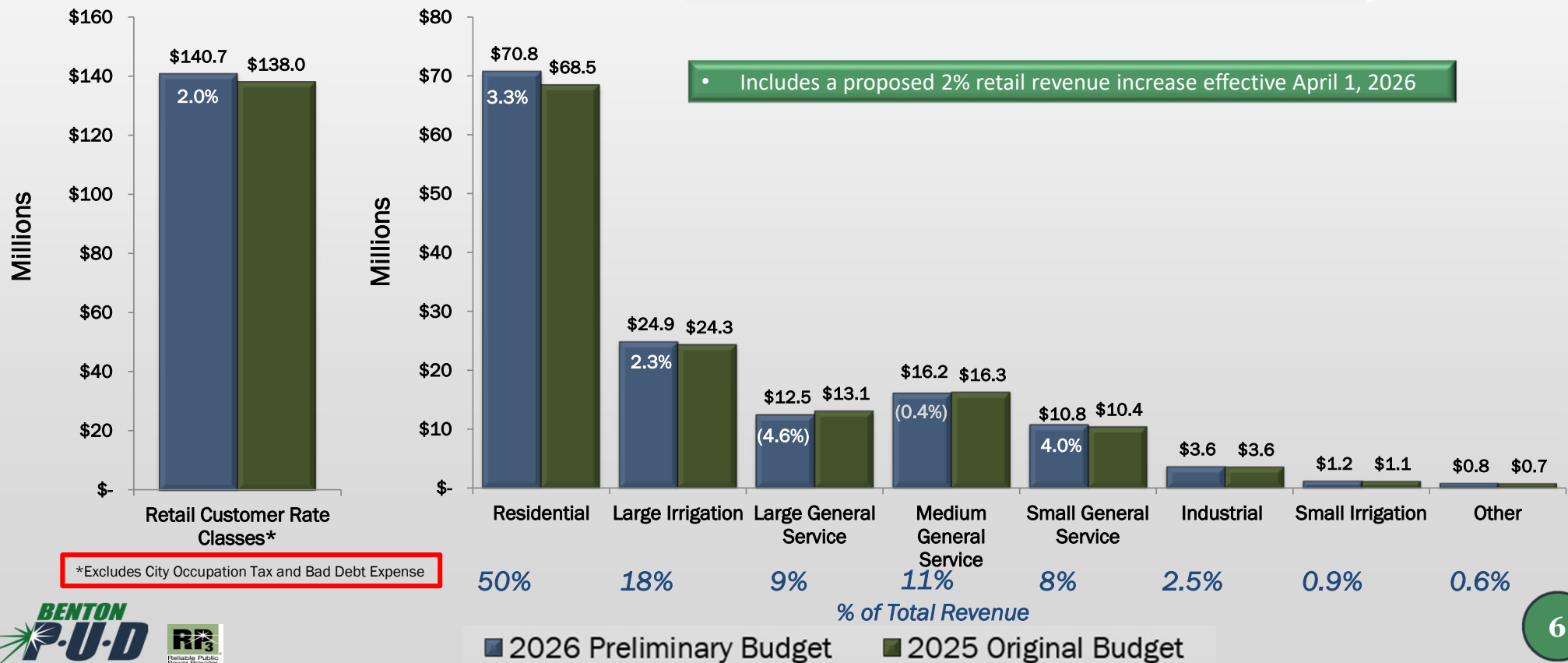
PROPOSED RATE INCREASES (RICK DUNN)

REVENUES

(ENERGY SALES – RETAIL CUSTOMER RATE CLASSES ONLY, EXCLUDES CITY OCCUPATION TAX & BAD DEBT EXPENSE)

2026 Preliminary Budget
Total Energy Sales – Retail Customer Rate Classes Only
\$140.7 million

- Includes a proposed 2% retail revenue increase effective April 1, 2026



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**Average overall increase for the Rate Class

Residential Rates

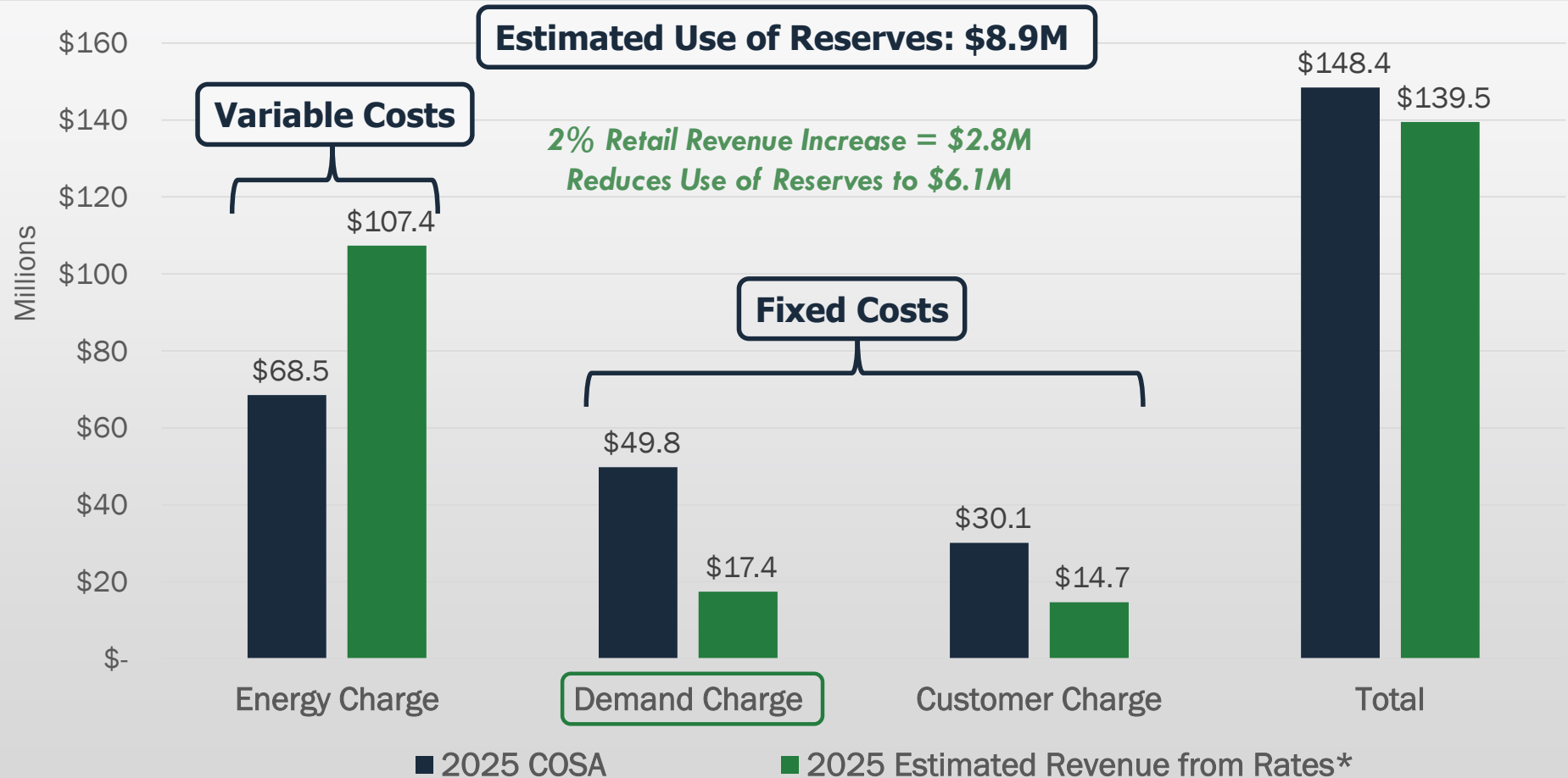
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Average Monthly Residential Bill

	Current	Proposed*	Difference
1,300 kWh	\$93.86	\$93.86	\$0.00
7 kW	\$7.35	\$10.78	\$3.43
30 days	\$19.80	\$19.80	\$0.00
Total	\$121.01	\$124.44	\$3.43

Individual impacts will differ according to each customer's demand profile and level of energy use

2025 COSA RESULTS VERSUS ESTIMATED RATES

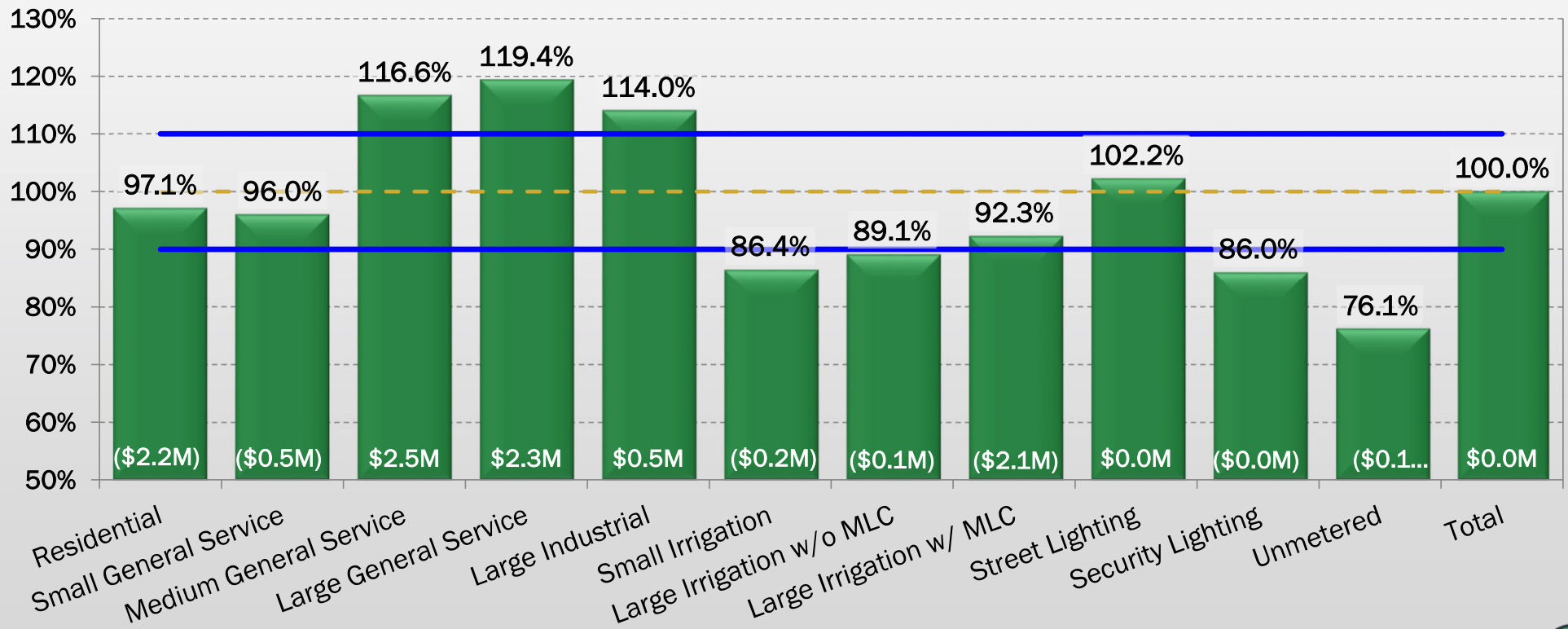


*Using 2024 load forecast and 2025 rates. Includes \$650k reduction for low-income discount.
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2025 COSA RESULTS COMPARISON TO TARGET

(Incorporating the strategic use of \$8.9 million in reserves | \$ amounts reflect (under)/over collection including reserves)

2025 COSA Results



2025 COSA Results (% of COSA)

+/- 10% Targeted Range

Goal

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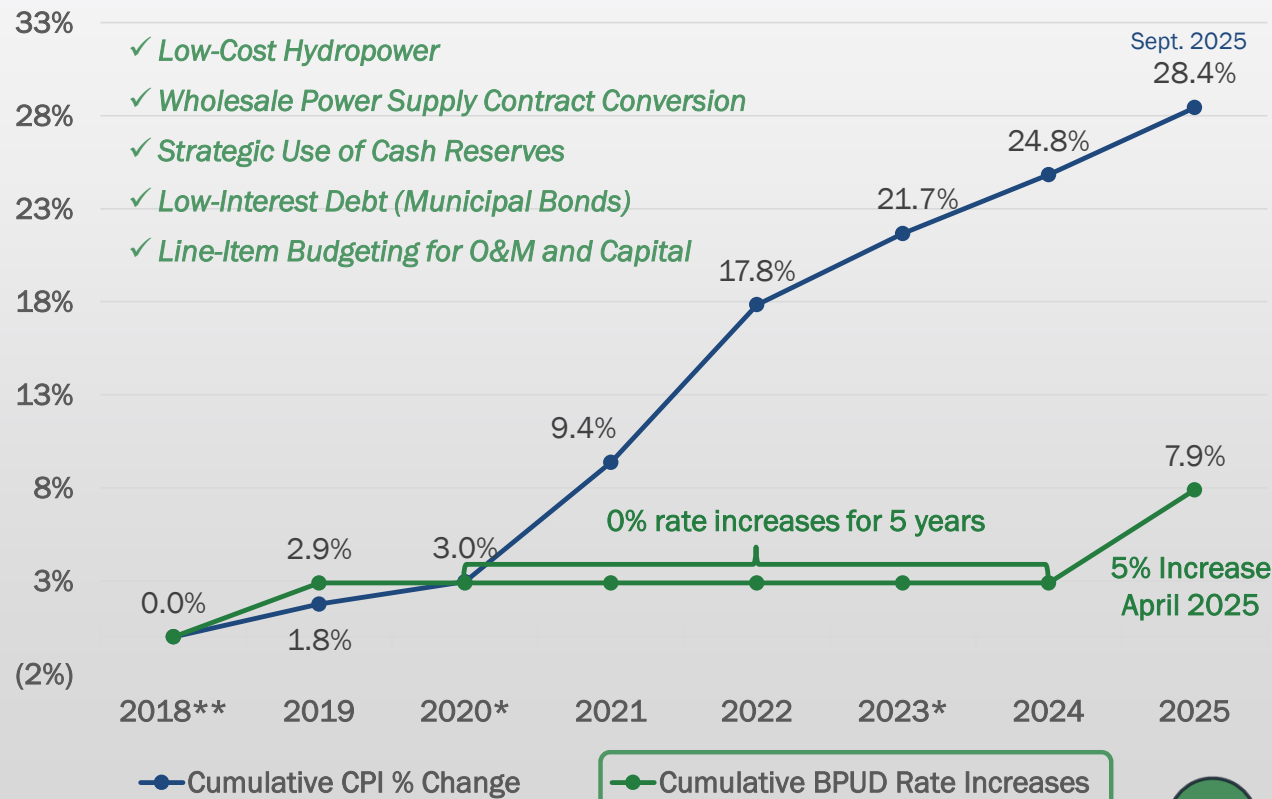
HOLDING THE LINE ON RATES DURING HIGH INFLATION

2018 – 2025

28.4% Cumulative CPI-U Increase

CPI | **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

Oct. – Oct. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)
Cumulative % Change from 2018 - 2025



*Issued Bonds

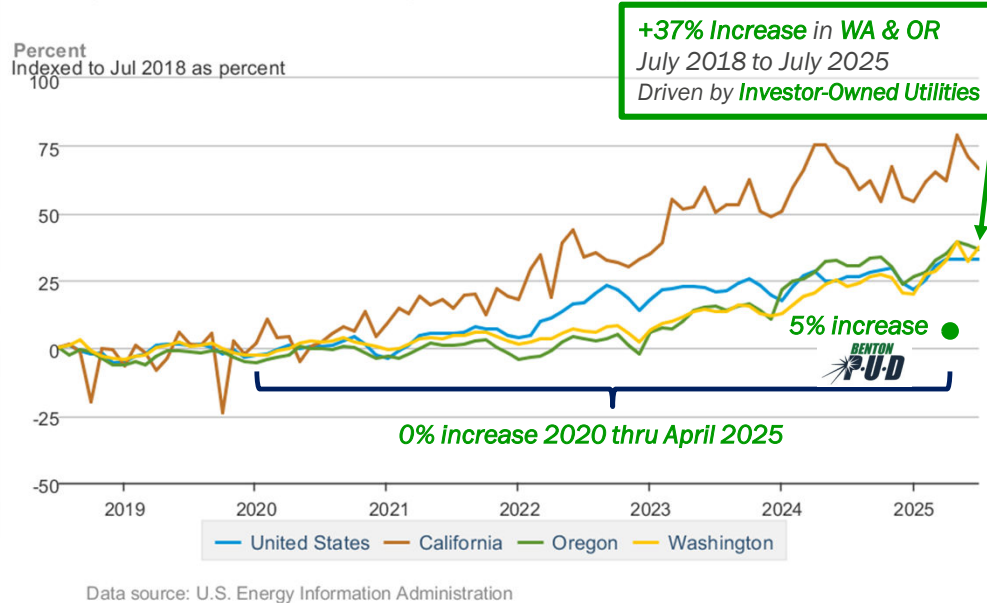
**Base year used to calculate cumulative CPI-U percentage increase

WA, OR, & CA RESIDENTIAL RATES INCREASING

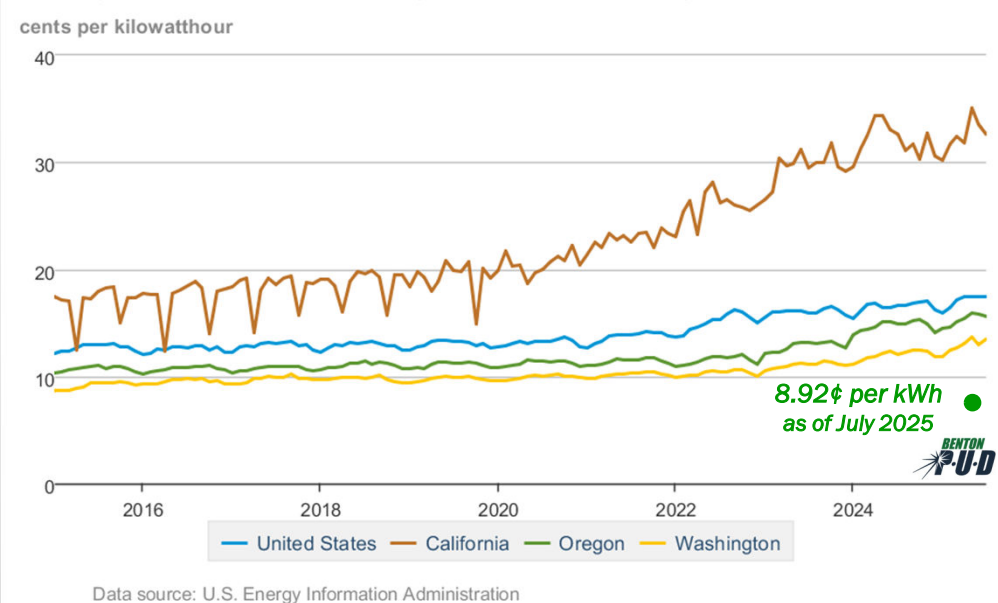
AFFORDABLE HYDRO HAS MITIGATED RATE INCREASE % AND RISING ¢ PER KWH

West Coast Residential **Rate Increases** Since July 2018

Average retail price of electricity, residential, monthly



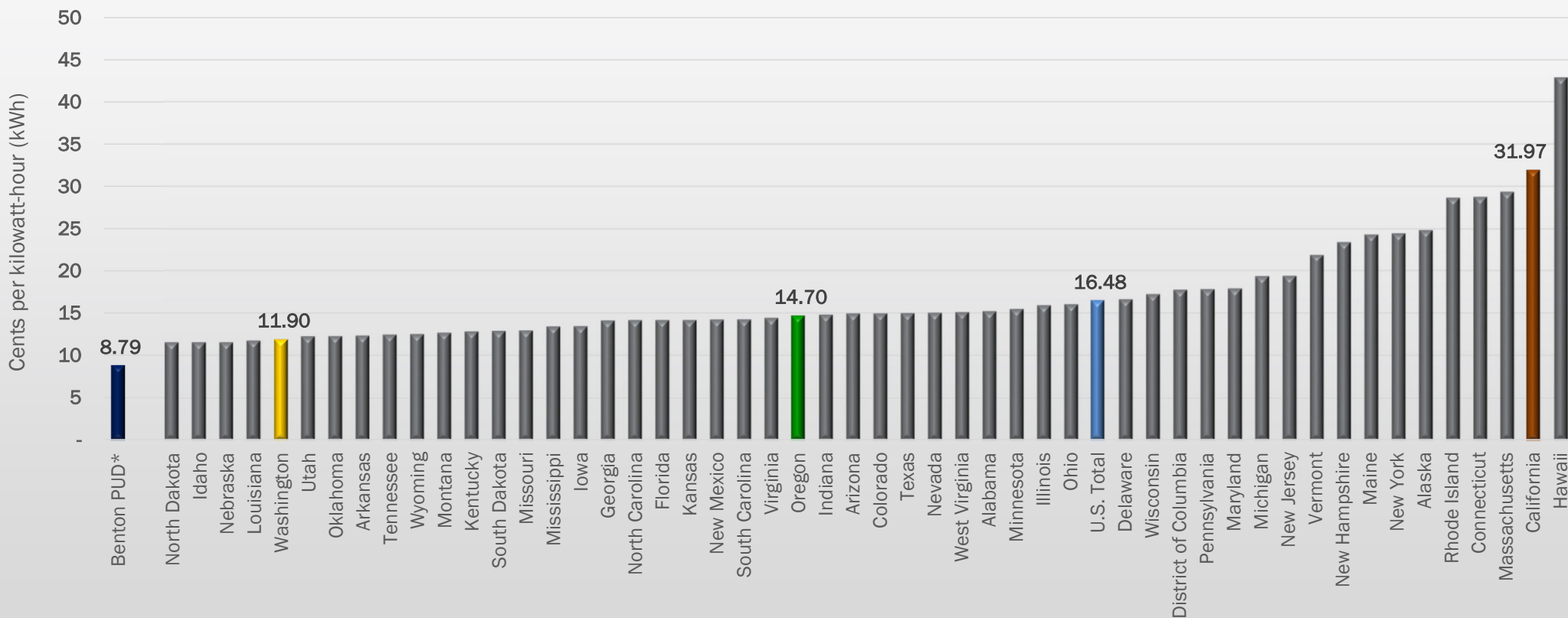
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AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL RATES BY STATE & BENTON PUD

SOURCE: U.S. ENERGY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION (EIA) 2024 DATA RELEASED OCTOBER 7, 2025

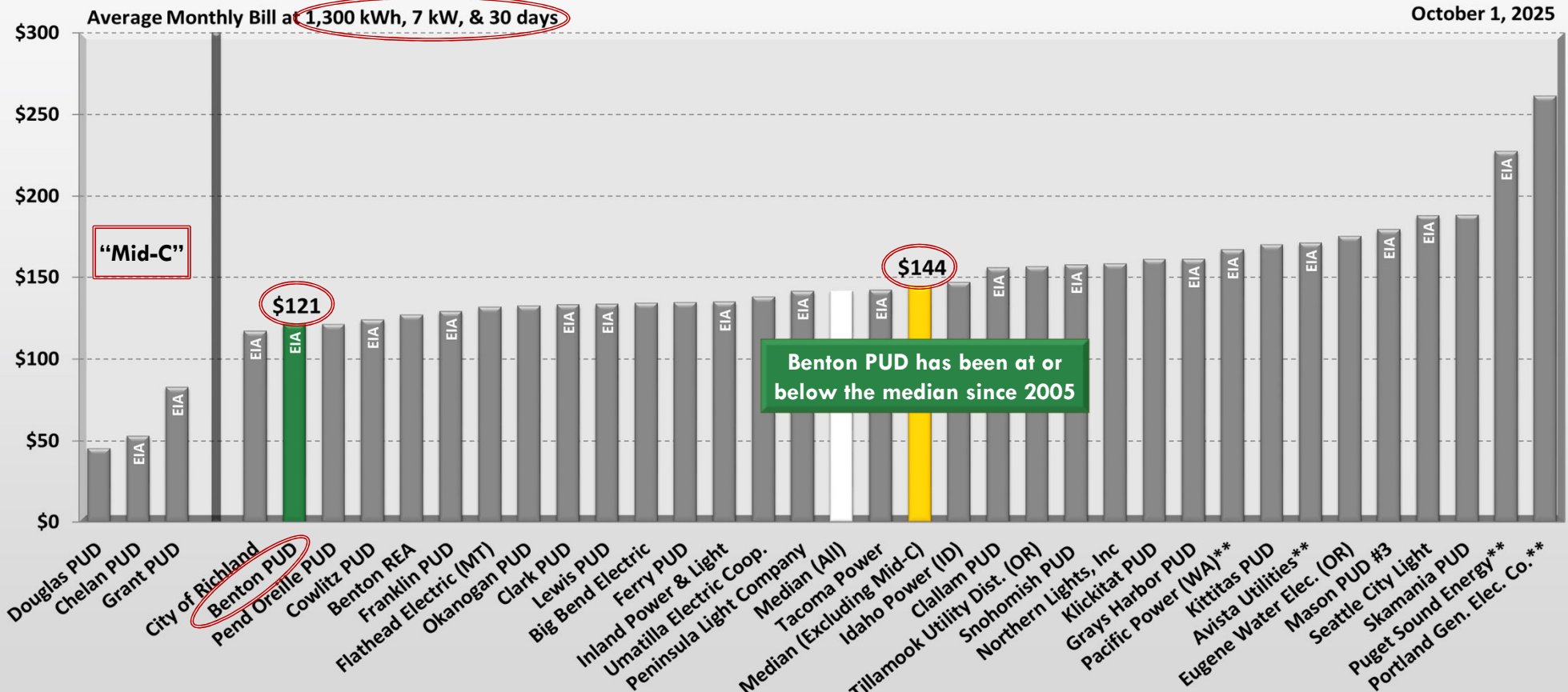
2024 Average Residential Price (cents/kWh)



MONTHLY BILL COMPARISON

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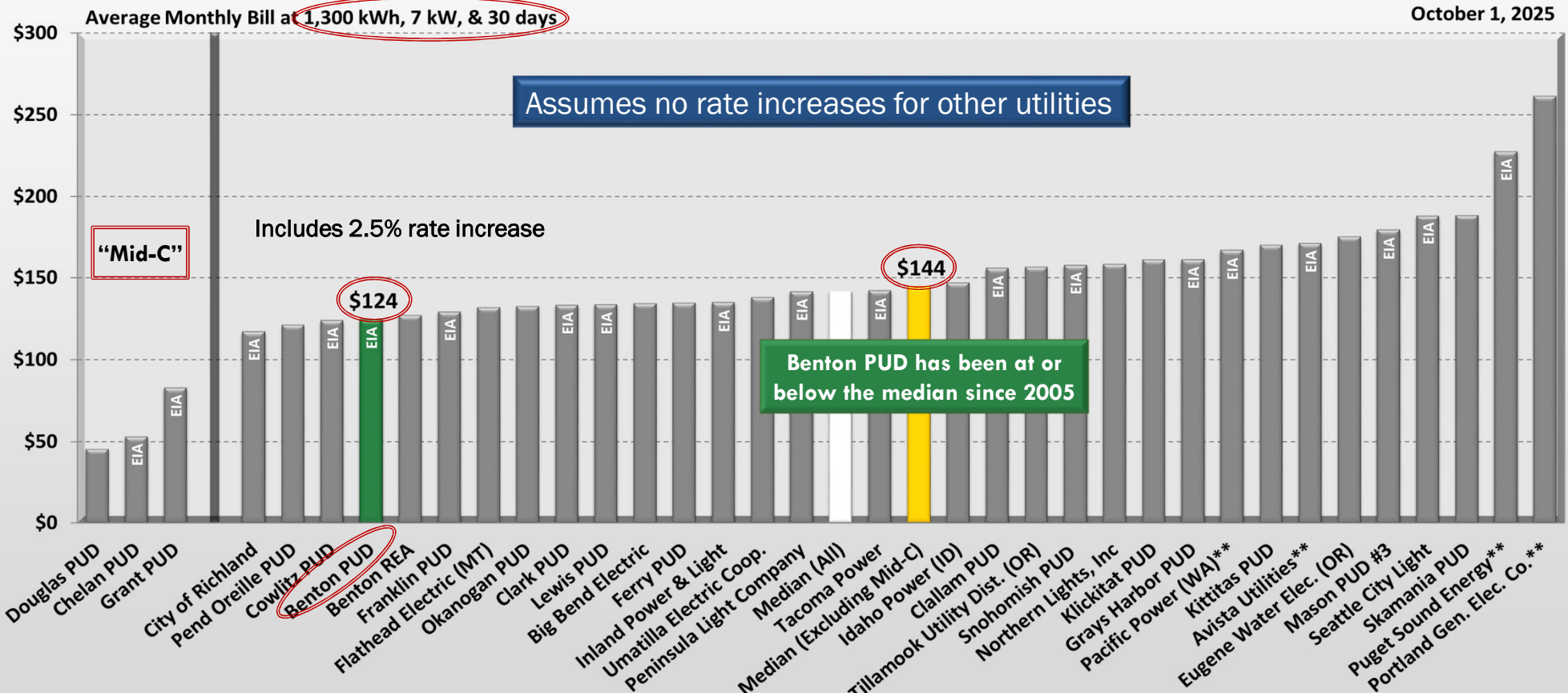
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*Rate increase percentages and effective dates require explicit commission approval by resolution prior to implementation

COST DRIVER REVIEW



Power Costs

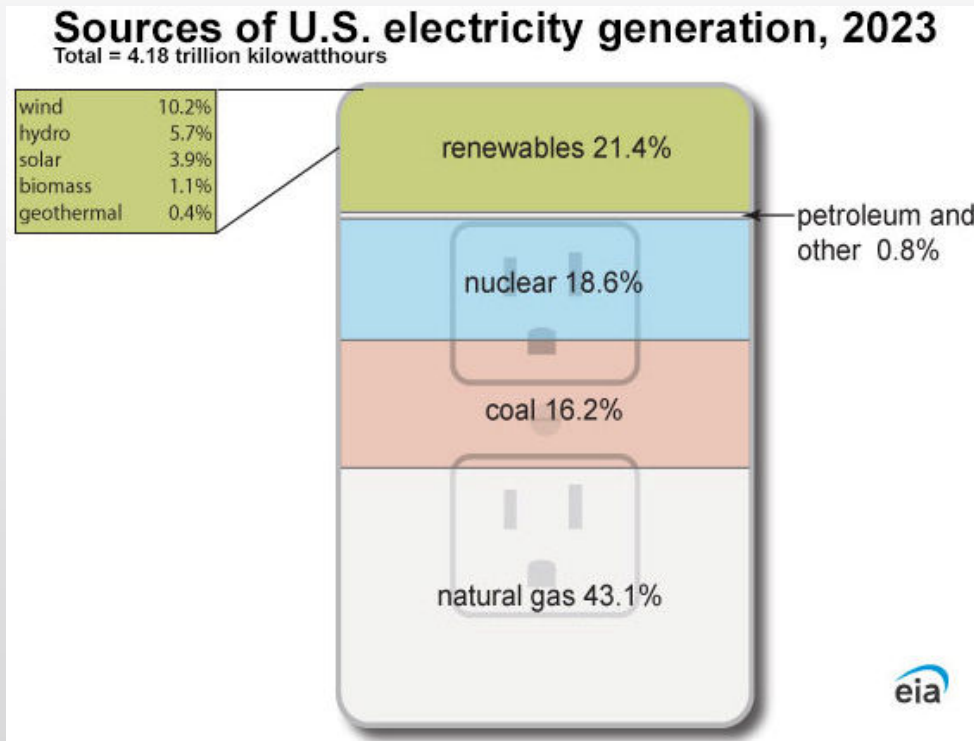


Supply Chain



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U.S. ELECTRICITY GENERATION



Source: <https://www.eia.gov/energyexplained/electricity/>

- Fossil Fuels = 60%
- Renewables = 21.4%
 - Wind & Solar = 14.1%
 - Hydro = 5.7%
- Nuclear = 18.6%
- 39% Non-CO₂ Emitting

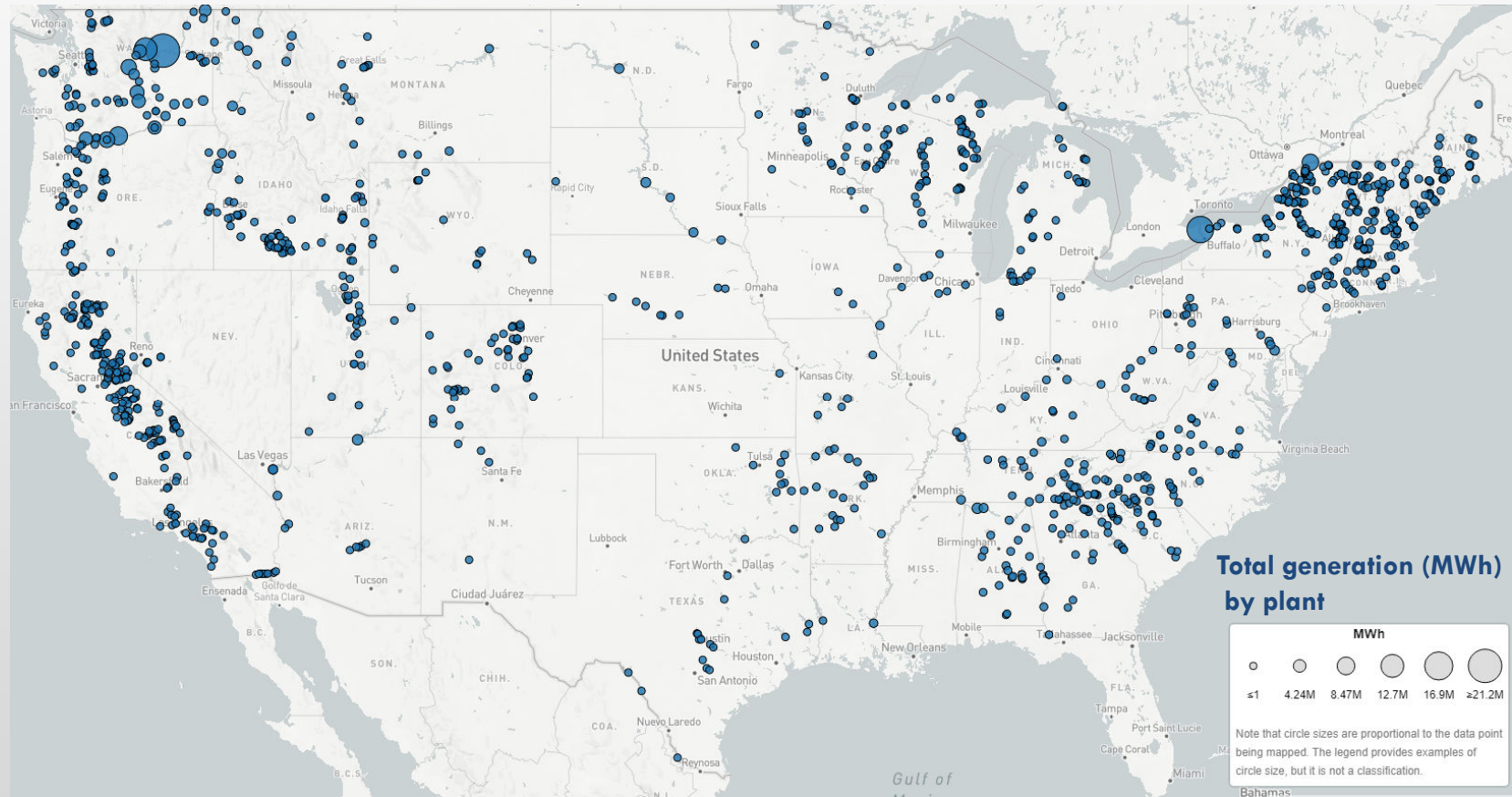
HYDROPOWER = 5.7% OF U.S. ELECTRICITY

Northwest Hydropower
Like Nowhere Else:

Electricity Provided

✓ 50% of PNW Region

✓ 60% of Washington

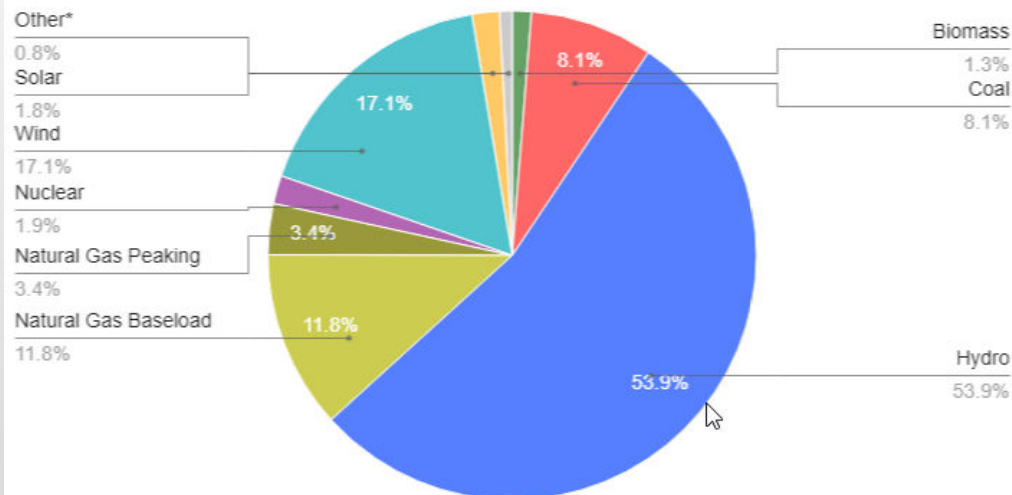


Source: epa.gov/egrid/data-explorer

HYDROPOWER: *FOUNDATION OF PACIFIC NORTHWEST ELECTRICITY SUPPLY*

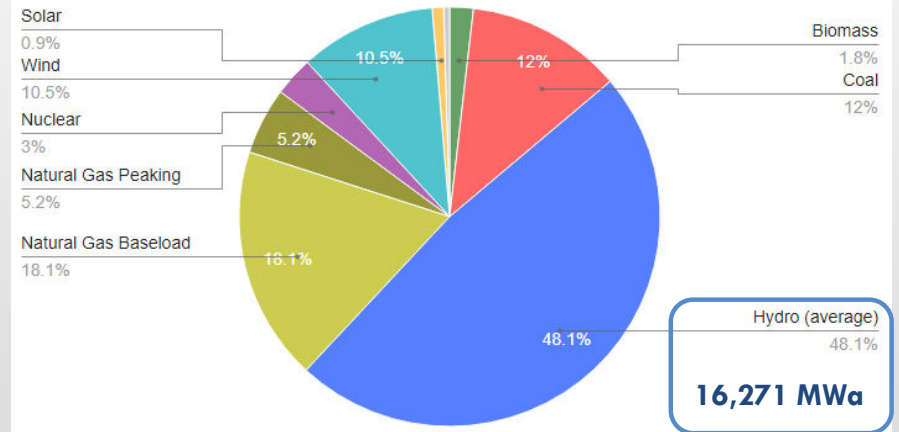
PNW Nameplate Capacity

Pacific Northwest Generating Capacity: 64,340 mw*



PNW Annual Electricity Production

Pacific Northwest Generating Capacity: 33,828 MWa*

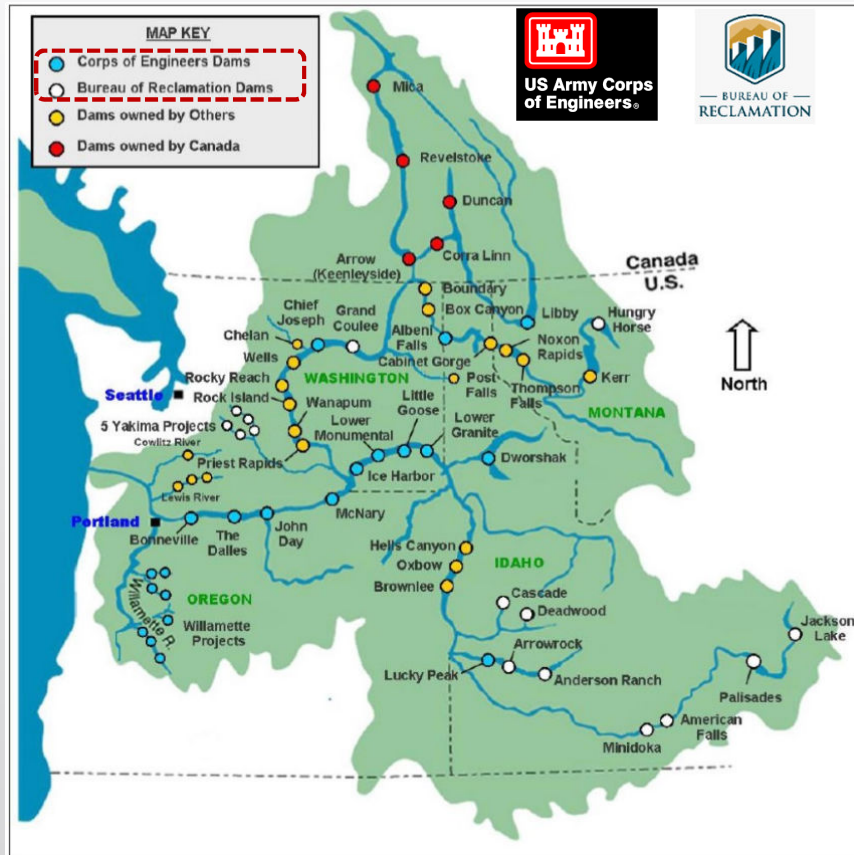


Capacity is the maximum amount of energy the plants are capable of producing over the course of an average year. Download chart as PNG

* Other (yellow segment) includes geothermal, petroleum, and solar

Bonneville Power Administration
≈ 50% of hydro generation in average year

BPA Hydropower: *Foundation of Public Power Supply*



Federal Power Marketer

- 31 Federal Hydroelectric Dams
- Columbia Generating Station Nuclear Plant

Customers

"Preference Customers"

✓ **Lowest Cost Generation**

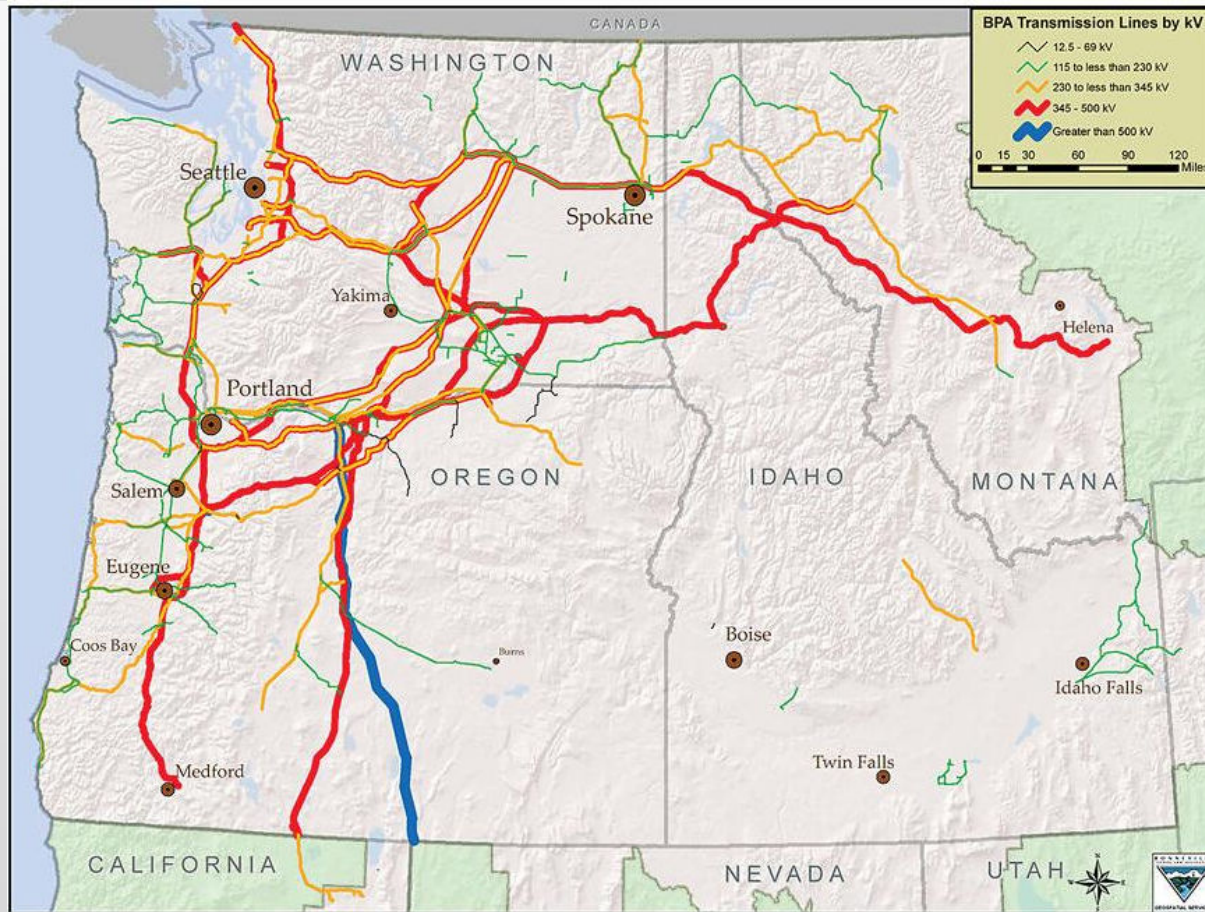
✓ **BPA Must Meet Utility Firm Net Load when Requested**

Cooperatives	54
Municipalities	42
Public utility districts	28
Federal agencies	7
Investor-owned utilities	6
Direct-service industries	1
Port districts	1
Tribal utilities	3
Total	142

✓ **Investor-Owned Utilities** are not preference customers & do not receive physical firm electricity today

- Receive **financial payments** on behalf of residential & farm customers (residential exchange program)

BPA TRANSMISSION: 75% of NW Grid



Transmission system

Operating voltage	Circuit miles
1,100 kV	1
1,000 kV	264 ¹⁰
500 kV	4,860
345 kV	570
287 kV	229
230 kV	5,337
161 kV	119
138 kV	56
115 kV	3,440
below 115 kV	301
Total¹¹	15,179

10/ BPA's portion of the PNW/PSW direct-current intertie. The total length of this line from The Dalles, Oregon, to Los Angeles, California is 846 miles.
 11/ Total circuit miles as of February 2019.

✓ Arteries ≈ 11,261 miles (74%)

✓ Veins ≈ 3,916 miles (26%)

POWER COSTS ARE ON THE RISE

ENVIRONMENT
AMERICA

Washington state commits to 100% clean energy

Washington is the latest state to go all-in on clean, carbon-free electricity.



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On May 7, Gov. Jay Inslee signed the 100% clean electricity bill into law,

BPA and customers settle on strategic rate increases to meet customer load growth and connect new generation

July 24, 2025

The Bonneville Power Administration continues to demonstrate its commitment to keeping power and transmission rates among the lowest in the Pacific Northwest. In collaboration with customers, BPA is strategically raising power and transmission rates to meet customer needs and support national priorities for more abundant, reliable and secure energy.

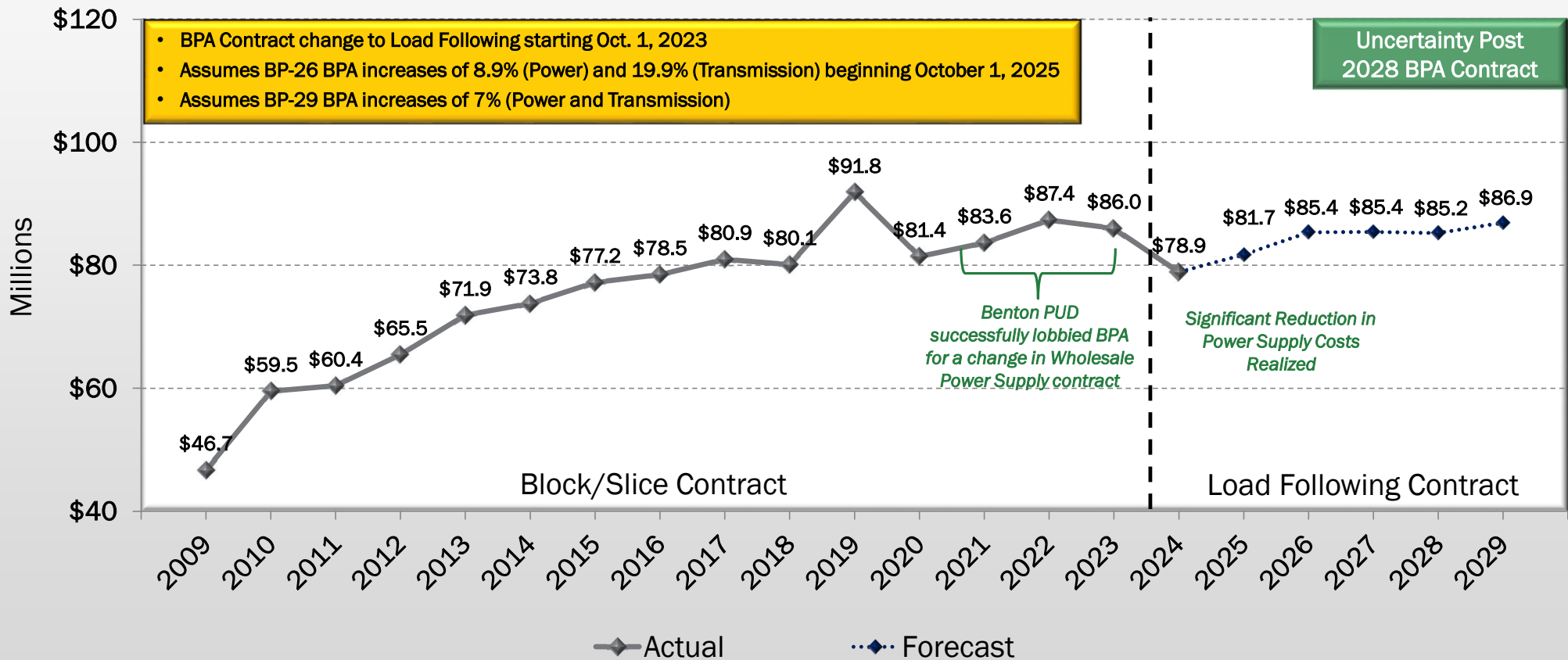
Lower than initially anticipated, the final rates for fiscal years 2026, 2027 and 2028 follow more than a decade of holding increases at or below the rate of inflation – an accomplishment that stands out among the rising rates of regional utilities during the same period.

The average effective increase for the Priority Firm Tier 1 power rate, which represents the majority of BPA's power sales, is 8.9%. The average transmission service rate increase across all products is 19.9%.

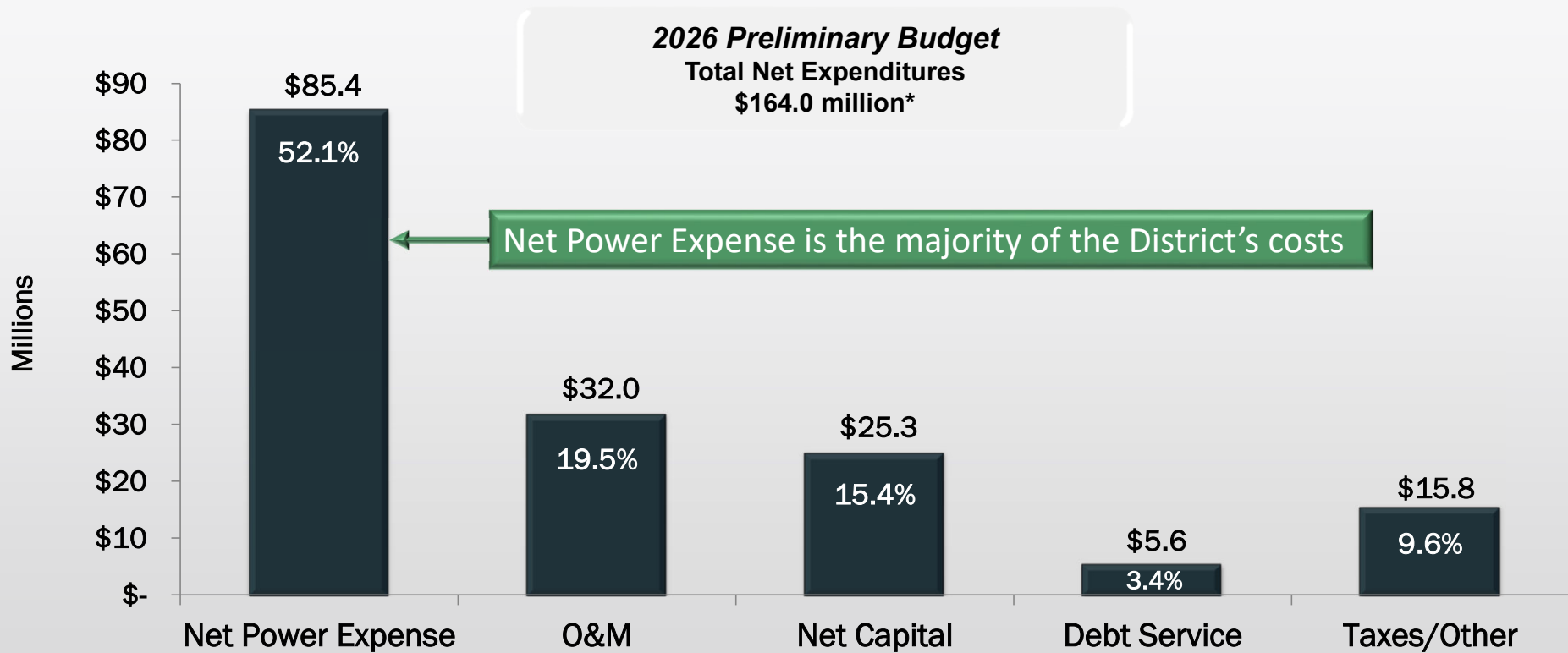
The rates were developed through a series of settlements among rate case parties and BPA staff, resulting in lower rate increases than BPA initially proposed while continuing to support investments in the federal power and transmission systems. The settlements balance the need to keep rates as low as possible while recovering projected cost increases to maintain reliable, safe operations as BPA delivers power across more than 15,000 circuit miles of high-voltage transmission in a nine-state region of more than 300,000 square miles.

- ✓ Power Costs Increasing 8.9%
- ✓ Transmission Costs Increasing 19.9%
- ✓ Tier-2 Rates Up +170% over 2019 Rate (\$68/MWh versus \$25/MWh)

NET POWER COSTS*

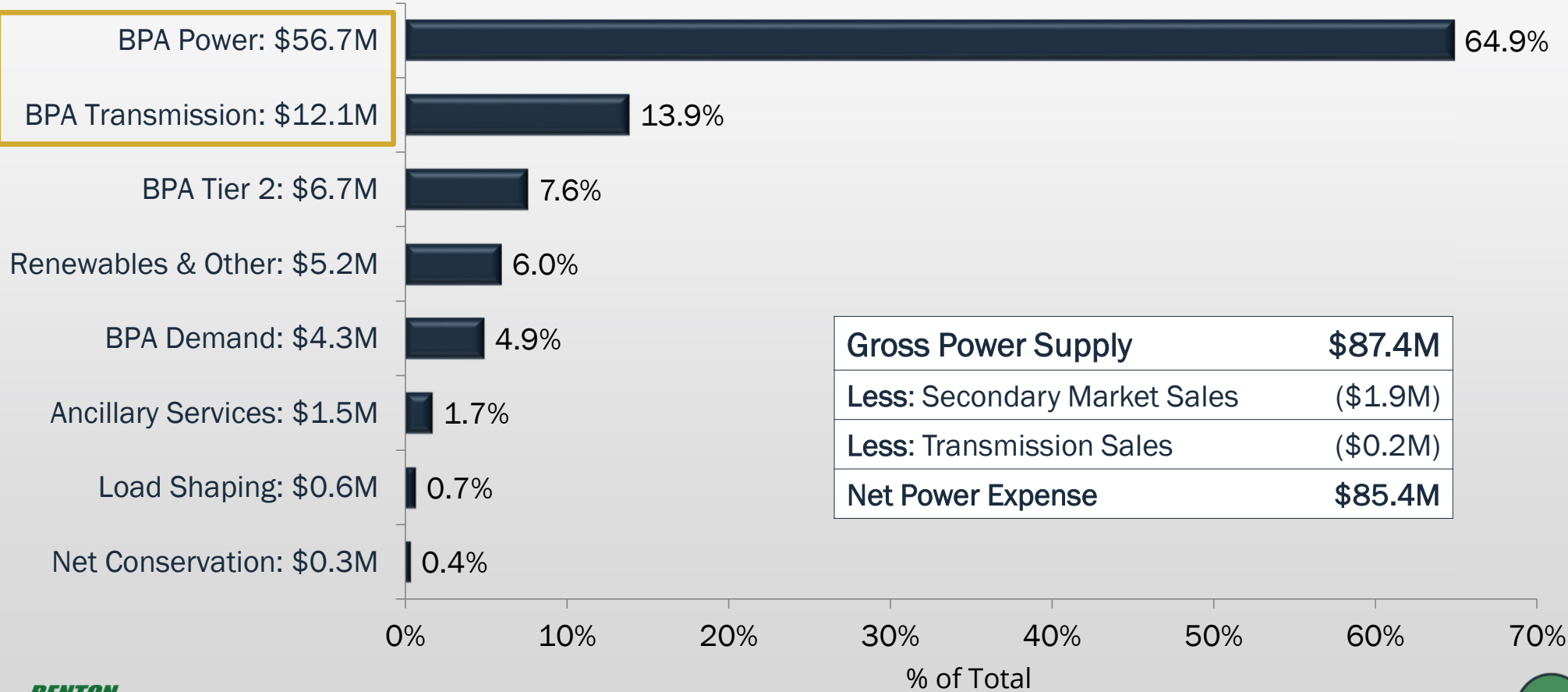


2026 BUDGETED EXPENSES



* Net of secondary market sales of \$2.0 million, capital contributions of \$6.6 million, and Build America Bonds subsidy of \$0.3 million

2026 GROSS POWER SUPPLY COST BY SOURCE



BPA HYDROPOWER: *FIRM ENERGY IS SPOKEN FOR*

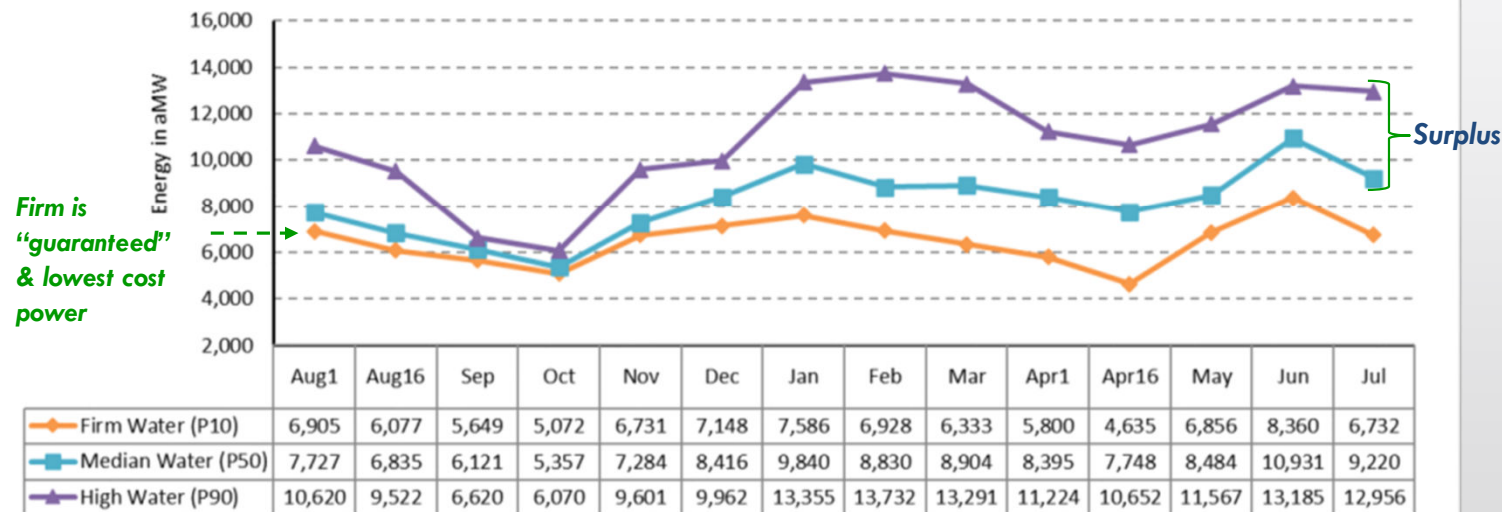
SONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION

2024 Pacific Northwest Loads and Resources Study

August 2024



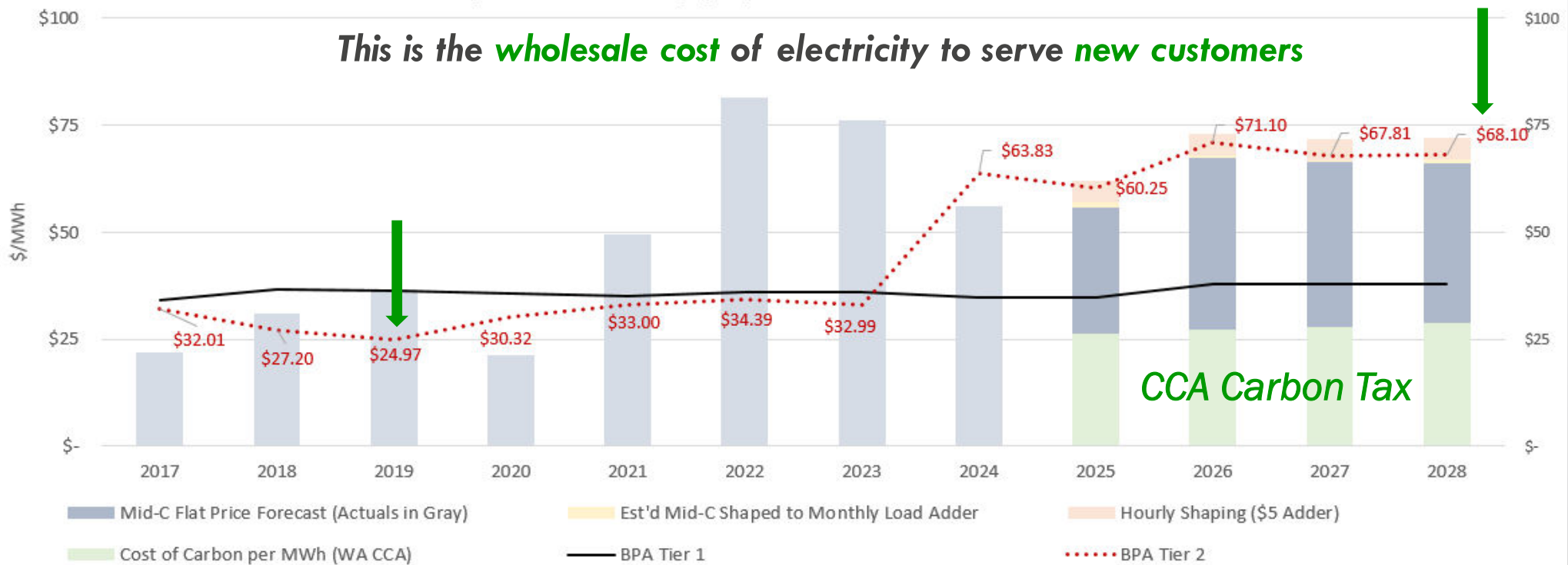
Table 2-9 Federal System Monthly Hydro Generation Variability by Streamflow Conditions – OY2025



1. Lowest-cost *firm* Tier-1 Federal Hydropower is spoken for: < \$40 per MWh (45% of BPUD Residential Electric Bill)
2. Surplus meets firm demand above Tier-1 (new demand < 10 aMW): \$67 to \$70 per MWh (+75% higher than Tier-1)
3. Electricity Intensive Demand > 10 aMW (NLSL): \$92 to \$144 per MWh based on month (130% to 260% higher than Tier-1)

BPA TIER 2 RATES: +170% INCREASE SINCE 2019

Comparison of BPA Average Energy Rate vs Forecasted Mid-C Flat Energy Market Price
(Revised with FPC 5/7/25)



BPA Hydro: *Surplus Energy Sales Energy*

Bonneville Power Administration FERC EQR Reported Sales by Fiscal Year

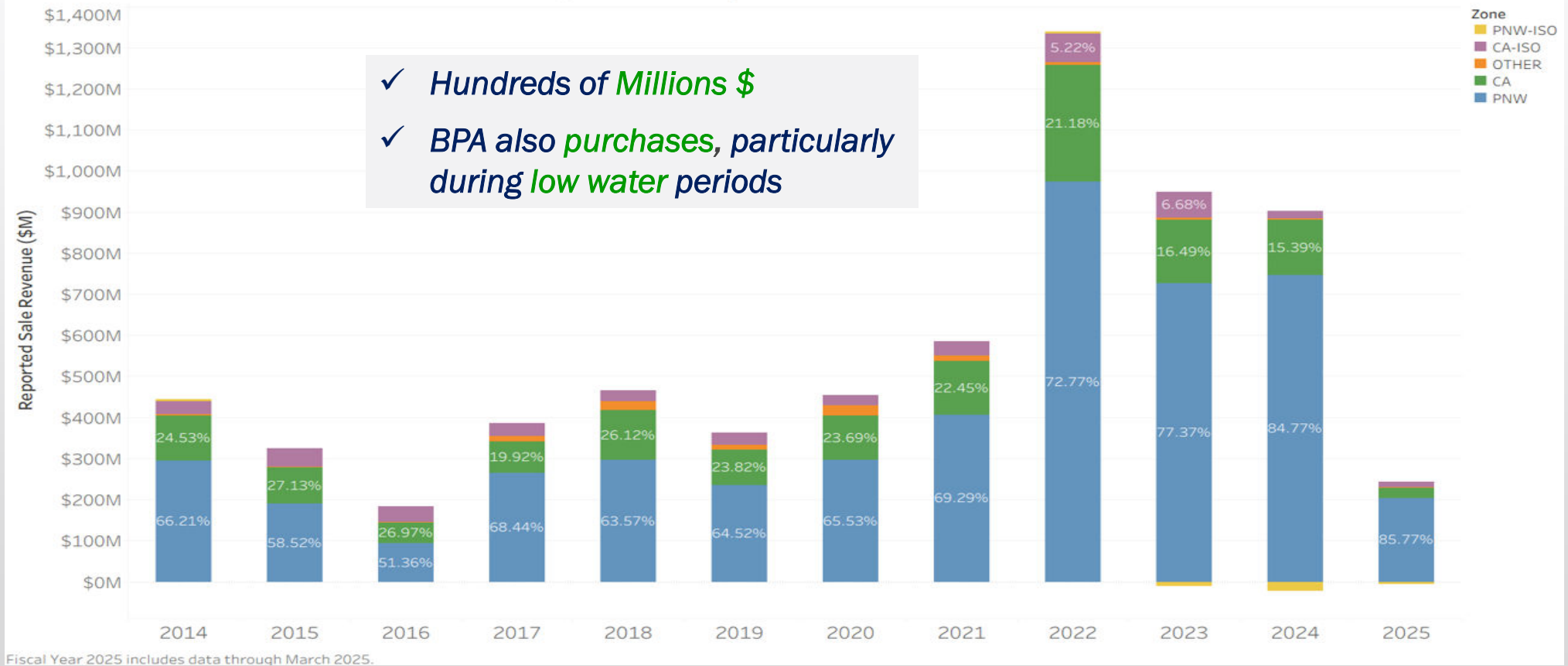


Fiscal Year 2025 includes data through March 2025.

CGS Nuclear Plant
Annual Energy
1,100 aMW

BPA Hydro: *Surplus Energy Sales Revenue*

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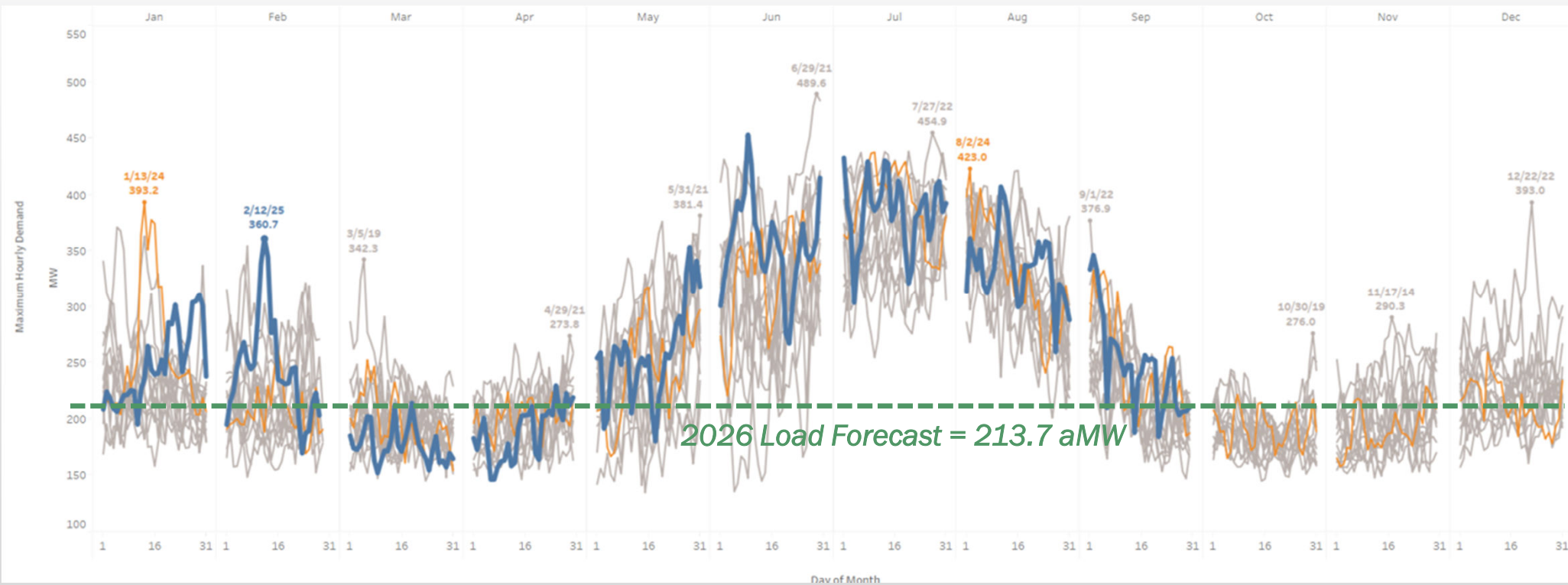


- ✓ *Hundreds of Millions \$*
- ✓ *BPA also purchases, particularly during low water periods*

BENTON PUD MAX. HOURLY DEMAND & AVERAGE LOAD

Total System - Maximum Hourly Demand by Year and Day of Month

Current year, last year and previous years with dates of monthly maximums



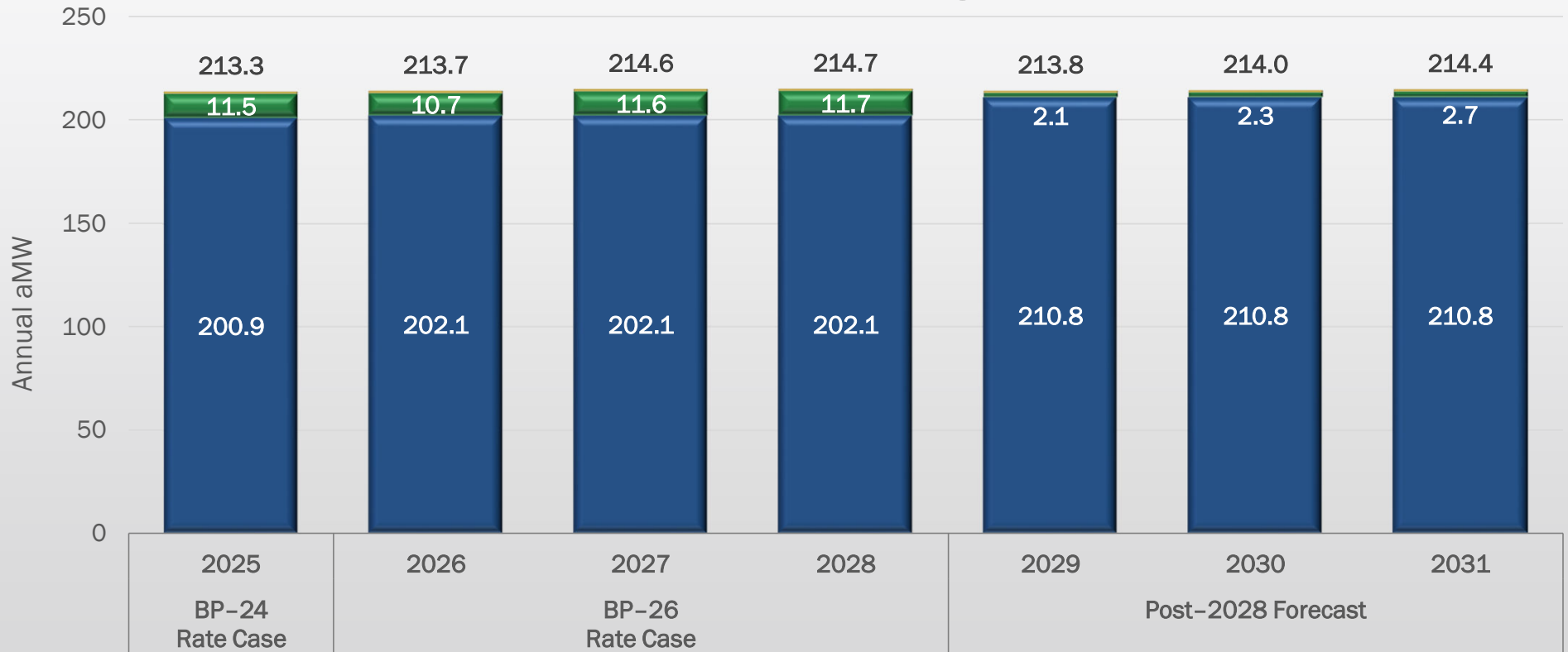
Calendar Year:

2011	2014	2017	2020	2023
2012	2015	2018	2021	2024
2013	2016	2019	2022	2025

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BPUD LOADS AND BPA PRODUCTS UNDER LOAD FOLLOWING

BPUD Load and Resource Plan by Category by Calendar Year



■ BPA Tier 1

■ BPA Tier 2

■ Packwood Hydro*

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*Packwood is a dedicated resource at .92 aMW

COST DRIVER REVIEW



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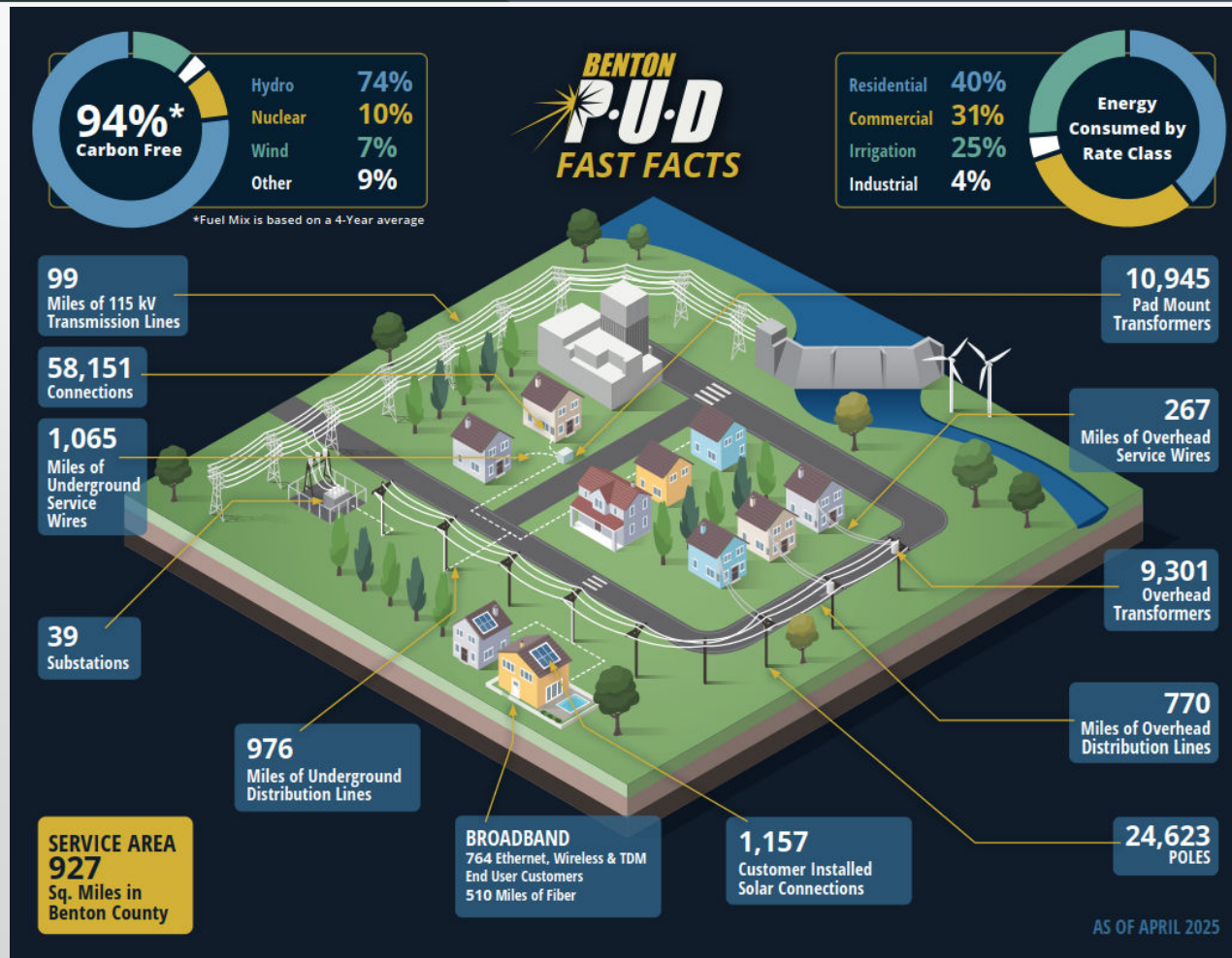
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EXTENSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE DRIVING SUPPLY CHAIN IMPACT

ESTABLISHED IN 1946



SUPPLY CHAIN: COSTS & LEAD TIMES WAY UP

2020: \$578k

2025: \$1.3M to \$2.2M

6 to 9 month lead time

1.5 to 3.5 year lead time

+200% to +300%
Price Increase since 2020



25-megawatt Substation Transformer

2020: \$1,355

2025: Up to \$8,732

12 to 16 weeks lead time

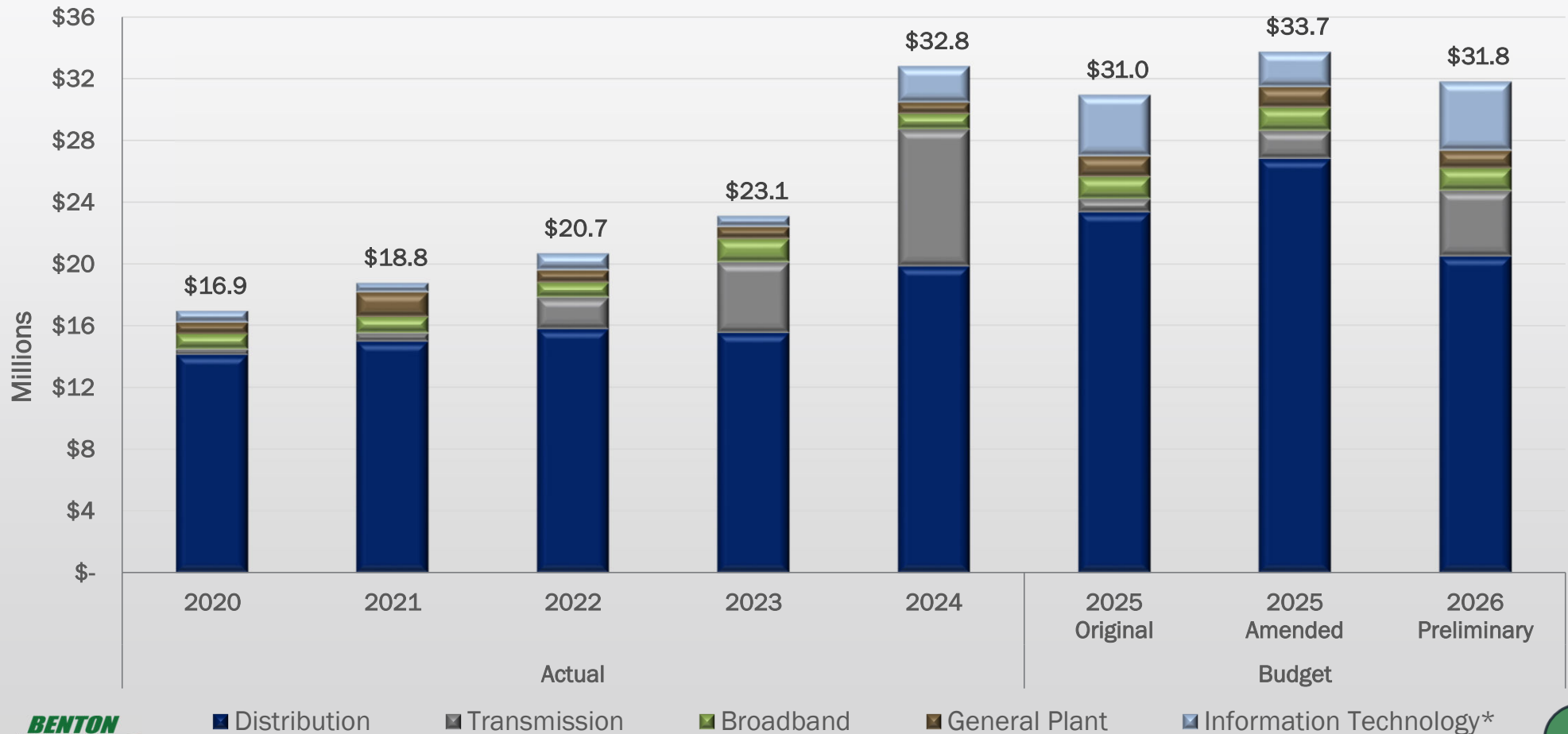
Up to 2-year lead time

As Much as +600%
Price Increase since 2020



25-kilowatt Residential Transformer

2020 – 2026 GROSS CAPITAL EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY



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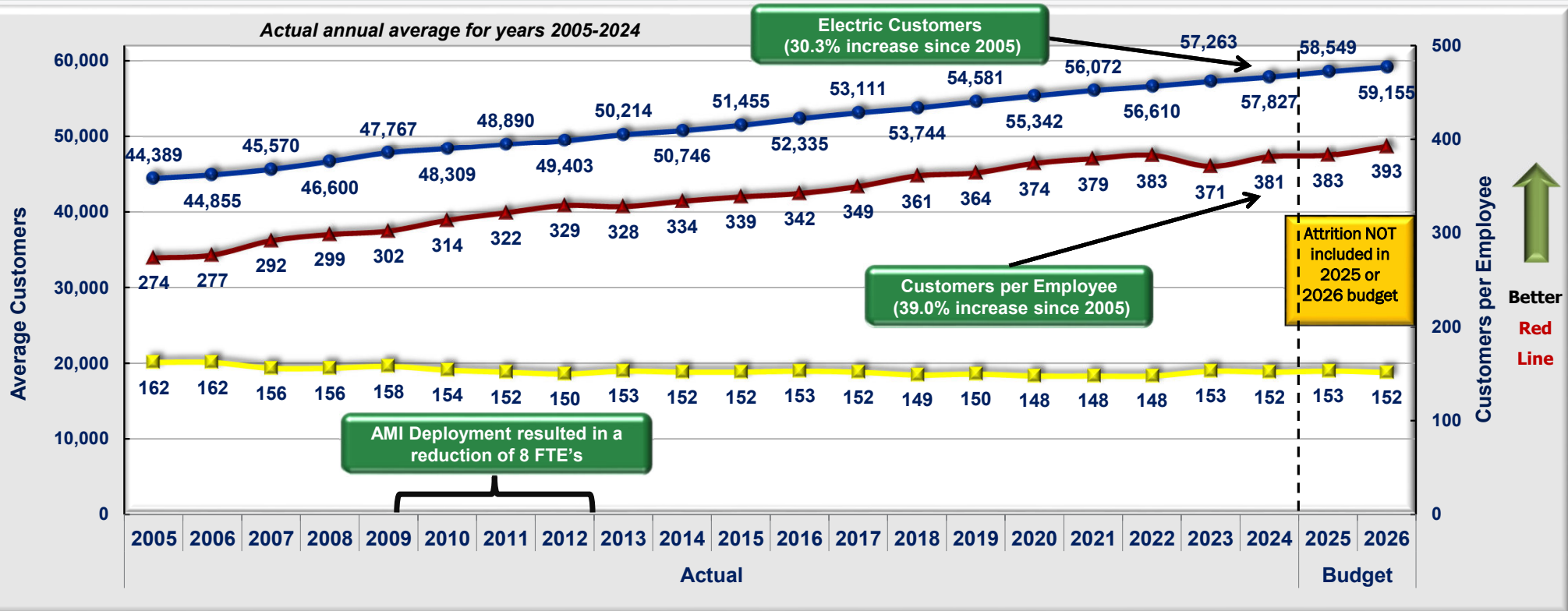


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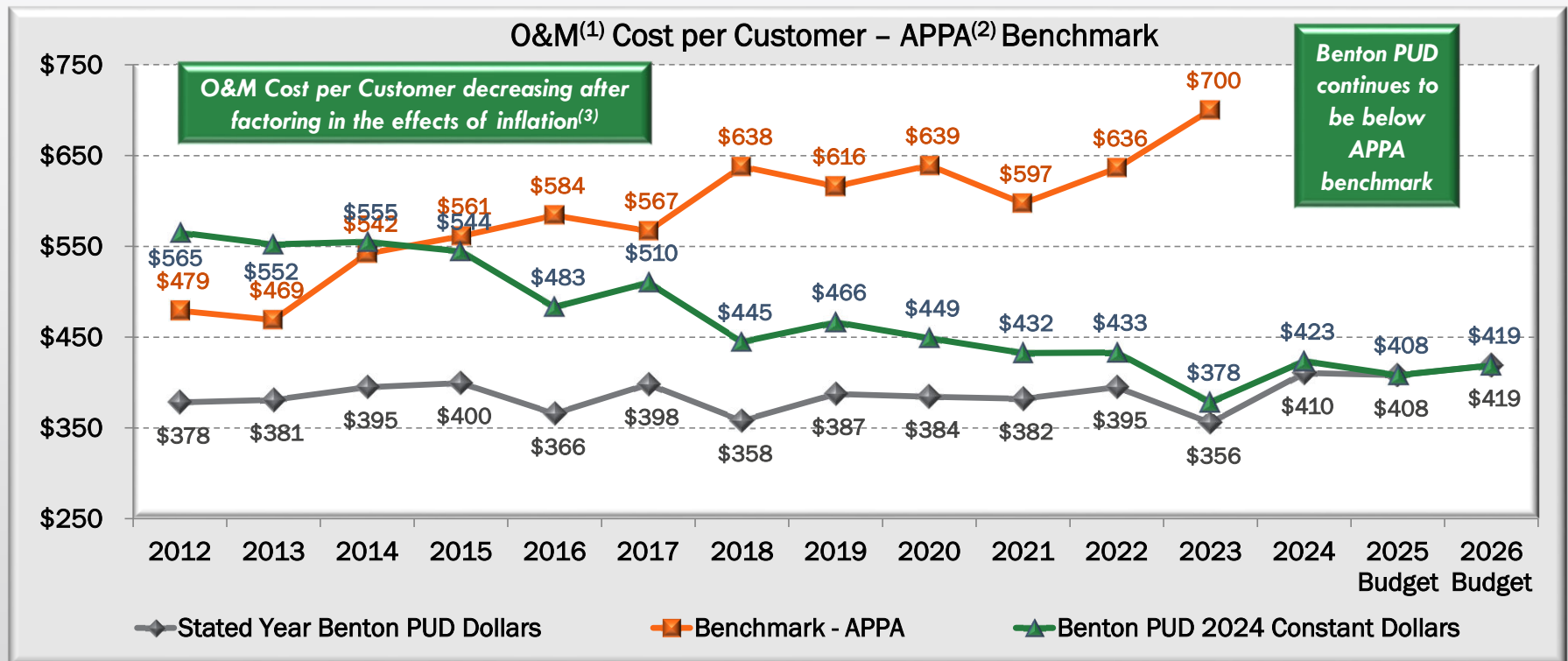
CUSTOMERS PER DISTRICT EMPLOYEE



Definition of Customer per American Public Power Association

Note: -Average customer figures have been restated to be consistent with method used by new enterprise system.
 -FTE figures have been restated and now include a reduction for the FTEs shared and paid for by other utilities.
 Currently 0.5 FTEs are shared and paid for by other utilities.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE



(1) O&M = non-power operations & maintenance cost (distribution, transmission, customer accounts, and administrative and general). Excludes Broadband.

(2) American Public Power Association - 2023 median for West utilities.

(3) Inflation rate utilized comes from a producer price index for electric utilities, which on average has been slightly under 3%

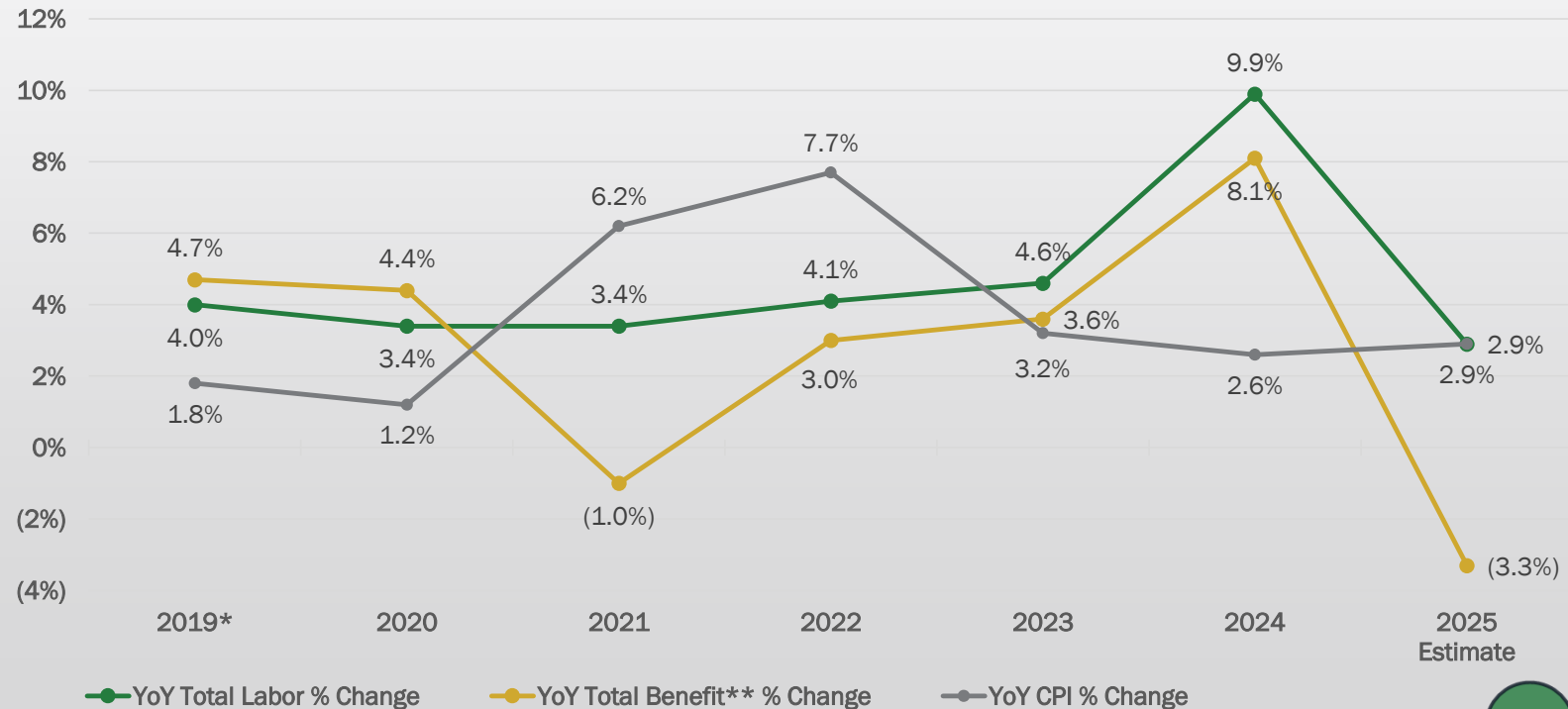
DISTRICT LABOR & BENEFIT CHANGES

(55% BARGAINING (UNION) EMPLOYEES | 45% NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEES)

2019 – 2024

Total Cumulative Labor Increase 28.0%

Total Cumulative Benefit Increase 19.2%



— YoY Total Labor % Change

— YoY Total Benefit** % Change

— YoY CPI % Change

*Base year used to calculate cumulative Labor and Benefit percentage increase

**Benefits include Medical, Dental, Vision, Social Security, Medicare, State Industrial, Public Employee Retirement, Deferred Compensation, and other miscellaneous benefits



INCREASING VALUE W/ STRATEGIC PARTNERS



PURMS

Welcome to the Public Utility Risk Management Services



SMART GRID @ BPUD: ADVANCED METERING & APPS



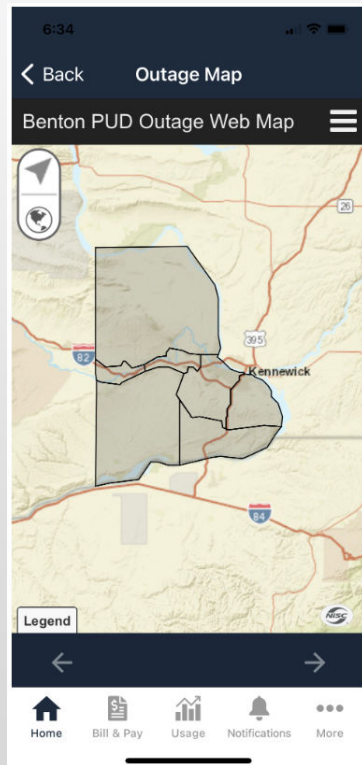
- ✓ *Energy Use Data on Short Time Intervals*
- ✓ *Remote Service Connection & Disconnection*
- ✓ *On-Demand Reads*
- ✓ *Service Theft and Tamper Detection*
- ✓ *Power Quality Monitoring*
- ✓ *Outage Detection and Reporting*

- ✓ *Enable Active Participation by Consumers*
- ✓ *Internet Access to Energy Use Data*

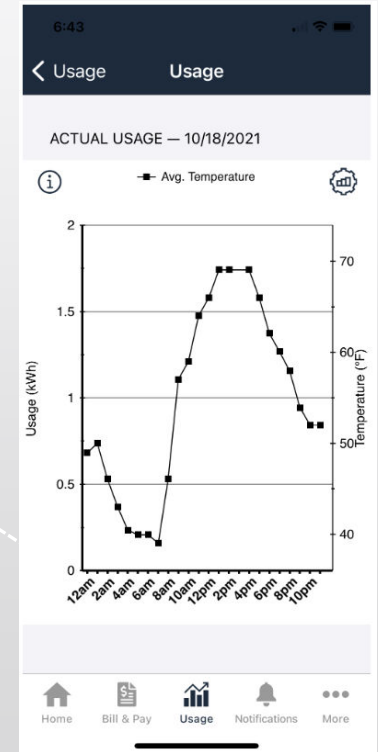
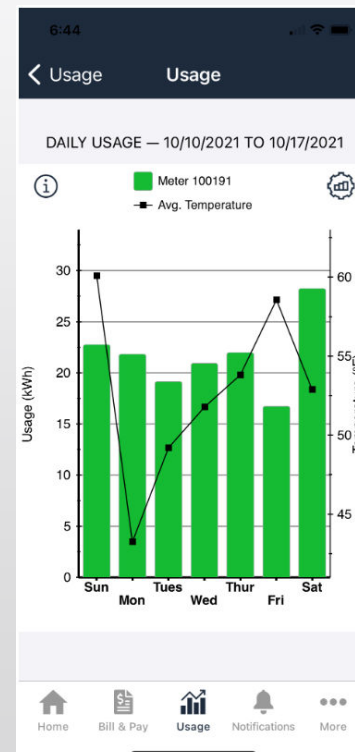


SMART GRID @ BPUD: CUSTOMER INTERFACE

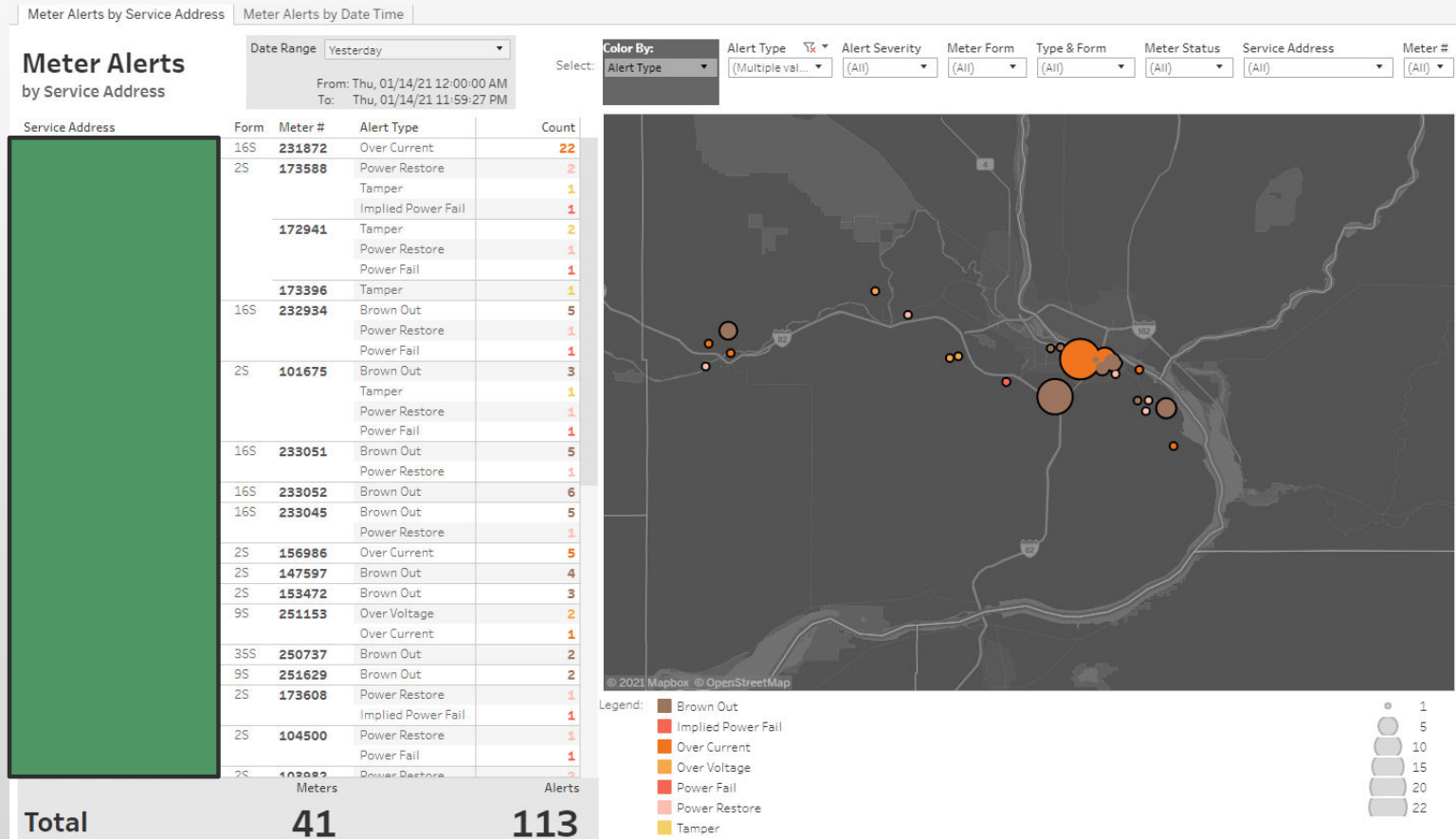
Outage Status



Customer Usage Profiles and Notifications

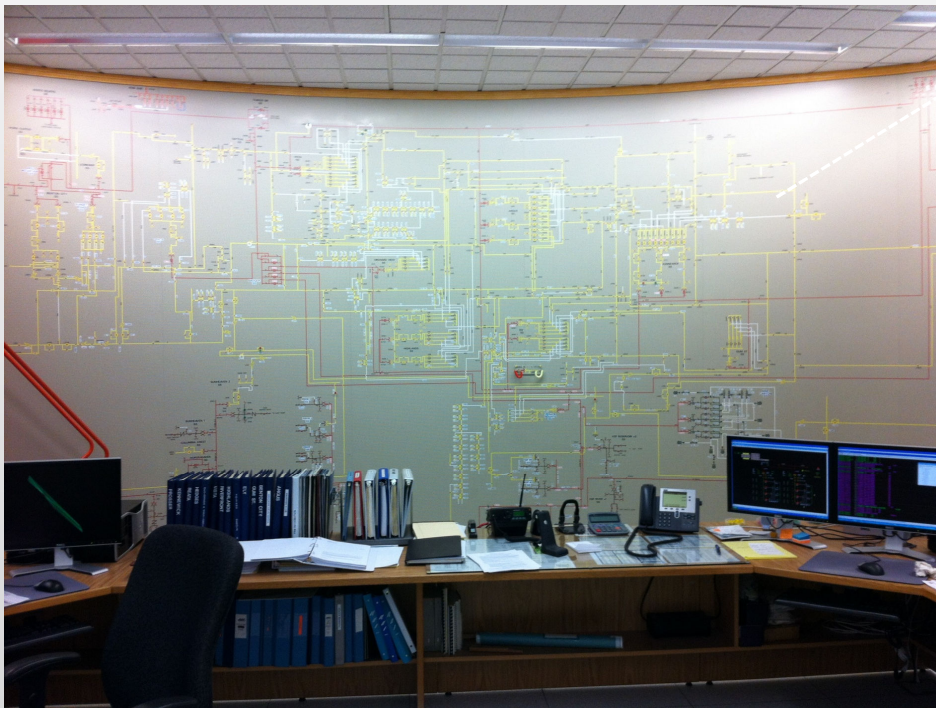


SMART GRID @ BPUD: AMI METER ALERTS



SMART GRID @ BPUD: SCADA

Increased Distribution “Visibility”



SMART GRID @ BPUD: SCADA EXPANSION



Reclosers (Circuit Breakers)



Voltage Regulators

October 2025 Forecast Update

~\$70/MWh Tier 2 Power BP-26, 2025 Budget Amendment, & 2026 Prelim Budget

BPA Assumptions:

BP-26: 9% Power & 20% Transmission

BP-29: 7% Power & Transmission

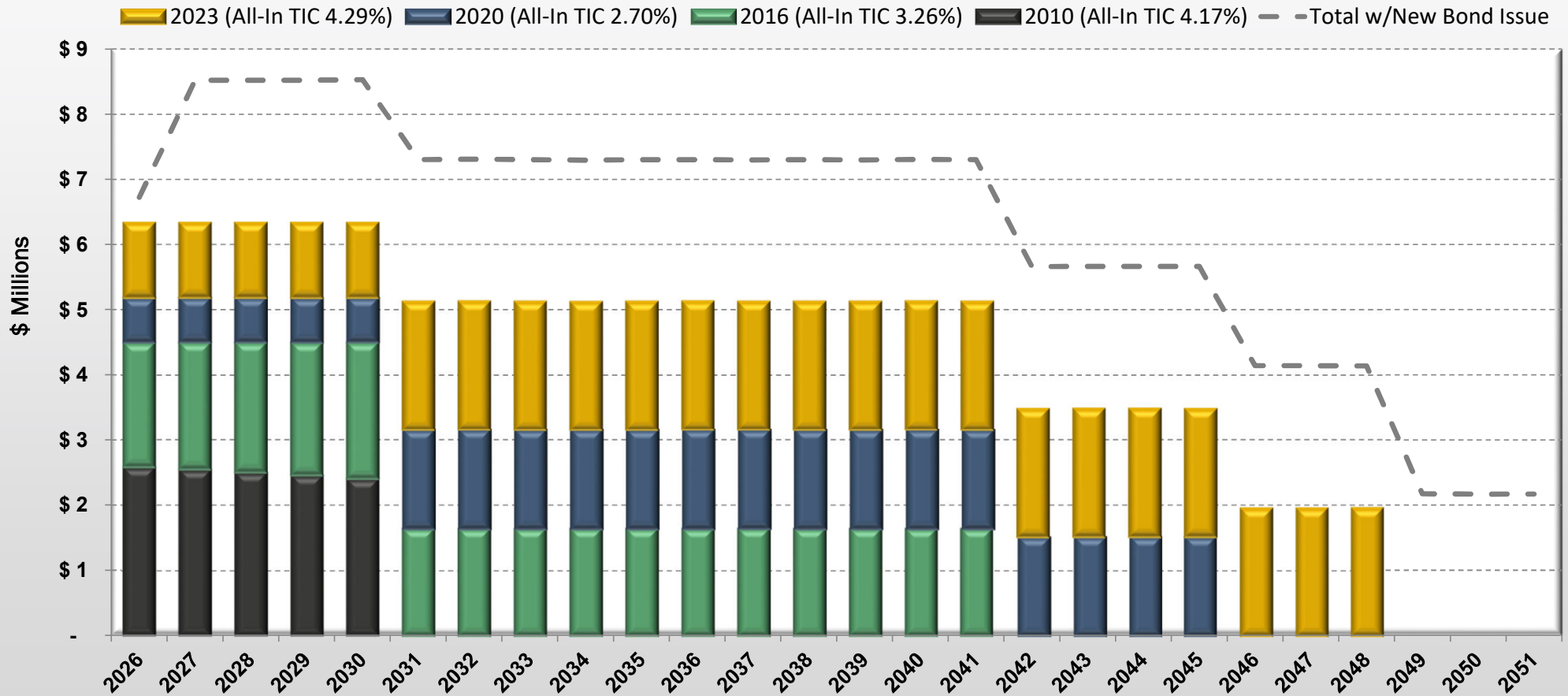
Description		2024 Actual	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Oct 2025	Projected Rate Increase	-	Apr 1 5.0%	Apr 1 2.0%	Apr 1 2.5%	Apr 1 2.5%	Apr 1 2.5%
	Unrestricted DCOH	153	120	116	151	140	128
	Construction Account DCOH	-	-	59	-	-	-
	Net Income	\$12.9M	\$12.9M	\$10.2M	\$7.4M	\$10.2M	\$10.9M
	Total Unrestricted Reserves	\$54.2M	\$43.1M	\$42.4M	\$56.9M	\$53.3M	\$50.0M
	Construction Account Reserves	-	-	\$22.2M	-	-	-
	Debt to Capitalization (38% Max)	28%	26%	32%	30%	28%	27%

14.5%
cumulative rate increase

\$32M Bond issue in 2026

DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE

2026 BOND ISSUE (\$32M NEW MONEY AND REFUNDING THE 2016 BONDS)



BENTON PUD LOW INCOME PROGRAMS



• Low Income Discount

- ~ **\$625 thousand** per year
- Assisted:
 - ~**1,900** customers **per month** (2021 – 2024)
- Discounts: **10%–25%** of monthly bill
 - Greater of daily system charge or percentage of billed charges
- Available to:
 - Seniors, disabled individuals, and veterans

• Low Income Energy Efficiency

- ~ **\$615 thousand** in 2024
- Assisted:
 - ~**70** households
- Administered by:
 - Benton PUD & Community Actions Committee (CAC)

• Helping Hands

- ~ **\$90 thousand** in 2024
- Assisted:
 - ~**300** households
- Funded by:
 - Customer donations

QUESTIONS?

(SHORT BREAK)

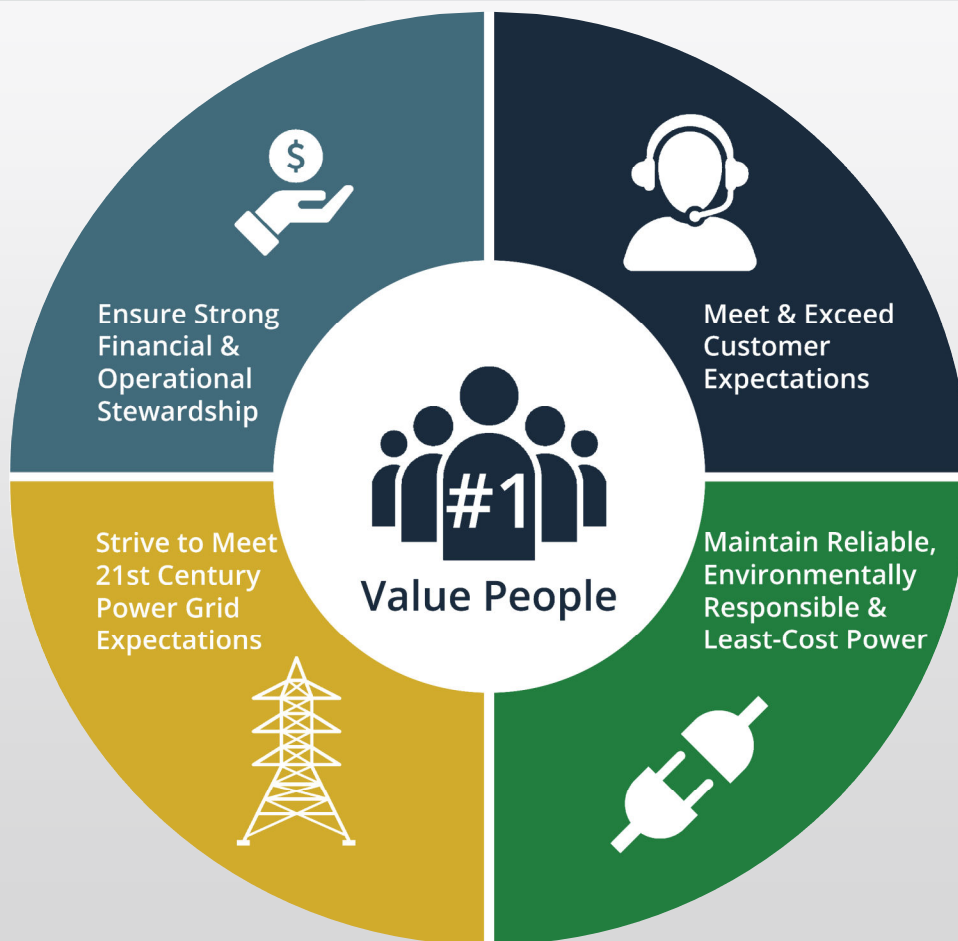
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3. Revenues [excluding secondary (power) market sales] – **Jon Meyer**
4. Net Power Expenses [including secondary (power) market sales] – **Chris Johnson**
5. Capital Plan – **Rick Dunn/Chris Folta**
6. Debt Service – **Keith Mercer**
7. Non-Power O&M Costs – **Rick Dunn**
8. Summary & Next Steps
9. Final Commissioner Questions/Comments
10. Final Public Questions/Comments

2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

- 2026 Preliminary Budget is a Draft
 - Ongoing review of assumptions for all budget categories
 - Includes a proposed overall 2% retail rate increase effective April 1, 2026
 - Final budget recommendation on December 9th
- Final Budget will Reflect:
 - Public comment
 - Commission direction

STRATEGIC GOALS & KEY DRIVERS OF ACTIONS (EXPENSES)





BUDGET SUMMARY (JON MEYER)

2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET VS. 2025 ORIGINAL BUDGET

FIVE BUDGET CATEGORIES

<i>Dollars in thousands</i>	2026 Budget	2025 Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	% Change
Revenues (excluding Secondary Market Sales)	\$153,816	\$151,031	\$2,785	1.8%
Expenses (including Secondary Market Sales)				
Purchased Power	73,496	73,123	373	0.5%
Purchased Transmission & Ancillary Services	13,623	12,523	1,100	8.8%
Net Conservation	318	294	24	8.2%
Less: Secondary Market Sales	2,073	4,728	(2,655)	(56.2%)
Net Power Expenses	\$85,364	\$81,212	\$4,152	5.1%
Transmission Operation & Maintenance	114	134	(20)	(14.9%)
Distribution Operation & Maintenance	15,888	15,968	(80)	(0.5%)
Broadband Expense	1,310	1,247	63	5.1%
Customer Accounting	4,999	5,128	(129)	(2.5%)
Administrative & General	9,713	9,595	118	1.2%
Subtotal before Taxes & Depreciation	\$32,024	\$32,072	(\$48)	(0.1%)
Taxes	15,788	15,490	298	1.9%
Depreciation/Amortization	13,138	12,653	485	3.8%
Non-Power Operating Expenses	\$60,950	\$60,215	\$735	1.2%
Gross Capital	31,814	30,953	861	2.8%
Less: Capital Contributions	6,561	4,033	2,528	62.7%
Net Capital Additions	\$25,253	\$26,920	(\$1,667)	(6.2%)
Debt Service (including BABs Subsidy)	5,574	\$6,166	(\$592)	(9.6%)



REVENUES (JON MEYER)

(EXCLUDING SECONDARY MARKET SALES)

Key takeaways:

- Budgeting a proposed 2% overall retail revenue increase
- Retail rates remain below the median

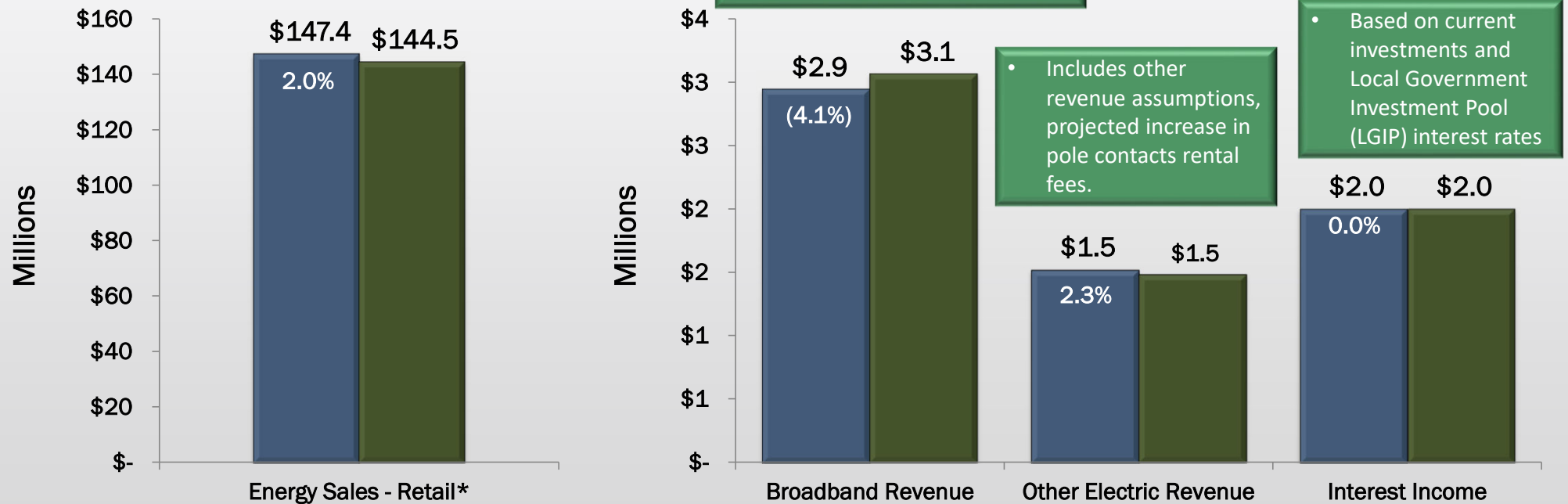
REVENUES

(EXCLUDING SECONDARY MARKET SALES)

2026 Preliminary Budget
Total Revenue (excluding secondary market sales)
\$153.8 million

- Includes a proposed 2% retail revenue increase effective April 1, 2026
- Assumptions from the 2025-2035 Ten-Year Load and Customer Forecast

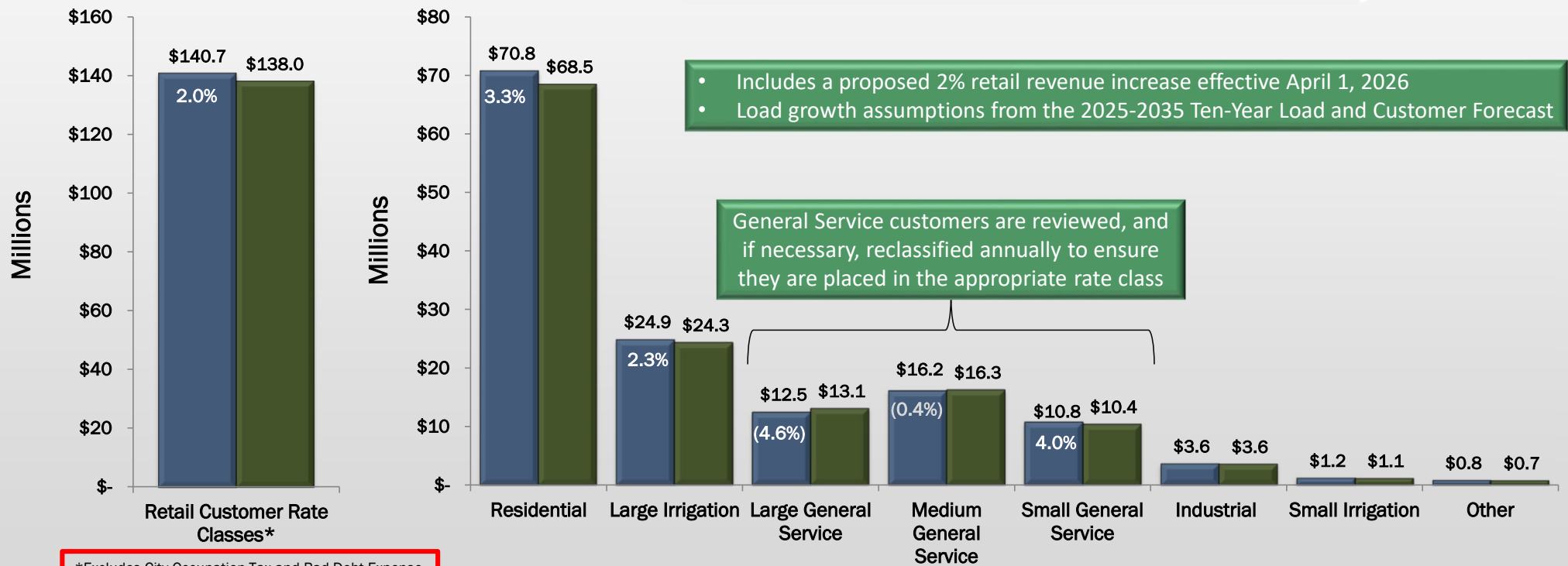
- Includes current Broadband revenue assumptions and projected decrease in revenue from ethernet services



REVENUES

(ENERGY SALES – RETAIL CUSTOMER RATE CLASSES ONLY, EXCLUDES CITY OCCUPATION TAX & BAD DEBT EXPENSE)

2026 Preliminary Budget
Total Energy Sales – Retail Customer Rate Classes Only
\$140.7 million



- Includes a proposed 2% retail revenue increase effective April 1, 2026
- Load growth assumptions from the 2025-2035 Ten-Year Load and Customer Forecast

*Excludes City Occupation Tax and Bad Debt Expense



NET POWER EXPENSES (CHRIS JOHNSON) (INCLUDING SECONDARY MARKET SALES)

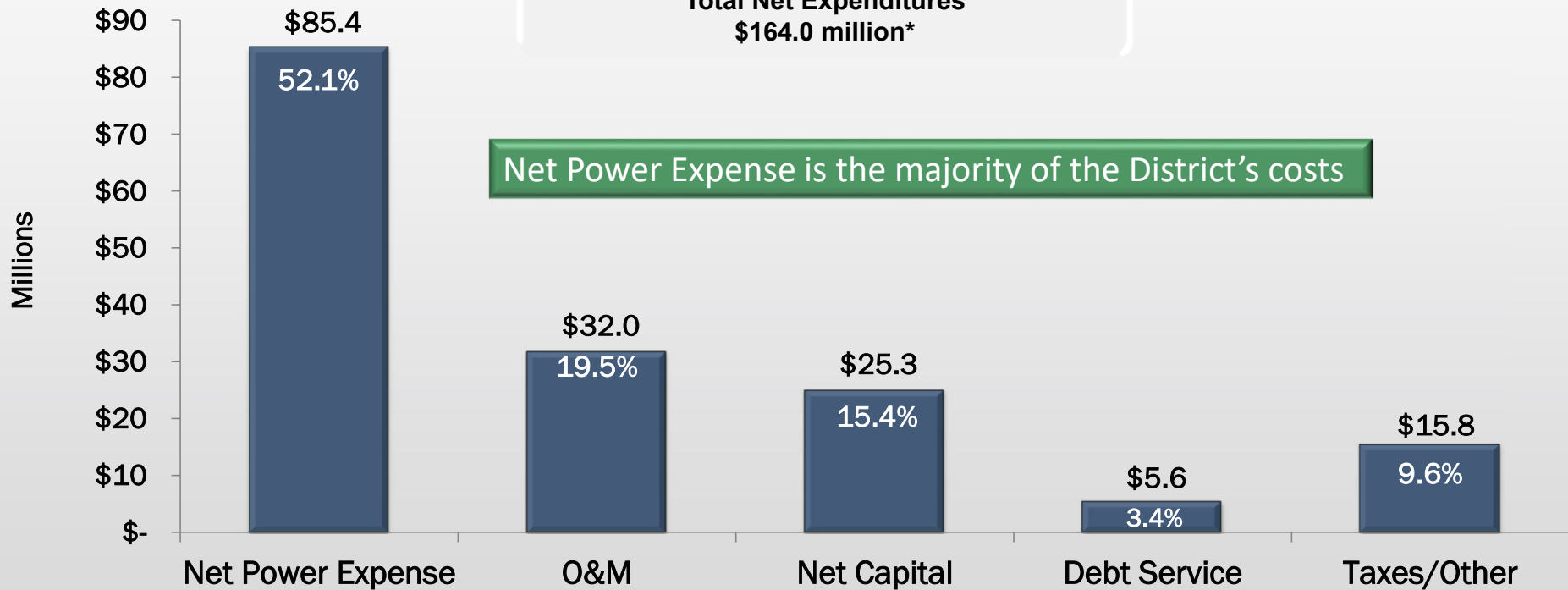
Key takeaways:

- BPA rate increase estimates (8.9% Power & 19.9% Transmission)

EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES

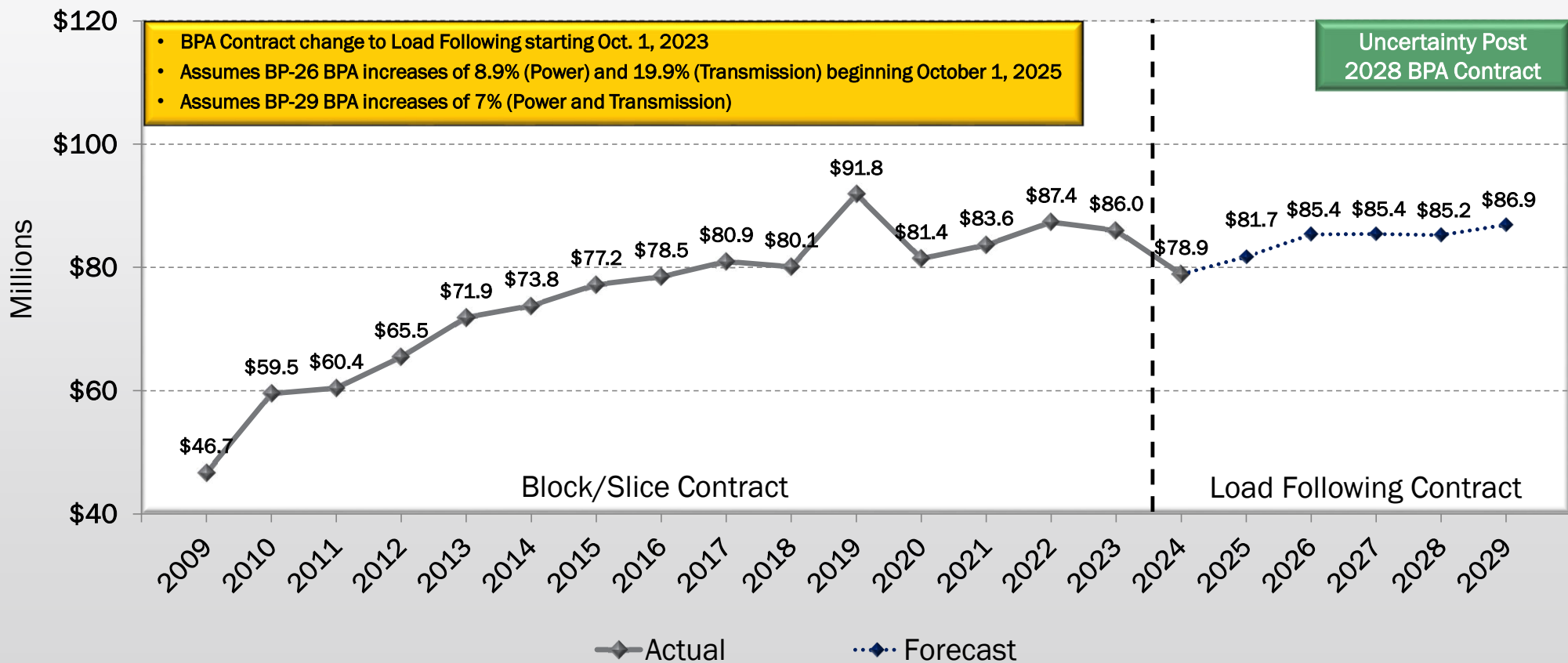
2026 Preliminary Budget
Total Net Expenditures
\$164.0 million*

Net Power Expense is the majority of the District's costs



* Net of secondary market sales of \$2.0 million, capital contributions of \$6.6 million, and Build America Bonds subsidy of \$0.3 million

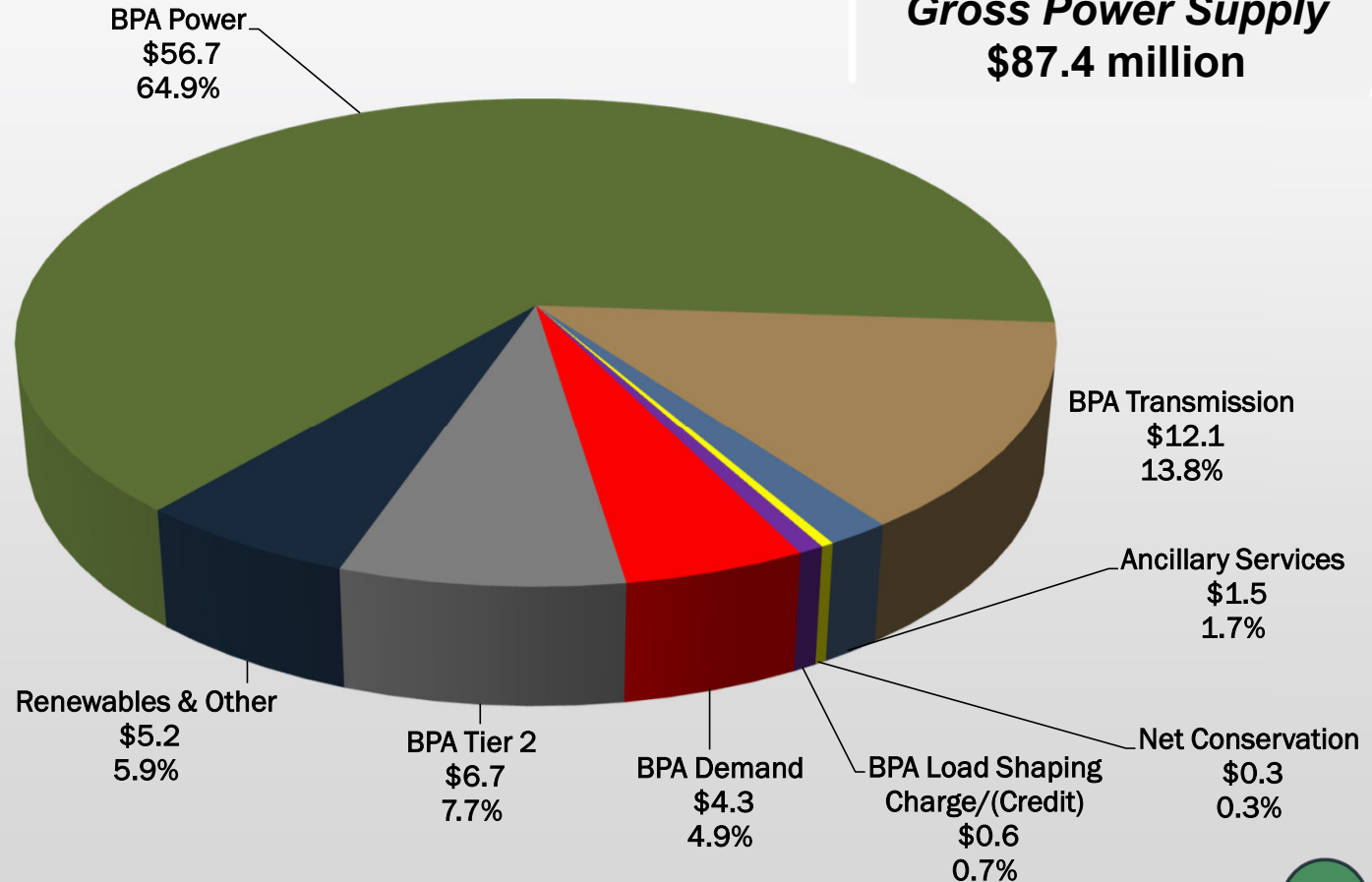
NET POWER COSTS*



2026 GROSS POWER SUPPLY COST BY SOURCE

**Gross Power Supply
\$87.4 million**

Description	Amount <i>Dollars in millions</i>
BPA Power	\$56.7
BPA Tier 2	6.7
BPA Demand	4.3
BPA Load Shaping Charge/(Credit)	0.6
BPA Reserve Distribution Clause	0.0
BPA Transmission	12.1
Renewables & Other	5.2
Ancillary	1.5
Net Conservation	0.3
Gross Power Supply	\$87.4
Less: Secondary Market Sales	(1.9)
Less: Transmission Sales	(0.2)
Net Power Expense	\$85.4



BPA POTENTIAL ADJUSTMENTS/SURCHARGES

NO ADJUSTMENTS OR SURCHARGES ARE CURRENTLY ASSUMED FOR 2026

BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION

BP-26 Rate Proceeding

2026 Power Rate Schedules
and General Rate Schedule Provisions
(FY 2026-2028)

Q. Power Financial Reserves Policy Surcharge (Power FRP Surcharge)

The Power FRP Surcharge is an upward adjustment to certain rates that apply to the following products under the PF-26 Rate Schedule: Load Following, Block, and the Block portion of Slice/Block. The Power FRP Surcharge also applies to power purchased at the PF Melded Rate (PF-26), Industrial Firm Power Rate (IP-26), and New Resource Firm Power Rate (NR-26).

1. Power CRAC Amount

At the beginning of each fiscal year of the Rate Period (that is, each “applicable year”), BPA will calculate financial reserves available for risk that are attributed to Power Services (Power RFR) as of the end of the fiscal year preceding the applicable year. Based on the calculations below, a Power CRAC may trigger, resulting in a rate increase that will go into effect for the period of December 1 through September 30 of the applicable year.

1. Power RDC Amount

At the beginning of each fiscal year of the Rate Period (that is, each “applicable year”), BPA will calculate financial reserves available for risk that are attributed to Power Services (Power RFR) and financial reserves available for risk that are attributed to BPA (BPA RFR) as of the fiscal year preceding the applicable year. If Power RFR is greater than the Power RDC Threshold for that applicable year by at least \$5 million, and BPA RFR is greater than the BPA RDC Threshold for that applicable year by at least \$5 million, the Administrator will determine a Power RDC Amount. If the Administrator determines that all or part of the Power RDC Amount will be applied to a Power DD, the resulting rate decrease will go into effect beginning the month following the issuance of the Power RDC decision through September 30 of the applicable year.

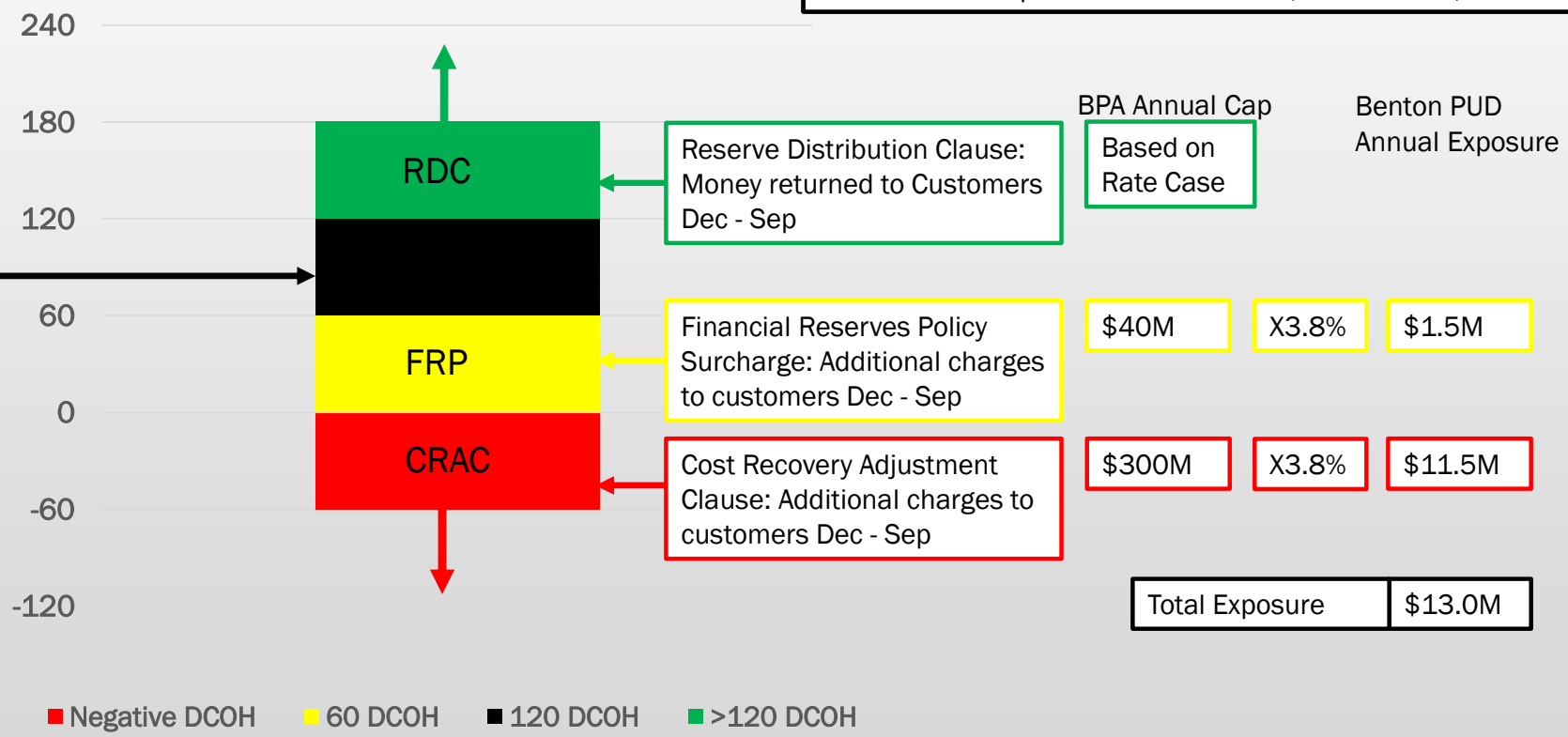
BPA SURCHARGES TO PROTECT RESERVES

Reserves for Risk:
BPA Term
representing
unobligated
reserves

BPA Financial
Policy: Minimum
60 DCOH, Upper
Threshold 120
DCOH

Reserves for Risk DCOH

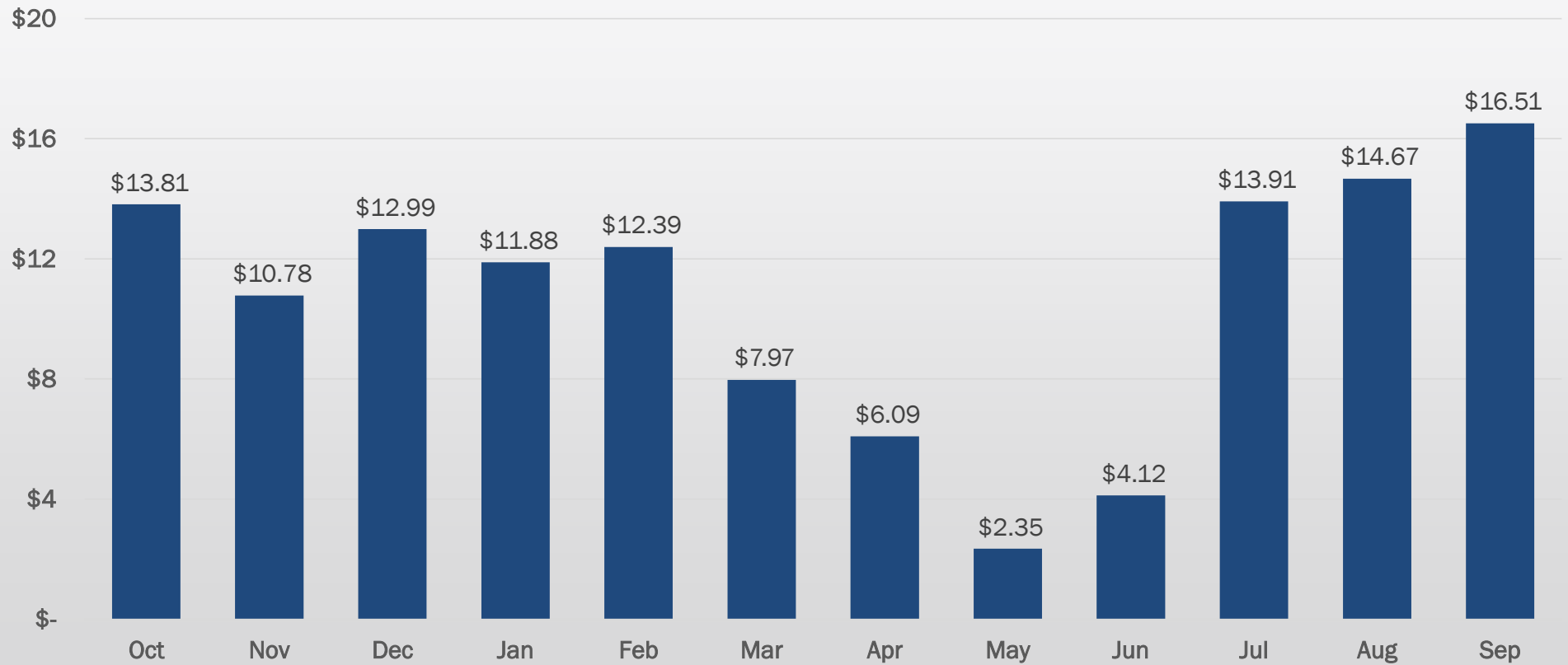
Allocation Factor: Utility share of PF System Shaped Loads (Non Slice)
2024 RDC Example: BPUD 201.5 aMW, or 3.8% of 5,326 aMW total



BPA DEMAND RATES

VARY BY MONTH AND RATE PERIOD

BP-26 Rate in \$/kW



GHG Neutral Standard

Primary + Alternative = 100%

• Primary Compliance

- ☑ • At least **80% clean by 2030**

• Alternative Compliance

- From **2030-2044**, may satisfy **up to 20%** with **alternative compliance**
- **CEIP** must identify **planned use** of these **alternatives**:

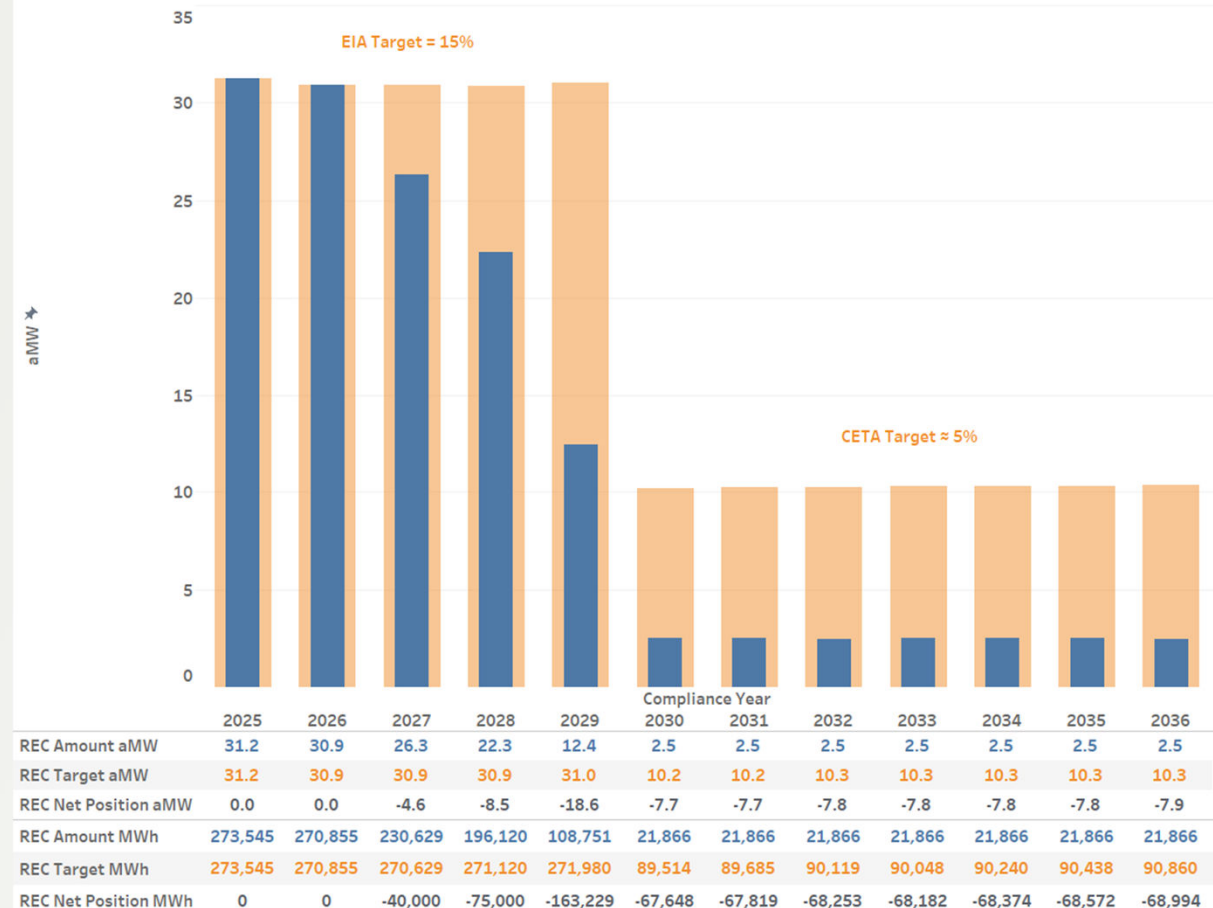
1. Pay the Penalty Amount
2. Energy Transformation Projects
3. Municipal Solid Waste

☑ 4. **Renewable Energy Credits (REC)**

- **Already** procuring for Energy Independence Act (EIA) compliance
- **CETA** reduces EIA from **15% to 5%**

• **CEIP Actions? No incremental resource actions are planned**

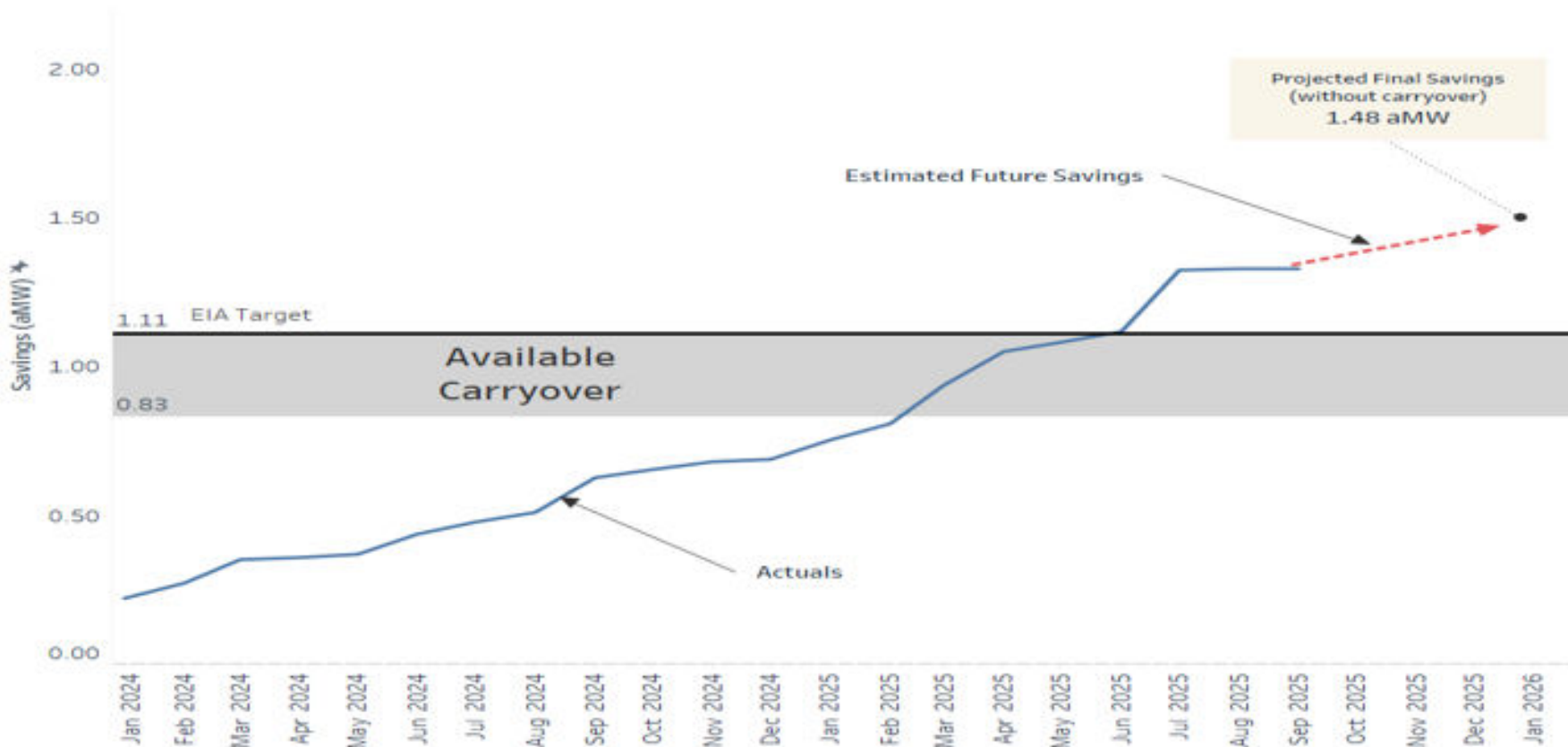
Renewable Energy Credits - Compliance
Net Position by Compliance Year



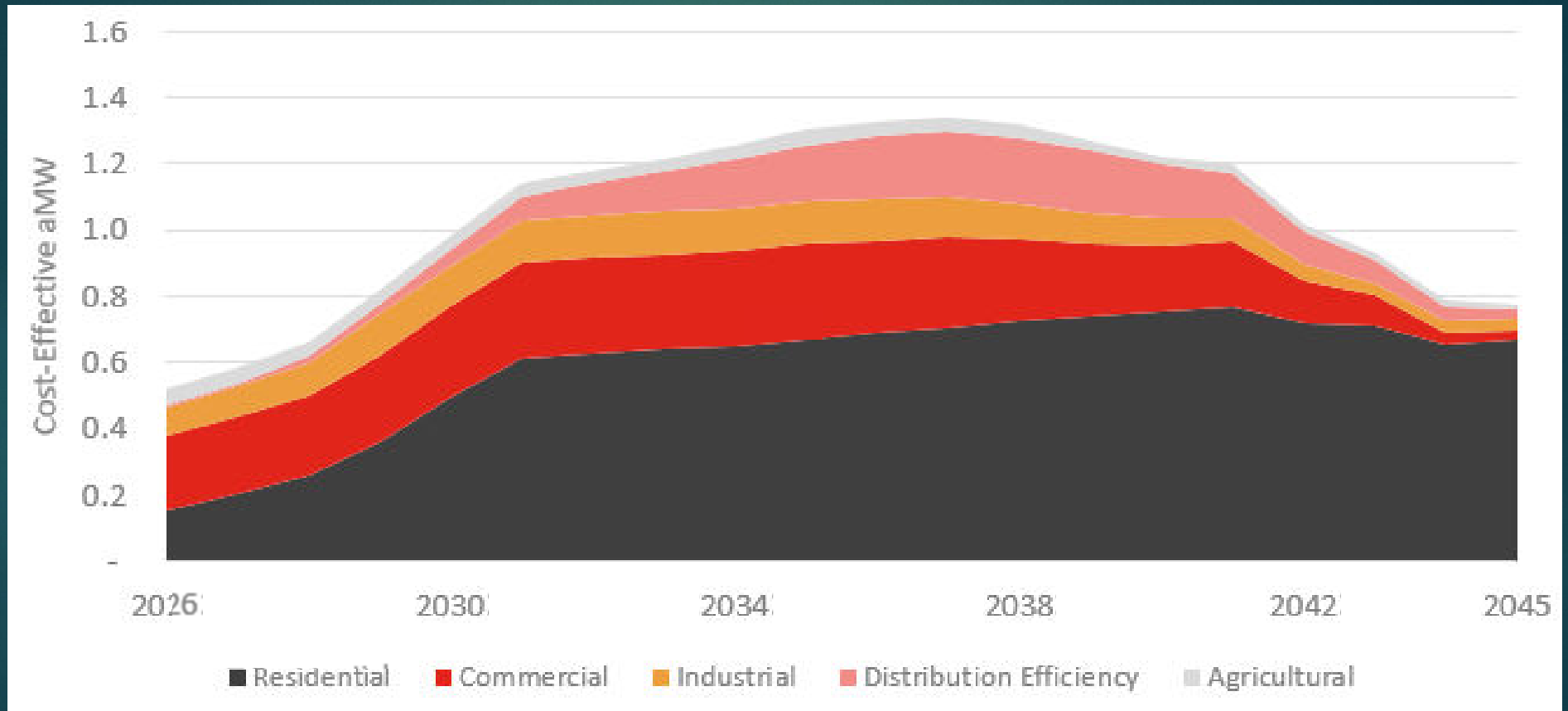
2024-2025 Total Conservation Achieved

Quarterly Performance Summary

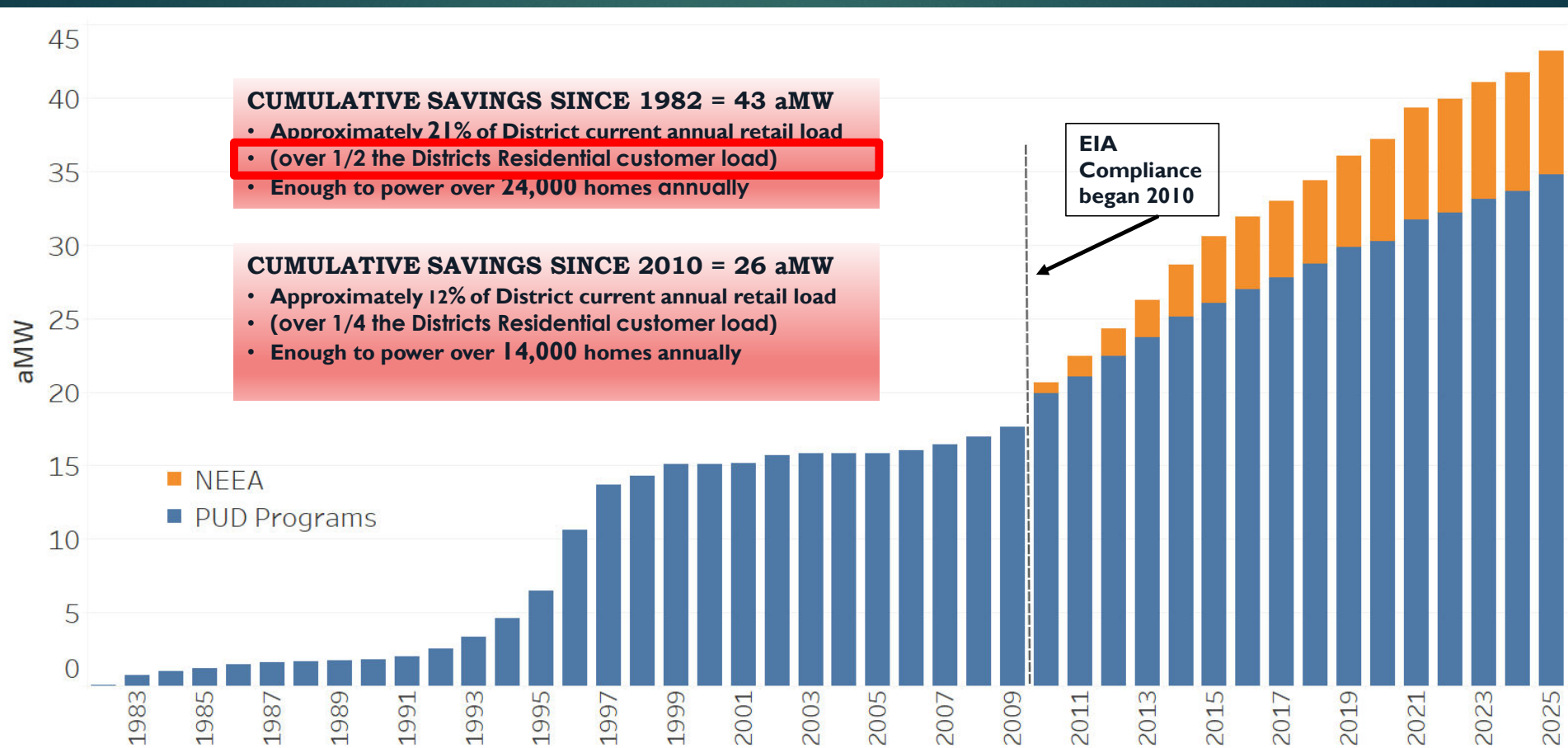
Industrial projects accounted for about 90% of the savings in Q3 as three large agriculture storage shed projects were completed in July. The District has now exceeded its 2024-25 EIA target. Residential programs will continue as normal but are expected to generate only small savings in the final quarter. Based on the current final savings estimate of 1.48 aMW the District would have about 0.37 aMW of excess savings to be used in either of the next two bienniums.



2026-2045 CPA Total Results by Sector



District 1982-2025 Conservation Energy Savings





CAPITAL PLAN (RICK DUNN)

Key takeaways:

- Maintaining the District's system and accommodating growth
- Developing the 21st Century Power Grid
 - Capacity and reliability

2023-2025 CUSTOMER GROWTH

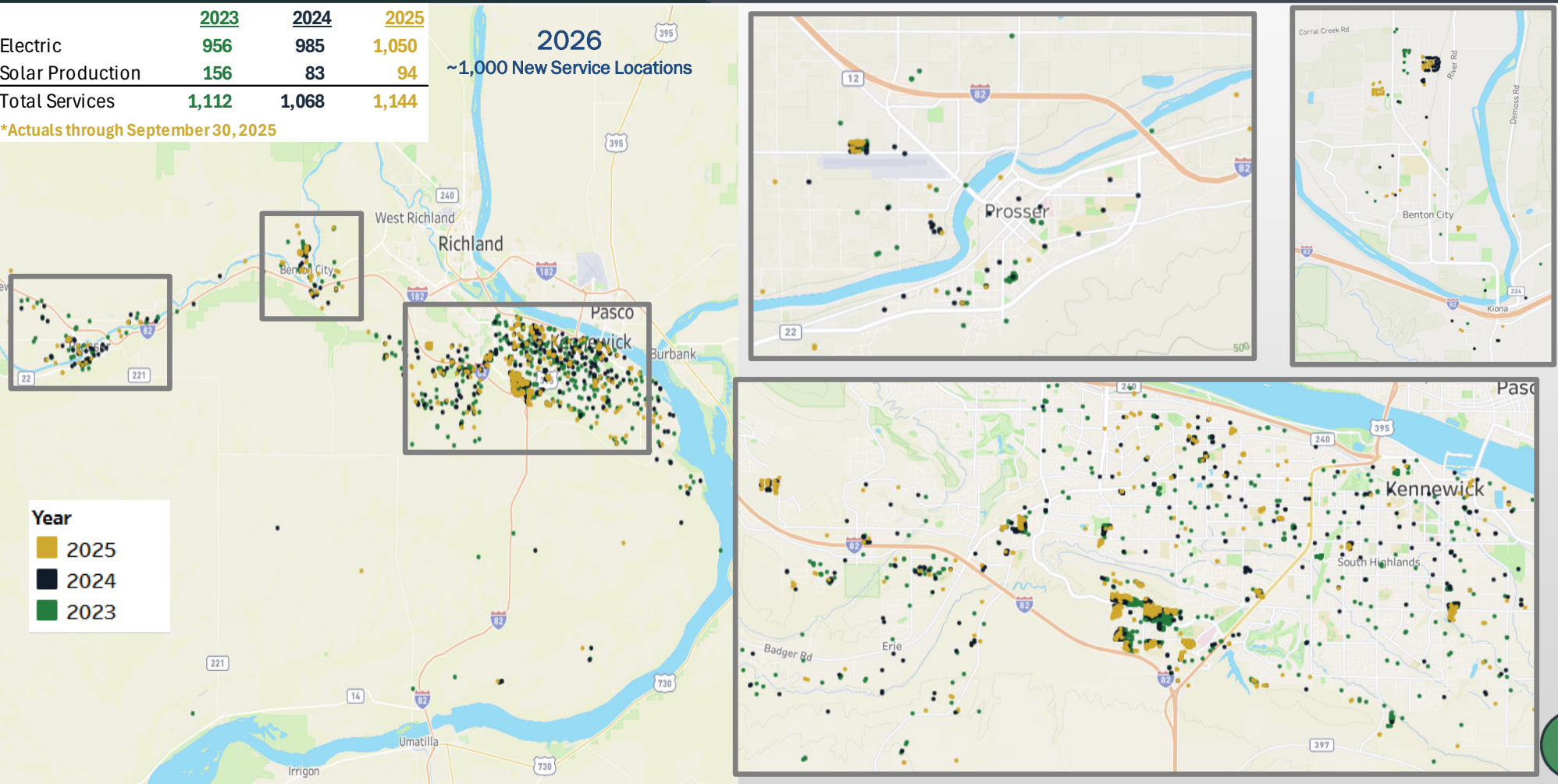
NEW SERVICE LOCATIONS BY YEAR

	2023	2024	2025
Electric	956	985	1,050
Solar Production	156	83	94
Total Services	1,112	1,068	1,144

*Actuals through September 30, 2025

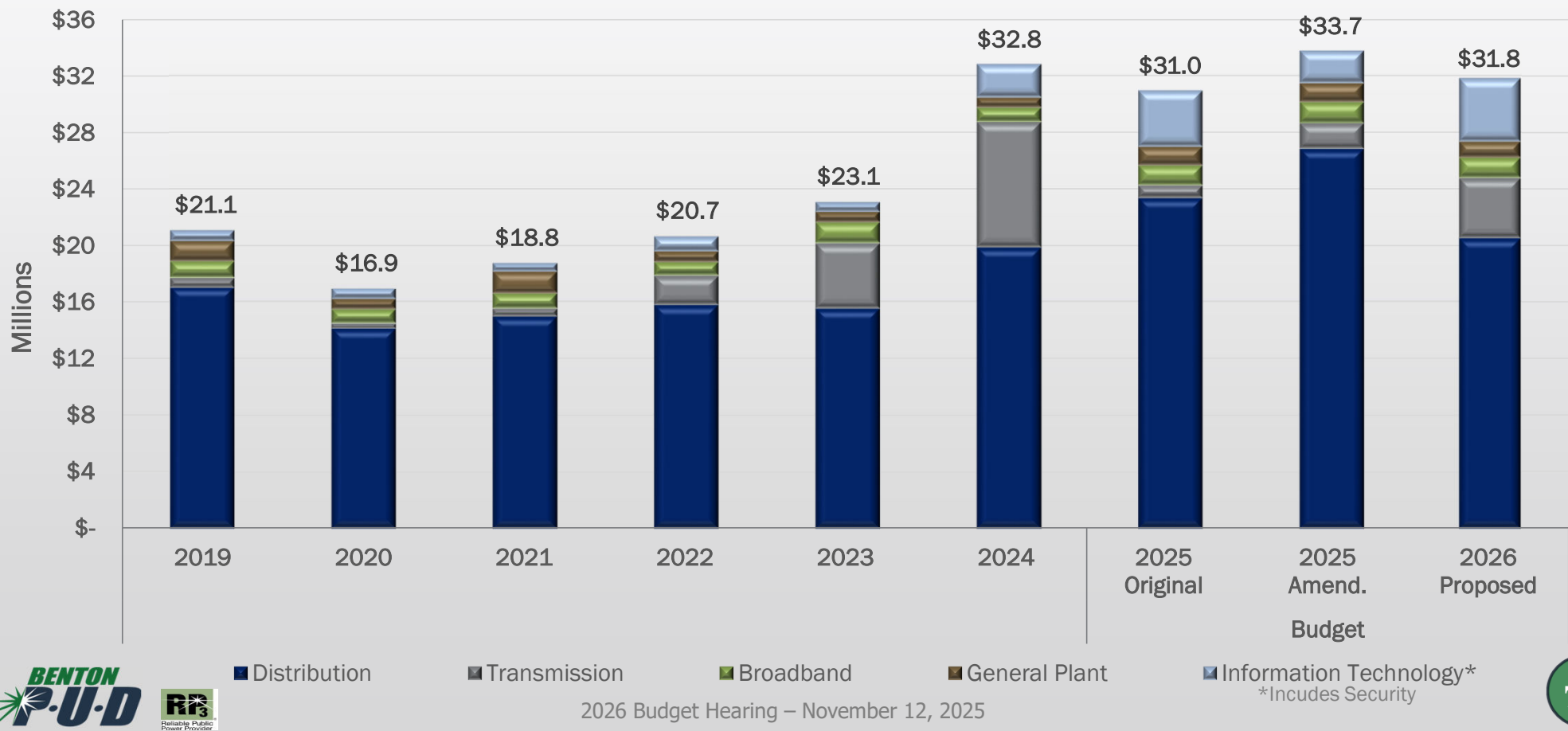
2026

~1,000 New Service Locations

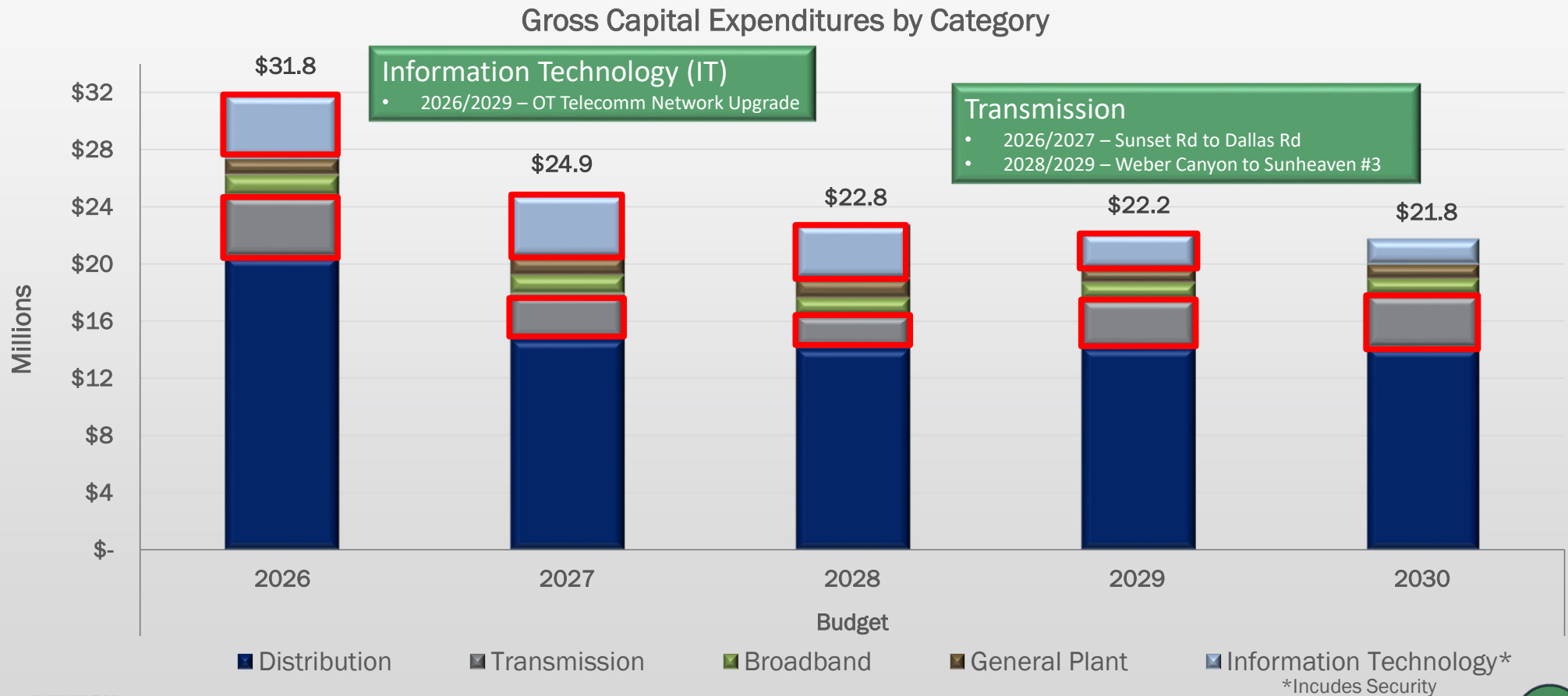


2019 – 2025 GROSS CAPITAL

Gross Capital Expenditures by Category



2026 - 2030 GROSS CAPITAL



2026 CAPITAL PROJECTS

2026 Capital Projects

(Amounts in Thousands)

Transmission Subtotal (13.4%)	\$4,254
Sunset Rd to Dallas Rd	2,059
Sun Heaven #3 Transmission Line (Segments 1-A, 1-B, & 2)	1,420
Switch Upgrade/Additions (Prior #2 Sectionalizing, etc.)	400
Poles & Fixtures Repairs/Replacements	143
115kV Re-Route Witcomb/Sandpiper	124
Angus-Franklin River Crossing Tower Evaluation	108
Distribution Subtotal (64.5%)	\$20,513
Customer Growth	9,430
Capacity & Reliability - Substations	2,156
Other - Repair & Replace (Includes JU NESC Compliance program)	2,038
Cable - Repair & Replacement (Multiple Year Project)	1,855
District 5-Year Plan	1,465
Distribution other (GPS Equipment & Project Management Labor)	1,180
Distribution System Improvements	855
Meters	733
Capacity & Reliability - SCADA	540
Distribution Regulators	261

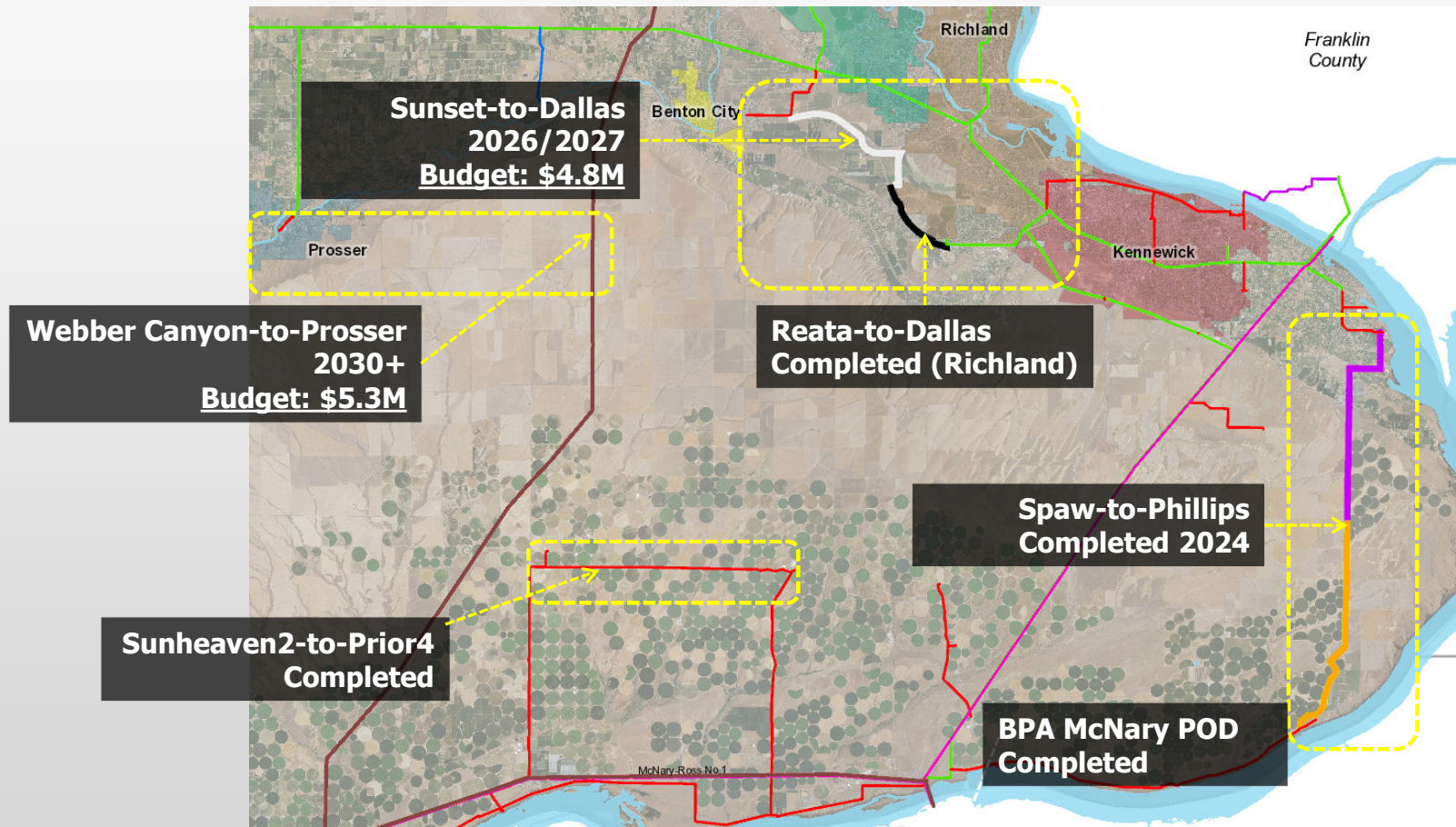
2026 Capital Projects

(Amounts in Thousands)

Information Technology Subtotal (14.1%)	\$4,472
OT Telecomm Network Upgrade	2,042
Network Infrastructure	1,115
Kennewick Lobby Remodel	850
Enterprise Security System (Substations, Cameras & Data Center)	400
SQL Server Licenses	55
Enterprise Applications	10
General Plant Subtotal (3.5%)	\$1,129
Transportation - Light Duty Vehicles (Pickups & Cars)	330
Facilities Improvements and Other	323
Transportation - Heavy Duty Vehicles (Aerial Lifts)	280
Line Department	77
XFMR Shop	58
Meter Shop	47
Auto Shop and Other	14
Broadband Subtotal (4.5%)	\$1,445
Customer Connections (Multi-tenant, line extensions)	723
Backbone and Laterals	597
Electronics and Other	125
Gross Capital	\$31,813

TRANSMISSION RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

115-KV TRANSMISSION LINES FOR REDUNDANCY



SUBSTATIONS & DISTRIBUTION: ~\$20.5M



Customer Growth: \$9.4M
~\$5.2M Secondary Transformers
Budgeted 1,000 new electric services



Capacity & Reliability: \$5.3M
~\$0.54 Scada Improvement for Substations
~\$0.83M Substation Controls, & Batteries
~\$1.58M Sun Heaven #3 Substation
~\$0.85M Distribution System Improvement
~\$1.46M Plan of Service Projects



Repair & Replace: \$3.7M
~\$1.8M Cable Replacements
~\$1.4M Maintenance (Trouble Orders)



GENERAL PLANT (RICK DUNN)

Key takeaways:

- Tool and Equipment replacement for Operations

TRANSPORTATION: ~\$610K

Project	Project Name	Bu Number	2025 Original Budget	2025 Amended Budget	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
LDVH - Light-Duty Vehicles (Pickups & Cars)	Transformer Shop - Foreman Truck (Replacing #146, Arrived Q1 2025)	468	\$48,000	\$48,000					
	Foreman Truck - Prosser (Replacing #168)	517			\$95,000				
	Foreman Truck - Kennewick (Replacing #175)	516			\$95,000				
	Maintenance Truck (Replacing #158)	523			\$90,000				
	Engineering Vehicle 1/2 ton crew cab	514			\$50,000				
	Foreman Truck (Replacing #188)	Null				\$95,000			
	Meter Shop 2,500 Pickup (Replacing #120)	Null				\$95,000			
	Locate Truck (Replacing #190)	Null				\$50,000			
	Meter Shop 2,500 Pickup (Replacing #121)	Null						\$95,000	
	Total		\$48,000	\$48,000	\$330,000	\$240,000		\$95,000	
HDVH - Heavy-Duty Vehicles (Aerial Lifts)	Kennewick Bucket Truck (Replacing #166) (Under Contract, Arriving Q4 2025)	342	\$342,000	\$342,000					
	Bucket Truck - Prosser (Replacing #73) (Under Contract Arriving Q4 2025)	347	\$340,000	\$340,000					
	Service Truck - Kennewick (Replacing #184) (Under Contract Arriving Q4 2025)	398	\$235,000	\$235,000					
	Service Truck - Kennewick (Replacing #198)	515			\$280,000				
	Service Truck - Prosser (Replacing #189)	Null				\$300,000			
	Bucket Truck - Kennewick (Replacing #149)	Null				\$300,000			
	80' High Reach Bucket - Kennewick (Replacing #90)	Null					\$360,000		
	Dump Truck (Replacing #99)	Null					\$300,000		
	Line Truck/Pole Setter (Replacing #170)	Null						\$300,000	
	Yard Dump Truck (Replacing #100)	Null						\$180,000	
	Line Truck (Replacing #TBD)	Null							\$300,000
	Projected Capital - Transportation	Null							\$300,000
	Total		\$917,000	\$917,000	\$280,000	\$600,000	\$660,000	\$480,000	\$600,000
EQUI - Equipment / Trailers	Warehouse Forklift (Replacing #108)	Null					\$300,000		
	Total						\$300,000		
Grand Total			\$965,000	\$965,000	\$610,000	\$840,000	\$960,000	\$575,000	\$600,000

EVALUATION WHEN TO RETIRE A VEHICLE

ESTIMATED REPLACEMENT VALUE ENTIRE FLEET~\$12M - \$13M



Vehicle Age

- 15 – 20 Years



Vehicle Miles/Hours

- Gas Engine – 200,000 miles/hours
- Diesel Engine – 300,000 miles/hours

(BPUD Standard: 1 hour = 20 miles)



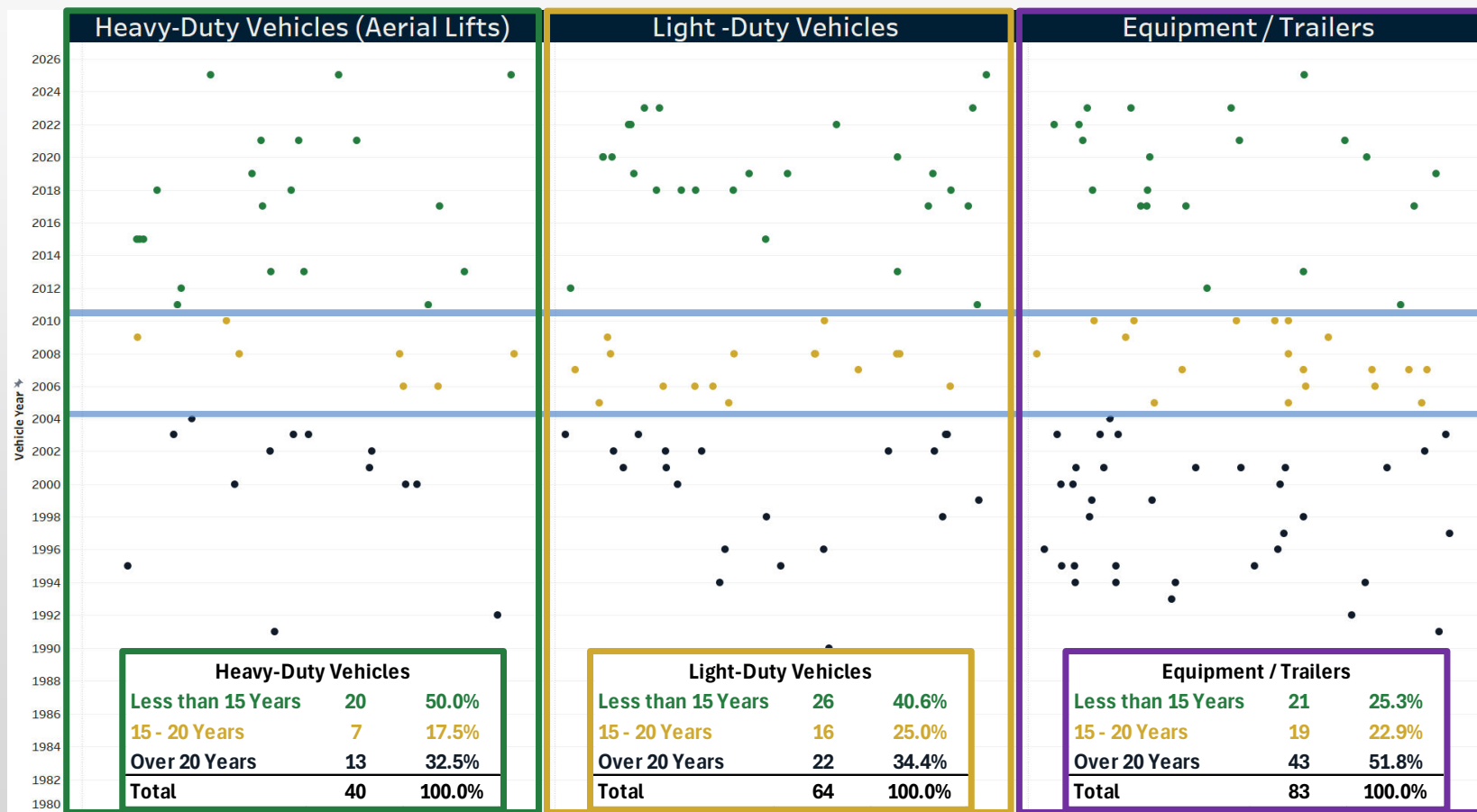
Service Record

- Days Out of Service
- Cost of Repairs

Historical Replacement Process

New Data-Driven Approach

AGE OF THE VEHICLE FLEET (187 TOTAL)





BROADBAND (CHRIS FOLTA)

Key takeaways:

- Community partnership for fiber extension
- System Improvements for network capacity and growth
- Strategic hardware replacements to maintain capabilities

2026 BROADBAND REVENUE, CAPITAL, AND NET CASH FLOW

<i>Dollars in thousands</i>	2026 Budget	2025 Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	% Change
Revenue	\$2,943	\$3,063	(\$120)	(3.9%)
Operating Expenses	(1,310)	(1,247)	(63)	(5.1%)
Net Income ¹	1,633	1,816	(183)	(10.1%)
Base Capital	1,445	1,417	28	2.0%
Small Cell	-	-	-	N/A
Capital Contributions	(75)	(75)	-	0.0%
Net Capital	1,370	1,342	28	2.1%
Total Broadband Cash Inflow/(Outflow)	\$263	\$474	(\$211)	(44.5%)

15 Consecutive Years Net Cash Positive!	Future 5 Years (2025-2029)	Previous 5 Years (2020-2024)
Five Year Rolling Net Cash Test	\$3.7M	\$3.6M

1) Summary does not include depreciation

BENTON PUD

BROADBAND SYSTEM

Fiber Miles: ~560
Fiber Customers: 783
Wireless Customers: 22

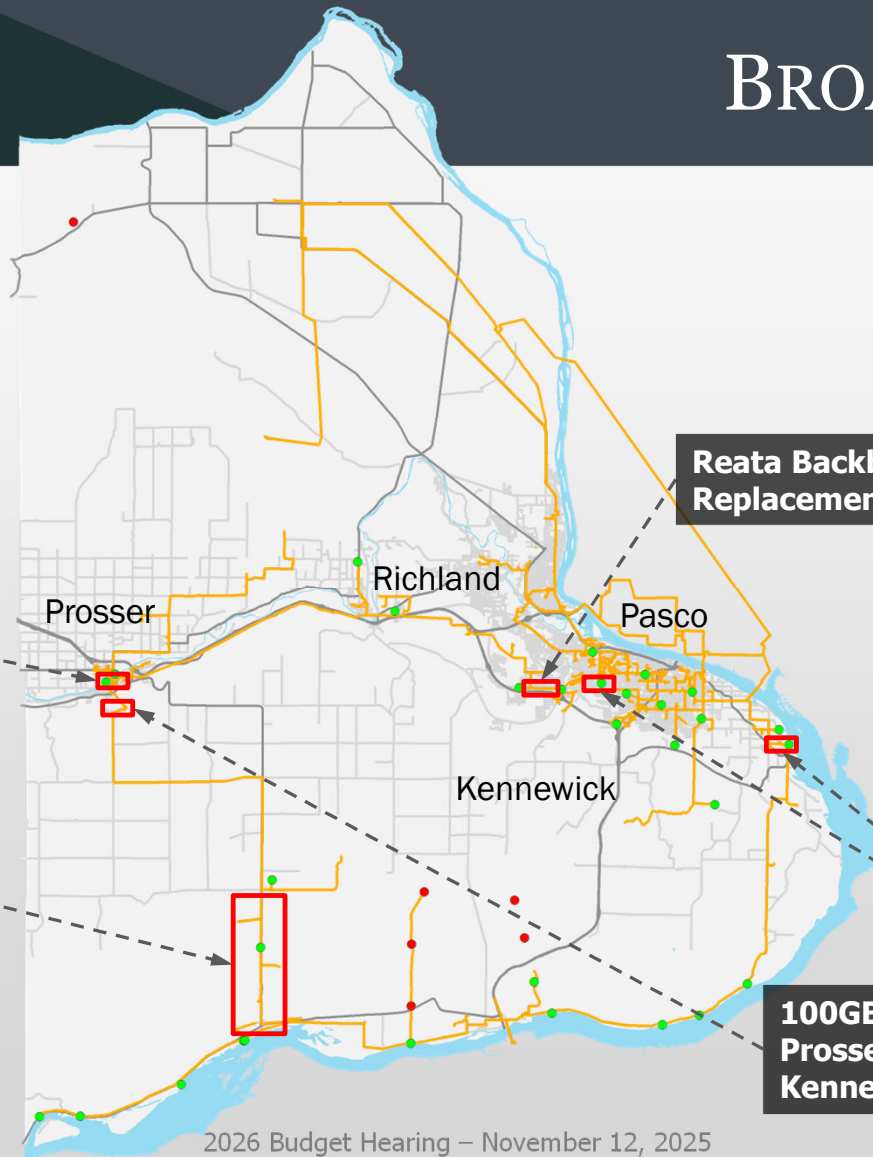
2026 Capital Plan: \$1.4M

Relocate Courthouse
Node to City lot: \$20K

Upgrade MPLS
Equipment to add
capacity: \$20K

Reata Backbone Fiber
Replacement: \$30K

100GB Backbone Upgrades between
Prosser & Orchard View and Finley &
Kennewick: \$55K

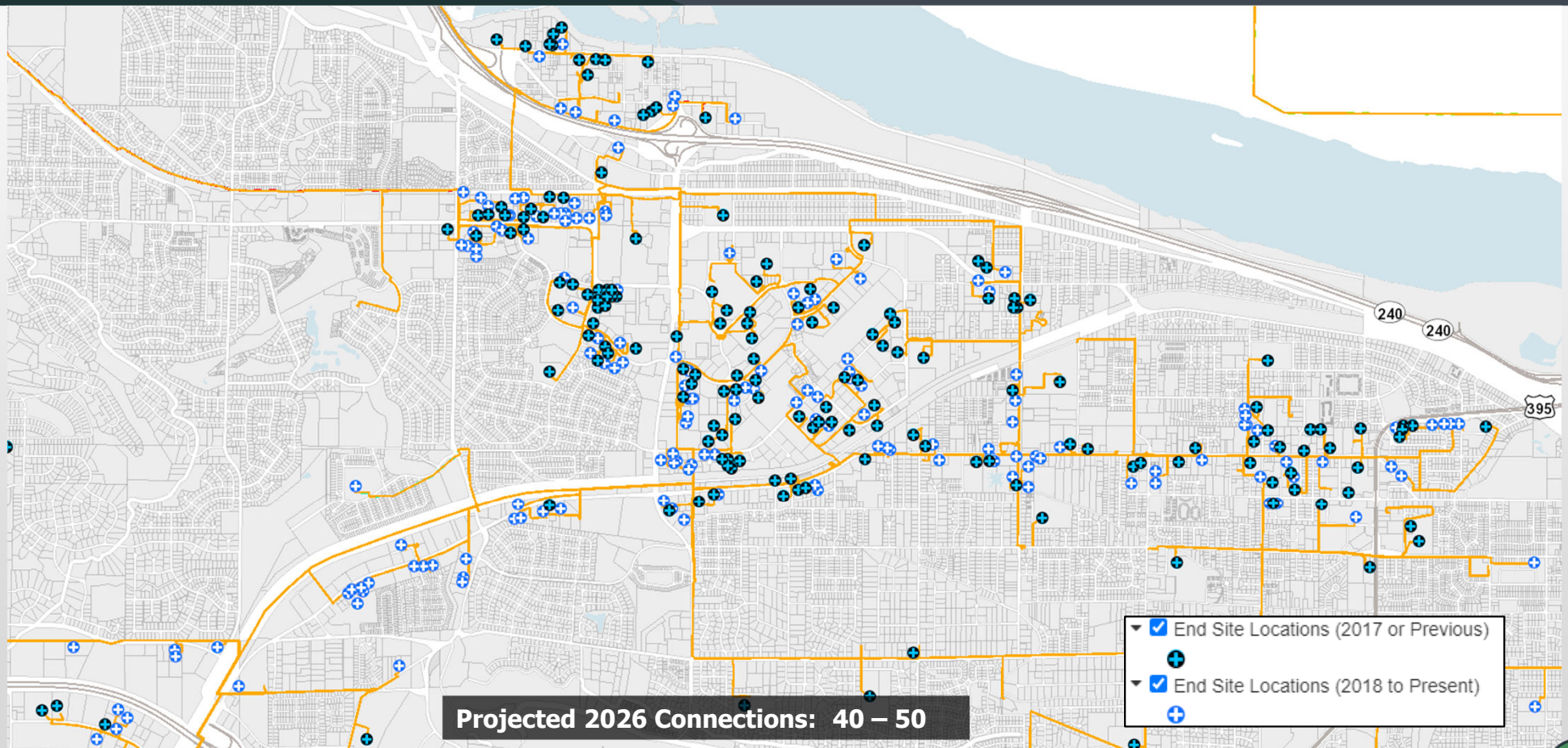


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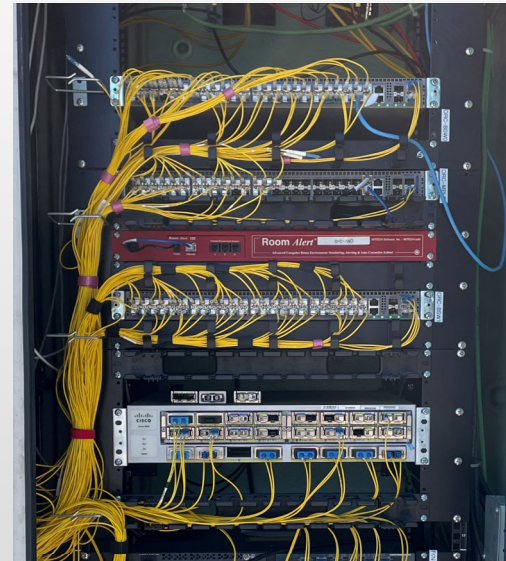
CITY OF KENNEWICK TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT: ~\$250K



CUSTOMER CONNECT LINE EXTENSIONS: ~\$425K



STRATEGIC EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENTS: ~\$175K



High Density port equipment, Node Hardware, Premise, and Spare Telecom Equipment: \$175K



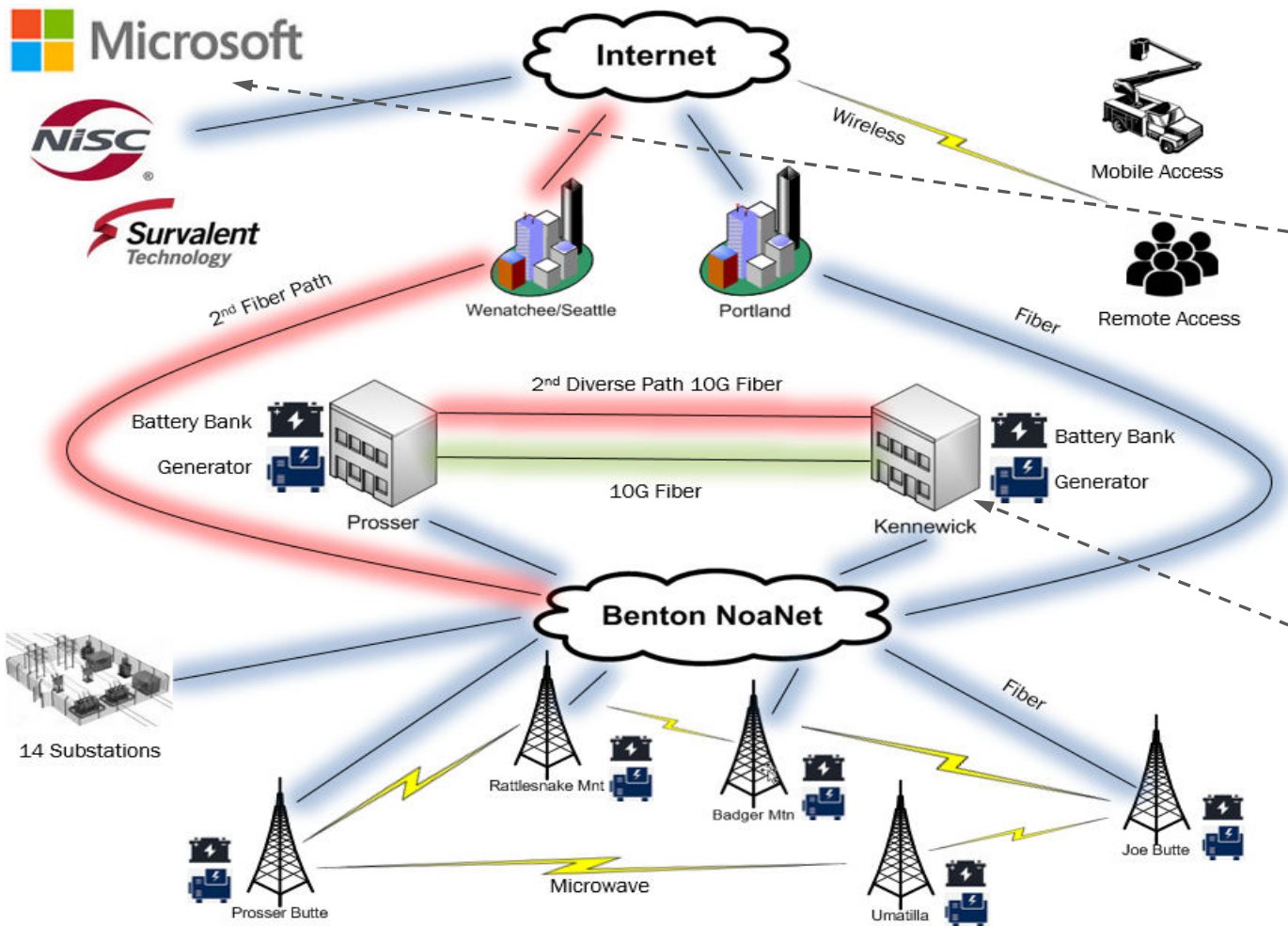
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (CHRIS FOLTA)

Key takeaways:

- Strategic hardware replacements to maintain capabilities
- External Data Center (co-location) Contribution

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: ~\$1.25M IN 2026

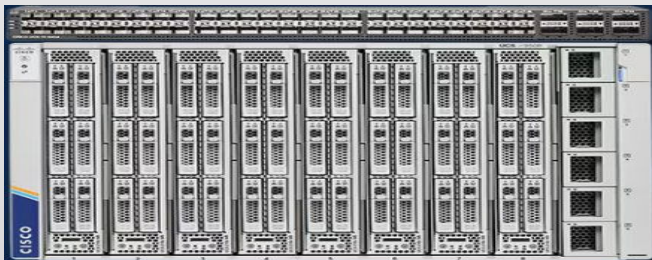
SOFTWARE AND AGED-EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENTS



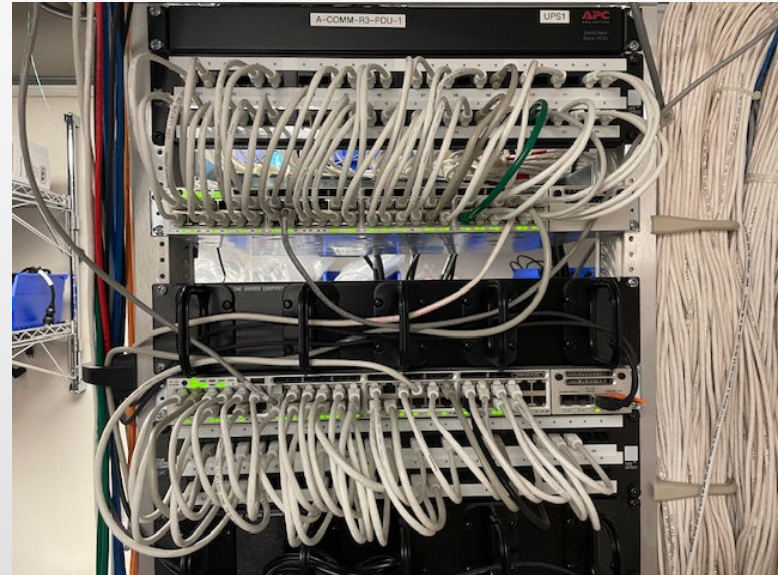
Database Software:	\$55K
Server Software:	\$25K

Server, Switch Equipment:	\$475K
Storage & Backup System:	\$600K
External Data Center:	\$100K
Multi-Function Printer:	\$15K

VIRTUAL SERVER & NETWORK SWITCH REPLACEMENTS: ~\$475K



UCS Servers: \$400K



Network Switches: \$75K

STORAGE AREA NETWORK & BACKUP SYST. REPLACEMENTS: ~\$600K



Storage Network (expand capacity): \$150K



Backup Data System Replacement: \$450K

IT CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND DATA CENTER CONTRIBUTION ~\$115K



Multi-Function Printer: \$15K



External Data Center Co-location: \$100K*

***District contribution to reserve space/capacity for future use if project is funded by third-party**



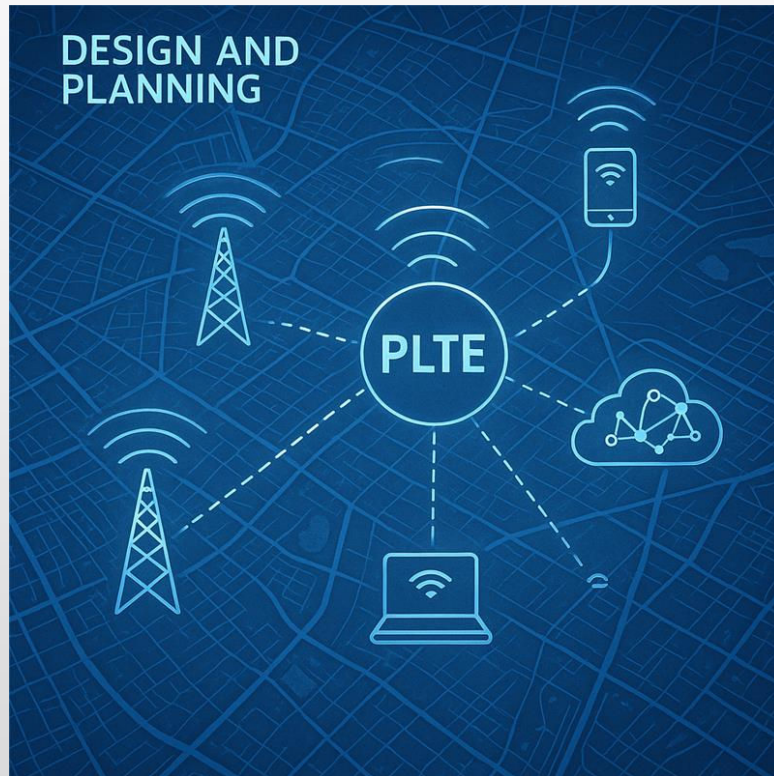
OPERATIONAL TECHNOLOGY (CHRIS FOLTA)

Key takeaways:

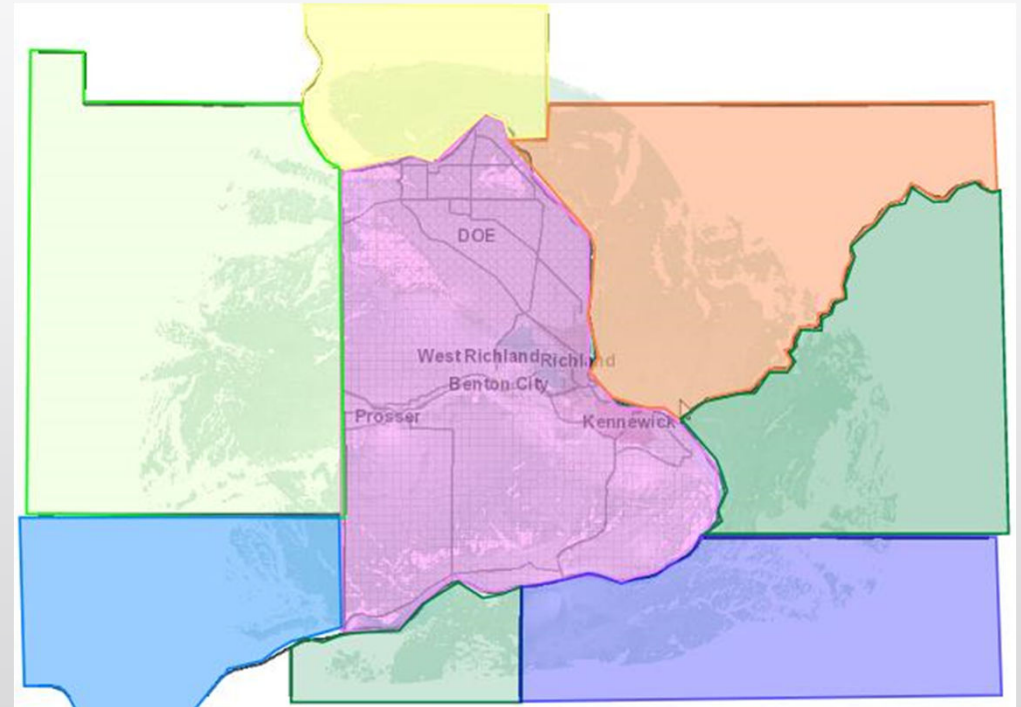
- OT Telecommunications Network Upgrade
- Substation Equipment Replacements
- Cold Creek Substation Fiber Extension

OPERATIONAL TECHNOLOGY: ~\$2.05M IN 2026

OT TELECOM UPGRADE: ~\$1.8M

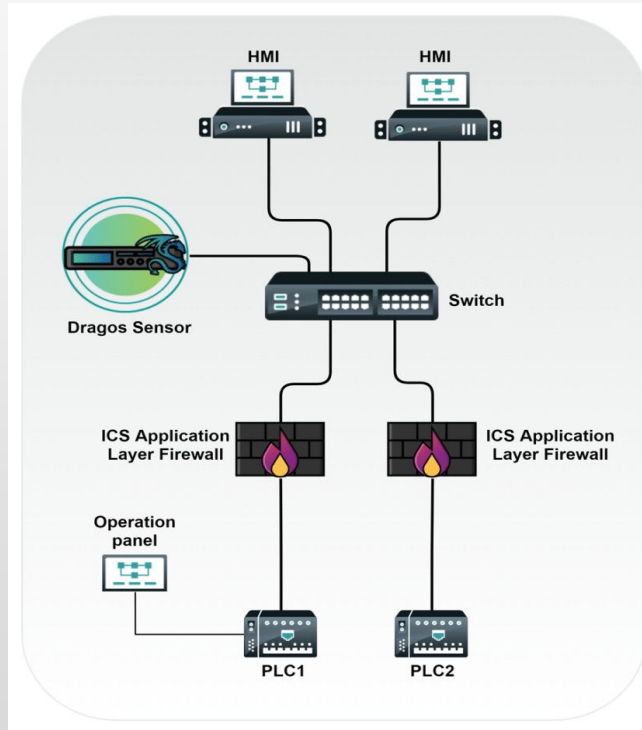
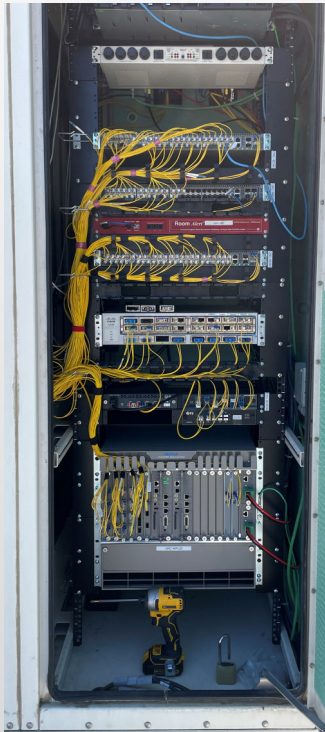


**OT Network System Design, Planning,
Equipment Procurement-initial: \$1.3M**



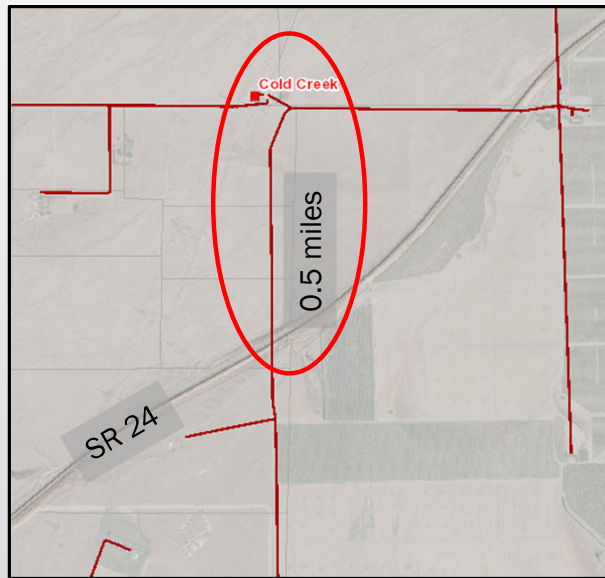
Radio Frequency Spectrum Acquisition: \$500K

SUBSTATION ROUTER REPLACEMENTS: ~\$100K

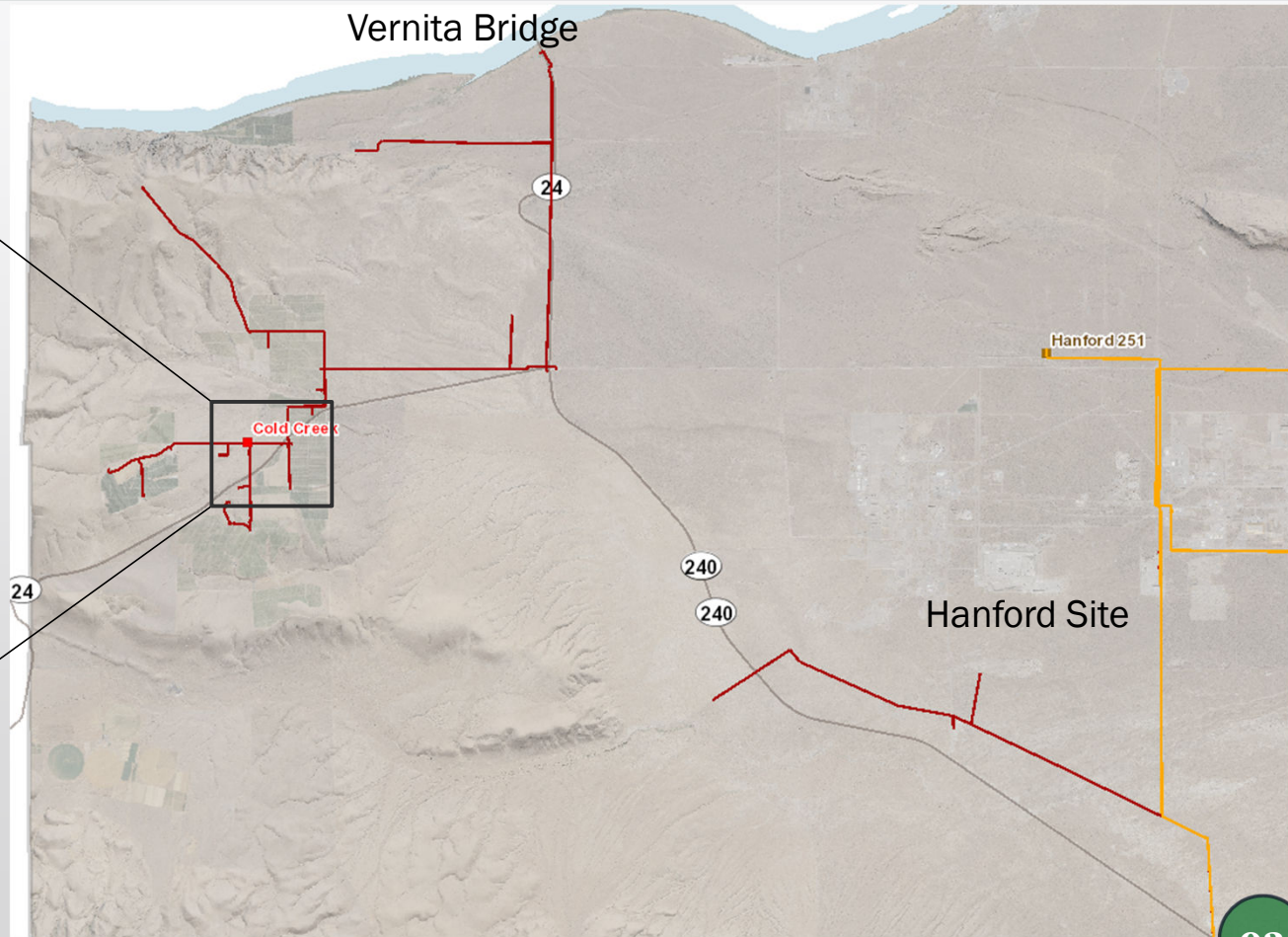


Substation Router Replacements: \$100K

COLD CREEK FIBER EXTENSION: ~\$100K



Substation Fiber Extension: \$100K



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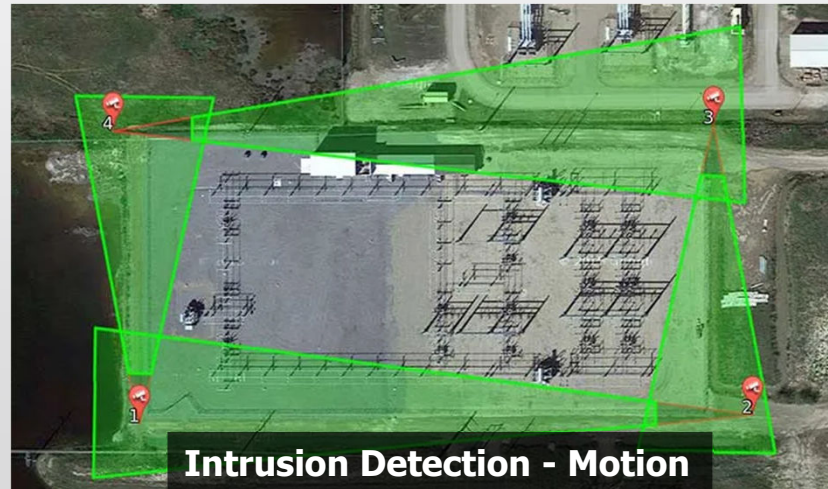
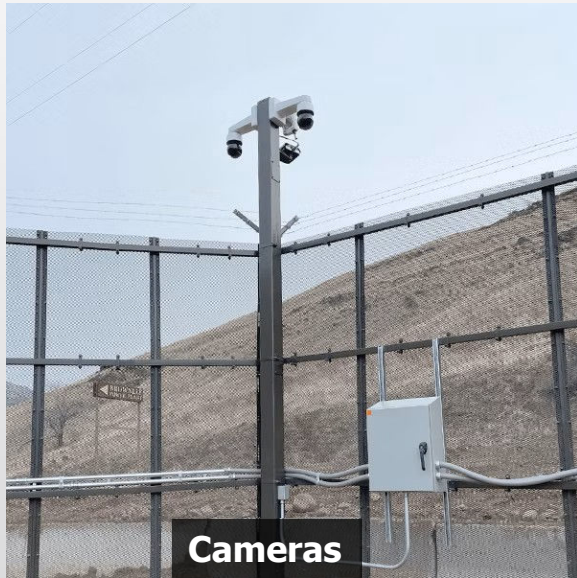
SECURITY (CHRIS FOLTA)

Key takeaways:

- 2026-2030 Strategic Plan Action Item
- Electric Substation physical security focus
- Mitigate risks to critical infrastructure
- Safety of employees and public through facility improvements

SECURITY: ~\$1.3M IN 2026

SUBSTATION SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS ~\$270K



Substation Security Improvements (cameras, access control, intrusion detection): \$270K

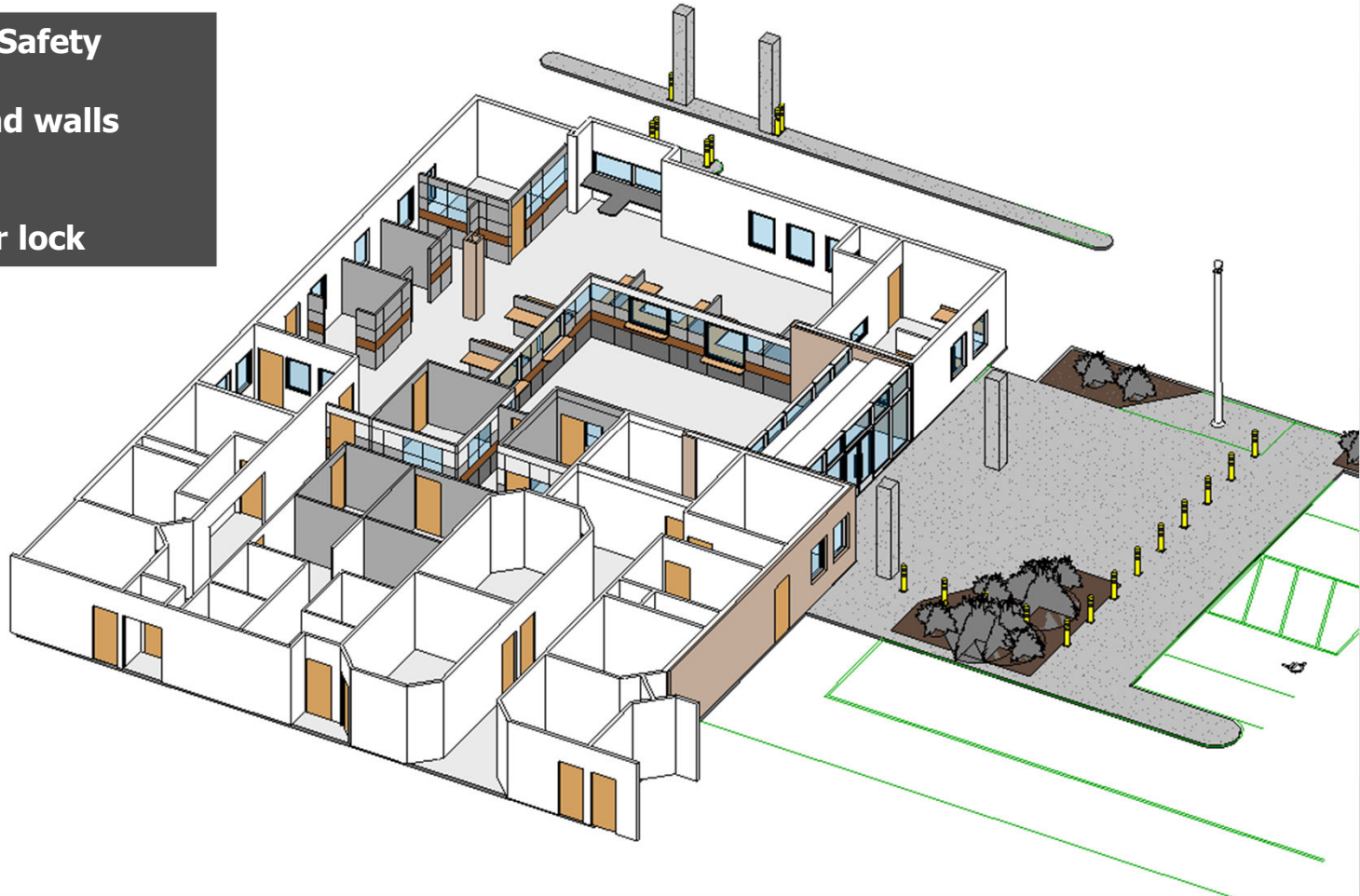
KENNEWICK LOBBY REMODEL ~\$0.85M

BUDGETED ORIGINALLY IN 2024, PROJECT DEFERRED TO 2026

Focused on Employee Safety

Ballistic rated glass and walls
Protective bollards

Push button front door lock





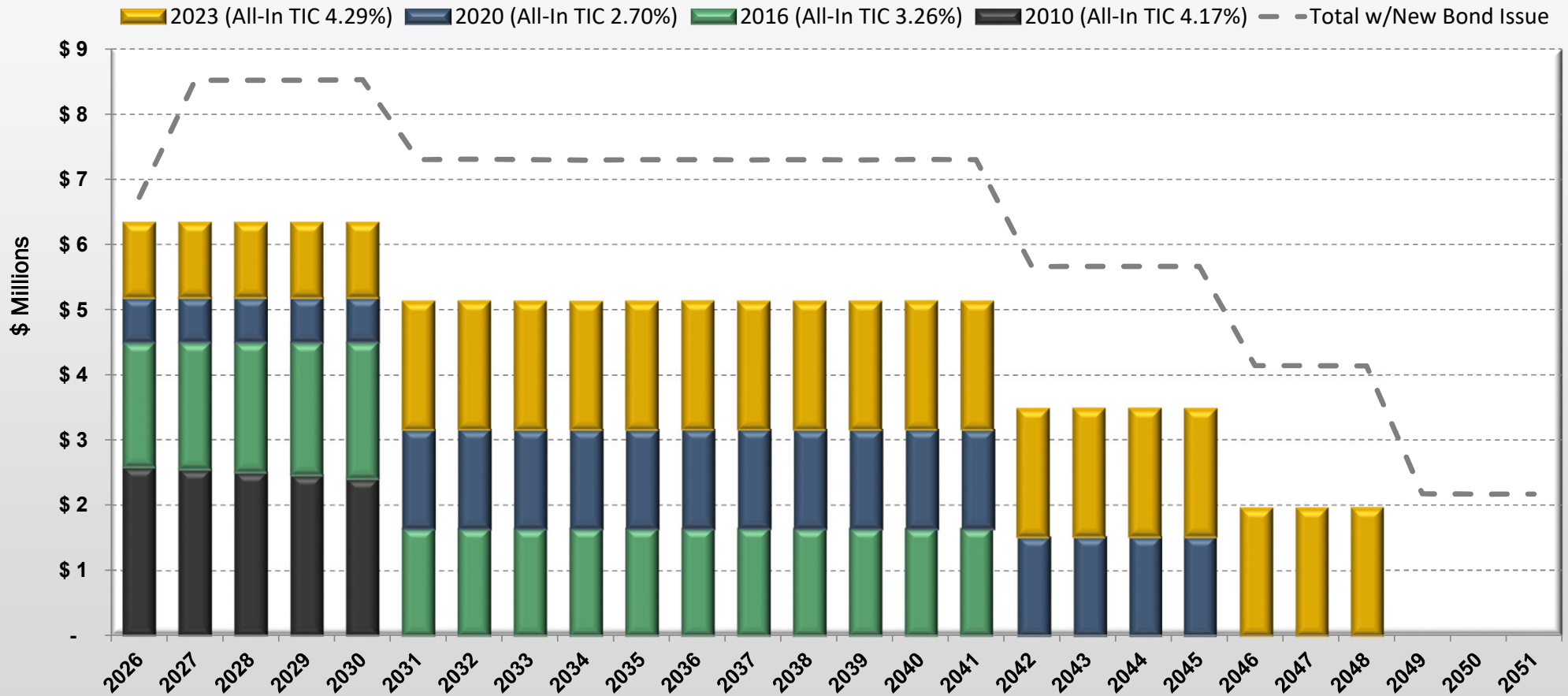
DEBT SERVICE (KEITH MERCER)

Key takeaways:

- Good fiscal stewardship through sound financial planning
- Planning for a 2026 bond issuance

DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE

2026 BOND ISSUE (\$32M NEW MONEY AND REFUNDING THE 2016 BONDS)



2026 DEBT SERVICE, TAXES, AND OTHER

	2026 Budget	2025 Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)
<i>Dollars in thousands</i>			
Other Expenditures:			
Taxes	\$15,788	\$15,490	\$298
Interest Expense *	3,149	3,272	(123)
Debt Service Principal	2,930	3,415	(485)
Debt Premium & Expense Amortization	(505)	(521)	16
Total Other Expenditures	\$21,362	\$21,656	(\$294)
Non-Cash Expenses			
Depreciation/Amortization	13,138	12,653	485
Total Non-Cash Expenses	\$13,138	\$12,653	\$485
<i>*Interest expense is net of the Build America Bonds federal subsidy of \$0.3 million</i>			

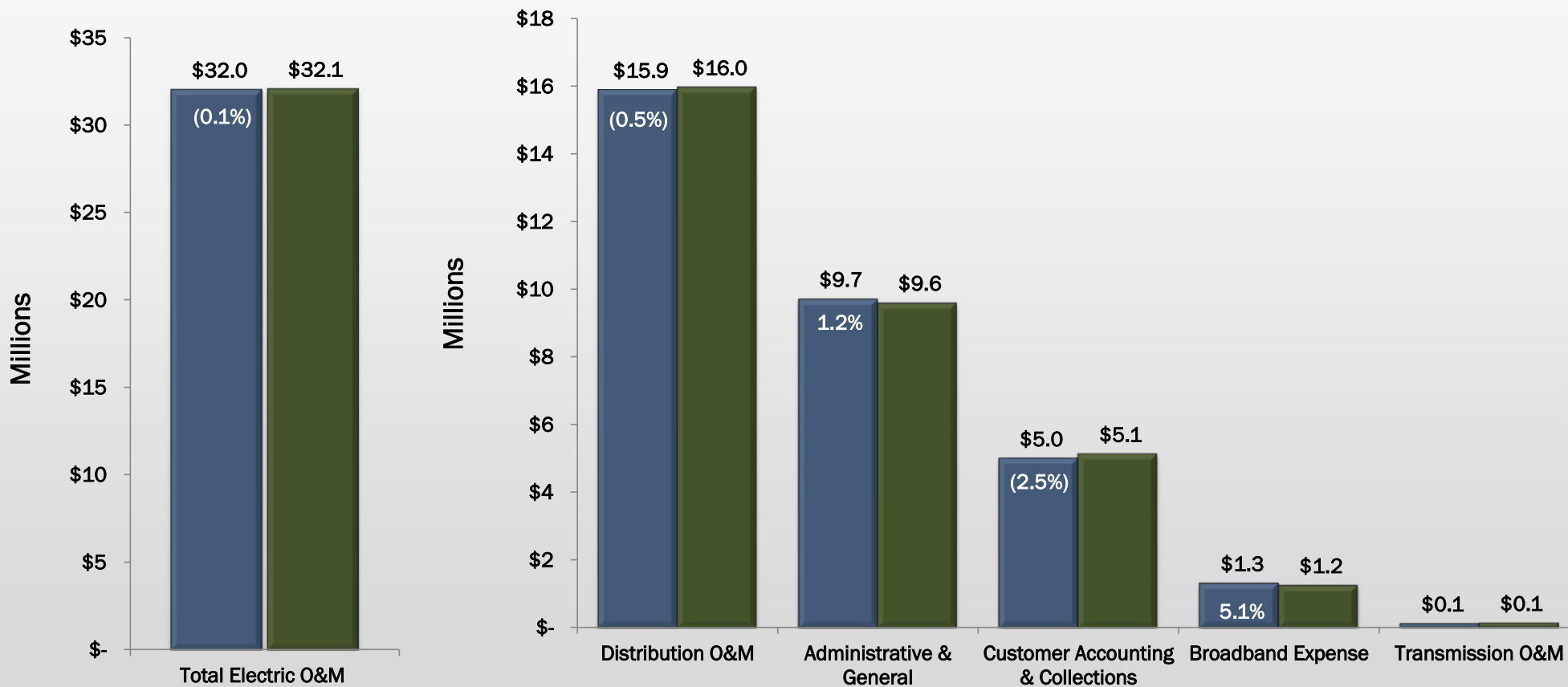


NON-POWER O&M COSTS (RICK DUNN)

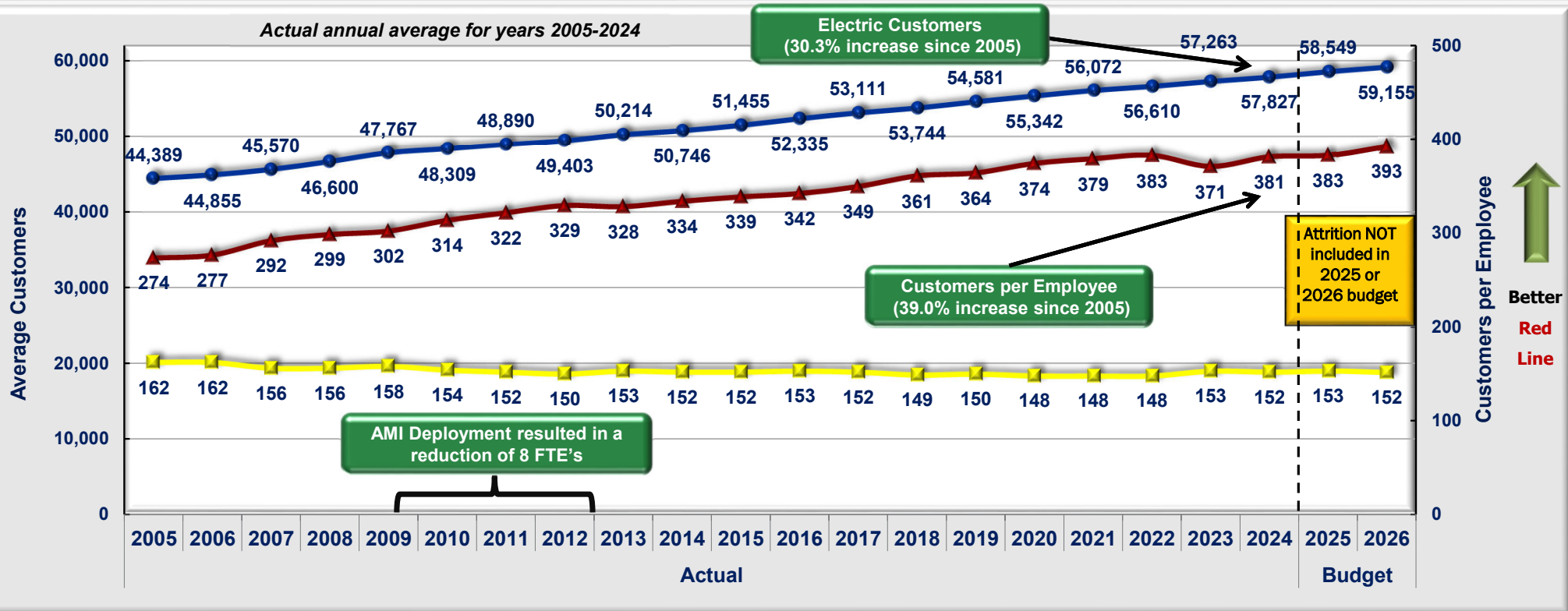
Key takeaways:

- Incorporates key strategic initiatives, while
- Maintaining fiscal stewardship

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE



CUSTOMERS PER DISTRICT EMPLOYEE



AUTHORIZED STAFFING

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTEs)

Directorate	2026 Staffing Plan	2025 Staffing Plan	Increase/ (Decrease)
Executive / Finance & Business Services	22.25	22.25	-
Customer Service & Treasury Operations	18.50	18.50	-
Engineering	18.75	18.25	0.50
Power Management	7.00	8.00	(1.00)
Operations	67.00	67.25	(0.25)
Information Technology	18.00	18.75	(0.75)
Authorized Positions	151.50	153.00	(1.50)
Less: FTEs utilized by other local utilities	(0.50)	(0.50)	-
Authorized Positions	151.00	152.50	(1.50)

PAYROLL TAXES & BENEFITS

Effective July 1, 2025,
PERS employer contribution
rate decreased from
9.11% to 5.58%.

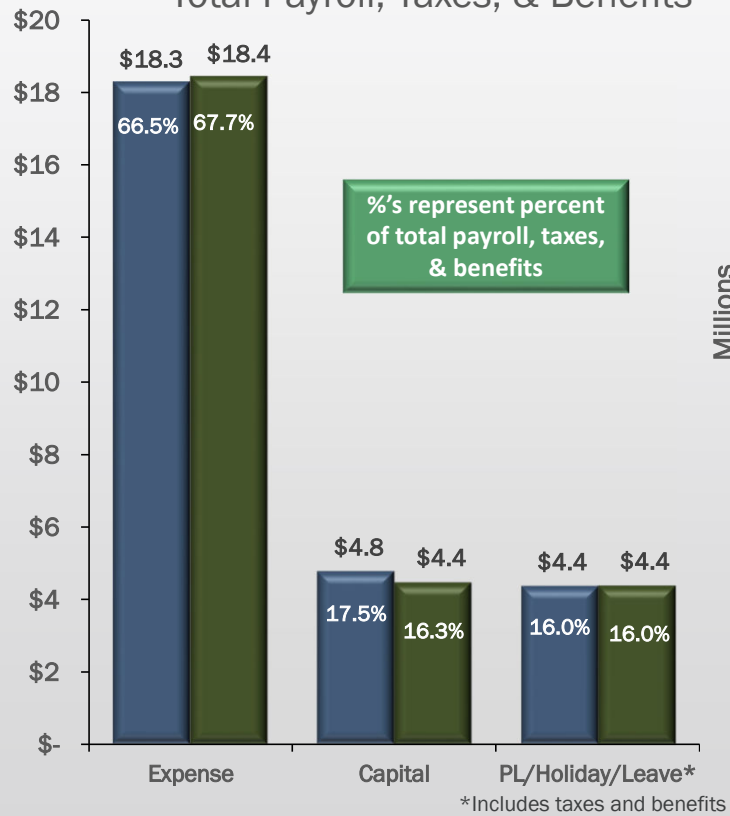
<i>Dollars in thousands</i>	2026 Budget	2025 Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	% Change
Labor				
Overtime Wages	\$1,041	\$1,004	\$37	3.7%
Regular Labor - Salaries and Wages	18,796	18,322	474	2.6%
Total Labor	\$19,837	\$19,326	\$511	2.6%
Payroll Taxes				
Social Security	\$1,209	\$1,177	\$32	2.7%
Medicare	288	280	8	2.9%
Total Payroll Taxes	1,497	1,457	\$40	2.7%
Employee Benefits				
State Industrial/Unemployment	263	227	\$36	15.9%
Public Employee Retirement System	1,078	1,727	(649)	(37.6%)
Deferred Compensation Match	776	765	11	1.4%
VEBA Contributions	358	362	(4)	(1.1%)
Medical/Dental/Vision Insurance	3,360	3,055	305	10.0%
Other Benefits	316	316	-	0.0%
Total Employee Benefits	\$6,151	\$6,452	(\$301)	(4.7%)
Total Payroll Taxes and Benefits	\$7,648	\$7,909	(\$261)	(3.3%)
Grand Total Labor, Payroll Taxes and Benefits	\$27,485	\$27,235	\$250	0.9%

Increase in medical
premiums is due to a
12.3% increase to
medical rates and a
reduction in FTE's

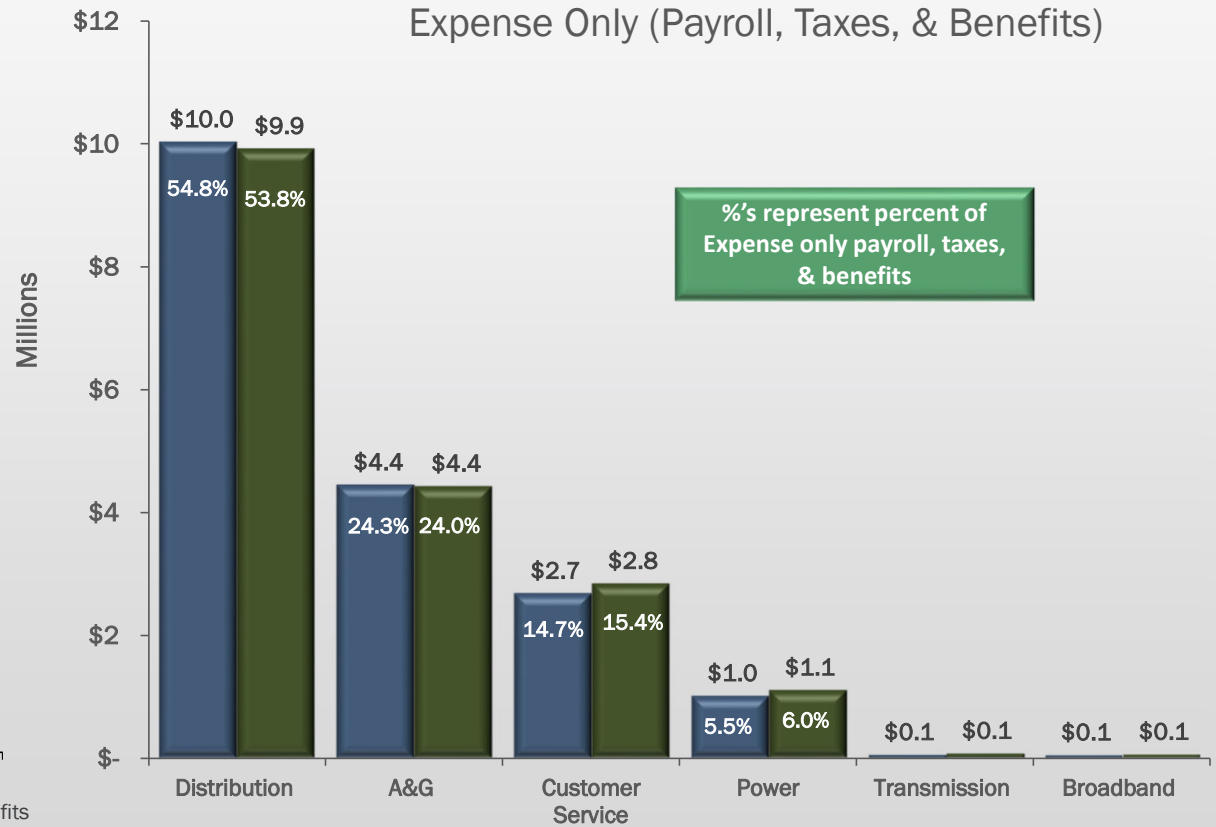
PAYROLL, TAXES, & BENEFITS

(BY CATEGORY)

\$27.4 Million
Total Payroll, Taxes, & Benefits



\$18.3 Million
Expense Only (Payroll, Taxes, & Benefits)



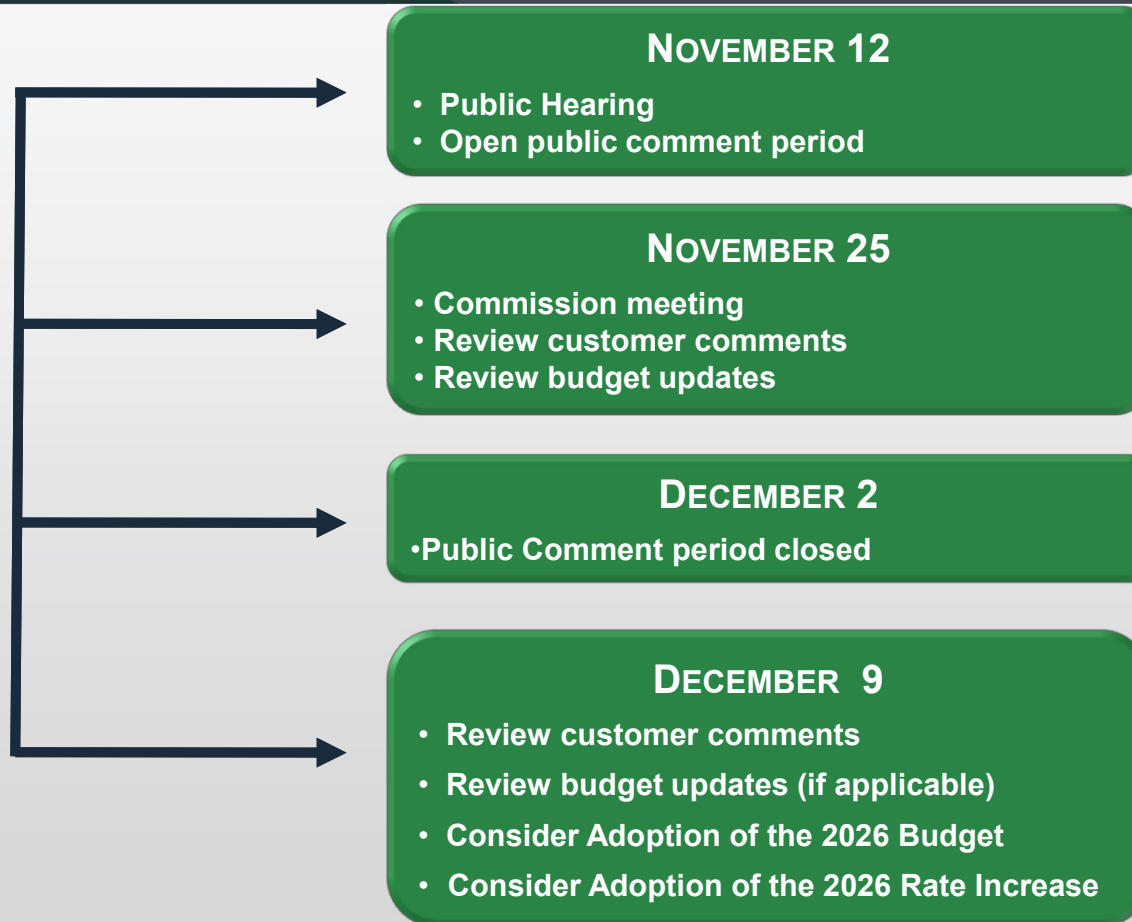


SUMMARY & NEXT STEPS

SUMMARY – KEY TAKE AWAYS

1. 2% overall increase in retail energy sales revenues (\$147.4 M)
 - Load growth assumptions from the 2025-2035 Ten-Year Load and Customer Forecast
 - Proposed 2% overall rate increase effective April 1, 2026
 - Implemented through rate increases of varying percentages depending on the customer class
2. Net wholesale power costs stabilized with BPA Load Following (\$85.4 M)
 - BPA BP-26 rate case increase (effective October 1, 2025)
3. 2026 gross capital (\$31.8 M)
 - Continue to implement 21st Century Power Grid projects
 - Persistent supply chain constraints and price inflation
 - Substantial investments in Capacity & Reliability projects
4. Operations & maintenance expenses (\$32.0M)
 - Tracking with wage and benefits inflation
 - Remains well below APPA median benchmark

NEXT STEPS





COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS & COMMENTS



CUSTOMER QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

**END OF
PRESENTATION**



APPENDIX



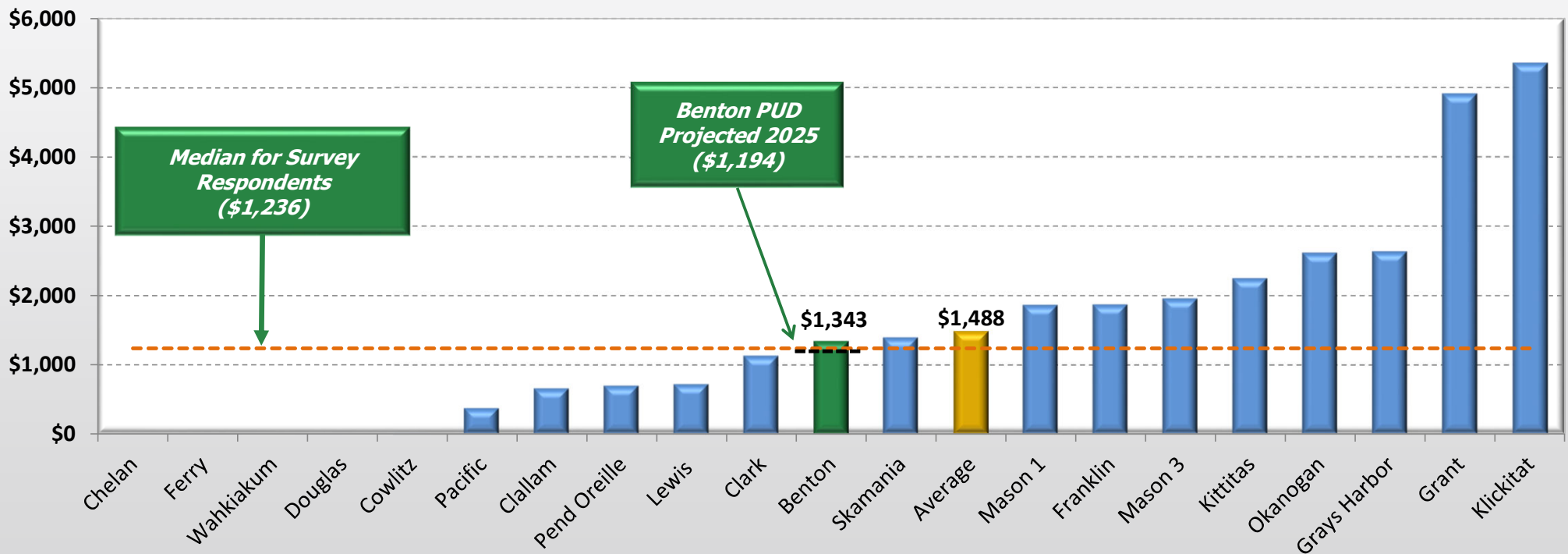
FINANCIAL METRICS

DEBT PER CUSTOMER

WPUDA¹ SURVEY – AUGUST 2024 (DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS ONLY)

¹Washington PUD Association

Source: WPUDA Source Book (Aug 2024)



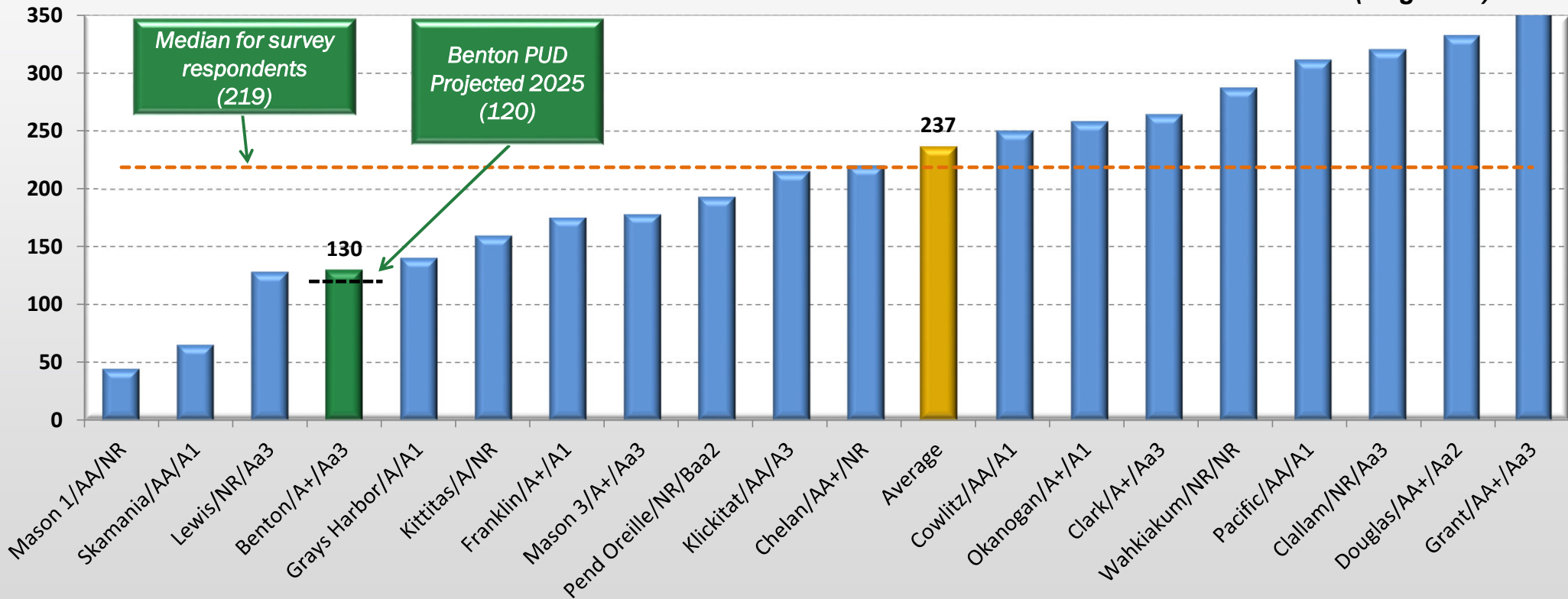
District below the average and just above the median of Washington PUDs

DAYS CASH ON HAND (RESERVES)

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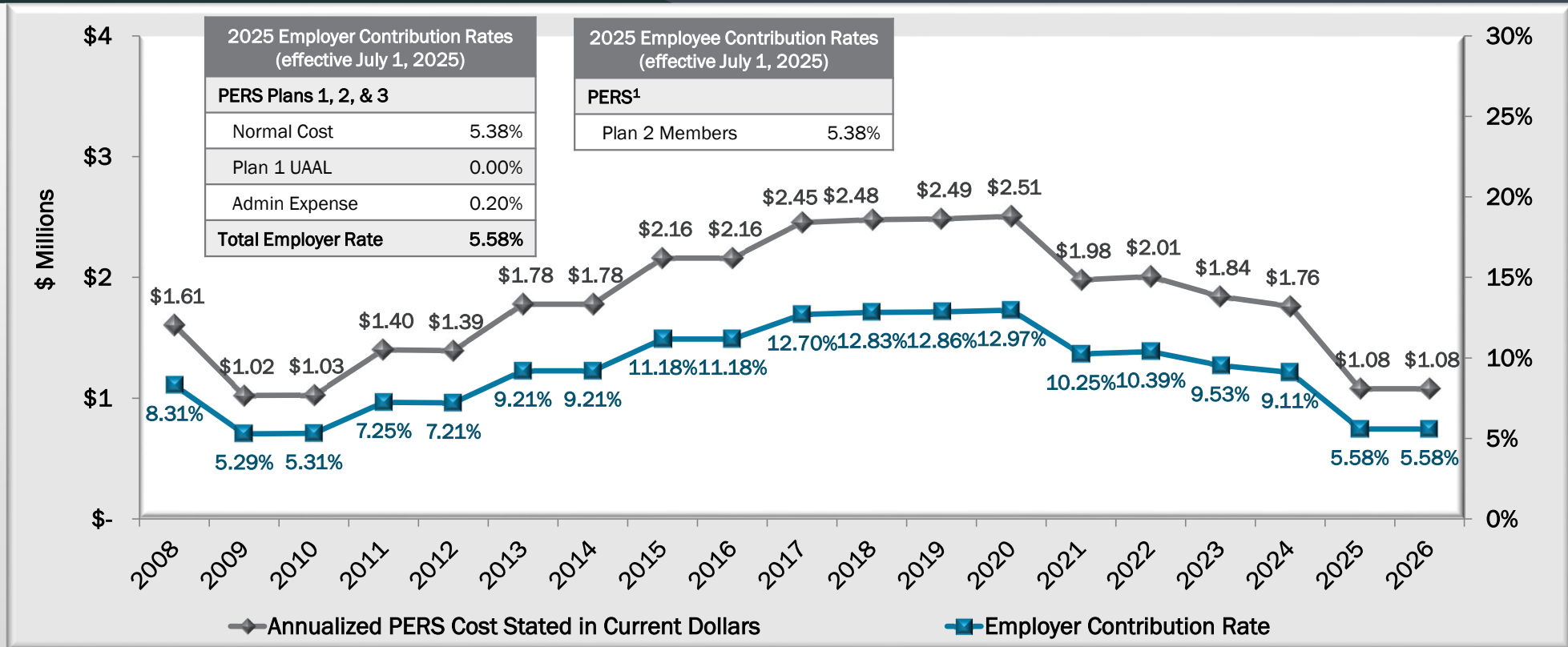


Measures the number of days utility can cover its operating expenses using unrestricted reserves and assuming no additional revenue

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2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM – EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION

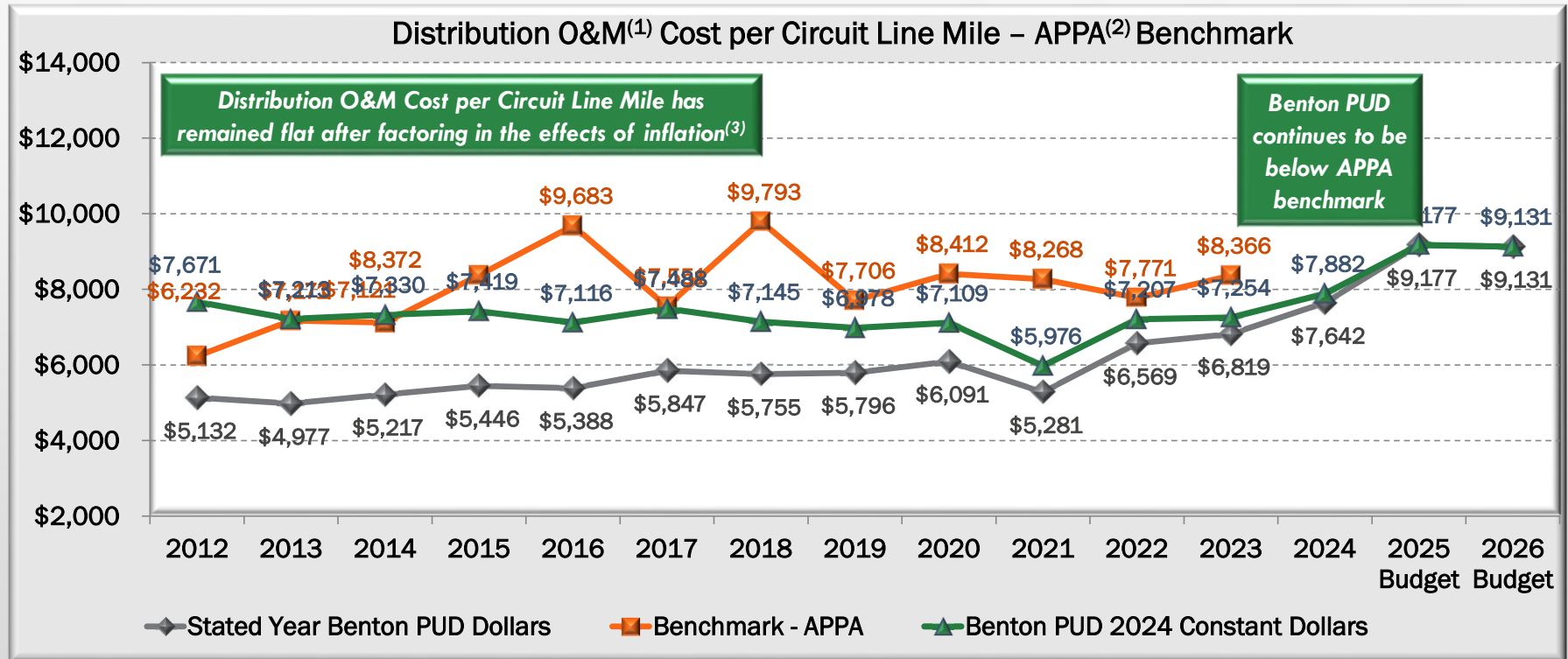


-Annualized PERS cost included in chart is based on current labor multiplied by the annual employer rate

-Rate changes, when implemented, are generally effective July 1 and September 1

1. Plan 1 members' contribution rate is statutorily set at 6.0%. Members in Plan 3 make contributions to a defined contribution plan.

DISTRIBUTION O&M



(1) Distribution O&M only. Excludes Broadband.

(2) American Public Power Association - 2023 median for West utilities.

(3) Inflation rate utilized comes from a producer price index for electric utilities, which on average has been slightly under 3%

AVERAGE RETAIL RATES¹

2023 REPORT ON AVERAGE REVENUE (CENTS PER KWH) ²

	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Total
Benton PUD	8.7	6.9	5.6	7.3
WA Publicly Owned	9.9	8.6	5.5	8.3
WA Investor Owned	12.6	12.1	9.2	12.1
WA Cooperatives	9.5	8.3	6.9	8.8
National Average	16.1	12.3	8.3	12.8
California	27.1	22.8	17.4	23.3

¹ Revenues - includes all charges to customer

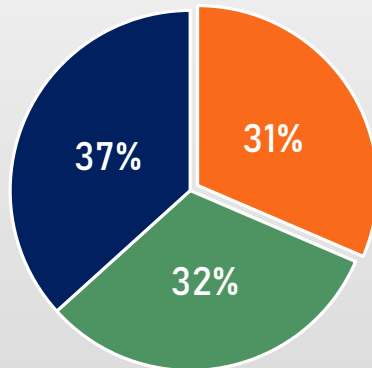
² American Public Power Association

2025 Residential COSA Results

COSA Costs

COSA Results

- Energy (Variable) = \$28.0M
- Demand (Fixed) = \$24.0M
- Customer (Fixed) = \$24.3M
- Total = \$76.3M

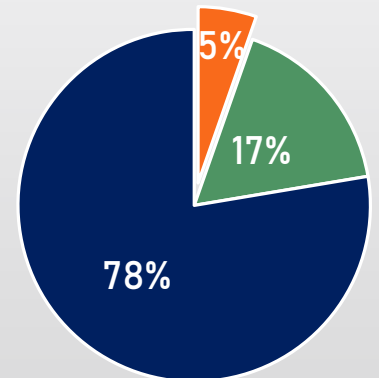


Residential Revenues

Revenue Deficiency: \$6.7M
or
9.6% increase needed

Revenues

- Energy (Variable) = \$54.1M
- Demand (Fixed) = \$3.7M
- Customer (Fixed) = \$11.8M
- Total = \$69.6M

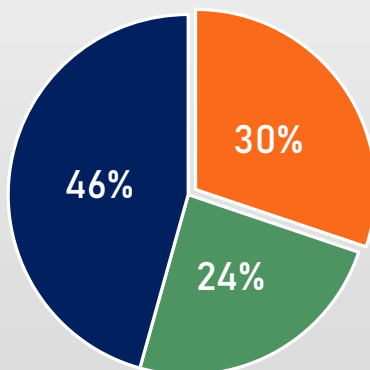


2025 Small General Service COSA Results

COSA Costs

COSA Results

- Energy (Variable) = \$5.3M
- Demand (Fixed) = \$3.5M
- Customer (Fixed) = \$2.8M
- Total = \$11.6M

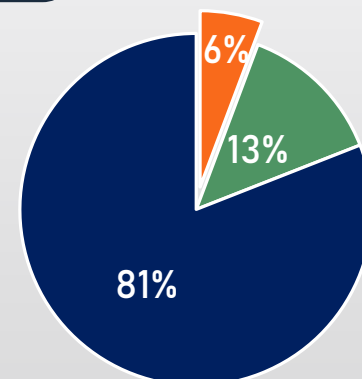


Small General Revenues

Revenue Deficiency: \$1.1M
or
10.8% increase needed

Revenues

- Energy (Variable) = \$8.5M
- Demand (Fixed) = \$0.6M
- Customer (Fixed) = \$1.4M
- Total = \$10.5M

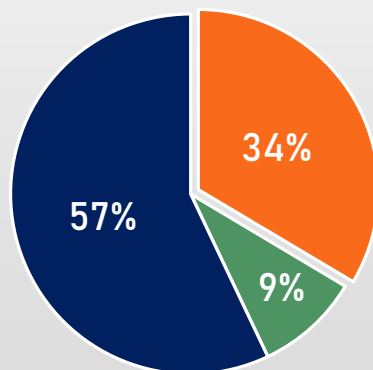


2025 Medium General Service COSA Results

COSA Costs

COSA Results

- Energy (Variable) = \$8.5M
- Demand (Fixed) = \$5.0M
- Customer (Fixed) = \$1.4M
- Total = \$14.9M

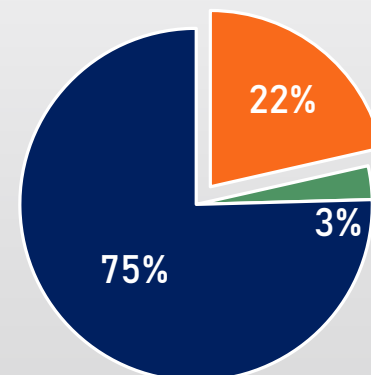


Medium General Revenues

Revenue Surplus: \$1.4M
or
8.8% decrease needed

Revenues

- Energy (Variable) = \$12.3M
- Demand (Fixed) = \$3.5M
- Customer (Fixed) = \$0.5M
- Total = \$16.3M

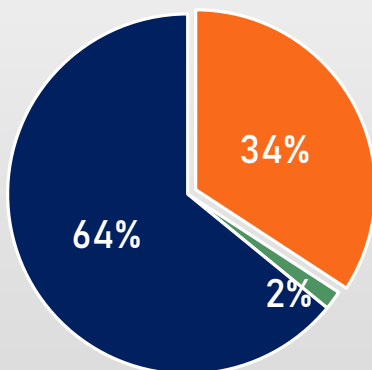


2025 Large General Service COSA Results

COSA Costs

COSA Results

- Energy (Variable) = \$7.5M
- Demand (Fixed) = \$4.0M
- Customer (Fixed) = \$0.2M
- Total = \$11.7M

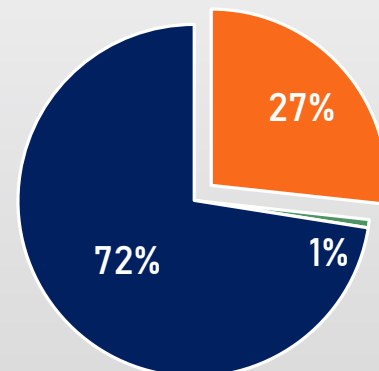


Large General Revenues

Revenue Surplus: \$1.4M
or
10.8% decrease needed

Revenues

- Energy (Variable) = \$9.5M
- Demand (Fixed) = \$3.5M
- Customer (Fixed) = \$0.1M
- Total = \$13.1M

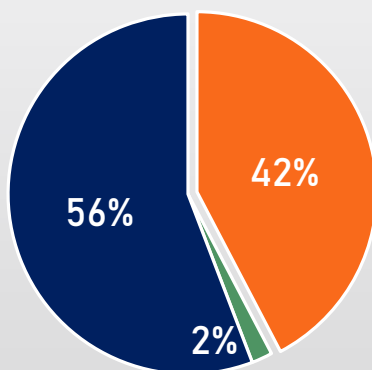


2025 Large Irrigation w/MLC COSA Results

COSA Costs*

COSA Results

- Energy (Variable) = \$14.9M
- Demand (Fixed) = \$11.3M
- Customer (Fixed) = \$0.5M
- Total = \$26.7M



***Includes Irrigation Rate Discount revenue received from BPA ~ \$3.5M**

Large Irr. w/MLC Revenues

Revenue Deficiency: \$3.4M
or
14.7% increase needed

Revenues

- Energy (Variable) = \$17.7M
- Demand (Fixed) = \$4.7M
- Customer (Fixed MLC) = \$0.9M
- Total = \$23.3M

