

# Session 2: Conservation and Optimization Via Volt/Var Control



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## **Conservation and Optimization Via Volt/var Control**

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

8:00 a.m. Session

### **Moderators**

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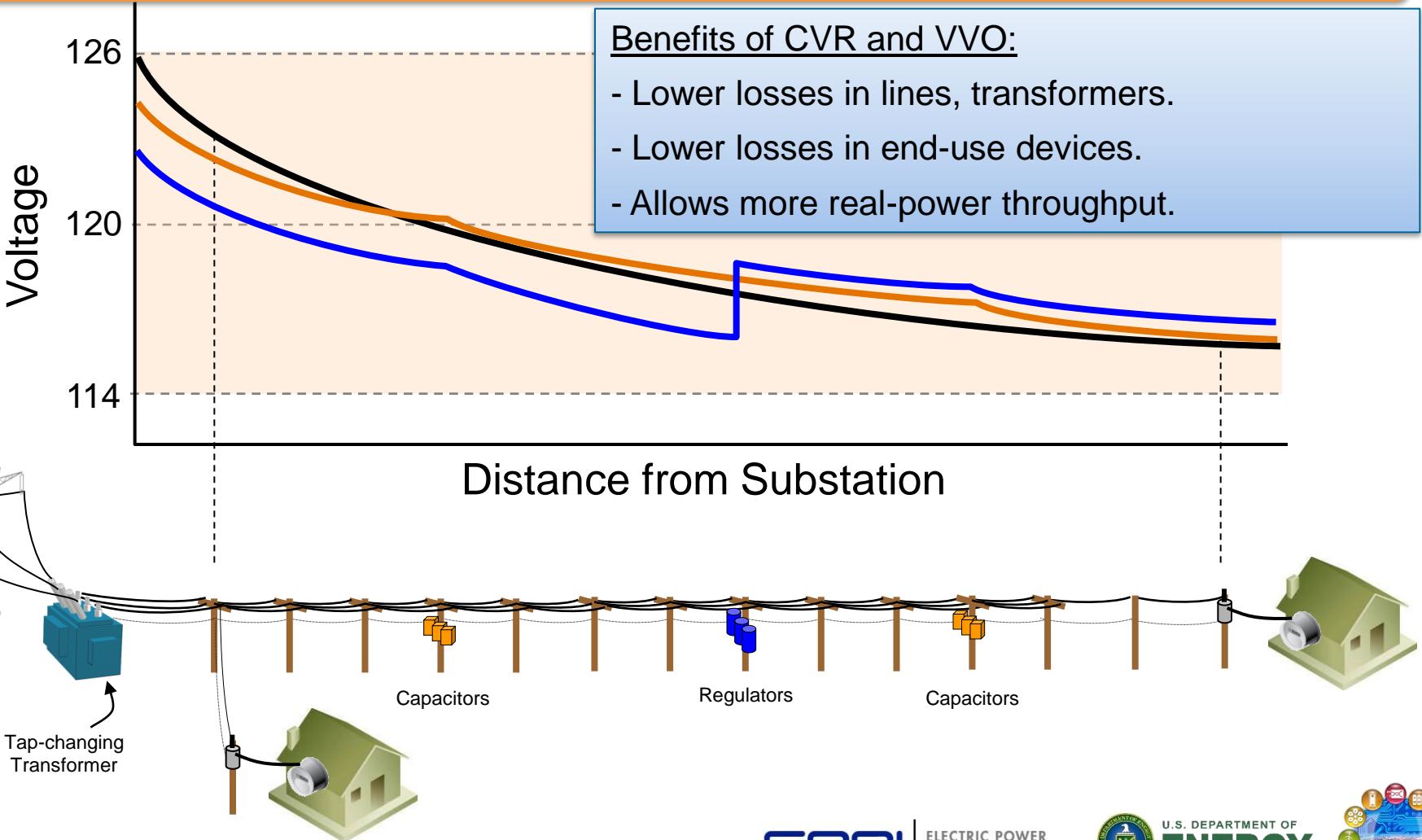
# Session Agenda

- (8:05-8:20 AM) Brian Schell – American Electric Power
- (8:20-8:35 AM) Bruce Lovelin – Central Lincoln
- (8:35-8:50 AM) Daniel Fournier - Hydro-Québec
- (8:50-9:00 AM) 5-10 minute break for Q&A
- (9:00-9:15 AM) Jim Parks – SMUD
- (9:15-9:30 AM) Jay Oliver – Duke Energy
- (9:30-9:40 AM) Jeff Roark – EPRI
- (9:40-9:50 AM) Joe Paladino – DOE
- (9:50-10:00 AM) 5-10 minute break for Q&A



# CVR and VVO Basics

**CVR factor (CVR<sub>f</sub>) = % change in load ÷ % change in voltage**



# Brian Schell, American Electric Power

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- Worked for 15 years in the Distribution Planning organization and was supervisor for Ohio the last few years.
- Since 2010 worked in the Grid Management Deployment organization for American Electric Power.



# Volt VAR Optimization at AEP

**Experience with three vendors:**  
(alphabetical order)

- Cooper Yukon VVO
- GE VVO
- Utilidata AdaptiVolt™ VVO



# Volt VAR Optimization at AEP

- In Service
  - 17 circuits in Ohio
  - 13 circuits in Oklahoma
  - 9 circuits in Indiana
- In Progress
  - 25 circuits in Kentucky
  - 25 circuits in Indiana
  - 3 circuits in Michigan
- In Planning
  - 80 Circuits in Ohio
  - 25 Circuits in Indiana
- Approximately 200 circuits in the growing VVO Plan



# Volt VAR Optimization Architecture

## Volt VAR Controllers



## Mesh Master



Cat 5

EIA-485

## Breaker Control

## Fiber or Mesh

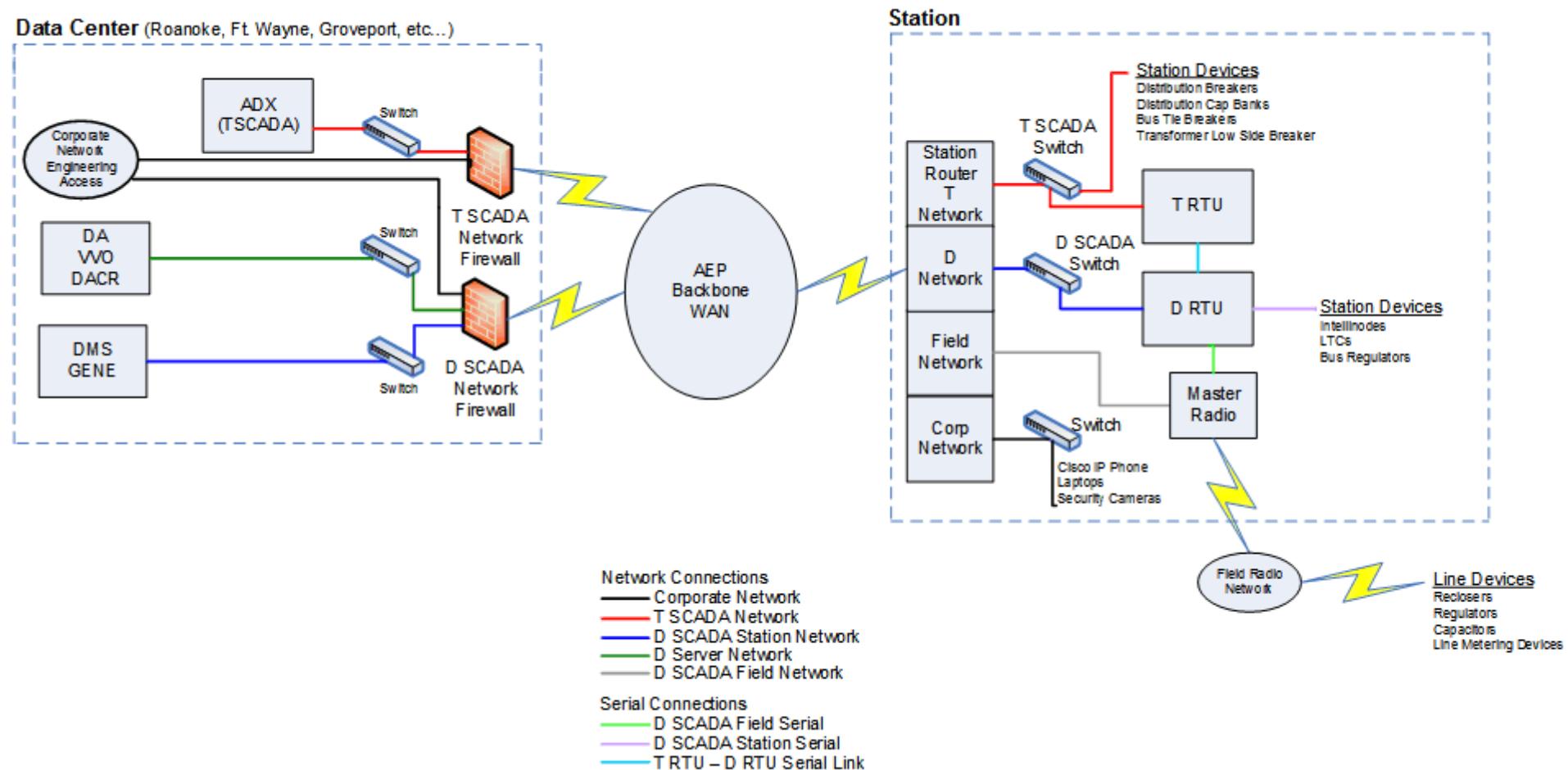
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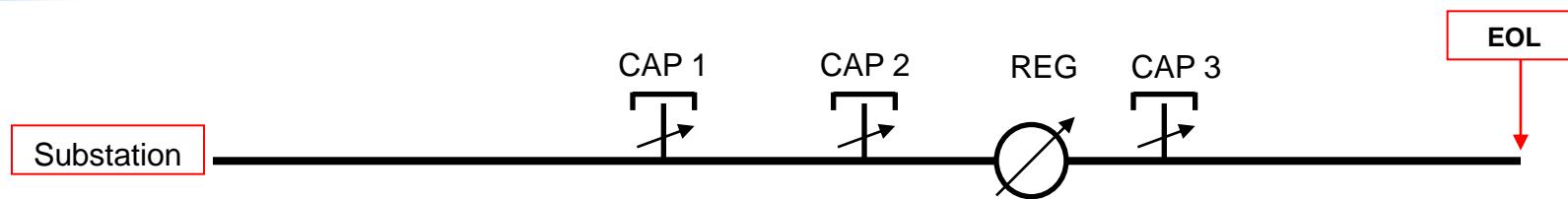


# Volt VAR Optimization Architecture

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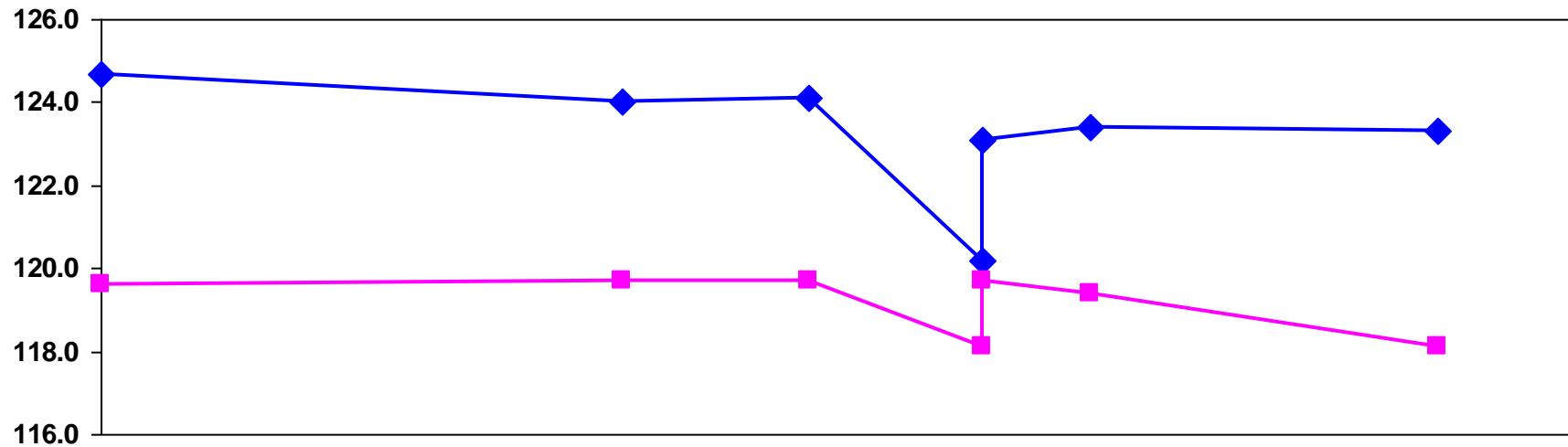
# AEP Ohio: Gahanna – 4504 (13 KV) Voltage Profile



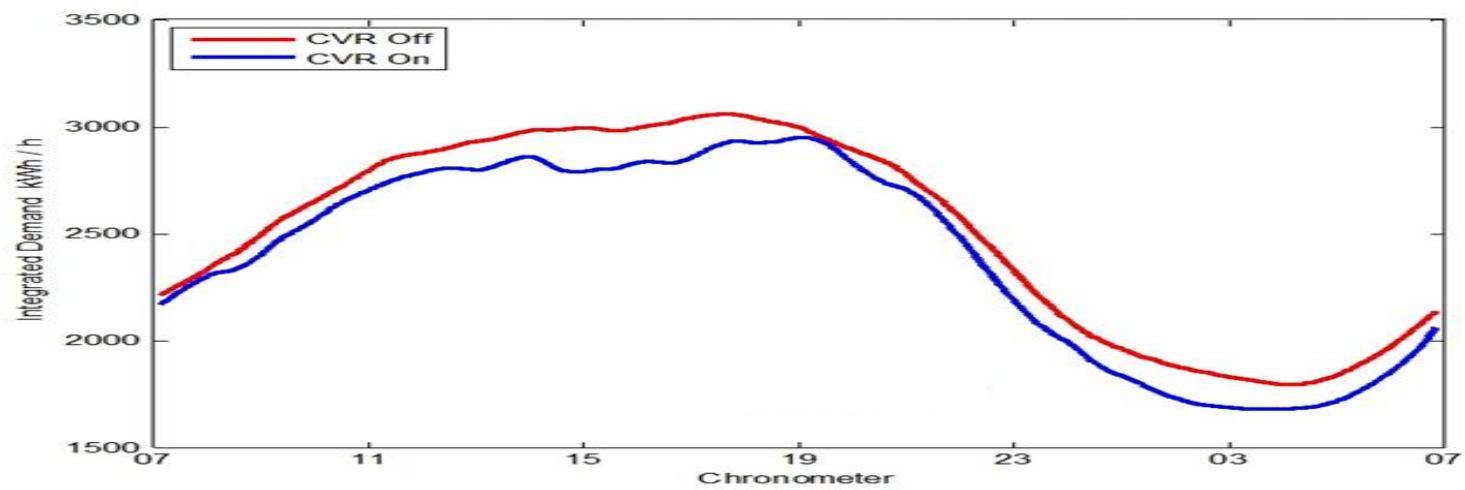
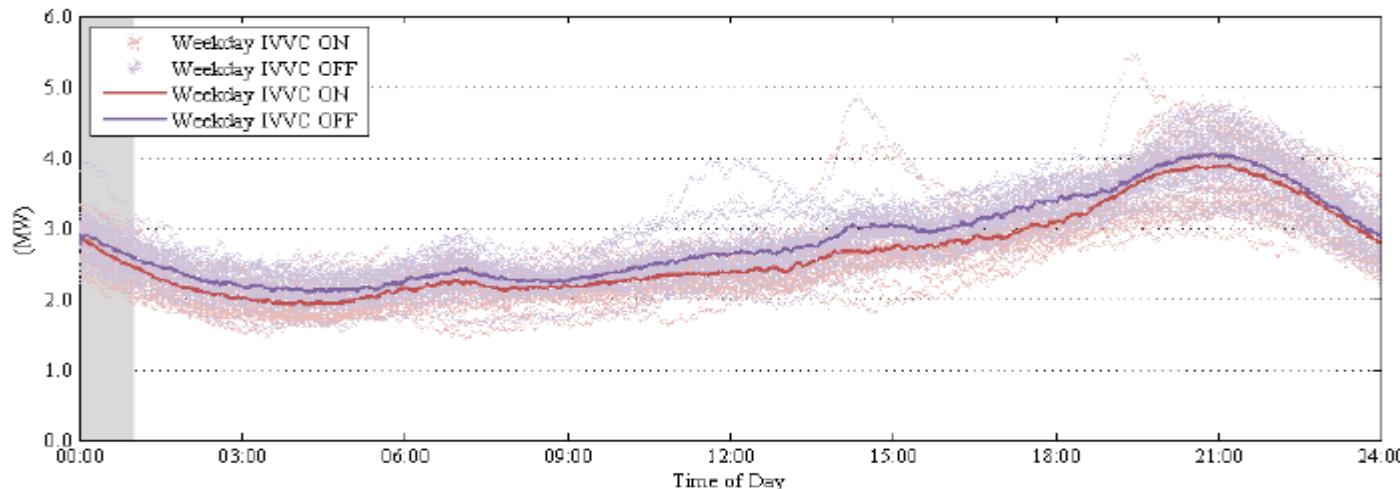
Without VVO = 6-7-11 @ 4:30pm

With VVO = 6-6-11 @ 4:30pm

◆ Normal Operation ■ With VVO

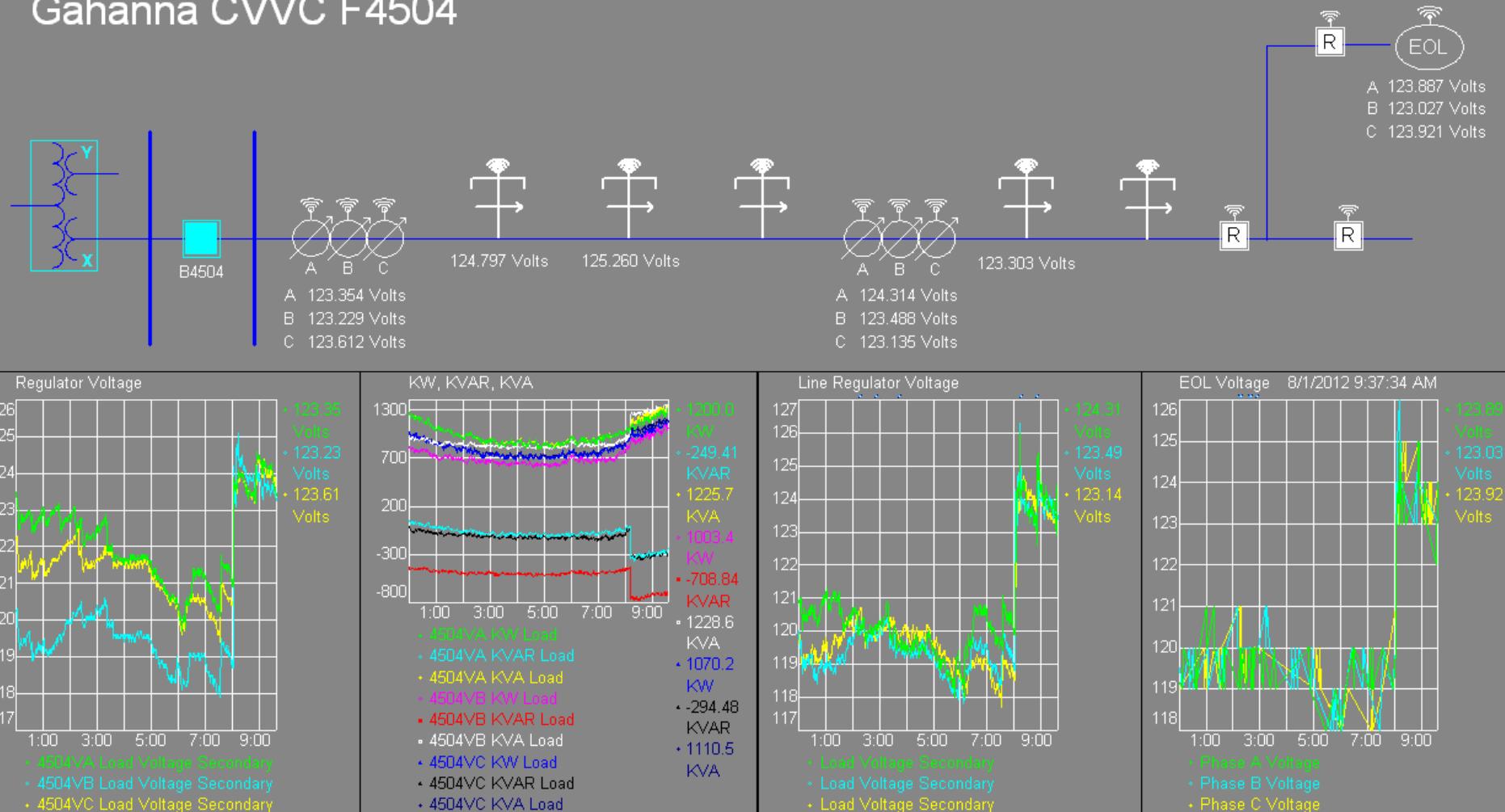


# Circuit Performance In Multiple States



# SCADA PI Process Book View

## Gahanna CVVC F4504



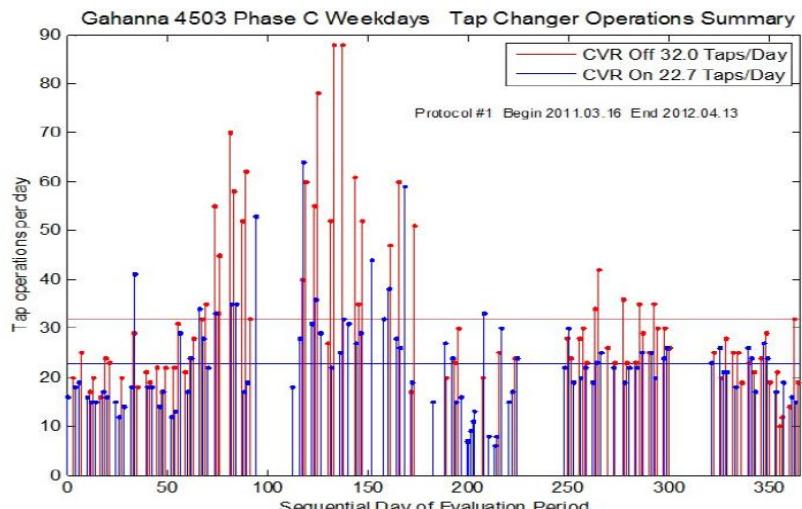
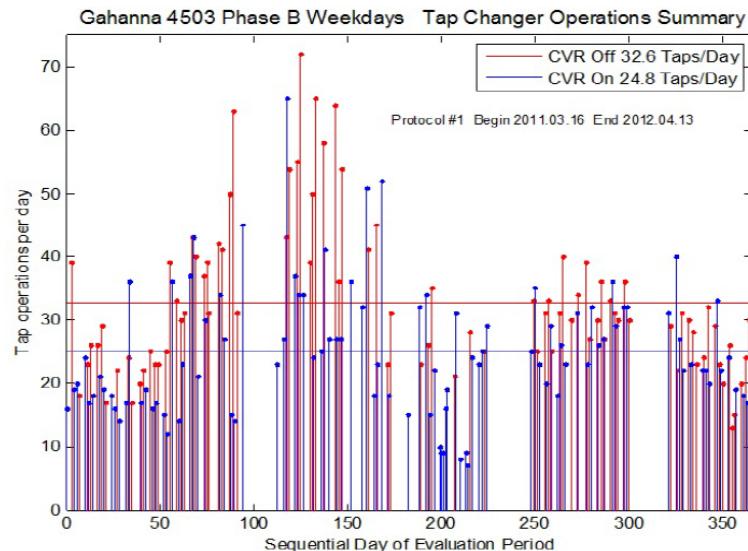
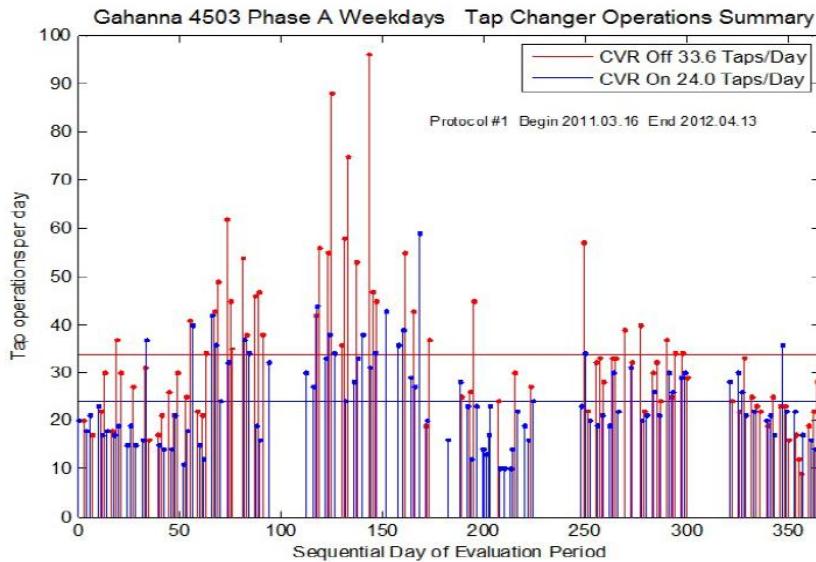
# Volt VAR Optimization at AEP

- **Volt Var Optimization technology works as expected**
  - Testing validates that ~2-4% energy and demand reduction is achievable.

# Demand and Energy Reduction Results

- **Measurement & Verification (M&V) Analysis Methods**
  - Requires Day On Day Off Testing
  - Battelle/PNNL Third Party Analysis
  - Protocol #1
  - How do we improve M&V methodology?

# Reduced Tap Operations using Utilidata AdaptiVolt System



## Tap Operation Reduction Summary

Average / Day over a year

Phase A – 33.6 reduced to 24.0 (28.6%)

Phase B – 32.6 reduced to 24.8 (23.9%)

Phase C – 32.0 reduced to 22.7 (29.1%)

# Volt VAR Optimization at AEP

- Standards (Architecture, Addressing, Regs, CAPs, LTCs, Sensors, RTUs, etc.)
- Processes (Alarms, Vendor Updates, Equipment Failures, Circuit Modeling, etc.)
- Day 2 Support (Resources, Monitoring, Commitment, Costs, Service Level Agreements, etc.)
- Documentation (Version Control, Updates, Central Repository, etc.)
- Resource Plan (GMD, Telecommunications, Station Engineering, Distribution Engineering, etc.)
- Testing

# Bruce J. Lovelin, Central Lincoln PUD

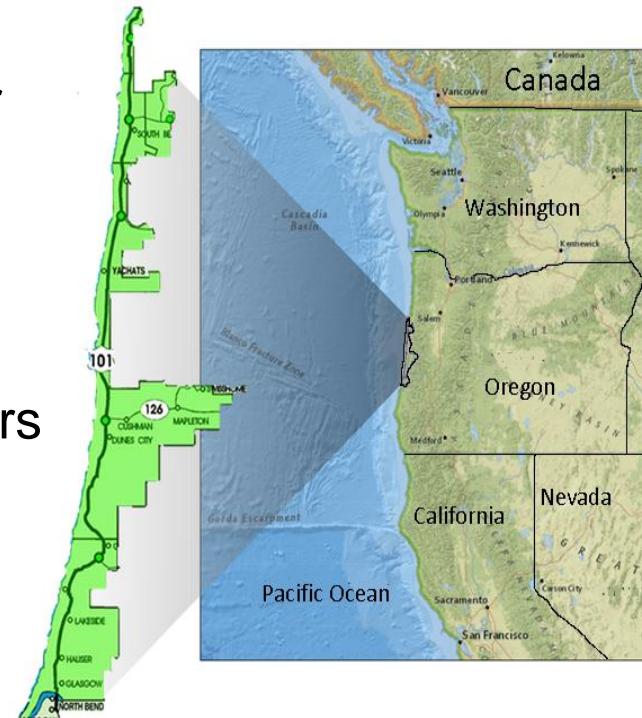
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- Electrical Engineering Degree from Oregon State University
- Smart Grid Project Program Manager

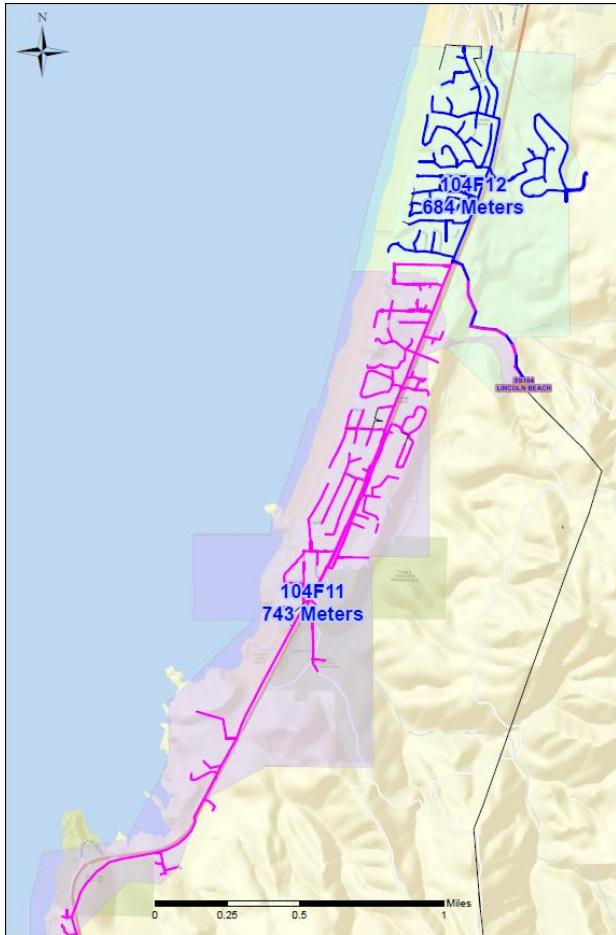
## Central Lincoln PUD

- 270 MW Peak load, 39,000 Customers
- 130 employees
- 120 miles of Oregon Coastline



# Could a AMI System be used to Manage Customers' Voltage real time?

# Pilot Project

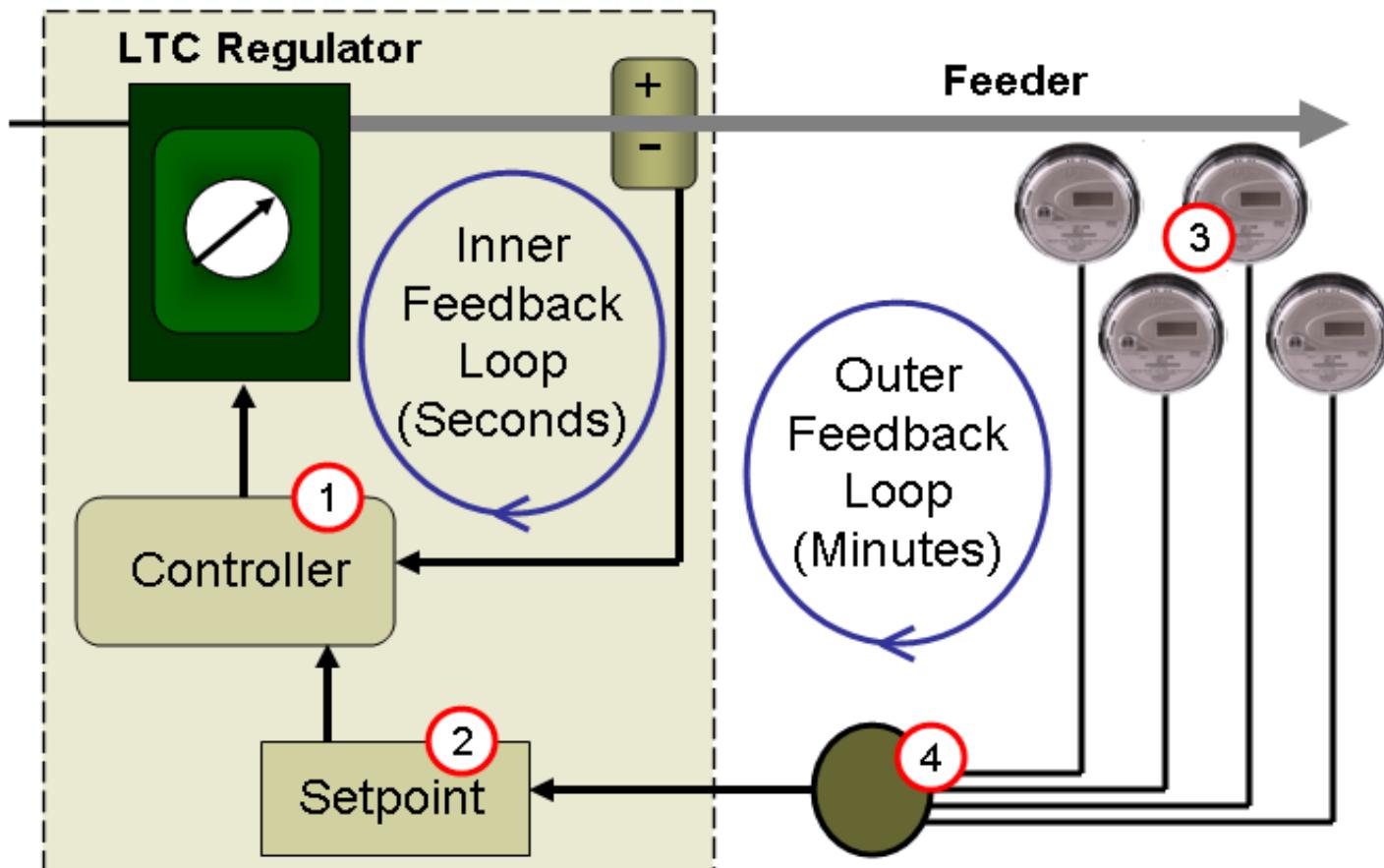


## Lincoln Beach Substation

- One LTC transformer
- Two feeders
- 1400 meters
- Coastal community
- High percentage of vacation homes
- 8 months heating annually
- No A/C



# System Operation



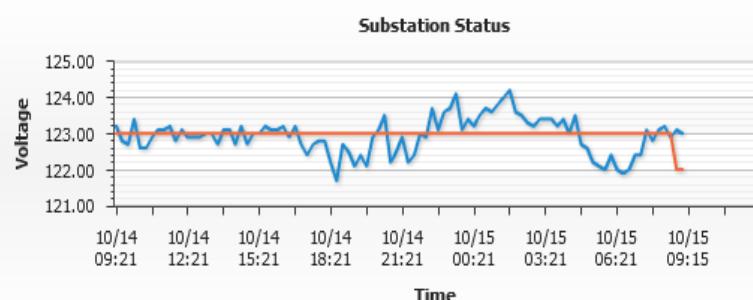
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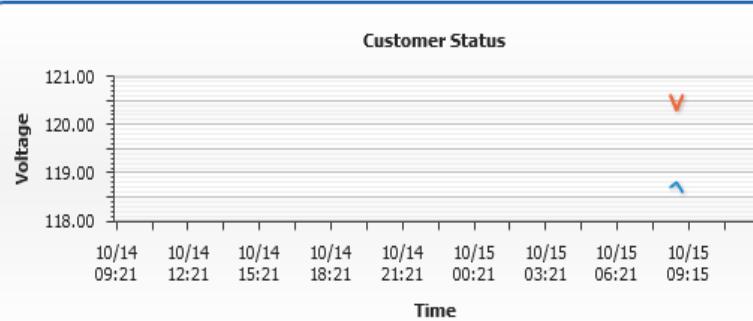
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Status Map AMI Data SCADA Data Messages

SS104



Device	SS104
Type	LTC/VR
Time	2014-10-15 09:06:08
Health	Good
Set point	122.0
Bus Voltage	123.0
Customer Low Avg	120.6
Customer Minimum	118.6



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# System Operation



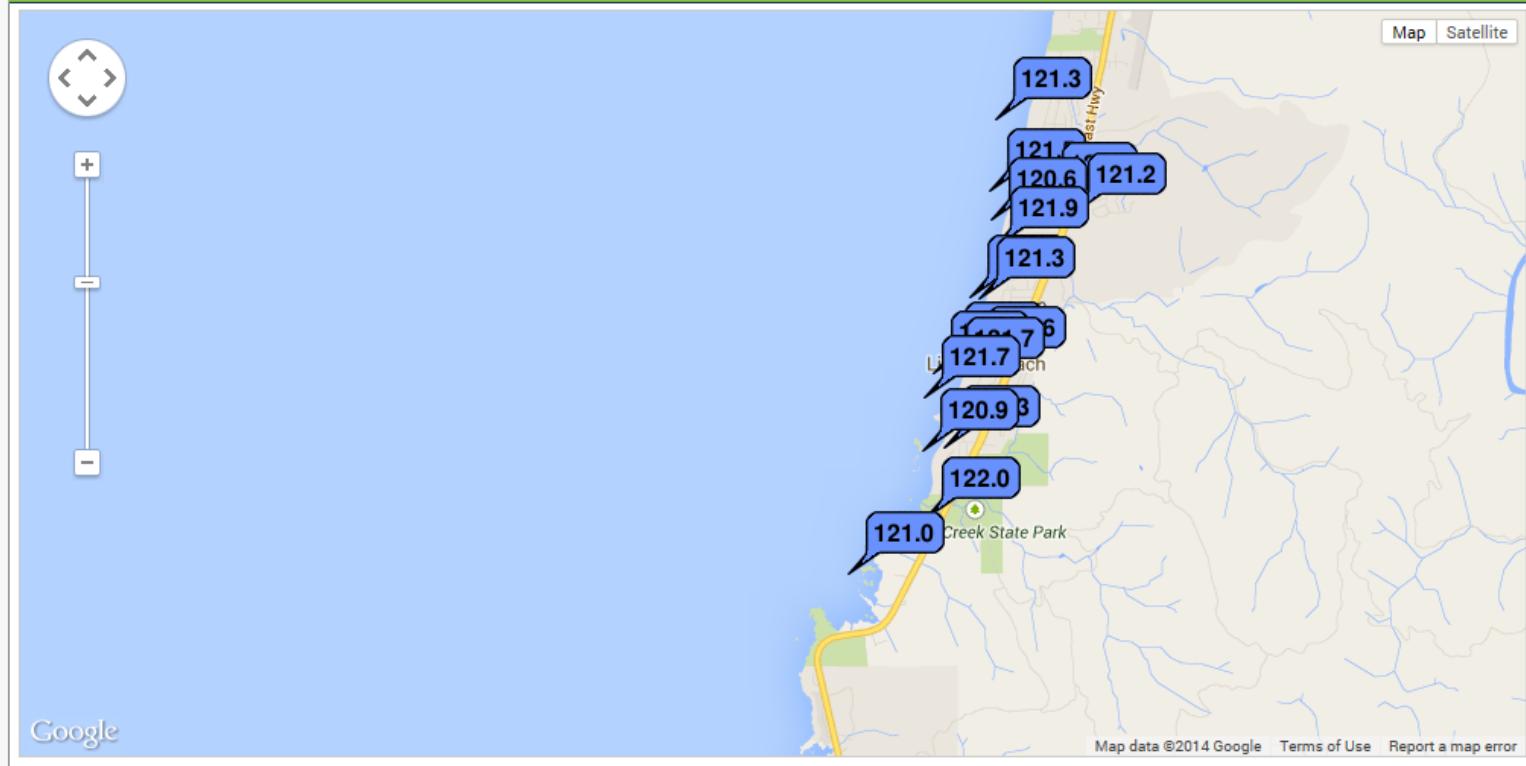
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SS104



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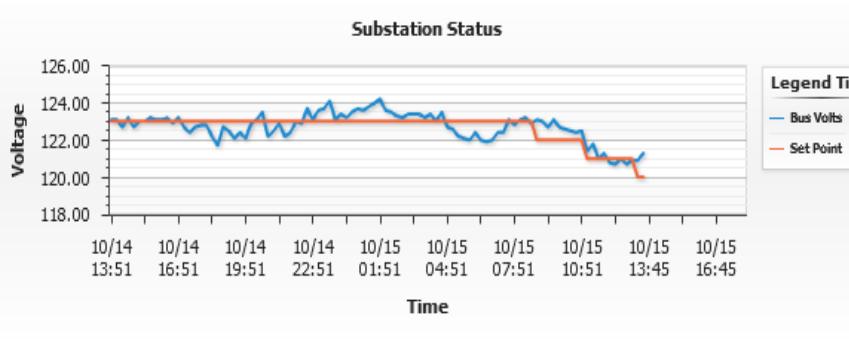
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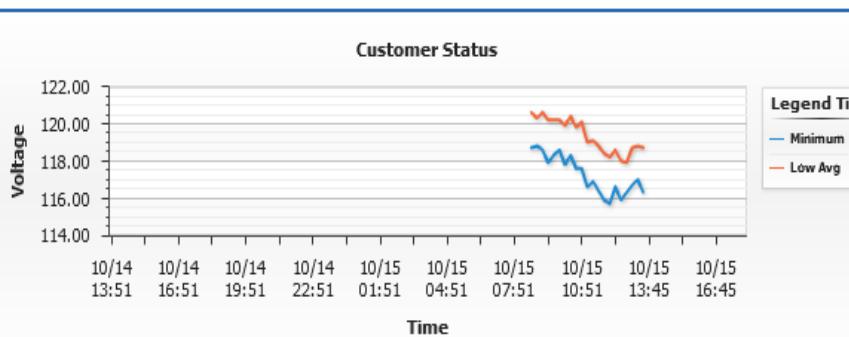
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Status Map AMI Data SCADA Data Messages

SS104



Device	SS104
Type	LTC/VR
Time	2014-10-15 13:36:09
Health	Good
Set point	120.0
Bus Voltage	121.3
Customer Low Avg	118.7
Customer Minimum	116.3



# System Operation



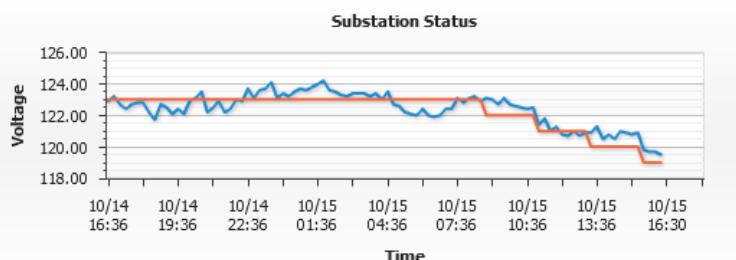
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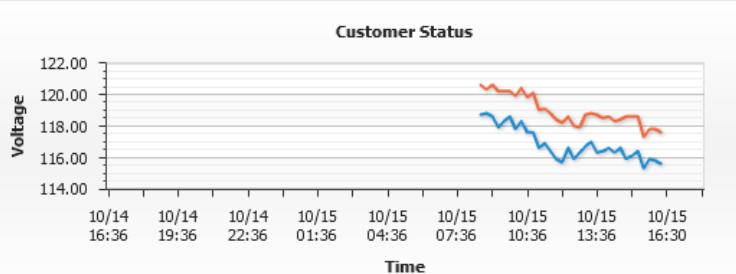
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Status Map AMI Data SCADA Data Messages

SS104



Device	SS104
Type	LTC/VR
Time	2014-10-15 16:21:10
Health	Good
Set point	119.0
Bus Voltage	119.5
Customer Low Avg	117.6
Customer Minimum	115.6



# System Operation



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## Node CentralLincoln/SS104



# Project Results

	Voltage Reduction	CVR Factor	Energy Savings
Summer	3.46%	0.63	2.18%
Fall	3.18%	0.63	2.00%
Winter	2.35%	0.69	1.62%
Annual	<b>2.95%</b>	<b>0.65</b>	<b>1.92%</b>

- EDGE Validator uses hourly data
  - Bus voltage, MW
  - Temperature, relative humidity
  - CVR on/off
- ON hours paired with similar OFF hours



# Lessons Learned

- Great Tool for Finding Service Issues
- Operational Changes
- LTC Operation Unchanged
- SCADA and AMI Integration Went Well
- Did not impact AMI Meter Reading Performance
- No Customer Issues

# Project Assessment

- Saved Customers about 2% Energy Consumption
- Operational Positives
- Easy to Implement
- SCADA and AMI Integration Went Well
- Robust Measurement and Verification
- Cost-Effective Resource – 1 cent/kwh



# Next Steps

- Full System Implementation
- Up to 25 Substations
- 3 Year Project
- Begins Winter 2015



# Thank You!



## Voltage Optimization with AMI

A Case Study at Central Lincoln People's Utility District

September 29, 2014



For a copy of our case study

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- He worked at the Institut de recherche d'Hydro-Québec (IREQ) from 1990 to 2004 and was involved in various research and development related to expert diagnostic systems (infrared thermography and partial discharges) for Distribution equipments
- Since 2004, he worked for Hydro-Québec Distribution as a senior engineer in the field of smart grid applications.
- Since 2010, he has been representing Hydro-Québec Distribution as advisor for the EPRI Smart Grid Demo Host Site Project.
- He is also in charge of the Distribution Automation Telecom modernization project.
- He is a member of the Order of Engineers of Quebec.



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# VVC at Hydro-Québec Distribution

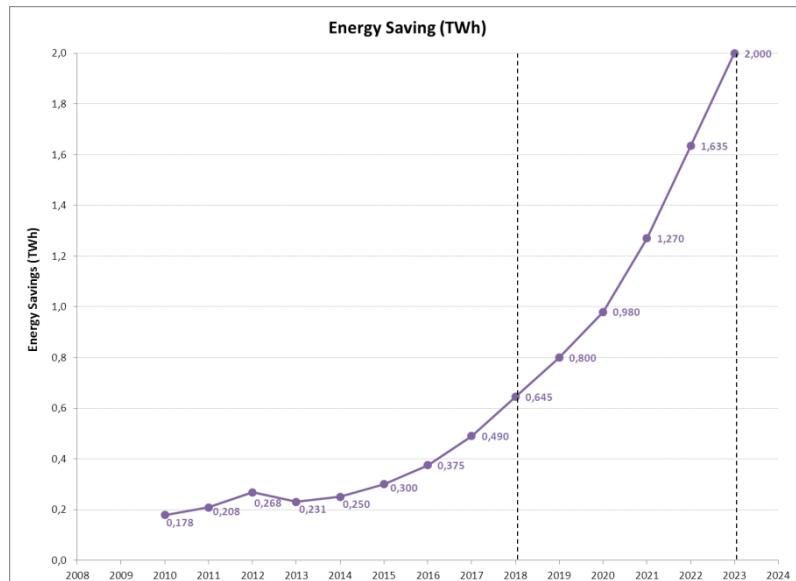
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# Project Description

- Goal: by 2023, 2 TWh savings (annual energy consumption)
- 2008-2010 (7.3M\$ invest.) Pilot phase completed
- 2011-2023 (152.4M\$ invest.)
  - 150 substations and 2,000 distribution lines
  - 1,000 remotely monitored voltage transformers
  - 865 remote-controlled capacitor banks
  - Infrastructure upgrades



# VVC Project Status

- Voltage control on 17 substations (10 more to come in 2014)
- 195 TTT (medium voltage sensors) installed
- 865 remote controlled capacitors banks installed

# Reactive Power Control System status

## Overview of system components

- 865 capacitors at 1.2 Mvar each – total capacity 1038 Mvar
- Remote control capacitors are controlled by the distribution control system
- 576 capacitors currently remote controlled

## Objectives

- Switching of the shunt distribution capacitors by remote control in order to
  - improve voltage profile (distribution)
  - reduce losses (transmission and distribution)
  - increase stability limits (transmission)
  - increase the transit of power (transmission)
- Consider the real time needs and constraints of the transmission provider
- Increase the energy gains if the substation has both volt & var control

# Reactive Power Control System

## Observations:

- Pilot project: ~1800 capacitor switching operations
- Some issues with capacitor bank operations: mechanical or remote control related deficiencies (approx. 5% total)
- Important to use integrated measurements in the algorithm as opposed to instantaneous measurements
- No customer complaints related to the reactive power control system observed during the pilot project

## Next steps:

- Improve the algorithm to optimise the number of capacitor operations
- Reduce maintenance cycles on the equipment
- Increase capacitors being managed by the VAR control system from 576 capacitors to 865 capacitors
- Develop indicators to determine the frequency in which each capacitor is used. (less frequently operated units could be moved to another location)
- Integrate a VVO system in order to maximize the energy gains



# Voltage reduction techniques

Static  
setpoint

- 1. Permanent setpoint modification
  - 2. Seasonal setpoint modification
- Dynamic  
setpoint
- Normal  
modes*
- 3. Dynamic voltage control
  - 4. Dynamic Volt-Var control (VVC)
- Dynamic  
setpoint
- Alternative  
modes*
- 5. Dynamic voltage control – No online simulator  
static voltage targets only
  - 6. Dynamic voltage control – No end-of-line  
voltage measurements (simulator only)

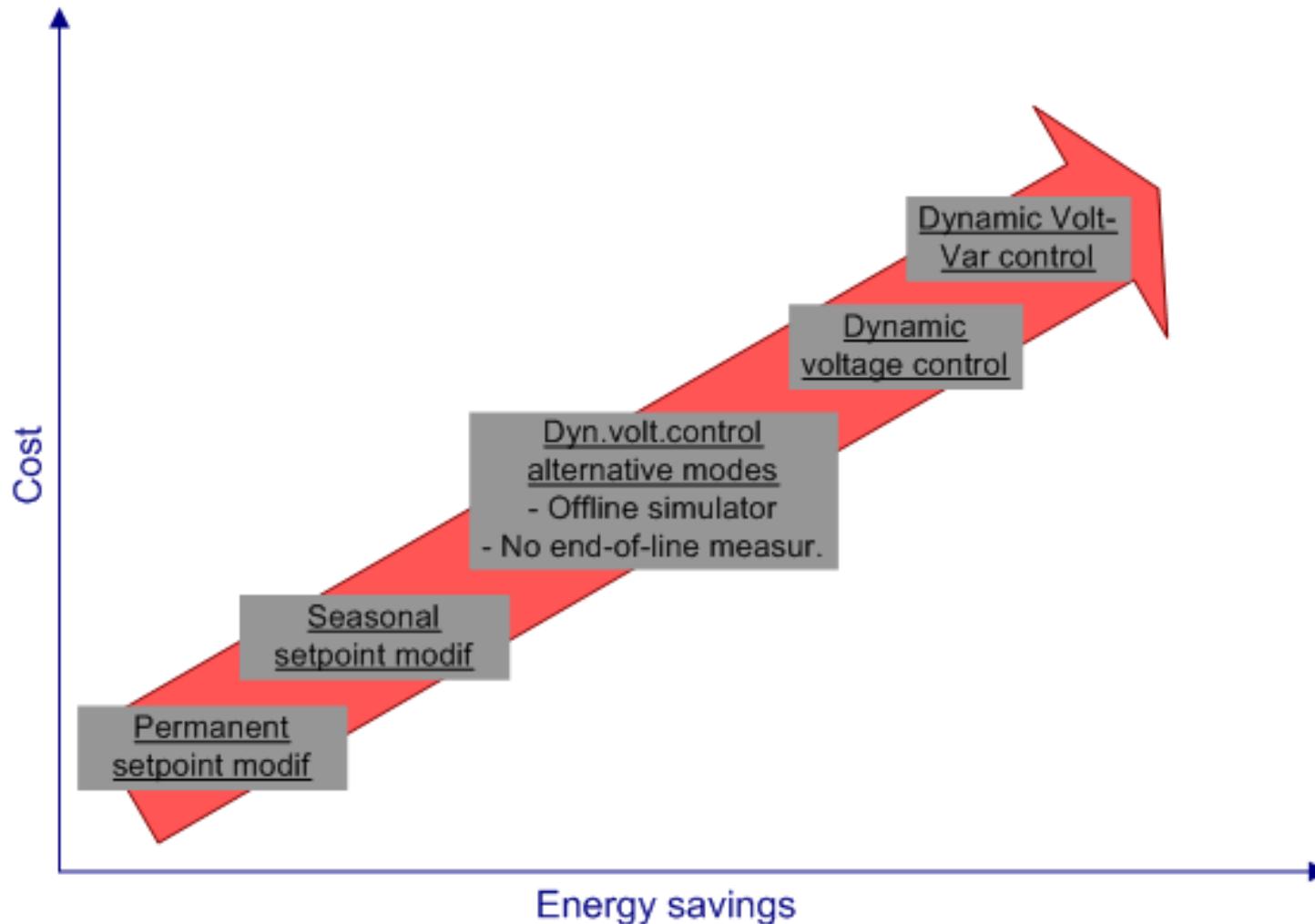
# Voltage reduction techniques

## Summary of requirements

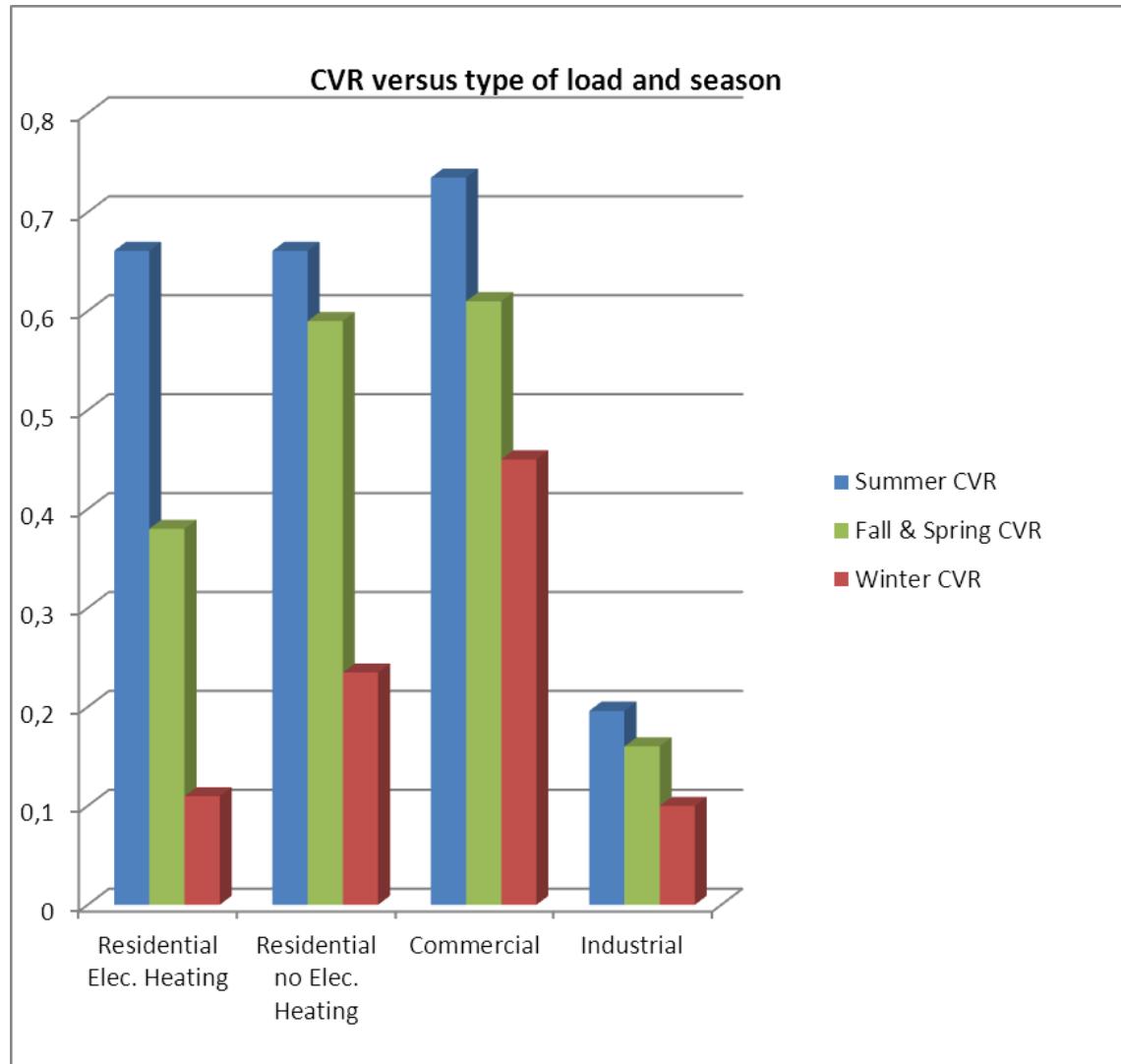
Requirements	Voltage reduction techniques					
	Perman. setpoint modif	Seasonal setpoint modif	Dynamic voltage control - Offline simulator	Dynamic voltage control - No meas.	Dynamic voltage control	Dynamic volt-var control
Offline Simulator (planning tool)	X	X	X			
Online Simulator (real time load flow)				X	X	X
Substation data acquisition			X	X	X	X
Remotely controlled voltage regulator at substation			X	X	X	X
Real time voltage measurement at critical locations			X		X	X
Remotely controlled capacitor banks						X

# Voltage reduction techniques

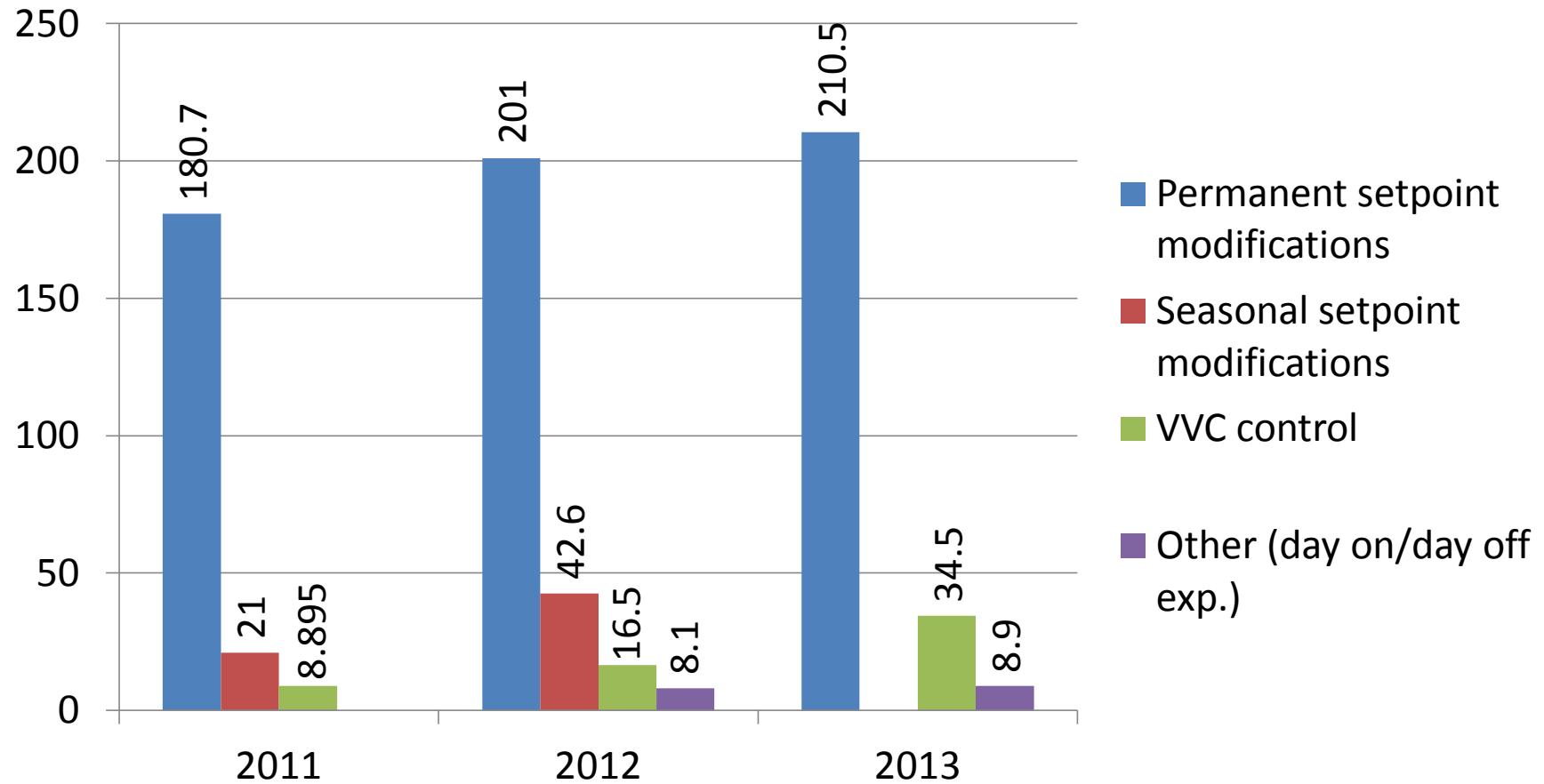
## Summary of cost-effectiveness analysis



# CVR study on 4 substations (37 lines)



# Energy gains (GWh)



# Lessons learned

- Low voltage on substation's distribution panel:  
in certain substations, because of a design flaw, lowering the voltage creates a risk of affecting the operation of the substation itself. Take that into account.
- During planning, two limitations are often overlooked :
  - Regulation dead band (tap changer)
  - Voltage unbalance (greater than expected). Must use the lowest phase voltage
- Some customers need an adaptation period even though the reduced voltage stays within the standard limits. (ex. hospitals with sensitive equipment).



# Conclusion

- It is not realistic to implement VVC in all substations. Still, there are several other ways of minimizing energy consumption through voltage reduction.
- Benefits are :
  - Allows to minimize cost and/or maximize energy saved
  - Could reveal issues before wasting investments.

# Next steps:

- Adjust our communication process to keep sensitive customers informed of every voltage reduction as soon as planned (often one year ahead)
- Evaluate the cost of fixing the low voltage issue in each problematic substations
- Evaluate the use of the AMI for voltage measurements
- With the gained knowledge, refine our deployment strategy and our business case



# Reference

- Hydro-Québec Smart Grid Host Site Progress Report  
For the Period Ending October 2013 (Technical  
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EPRI Report: 300200144 (members only report)



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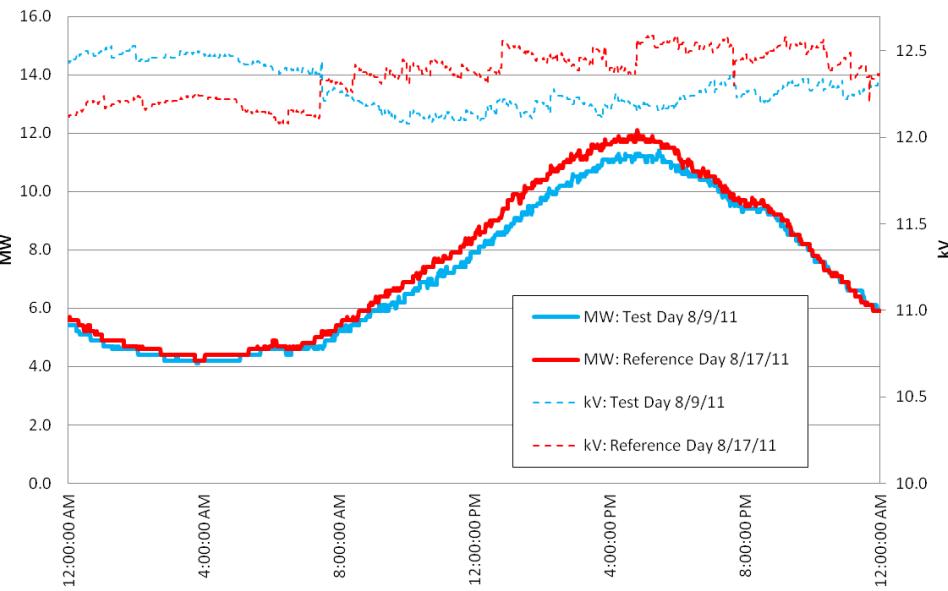
- Program manager in the Energy Research and Development department at SMUD.
- Completing a \$308 million smart grid initiative, SmartSacramento®.
- SmartSacramento has over 40 individual projects.
- Projects include distribution automation, smart meters, demand response, dynamic pricing and more.
- Past work includes transmission planning, energy efficiency, electric transportation and emerging technologies.
- Over 25 years' experience in the energy industry.



# CVR Pilot Project

- Automated 118, 12 kV feeders
- Began summer 2011 on two substations.
  - Retrofit of sub controls
  - Addition of switched capacitor banks
  - Utilization of existing Capcon control system
- Goal of initial phase:
  - Test both CVR and VVO.
- Hypothesized that an industry average CVR<sub>f</sub> (0.5 – 0.7) could be achieved.
- Expanded project in 2014 to 14 substations.
  - Wanted to determine operational strategy--peak-period/emergency or 24/7 operation.

Substation A 2% CVR Analysis



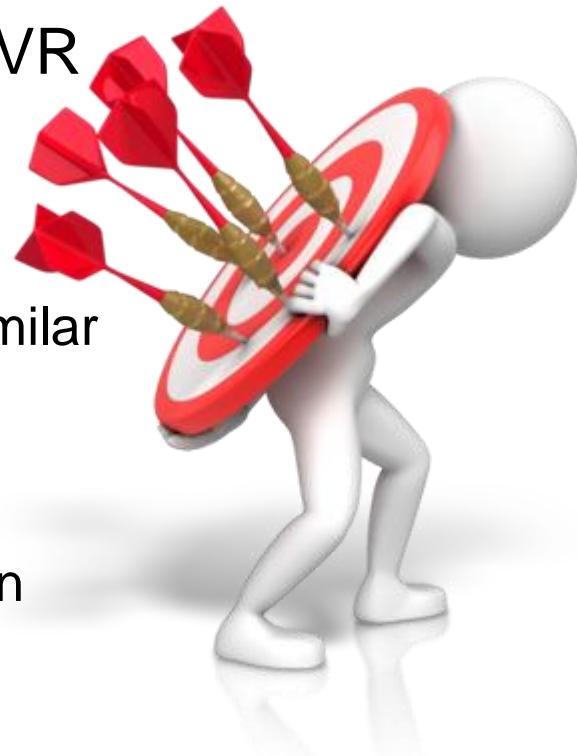
## Early Results

Substation	Approximate Avg. Percentage Demand Reduction (2% V reduction)
Substation A	2.5%
Substation B	1.0%

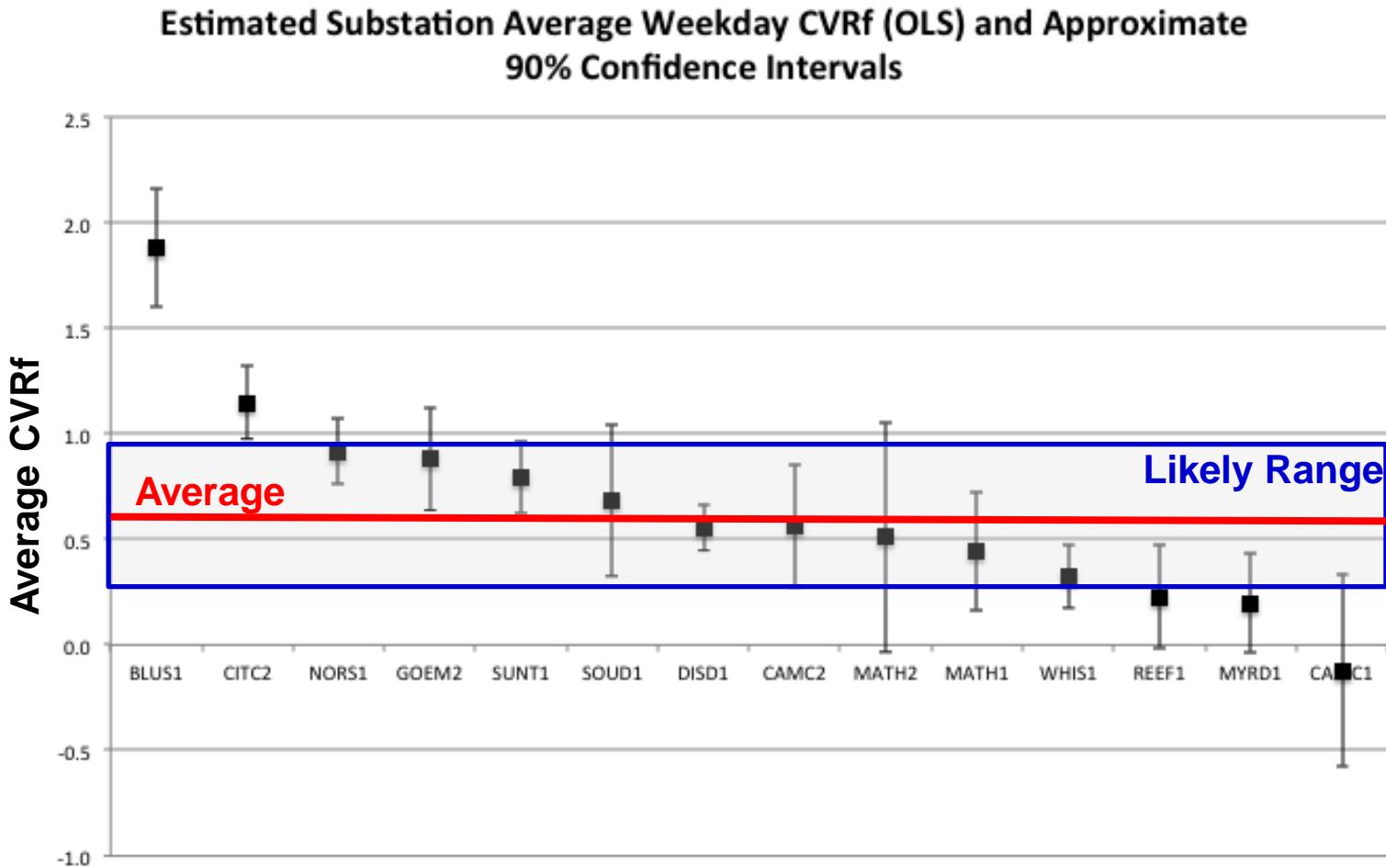


# Project Successes - Overview

- Modified control system worked as designed.
- Conducted three years of CVR testing.
- Developed a statistical model to predict CVR impacts.
  - Used a variety of variables, including PV.
  - Two separate regression methods produced similar results.
    - 1.8% average voltage reduction ≈
      - 2% average daily energy (MWh) reduction
      - 1.1 % average load (MW) reduction

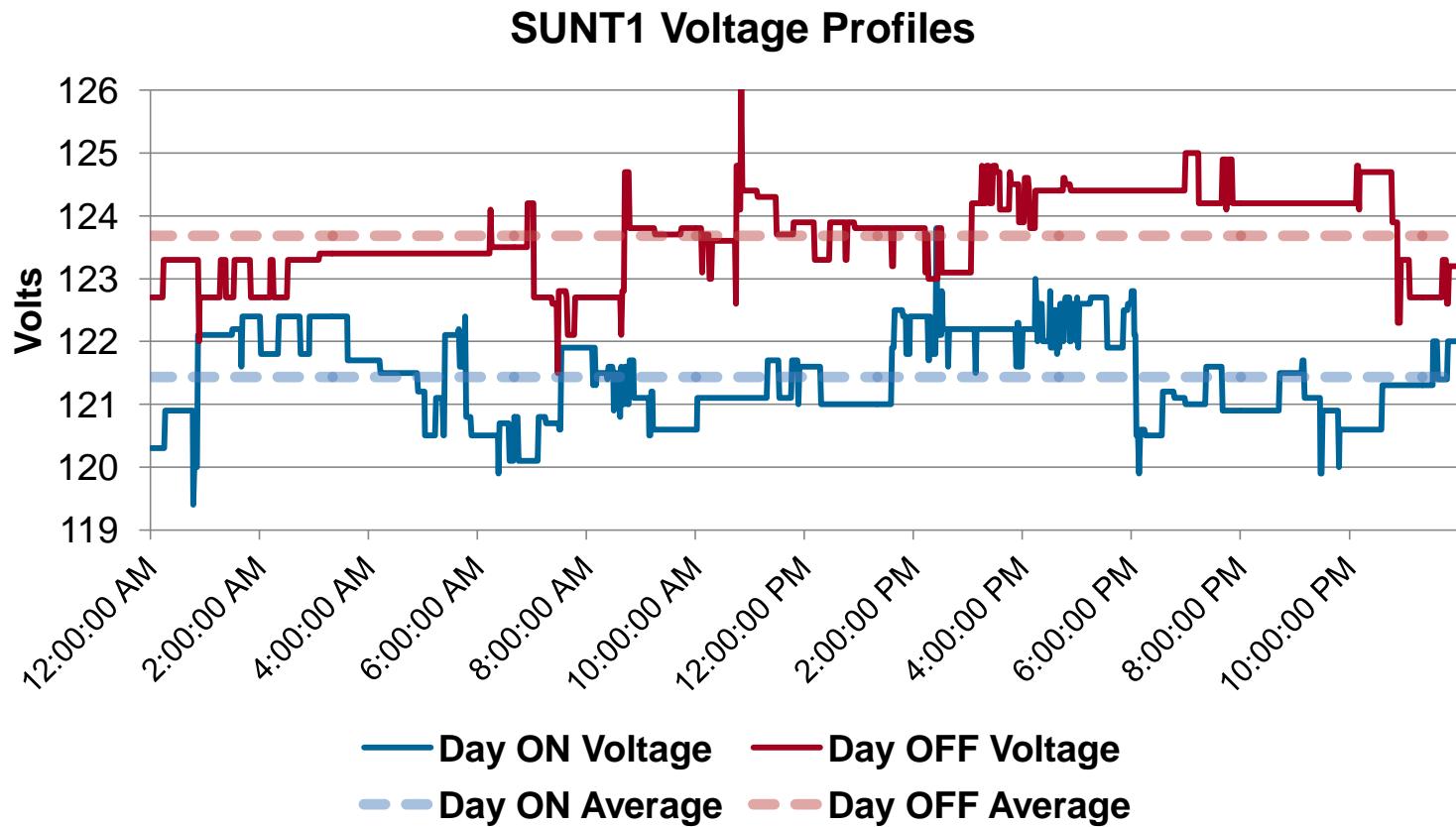


# Project Successes – 2013 Analysis



# Surprises Related to the Project

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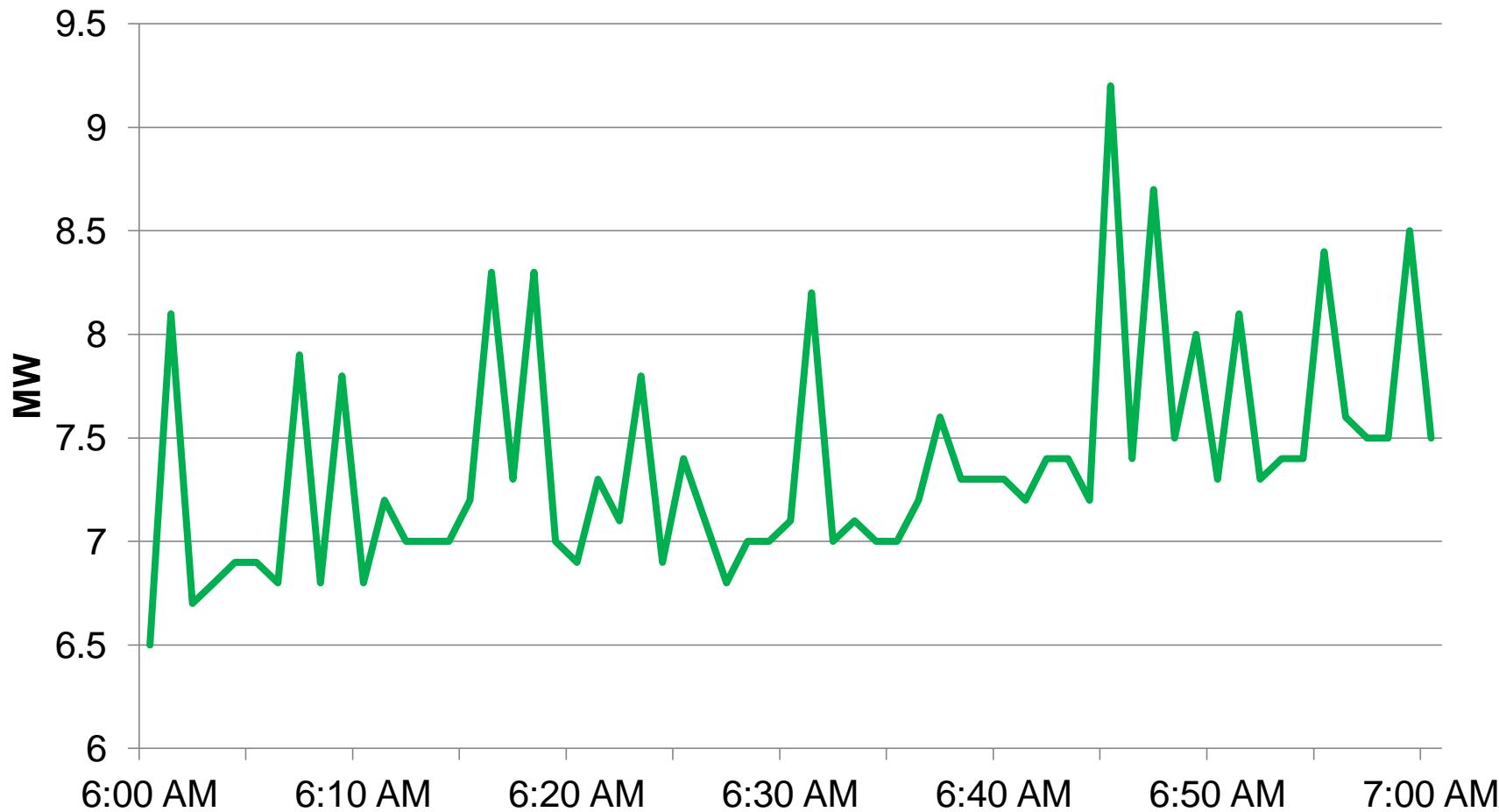
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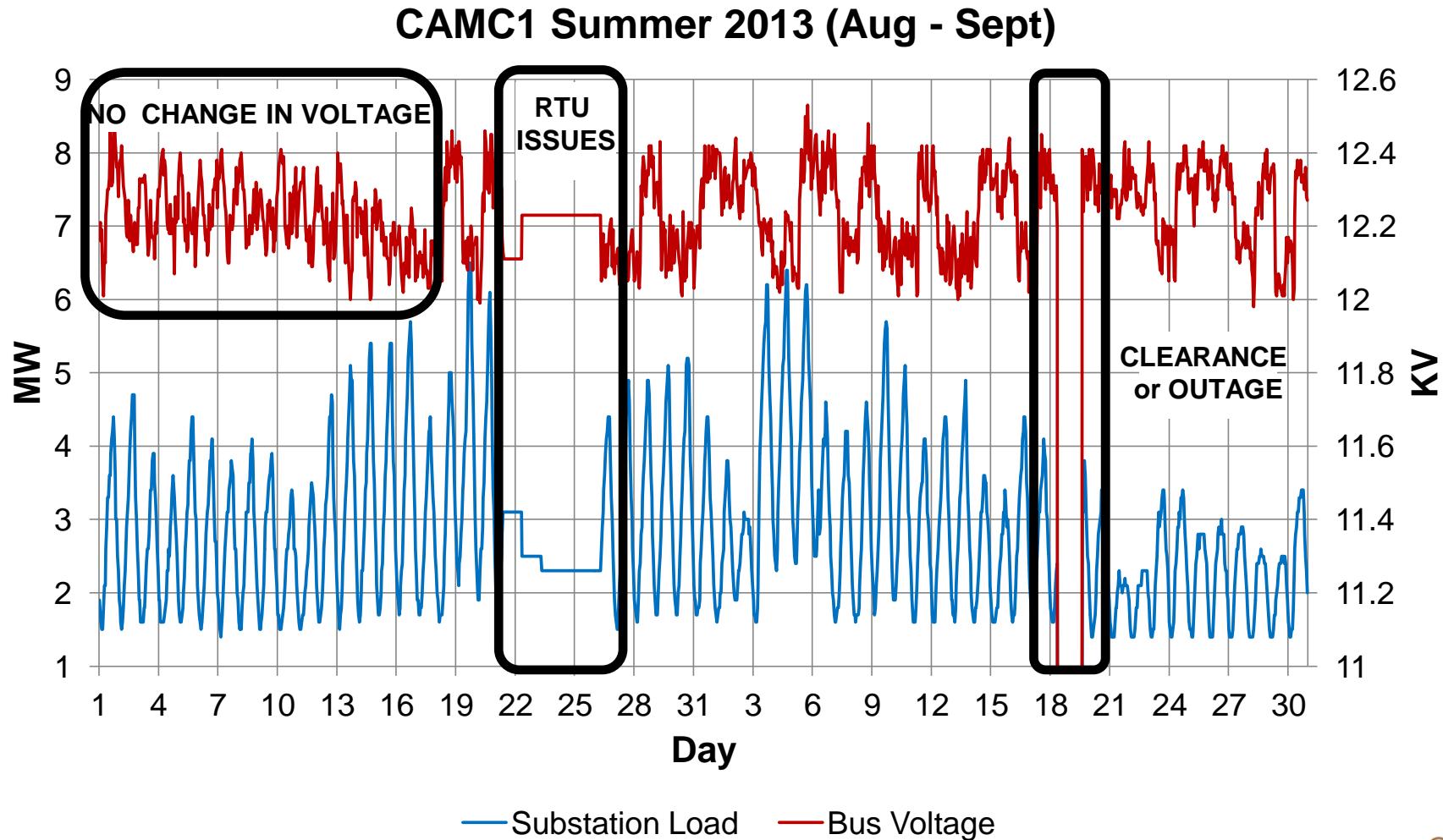


# MESSY Data - Episodic Loads

SUNT1 Load



# MESSY Data – Clearances and Outages



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- “Distribution data is MESSY!”
  - Episodic loads
  - Power transformer clearance for maintenance.
  - Communication failures
- Difficulty explaining the CVRf outliers.
- No known customer complaints.



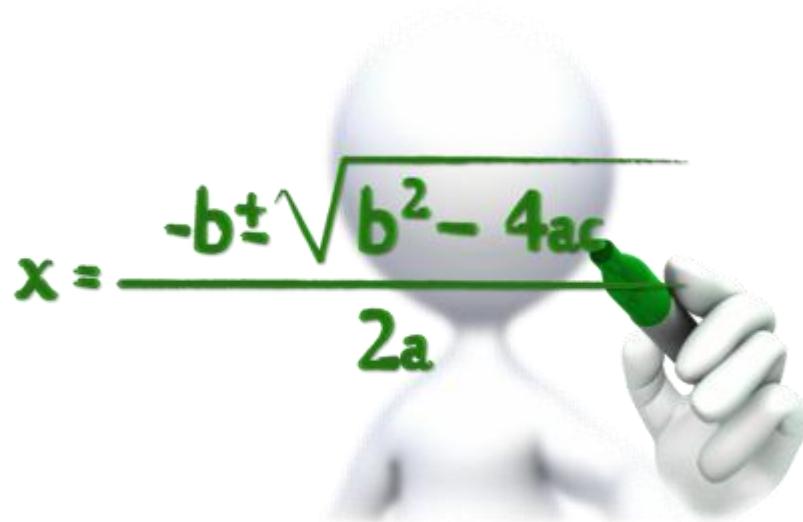
# Reaching Beyond

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  - Small moment-to-moment variations may be larger than CVR impact.



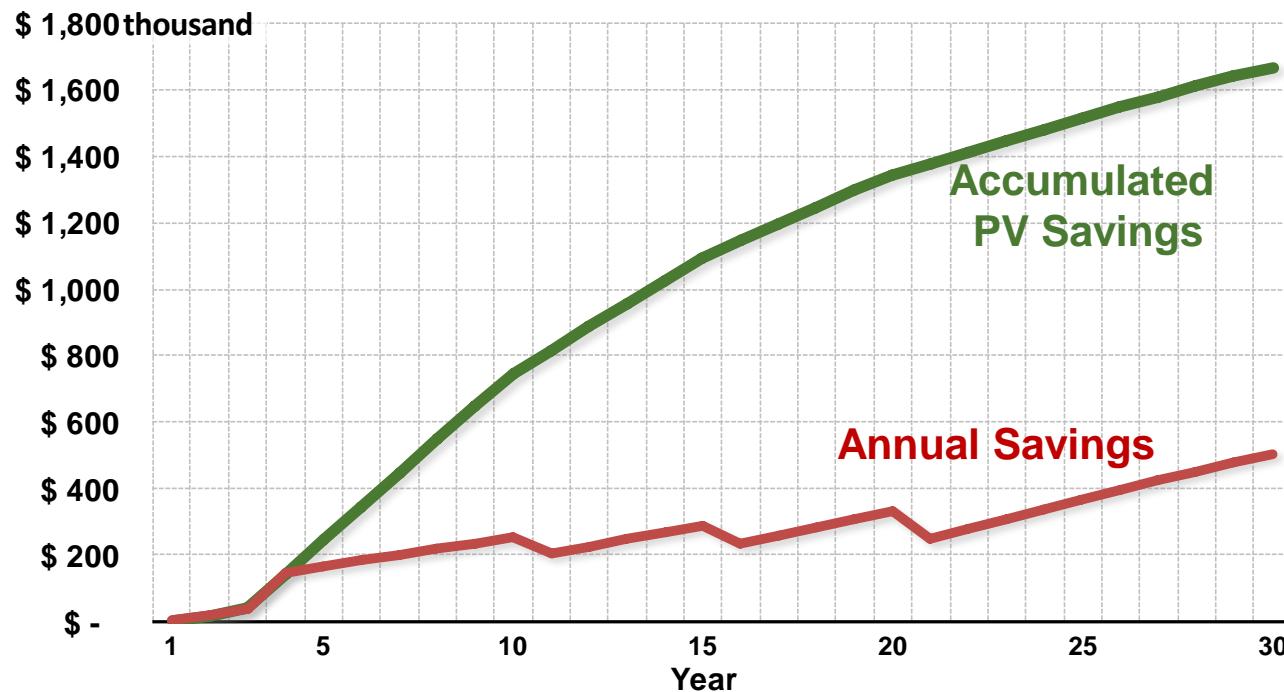
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# Reaching Beyond – Next Steps

- Challenge is accurately measuring CVR impacts
- Developed model provides good approximation.
- Performed a CBA on the 14 substations in the project.
- Developing a business case for peak-time and full-time CVR.
- Present findings to management.



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  - Director, Distribution Services, Progress Energy Florida
  - General Manager, South Coastal Region, Progress Energy Florida
- Received bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology
- Earned his master's degree in business administration from the University of South Florida.
- Licensed Professional Engineer in Florida.



# IVVC Projects at Duke Energy

## Duke Energy Ohio

- IVVC designed to operate 24/7
- Targets an average 2% voltage reduction on approx. 500 circuits
- Included gaining control of voltage regulating devices (in substations and on distribution circuits) through DMS

## Duke Energy Progress

- Distribution System Demand Response (DSDR) targeted 310MW of peak demand reduction capability to avoid new CT plant construction
- Peak shaving voltage reduction currently approaches 4%
- North Carolina Utility Commission classified DSDR as an *Energy Efficiency* program with rider recovery
- Included significant circuit conditioning and automation of voltage regulating devices through DMS



# IVVC Projects at Duke Energy

## Other Jurisdictions

*(Carolinas, Florida, Indiana and Kentucky)*

- Evaluating Volt/VAR control opportunities to determine appropriate methodologies and optimal design for each area
- Applying lessons learned and best practices from IVVC and DSDR projects



# IVVC Business Rationale for Duke Energy

## IVVC Value Proposition

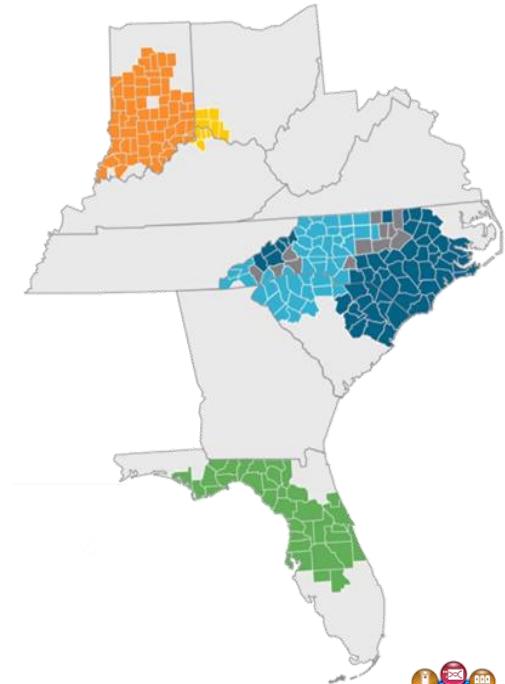
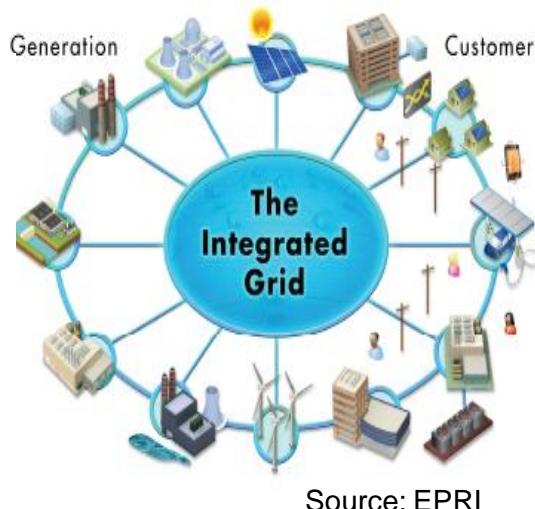
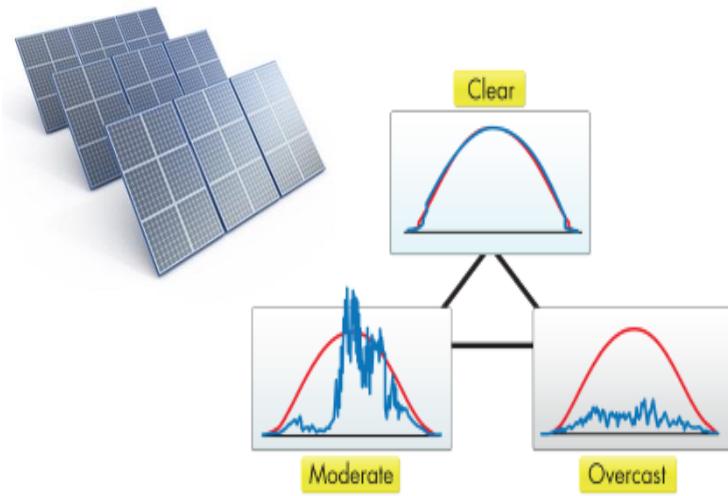
- Capital investments in IVVC leads to **net reduction** in customer bills through fuel savings
- **Customers win** through fuel savings and net lower bill
- **Shareholders win** through increased earnings on investment capital



# IVVC Business Rationale for Duke Energy

## Key Observation

- IVVC pays for itself today
- IVVC also has multi-purpose capability as a Grid Management tool that positions the utility for the complexities of the future



# IVVC Project Results and Benefits - DEP

## Integrated Volt/VAR Control – Duke Energy Progress DSDR

- Completed in July 2014
- Load Reduction Capabilities - 310 MW
- Peak shaving benefit confirmed
- Realizing back stand and spinning reserve benefit
- Comparable to dispatching a CT plant\*

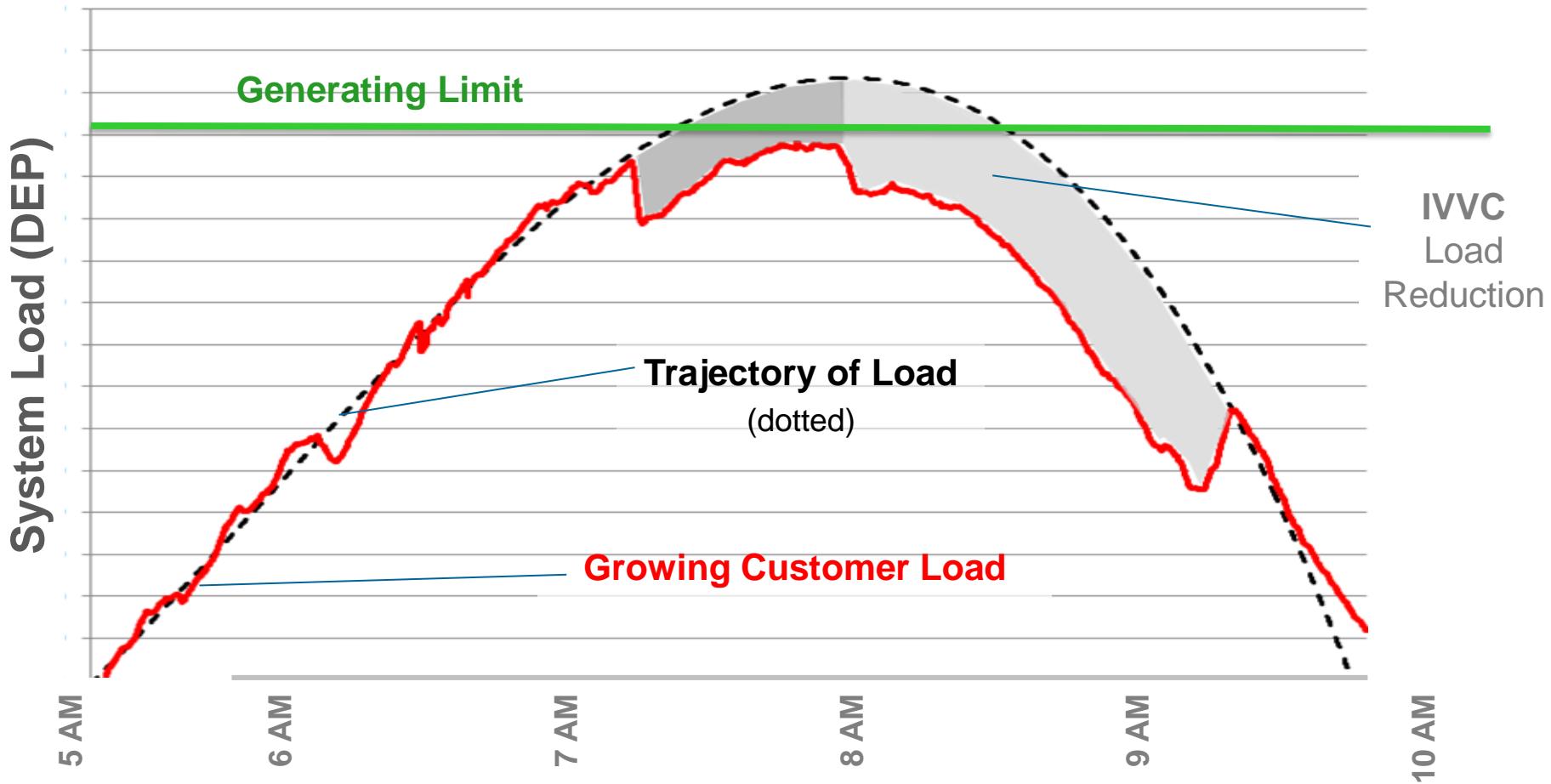


\* DSDR load reduction capabilities nearly match the generation capabilities of Units 3 and 4 of DE's Asheville Plant which are capable of producing a total of 324 megawatts of peaking power



# IVVC Project Results and Benefits - DEP

## System Load for 4 Hours During 2014 Polar Vortex



**88 Thousand Customer Outages Avoided**  
during extreme cold weather event



# IVVC Project Results and Benefits – DEO

## Distribution System Efficiency Metrics - IVVC

Average System Voltage Baseline (2012) 123.2 V

IVVC Operation (as of 8/31/14)	Avg Circ Volt w/ IVVC	Avg Circ Volt Red % w/ IVVC	MWh Red w/ IVVC	Assumed CVR Factor	# of Cir w/ IVVC
	121.1 V	1.75%	33,241	0.5	319

## IVVC Circuit Commissioning Plan/Actuals

	Number of Circuits Complete with IVVC by Year					
	2013		2014		2015	
	Planned	Actual	Planned	Actual	Planned	Actual
August	50	50	125	162	122	-
EOY	100	87	275	20	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>534</b>	-
<b>Total %</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>100%</b>	

As of 8/31/14

# Successes, Surprises, and Next Steps

## Lessons Learned

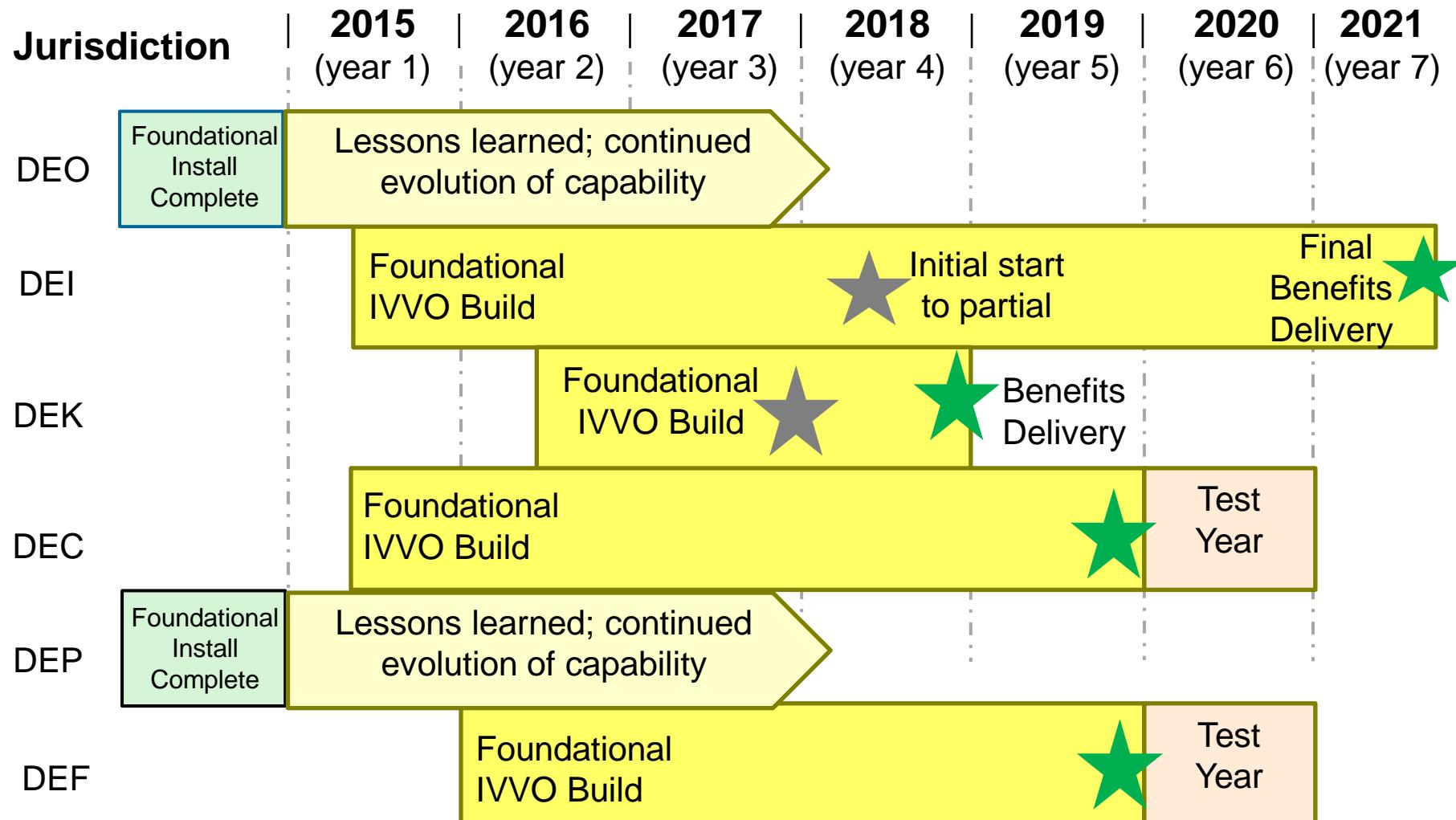
- IVVC projects require dedicated and cross functional project team
- Somebody needs to be “in charge” of delivering the benefit
- Do not underestimate efforts for DMS configuration and testing
- Legacy data accuracy is critical to DMS system model
- Utility and vendor senior management sponsorship is critical
- Received higher level of regulatory oversight than we expected

## Next Steps

- Will consider a combination of 24/7 and peak shaving modes
- Developing Duke Energy IVVC road map



# IVVC Conceptual Deployment Timeline



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# Project: Cost/Benefit Analysis tool

- Developed an Excel-based cost/benefit analysis screening tool for CVR and DA/FLISR.
- Helps analysis of prospective designs; but not a design tool.
- Provides platform for calculating sensitivities to major project variables.

**Software:** Distribution Cost Benefit Analysis Calculator

**Acronym:** CBACalc

**Version:** 1.1

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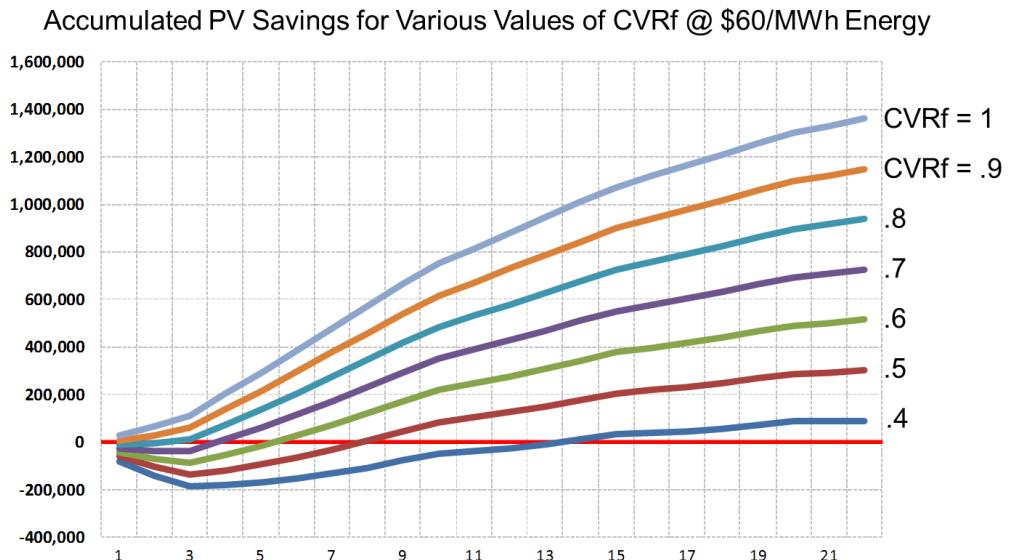
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# Project Successes

- Applied prototype in distribution automation system build-out study
- Used tool to analyze a number of CVR projects
- Version 1.1 published and available on [Epri.com](http://Epri.com) Product ID 3002001294



# Cost/Benefit Analysis for VVC/CVR

- CBA for CVR is mostly straightforward.
  - Utility Costs: Capital for VVC equipment & systems
  - Utility Savings: energy, GT&D capital deferrals
- Capacity and energy impacts are easily monetized.
- The tool handles the largest cost and impact components.

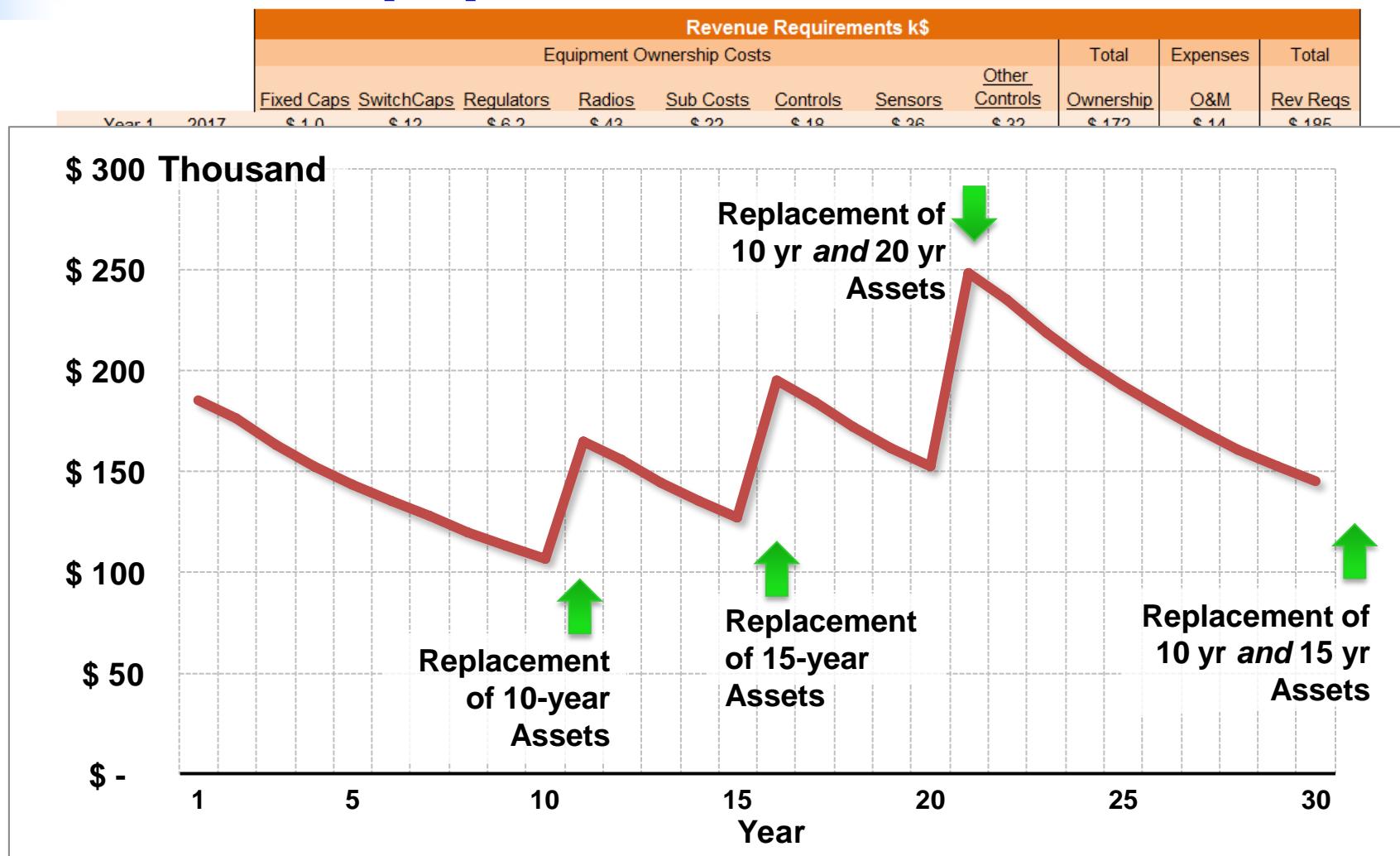
# Inputs: Equipment Capital & O&M

## (Example Numbers)

	Device Data (\$ in Cost Base Year)							
	Capacitor	Capacitor	Regulators	Radio	Substation Equipment	Control System	Sensors	Other Controls
	Fixed	Switched						
Equipment Cost	\$ 4,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 150,000
Installation Cost	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 500	\$ 5,000	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Base O&M	\$ 80	\$ 160	\$ 600	\$ 40	\$ 2,000	\$ 80	\$ 100	\$ 3,000
Life (years)	20 years	20 years	20 years	10 years	15 years	15 years	10 years	15 years

	Project Design Data (\$ in Project Year)					
	Number	Devices	Installation	Capital	Total Initial	O&M Base
Capacitors Fixed	1	\$ 4,626	\$ 1,157	\$ 5,783	\$ 93	
Capacitors Switched	7	\$ 64,769	\$ 8,096	\$ 72,865	\$ 1,295	
Regulators	1	\$ 34,698	\$ 2,313	\$ 37,011	\$ 694	
Radios	43	\$ 99,467	\$ 99,467	\$ 198,934	\$ 1,989	
Substation Equipment	1	\$ 115,659	\$ 5,783	\$ 121,442	\$ 2,313	
Controls	19	\$ 87,901	\$ 10,988	\$ 98,889	\$ 1,758	
Sensors	24	\$ 138,791	\$ 27,758	\$ 166,549	\$ 2,776	
Other Controls	1	\$ 173,489	\$ -	\$ 173,489	\$ 2,776	
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ 874,962</b>	<b>\$ 13,694</b>	

# Calculates Revenue Requirements For CVR Equipment



# Inputs: System and CVR-Impact Data (Example Numbers)

Feeder/Substation Data			
Annual MWh at Sub	130,000	MWh	Load Factor = 50.3%
Annual Peak MW at Sub	30	MW	
Year of reported MWh	2012		
Annual Growth Rate	0.9%		
Average Loss Percent	4%		

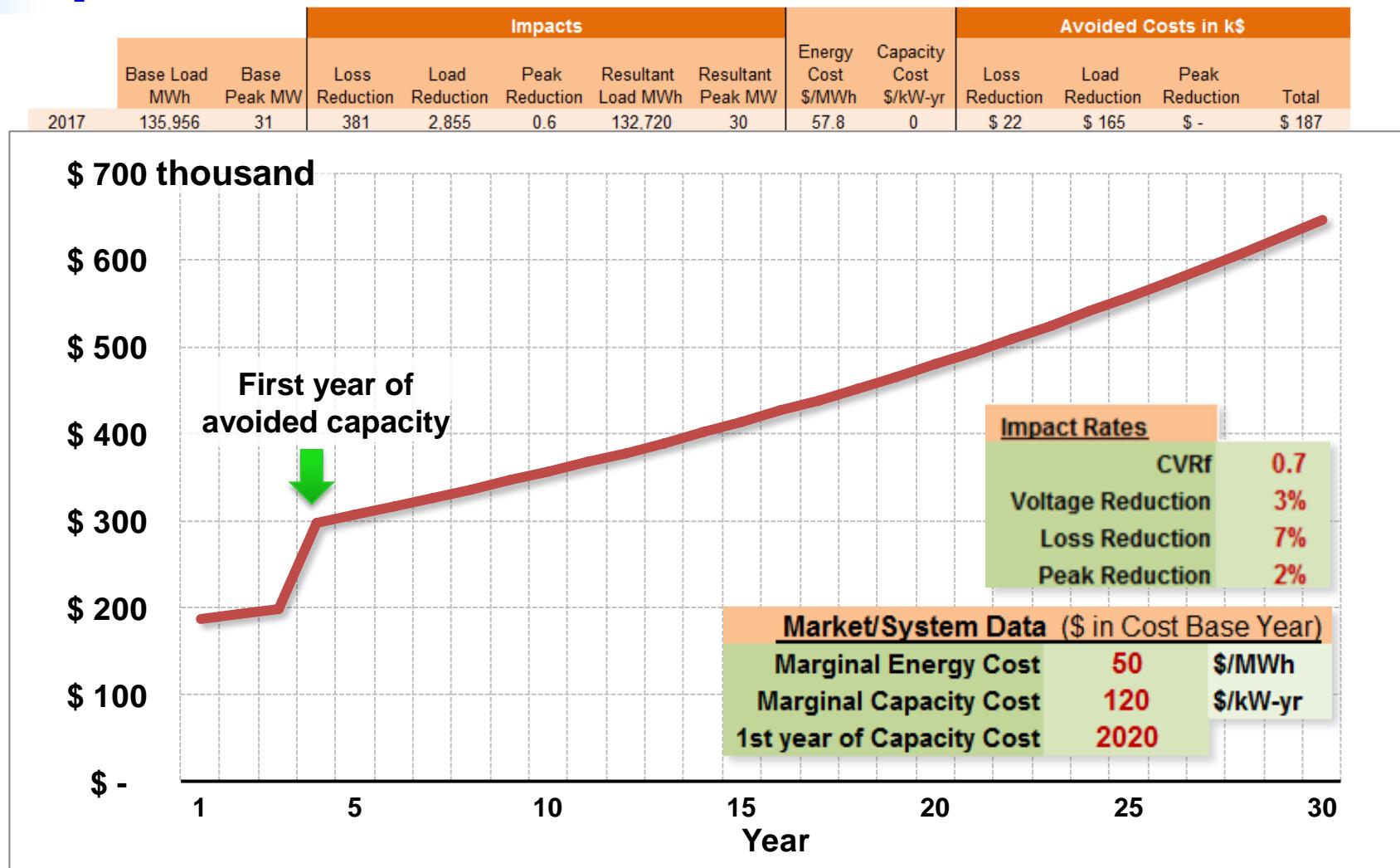
  

Market/System Data (\$ in Cost Base Year)		
Marginal Energy Cost	50	\$/MWh
Marginal Capacity Cost	120	\$/kW-yr
1st year of Capacity Cost	2020	

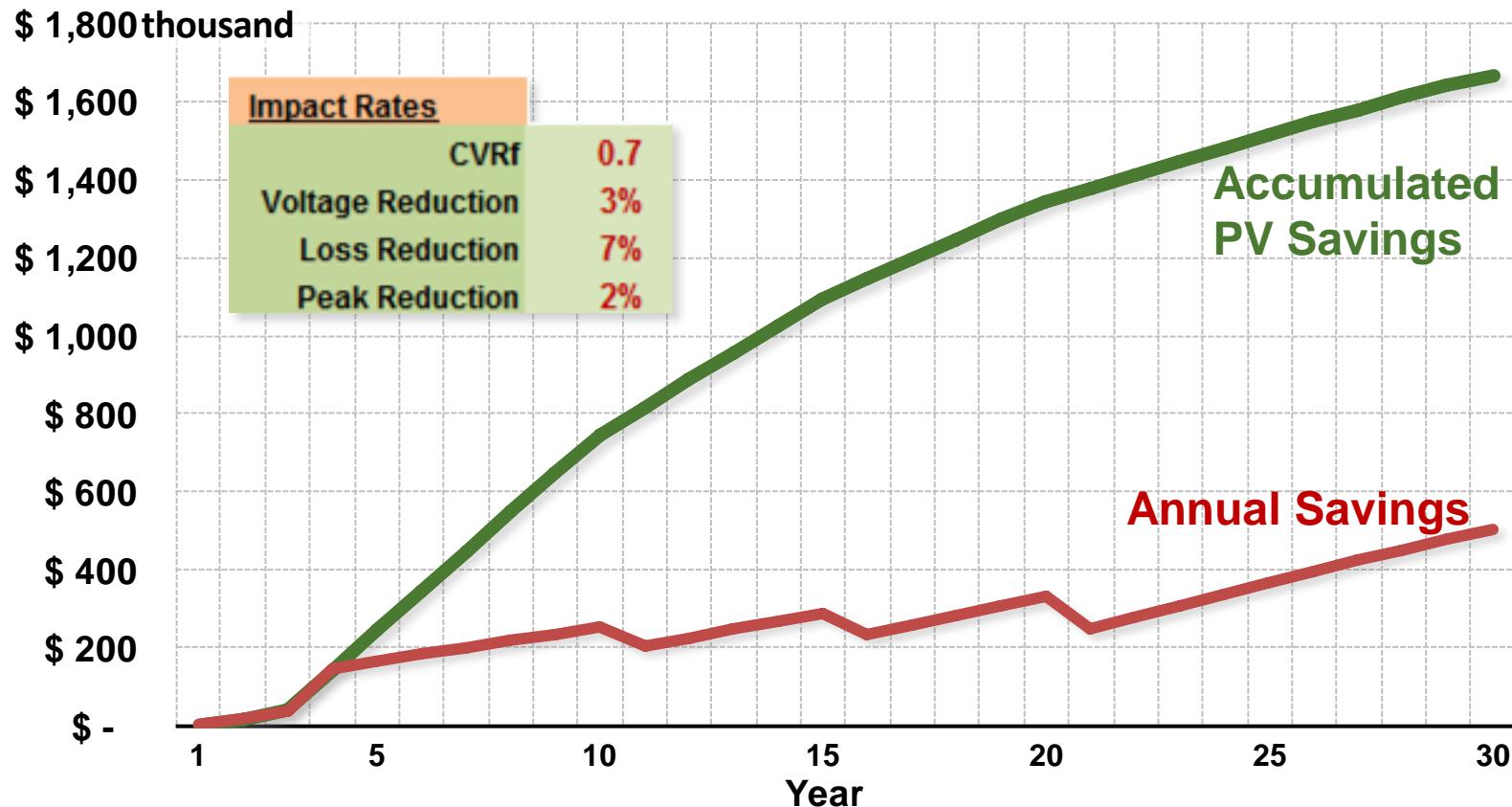
  

Impact Rates		
	CVRf	0.7
Voltage Reduction		3%
Loss Reduction		7%
Peak Reduction		2%

# Example Case: Impacts and Avoided Costs

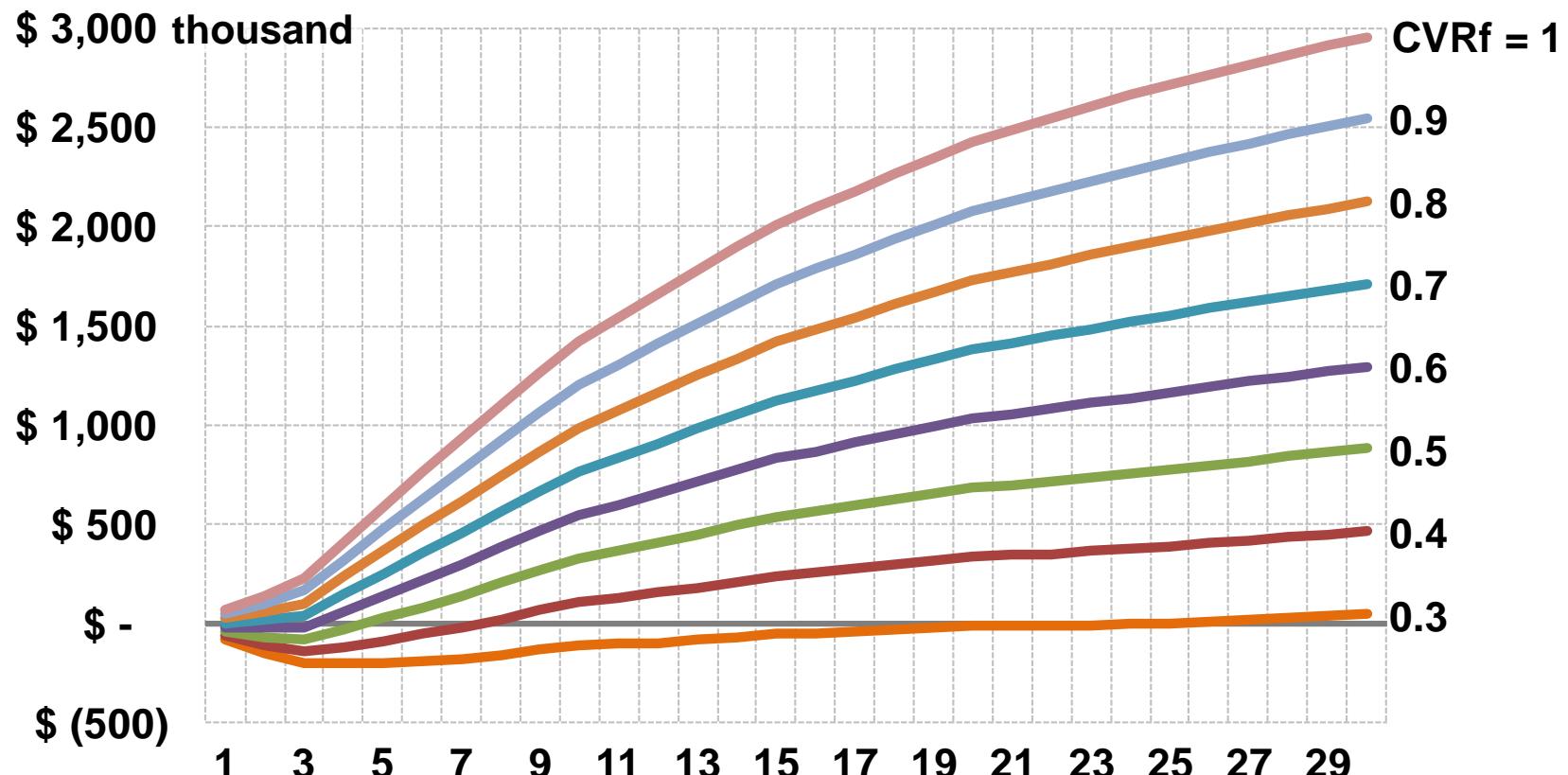


# Example Case: Net Benefits



# Example Case: CVRf Sensitivity

Accumulated PV of Net Benefits for Various CVRf Values



# Surprises Related to the Project

Not so surprising:

- Utilities' monetization assumptions (marginal energy and capacity) may not fit simple inflation scheme.
  - Used modified version to incorporate custom marginal energy and marginal capacity values
- Sensitivities provide sense of assumption importance.
  - CVRf variation low to high
  - CVRf decay to a lower value



# A Few Comments on M&V for CVR

- Low or nonsensical results from day-on/off regression analysis does not *necessarily* mean that CVR is not effective on a particular circuit.
- Large, non-conforming loads or singular events can mask the CVR effect.
- Evaluate statistical significance of all results, including high and “expected” results.
- Given M&V issues, *nothing* is precise.  
Look at a range of possibilities.



# Questions / Discussion

