# ELECTRIC SYSTEM STUDY & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

**PRINCETON PUBLIC UTILITIES** 

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System evaluation and planning study
<u>PPU's internal system:</u>

- ▶ 69 kV Transmission System (GRE)
- Substations (3)
- 12.47 kV & 4.16 kV Distribution System
- Power Plant (generation capacity only)
- Analyze existing and any proposed system under present (2021) and future (2031) loads
- Covers a 10-year period to 2031



# Identify deficiencies

Recommend improvements to eliminate those deficiencies

Provide cost estimates for fiscal planning

# 69 kV Transmission System:

- North Feed, GRE-Owned, ~23 Miles Long
  - Serves North Substation
  - ► Operated "Closed-Loop"

South Feed, SMMPA-Owned, ~2.77 Miles Long

- Serves Power Plant & South Substations
- Radial Feed back to GRE System

# (3) Substations:

### North Substation:

#### (2)69-12.47 kV Power Transformers, 7 MVA\*

\* (1) Unit is offline due to gassing issues

Serves 12.47 kV Load

## (3) Substations - Continued:

Power Plant Substation:

(1) 69-4.16 kV Power Transformer, 10.5 MVA

- ▶(1) 4.16 kV 12.47 kV Bus-Tie Transformer
- Serves both 12.47 kV & 4.16 kV Load

South Substation:

(1) 69-12.47 kV Power Transformer, 28 MVA

► (1) 12.47 kV – 4.16 kV Bus-Tie Transformer

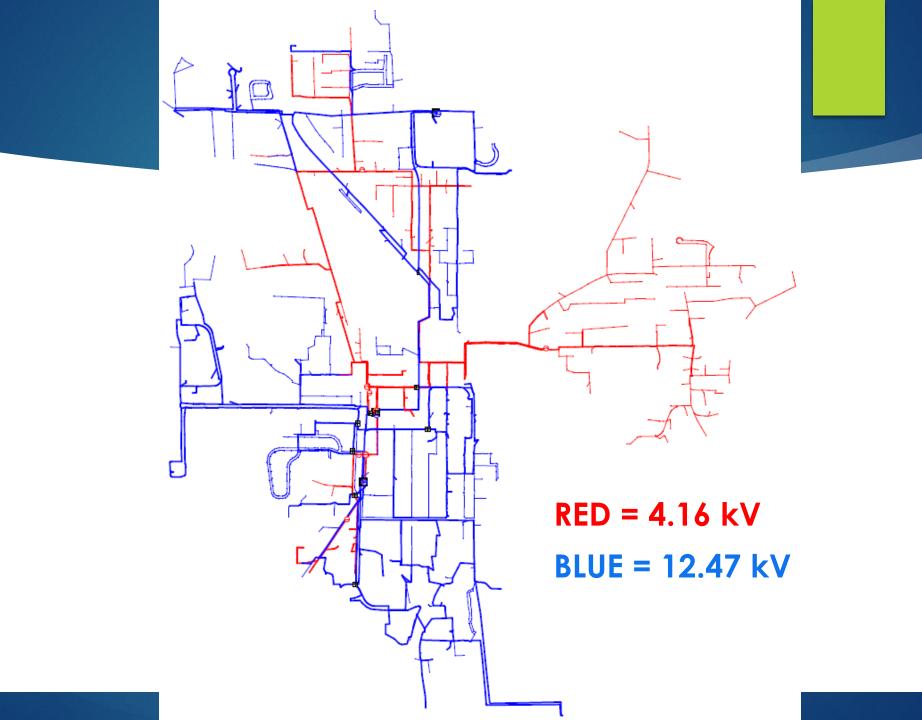
Serves both 12.47 kV & 4.16 kV Load

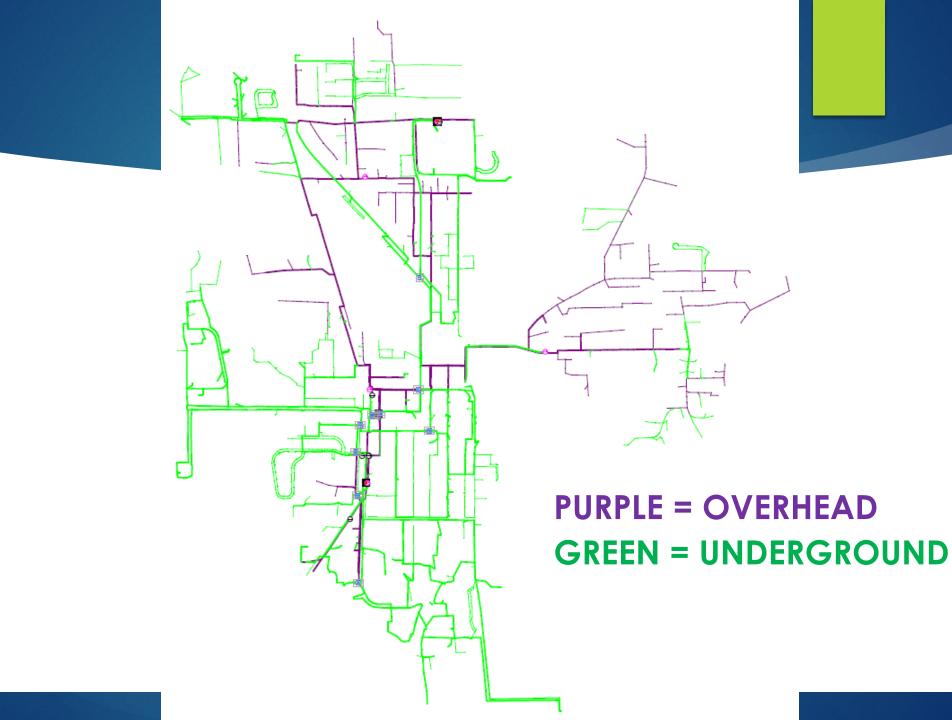
# Distribution System:

▶ 12.47 kV: (13) circuits, serves 73% of the Load

▶ 4.16 kV: (5) circuits, serves 27% of the Load

Majority underground construction type





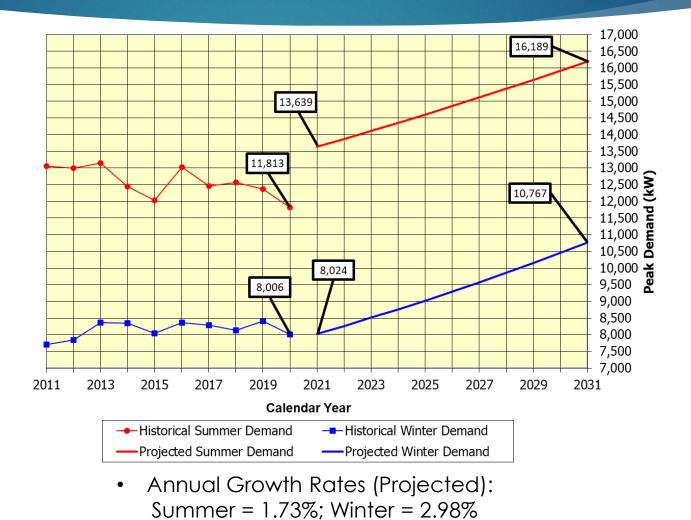
# Generation at Power Plant:

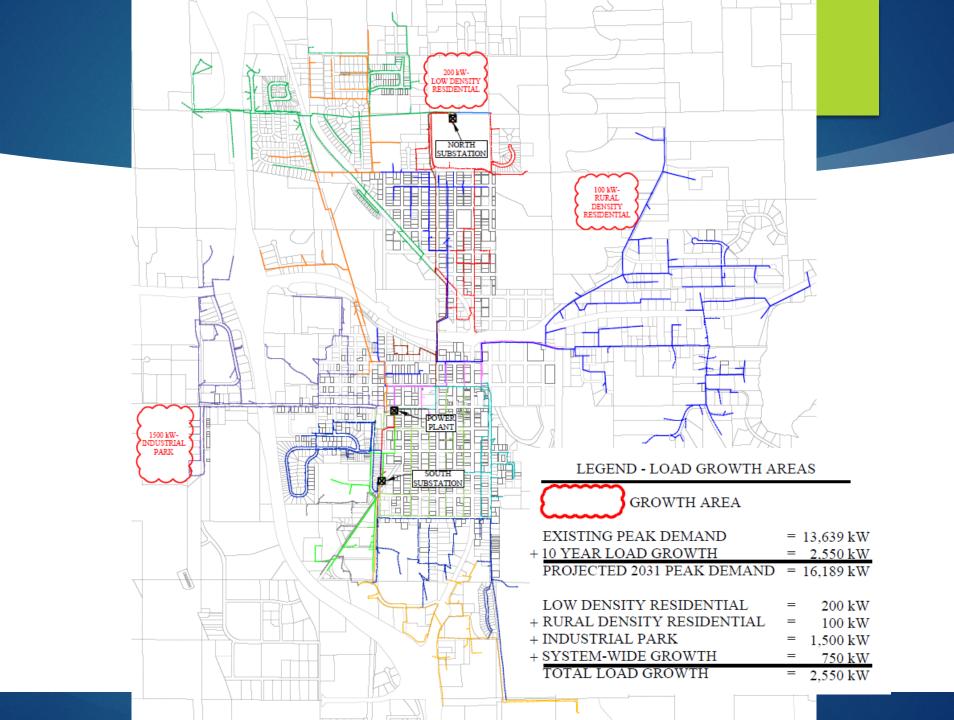
► (5) diesel generators:

- ▶ #3 Fairbanks-Morse 2,400 kW (1977)
- ▶ #4 Enterprise 1,200 kW (1967)
- ▶ #5 Superior 1,000 kW (1953)
- ▶ #6 Enterprise 2,750 kW (1963)
- ▶ #7 Caterpillar 4,840 kW (2002)

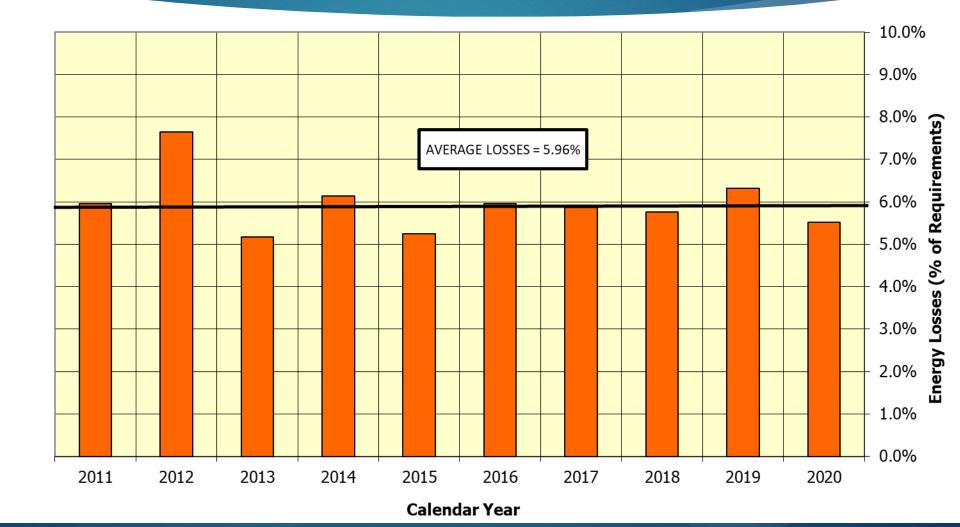
~12,190 kW of total generating capacity

# **HISTORICAL AND FUTURE LOAD**





# **SYSTEM ENERGY LOSSES**

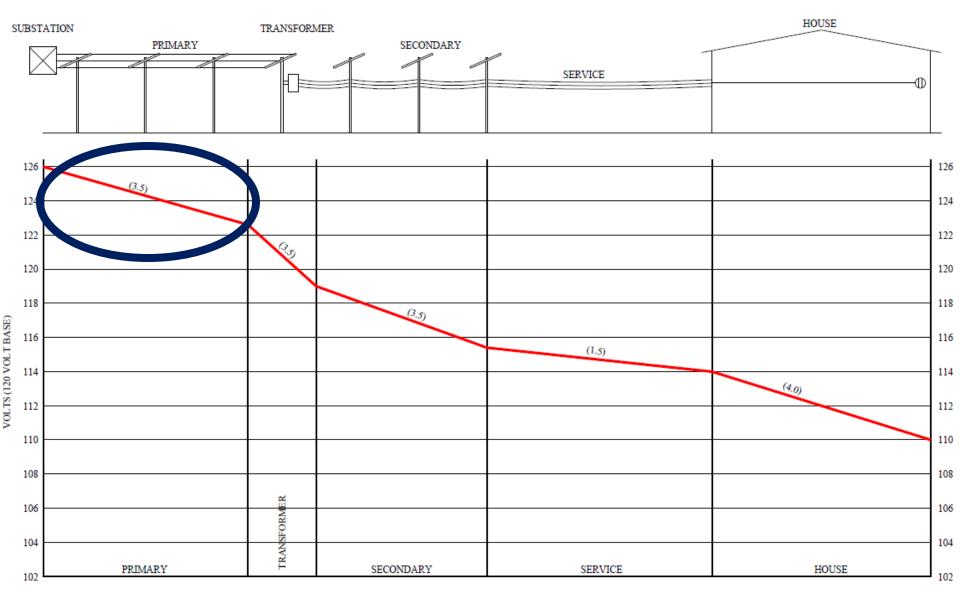


# **DESIGN CRITERIA**

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VOLTAGE DROP ALLOCATIONS FOR ACCEPTABLE SERVICE - RESIDENTIAL



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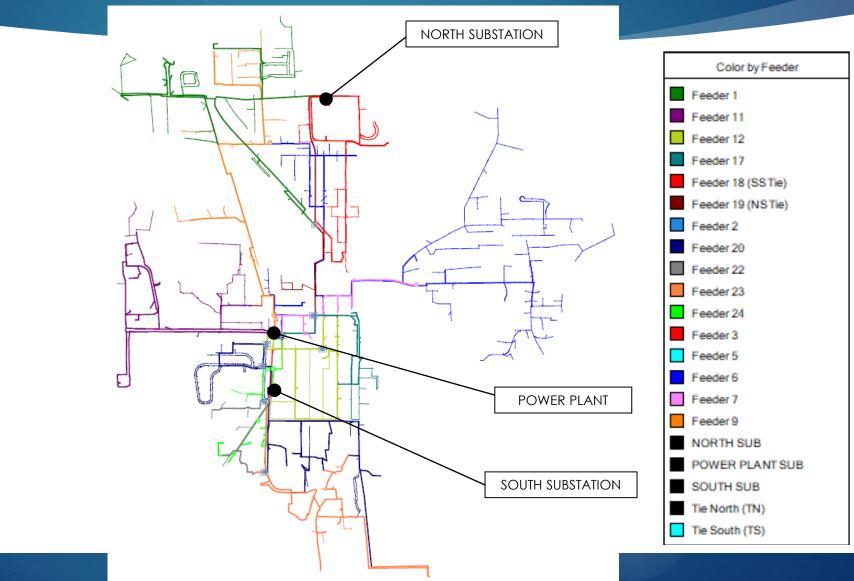
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- Criterion #2 Provide ANSI "Class A" voltage service to all customers, under normal or emergency conditions.
- Criterion #3 Do not exceed thermal limitations of facilities on the electric system, under normal or emergency conditions in order to not exceed established equipment ratings.
- Criterion #4 Flexible and easily expandable system.

# SYSTEM ANALYSIS

# Software analysis – Milsoft's Windmil®

- Built based on existing system configuration
- Load flow modeling
- Voltage and capacity analysis
- System intact and emergency conditions
- During existing and future loading configurations

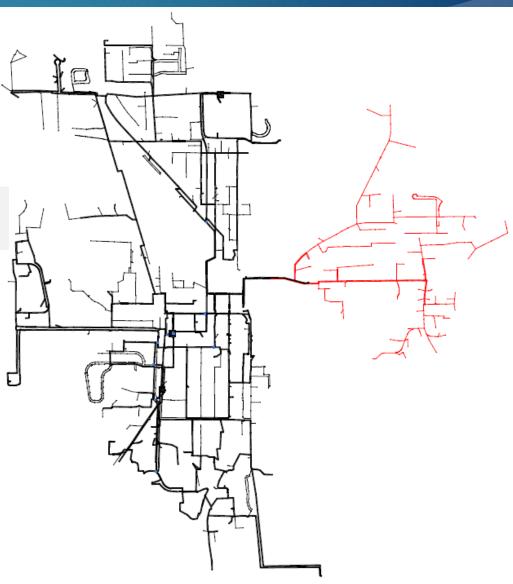
# SYSTEM ANALYSIS EXISTING SYSTEM – COLORED BY FEEDER



# SYSTEM ANALYSIS SYSTEM INTACT- 2021 LOADS

#### (3.5 Volt Maximum Criteria)

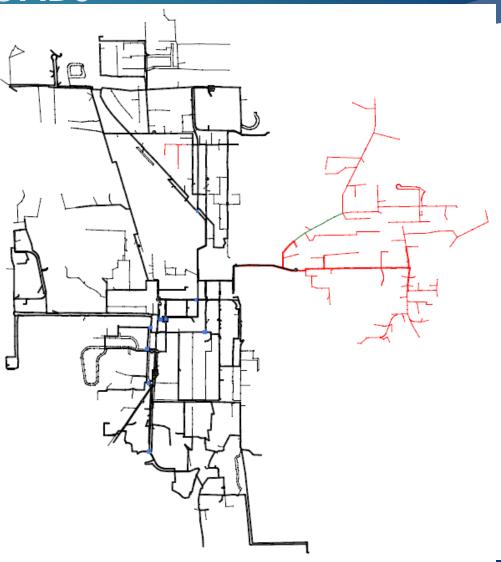
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# SYSTEM INTACT- 2031 LOADS

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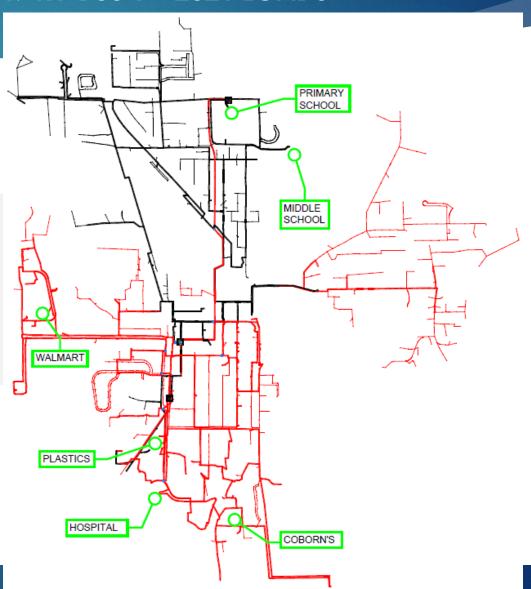
Feeder 6= 13.4 Volt Drop, 2% Overload



#### **SYSTEM ANALYSIS** LOSS OF SOUTH SUBSTATION 12.47 KV BUS 1 – 2021 LOADS

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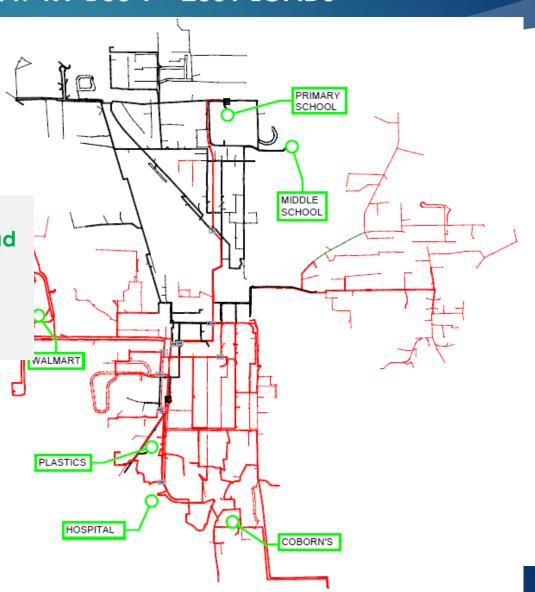
- Feeder 6= 9.9 Volt Drop
- Feeder 12= 6.0 Volt Drop
- Feeder 23= 5.5 Volt Drop
- PP Sub XFMR T1 = 15% Overload
- PP Sub XFMR BT = 13% Overload



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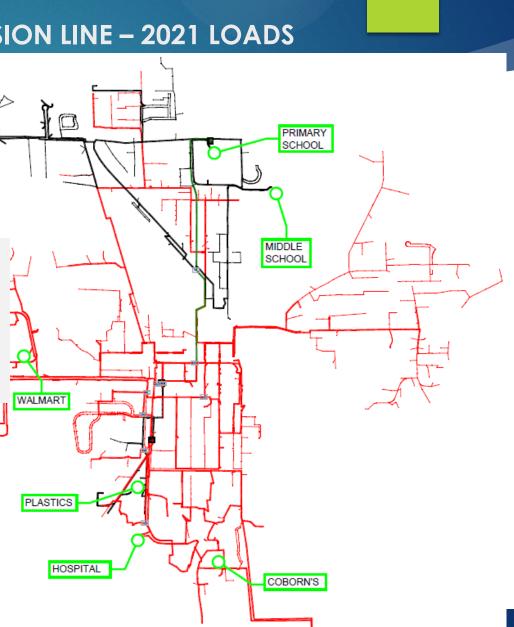
- Feeder 6= 13.4 Volt Drop, 2% Overload
- Feeder 12= 6.7 Volt Drop
- Feeder 23= 6.2 Volt Drop
- PP Sub XFMR T1 = 37% Overload
- PP Sub XFMR BT = 46% Overload



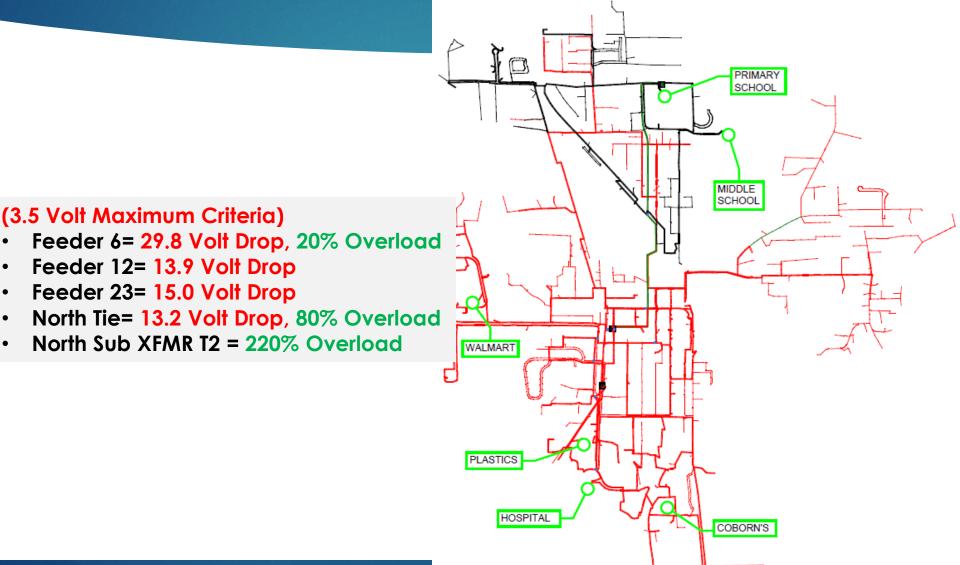
#### **SYSTEM ANALYSIS** LOSS OF SOUTH 69 KV TRANSMISSION LINE – 2021 LOADS

#### (3.5 Volt Maximum Criteria)

- Feeder 6= 19.2 Volt Drop
- Feeder 12= 8.4 Volt Drop
- Feeder 23= 9.5 Volt Drop
- North Tie= 7.8 Volt Drop, 44% Overload
- North Sub XFMR T2 = 37% Overload



#### SYSTEM ANALYSIS LOSS OF SOUTH 69 KV TRANSMISSION LINE – 2031 LOADS



# (2) major factors:

- Age of equipment, useful life
- Electrical performance (voltage drop, thermal/capacity)

#### 69 kV Transmission:

- GRE-Owned North Feed, SMMPA-Owned South Feed
  - ▶ No deficiencies noted.
  - Provided adequate reliability to PPU in the past.
  - Appears well-equipped to serve PPU into the future.

#### North Substation:

- The following equipment is nearing or at the end of its useful life and should be replaced:
  - ▶ 67-12.47 kV Power Transformer T1 (~23 years old, offline due to gassing issues)
  - 12.47 kV Switchgear Bus 1 (~56 years old)
  - 12.47 kV Switchgear Bus 2 (~47 years old)
- The 69 kV fuses that protect the 69-12.47 kV transformer T1 should be replaced with a relayed 69 kV Circuit Interrupter. This will provide better protection and eliminate the possibility of single-phasing customers.

#### Power Plant Substation:

- The following equipment is nearing or at the end of its useful life and should be replaced:
  - ▶ 69 kV Circuit Switcher (~38 years old)
  - 67-4.16 kV Power Transformer T1 (~38 years old estimated based on Circuit Switcher)

#### 12.47 kV & 4.16 kV Distribution System:

- Low voltage exists on certain areas of the 4.16 kV primary electric system, even under normal operating conditions. This situation significantly worsens during emergency conditions and becomes more widespread under anticipated future load growth. The system cannot handle anticipated future load growth under normal system operation without poor voltage conditions.
- The system cannot handle the loss of the South Substation Transformer T1 (12.47 kV) and/or 12.47 kV Bus 1. Voltage deficiencies occur on multiple circuits after backfeeding, and the Power Plant does not have the transformer capacity to serve the added load from the South Substation. This situation will worsen under anticipated future load growth

#### 12.47 kV & 4.16 kV Distribution System (Continued):

- The loss of Power Plant Substation Transformer T1 (4.16 kV) results in worsening voltage conditions on the 4.16 kV system. This situation will worsen under anticipated future load growth.
- The system cannot handle the loss of the Power Plant 4.16 kV Bus 1. This results in a complete outage on all the 4.16 kV feeders out of the Plant as no backfeeding capabilities exist for these circuits.
- During a loss of the 69 kV South Transmission line, the existing system experiences major voltage drop issues after backfeeding without the use of generation (potentially long-term). The North Substation Transformer T2 and the 12.47 kV tie between the North Substation and Power Plant become overloaded. This situation will worsen under anticipated future load growth.

#### 12.47 kV & 4.16 kV Distribution System (Continued):

- 200 amp load-break elbows are used on 4/0 circuit mainlines, which significantly reduces the capacity of the circuit.
- 200 amp load-break elbows in sectionalizers and primary metering cabinets are used as switching points.
- Additional 4/0 mainline circuitry, switches, fuses, and circuit ties are needed to increase reliability of the system.
- Circuits lack adequate sectionalizing. Many circuits do not have adequate fusing such that the outage would include most of the circuit instead of a small portion.

#### 12.47 kV & 4.16 kV Distribution System (Continued):

- There is a need for more switch ties on the 12.47 kV distribution system between the North Substation and the Power Plant; and between the Power Plant and South Substation.
- The condition of the 4.16 kV overhead distribution system is poor to average in general and is in need of replacement.
- Having different distribution system voltages (4.16 kV and 12.47 kV) in town results in reduced reliability since the circuits cannot backfeed one another during an outage condition. In addition, the different voltages require different pieces of equipment and therefore additional inventory. Additionally, conversion of the 4.16 kV system to 12.47 kV will reduce overall system losses, resulting in real cash savings for PPU.

#### Power Plant:

The age of the existing older generators at the Power Plant continues to be a concern, specifically the diminishing availability of spare parts and the expertise to work on the units.

#### Miscellaneous:

- The existing coordination study should be updated to determine correct fuse sizes for better coordination of equipment throughout the system. After the new sizes are implemented, the system will perform better at isolating faults to smaller areas and provide better protection to equipment. Additionally, fuse inventory will be reduced.
- PPU needs to update the arc-flash study of their electric system to align with recent code and industry changes.
- In lieu of the digital "scoreboard" at the Power Plant, PPU would benefit from an enhanced SCADA System.

# **RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS**

# ► Why?

- Eliminate identified deficiencies
- Equip your electric system to accommodate future load growth projected over the next 10 years
- Increase system reliability
- Proactive vs. Reactive

#### **RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS**

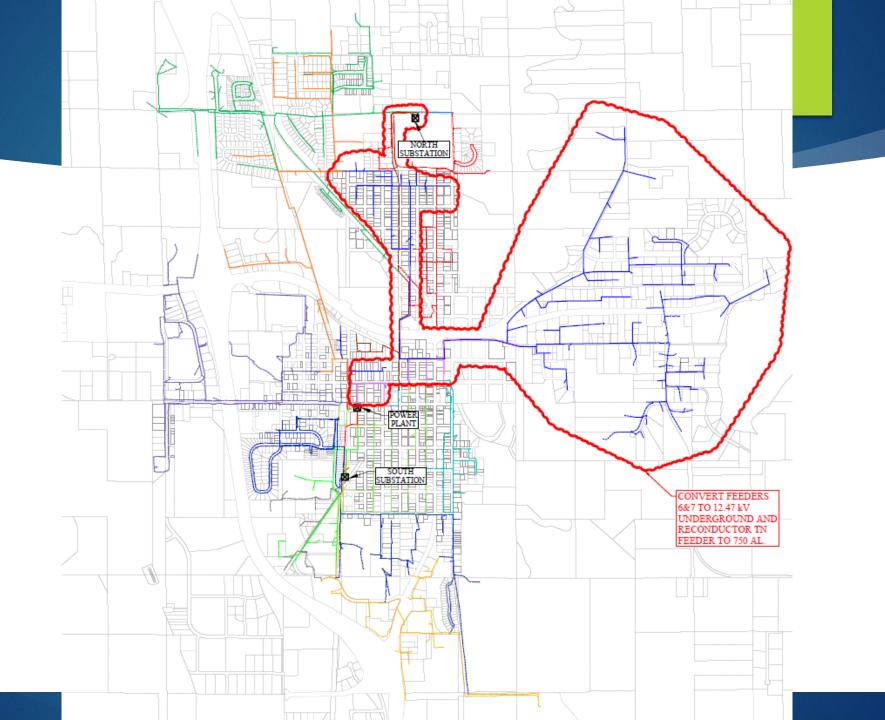
#### Timing is Critical:

- Due to transformer sizes and reliability, the timing of 4.16 kV conversions versus substation improvements is critical
- Nail down schedule/timing during preliminary design

Strengthening the North Substation vs. Relying on Long-Term Generation

# PHASE 1 IMPROVEMENTS (2022-2024)

PHASE 1 IMPROVEMENT ITEM	ES	T. COST
Distribution Improvements:		
4.16 kV Feeders 6 & 7 Conversion	\$	2,542,000
North Substation – Power Plant Tie Reconductor		450,000
Engineering & Contingencies		862,000
	Ş	3,854,000



# PHASE 1 IMPROVEMENTS (2022-2024) - Continued

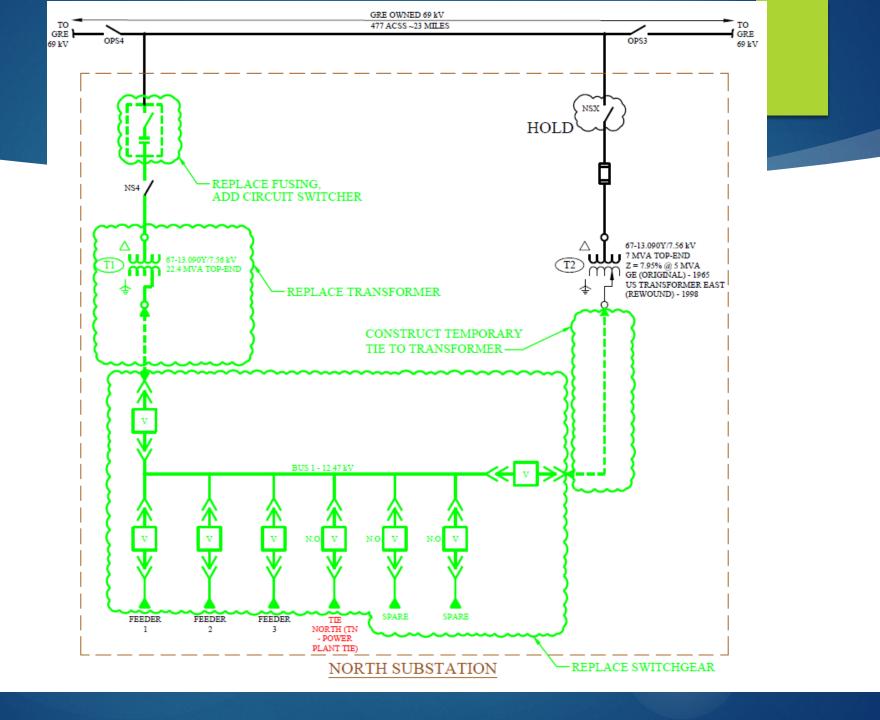
PHASE 1 IMPROVEMENT ITEM		EST. COST
Miscellaneous System Improvements:		
Conduct Electric Retail Rate Study		\$ 25,000
Conduct Coordination Study		16,000
Conduct Arc Flash Study		25,000
	- Subtotal	\$ 66,000

## PHASE 1 IMPROVEMENTS (2022-2024) - Continued

PHASE 1 - SUMMARY	EST. COST
Distribution Improvements	\$ 3,854,000
Miscellaneous System Improvements	66,000
TOTAL – PHASE 1	\$ 3,920,000

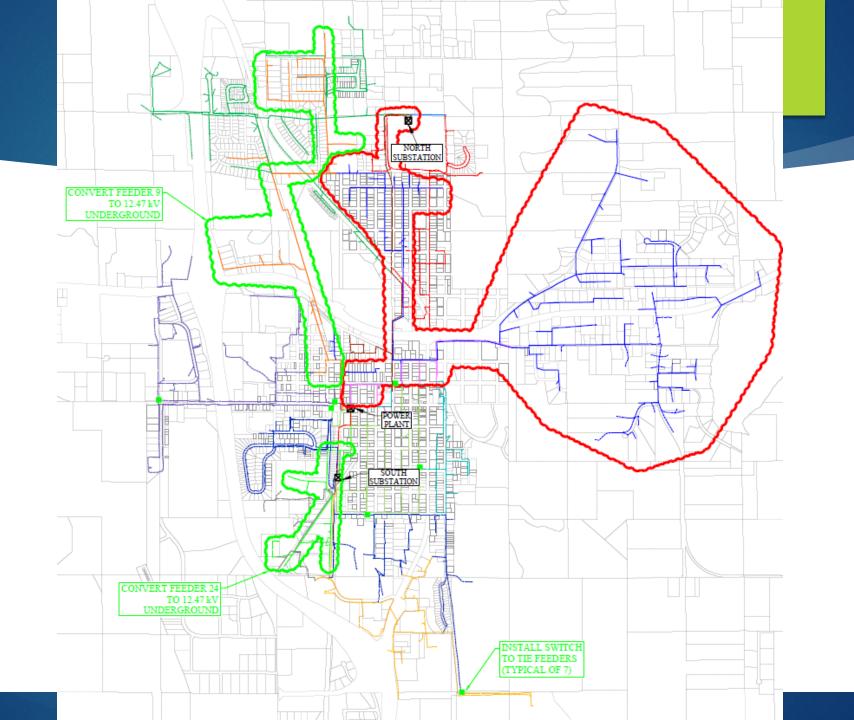
# PHASE 2 IMPROVEMENTS (2024-2027)

PHASE 2 IMPROVEMENT ITEM	EST. COST
North Substation Improvements:	
69 kV Circuit Switcher, Steel	\$ 81,300
69-12.47 kV Power Transformer, 22.4 MVA	1,100,000
15 kV Switchgear (1M, 6F, 1BT)	490,000
Construction, Miscellaneous	479,500
Engineering & Contingencies	619,400
- Subtotal	\$ 2,770,200



# PHASE 2 IMPROVEMENTS (2024-2027) - Continued

PHASE 2 IMPROVEMENT ITEM		EST. COST	
Distribution Improvements:			
4.16 kV Feeder 9 Conversion		\$	1,307,000
4.16 kV Feeder 24 Conversion			307,000
Miscellaneous Circuit Ties			215,000
Engineering & Contingencies			526,000
	Subtotal	ç	\$ 2,355,000

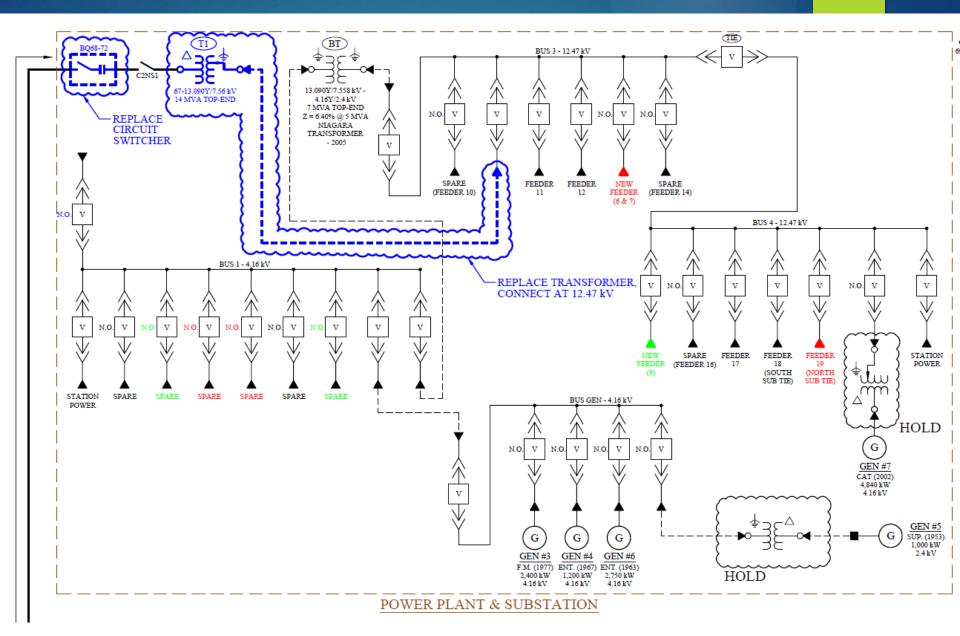


## PHASE 2 IMPROVEMENTS (2024-2027) - Continued

PHASE 2 – SUMMARY		EST. COST
North Substation Improvements		\$ 2,770,200
Distribution Improvements		2,355,000
	TOTAL – PHASE 2	\$ 5,125,200

# PHASE 3 IMPROVEMENTS (2027-2030)

PHASE 3 IMPROVEMENT ITEM	EST. COST	
Power Plant Substation Improvements:		
69 kV Circuit Switcher, Steel	\$ 81,300	
69-12.47 kV Power Transformer, 14 MVA	850,000	
69 kV Control Panel	50,000	
Construction, Miscellaneous	472,500	
Engineering & Contingencies	418,700	
Subtotal	\$ 1,872,500	



# PHASE 3 IMPROVEMENTS (2027-2030) - Continued

PHASE 3 IMPROVEMENT ITEM		EST. COST	
SCADA System Development:			
Hardware and Software		\$ 100,000	
Communications Link		250,000	
Facilities Integration		220,000	
Engineering & Contingencies		182,400	
	_ Subtotal	\$ 752,400	

### PHASE 2 IMPROVEMENTS (2027-2030) - Continued

PHASE 3 – SUMMARY	EST. COST
Power Plant Substation Improvements	\$ 1,872,500
SCADA System Development	752,400
TOTAL – PHASE 3	\$ 2,624,900

# COST ESTIMATE SUMMARY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

CIP PHASES – 10 YEAR	OUTLOOK	EST. COST
Phase 1 (2022 – 2024)		\$ 3,920,000
Phase 2 (2024 – 2027)		\$ 5,125,200
Phase 3 (2027 – 2030)		\$ 2,624,900
	TOTAL CIP Cost	\$ 11,670,100

#### HOW DO WE PAY FOR IT?

#### Need funds for projects:

- Initial Financial Planning as part of Rate Study:
  - Establish revenue requirements
  - Coordinate with financial advisors/bonding agent
  - Determine potential impacts to rates

#### **RECOMMENDED NEXT STEPS**

#### Authorize Design Services for Phase 1:

- Preliminary Design Efforts for Distribution Improvements Project:
  - Circuit Diagrams
  - Project Schedules
  - Update Cost Estimates
  - Cash Flows for Coordination w/Financial Advisors
- Coordination & Arc Flash Studies

#### **RECOMMENDED NEXT STEPS**

#### Authorize Design Services for Phase 1 (ctd.):

- Rate Study, Analysis of Financial Situation:
  - Coordinate with Financial Advisors/Bonding Agent
  - Examine Impact to Rates
  - Make Recommendations to the Commission
- Having a great team with municipal experience is critical
- Present Task Orders for Phase 1 for Consideration by Commission at January meeting?

# **QUESTIONS?**



Thank you!

