



# **XCEL ENERGY'S INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN AND INTEGRATED DISTRIBUTION PLAN 101 WORKSHOP**

September 26<sup>th</sup> (virtual) and September 27<sup>th</sup> (in-person), 2022

## AGENDA

**Welcome: Patti Leaf**

Introduction to Xcel Energy

Integrated Resource Planning

Integrated Distribution Planning

IRP/IDP Coordination



## **WELCOME AND OVERVIEW**

- **Involve stakeholders in the Xcel Energy Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and Integrated Distribution Plan (IDP) planning process**
- **General discussion on the planning processes**
- **Welcome environment for all**
- **To obtain feedback/input on those plans**
- **Opportunity to ask questions**
- **Additional workshops on specific content will be offered going forward**
- **General**



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Welcome

**Introduction to Xcel Energy: Monsherra Blank**

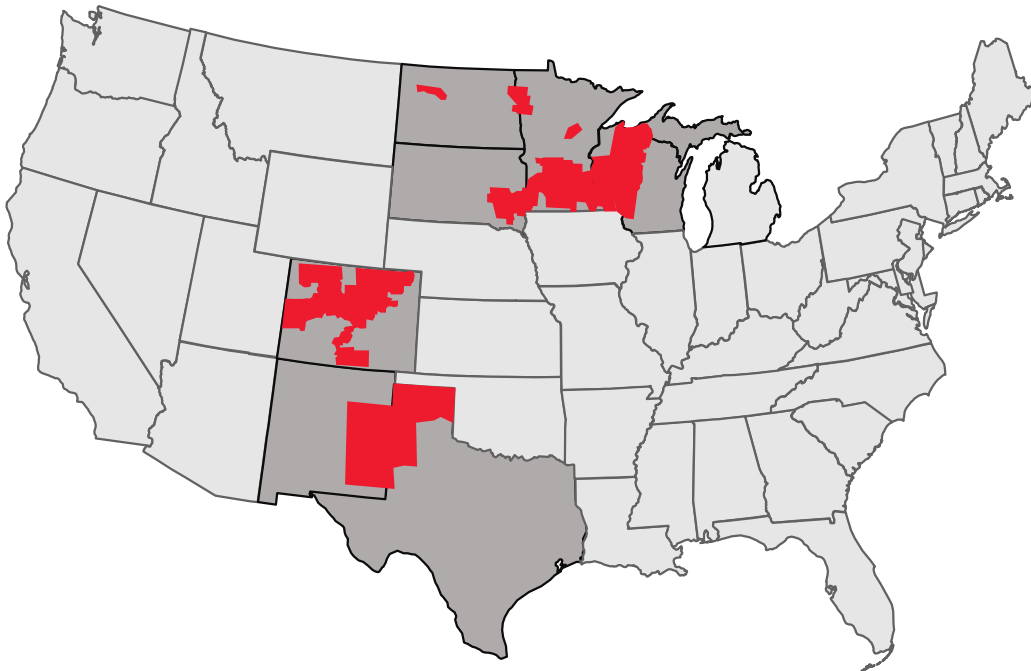
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# Xcel Energy



## Serving eight states

**3.7** million electricity customers

**2.1** million natural gas customers

## Nationally recognized leader:

Wind energy

Energy efficiency

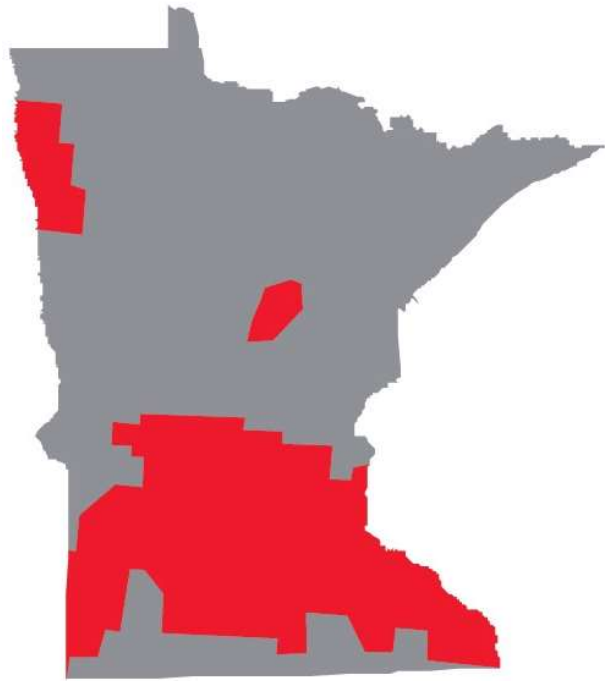
Carbon emissions reductions

Innovative technology

Storm restoration

2020 Data

# Powering Minnesota



**1.3 million  
Electric  
Customers**

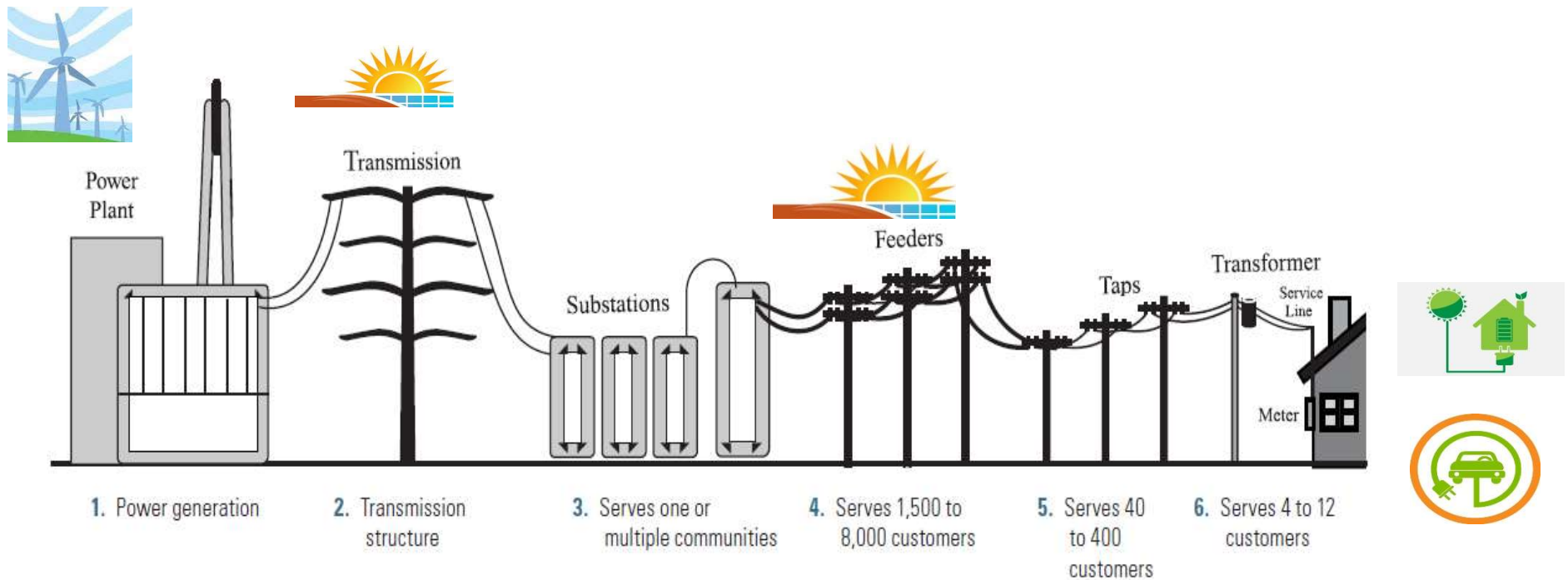


**472,000  
Natural Gas  
Customers**



**99.9%  
Electric  
Reliability**

# Electric Power System Today



# **Xcel Energy Priorities**



**Lead the Clean  
Energy Transition**



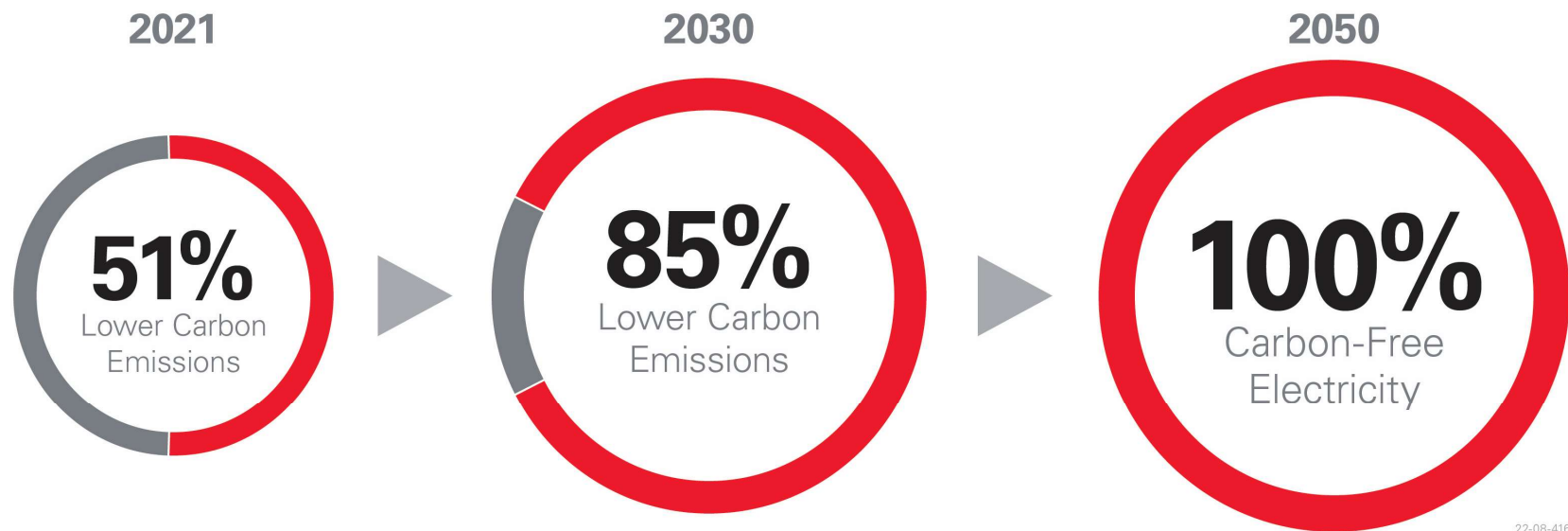
**Enhance the  
Customer Experience**



**Keep Bills Low**



## A Bold Vision for a Carbon-Free Future



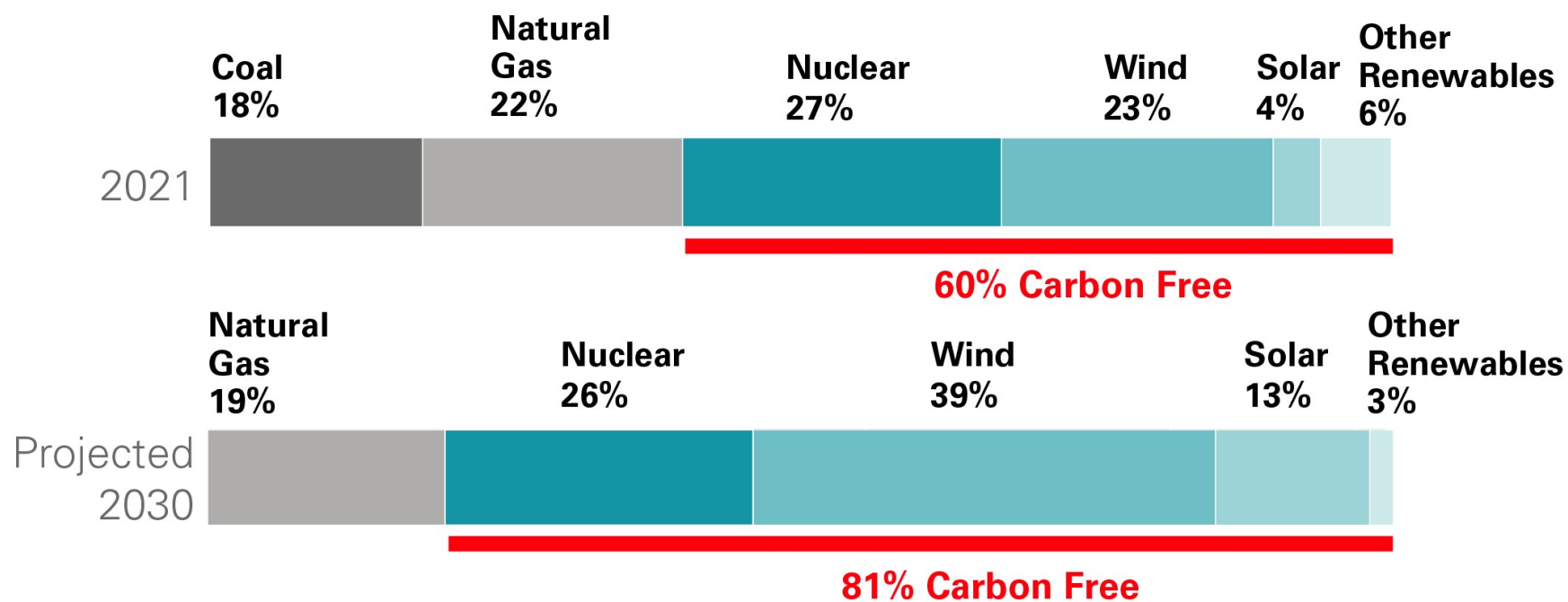
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**One of the top providers of clean power in the U.S.**

*Upper Midwest system emissions reductions compared to 2005*

## Cleaner Energy Mix

### Upper Midwest electricity sources



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## RESOURCE PLAN REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

### MN Statue 216B.2422

Subd. 1(d) "Resource plan" means a set of resource options that a utility could use to meet the service needs of its customers over a forecast period, including an explanation of the supply and demand circumstances under which, and the extent to which, each resource option would be used to meet those service needs. These resource options include using, refurbishing, and constructing utility plant and equipment, buying power generated by other entities, controlling customer loads, and implementing customer energy conservation.

Subd. 2.Resource plan filing and approval. (a) A utility shall file a resource plan with the commission periodically in accordance with rules adopted by the commission. The commission shall approve, reject, or modify the plan of a public utility, as defined in section [216B.02, subdivision 4](#), consistent with the public interest.



## RESOURCE PLAN PROCESS

- 1.Xcel Energy is required to file a plan to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) every 5 years.
- 2.Interested parties may file as intervenors and have the opportunity to submit their comments on our plan to the PUC. Xcel Energy can then submit comments on their comments- this can result in many rounds.
- 3.The Department of Commerce (DOC) reviews the record and makes recommendations to the PUC on what should and what shouldn't be approved in our plan.
- 4.Hearings are then held by the PUC with witnesses providing testimony to discuss the plan.
- 5.The PUC approves a plan which has been modified by the process.



# Upper Midwest Integrated Resource Plan Overview

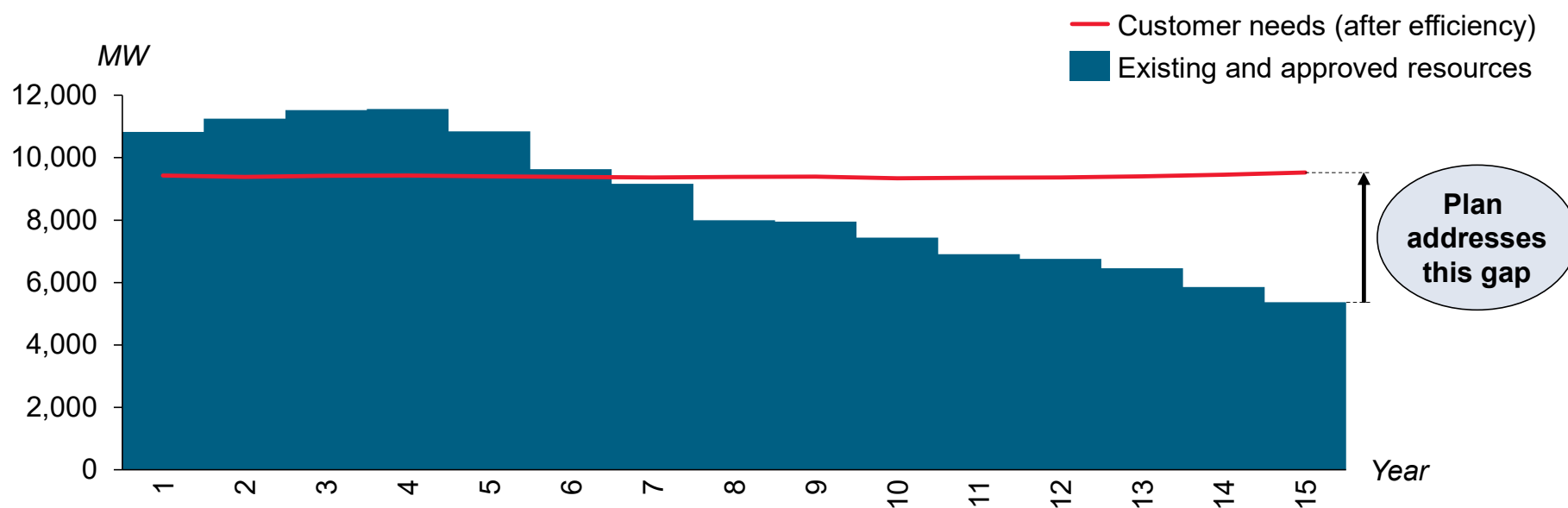
- **15-year plan for 5-state Upper Midwest** service area
  - ~1.8 million electric customers
  - States have varying requirements
- Tests multiple plans and contingency scenarios to **determine Preferred Plan**
  - **Size, type, and timing** of new resource additions over next 15 years, with focus on **next 5 years actions**
  - Uses **EnCompass economic modeling tool** to analyze multiple future scenarios
- Key question: in alignment with our planning objectives, what is the **least cost and best fit generation portfolio to serve customers?**
  - Modeling output is key but not sole consideration
  - Other qualitative and quantitative factors also considered when selecting a Preferred Plan



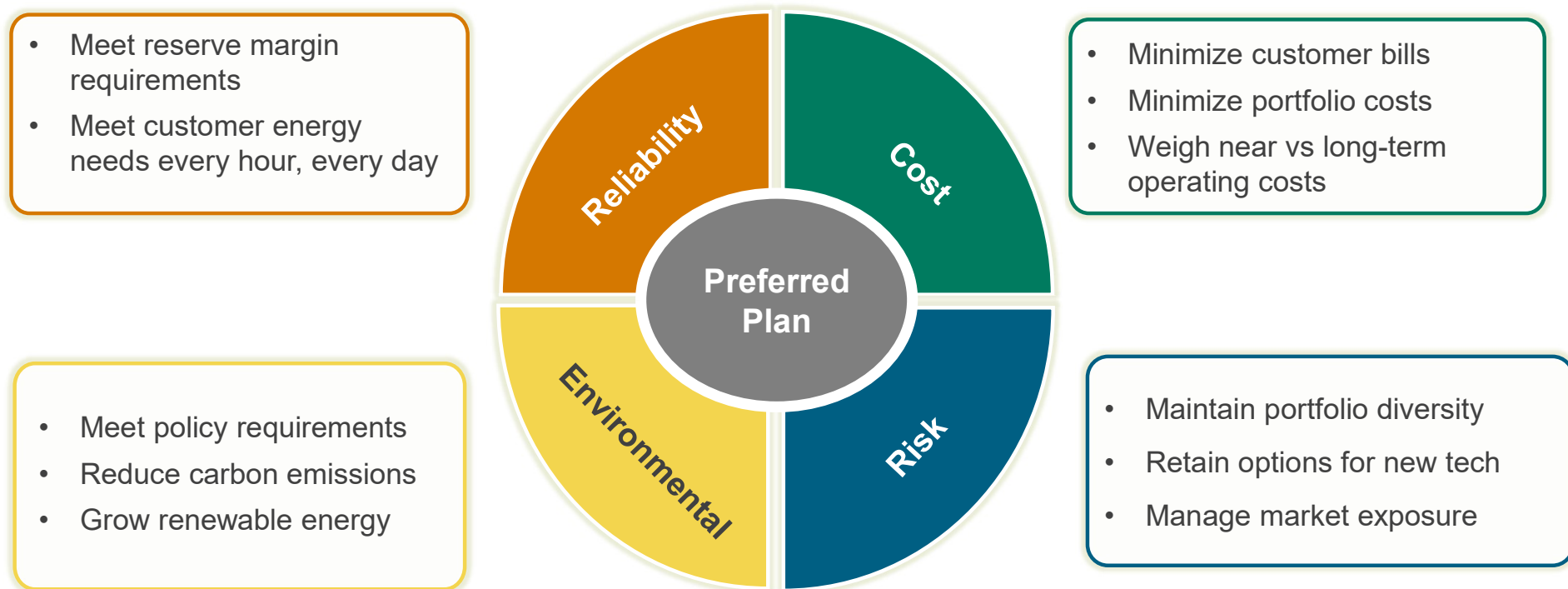
# At its core, IRP is about identifying best set of resources to meet future customer needs

Customer demand and resources available each year of plan (**illustrative**)

Units: Megawatts (1 MW = ~1,000 homes/yr)



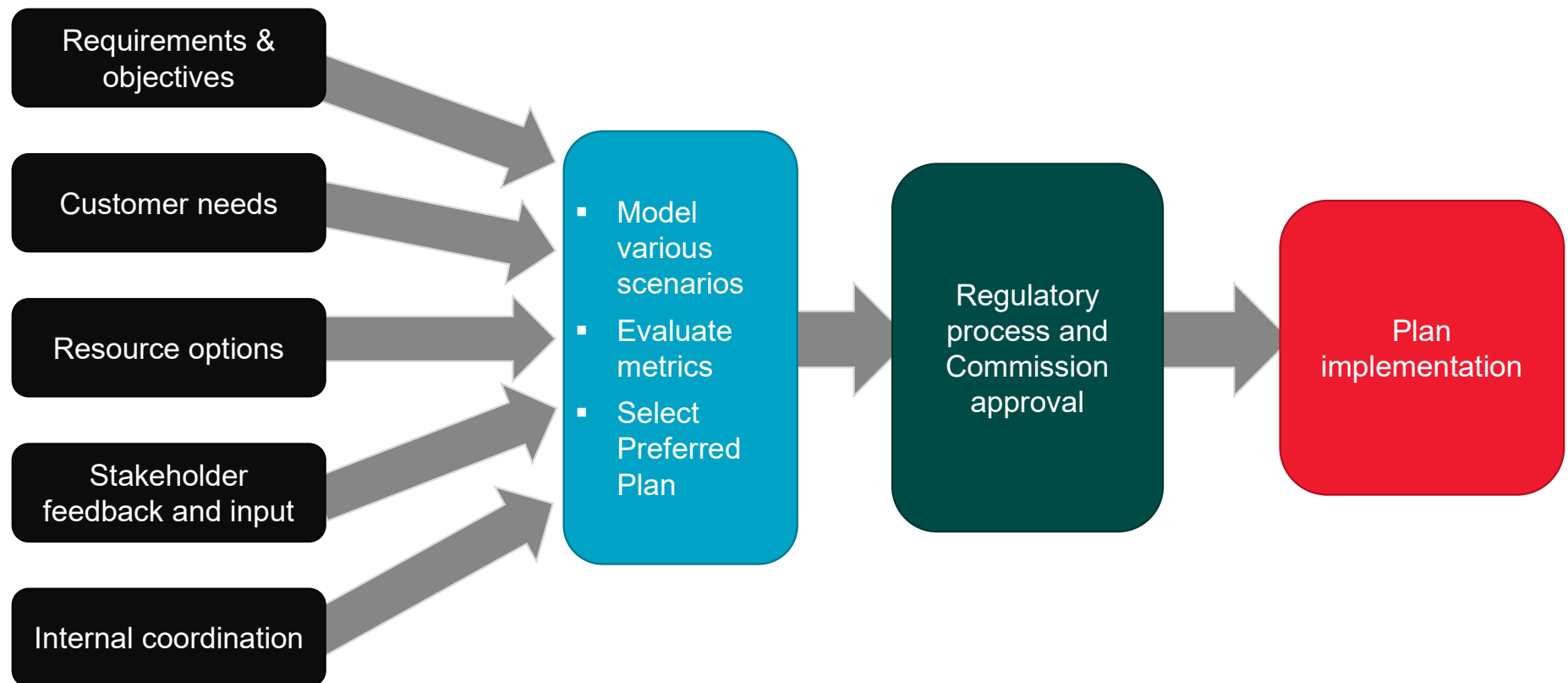
## Analysis approach emphasizes striking a balance between core objectives



*Core planning objectives align generally to MN Commission requirements for review of our plan*



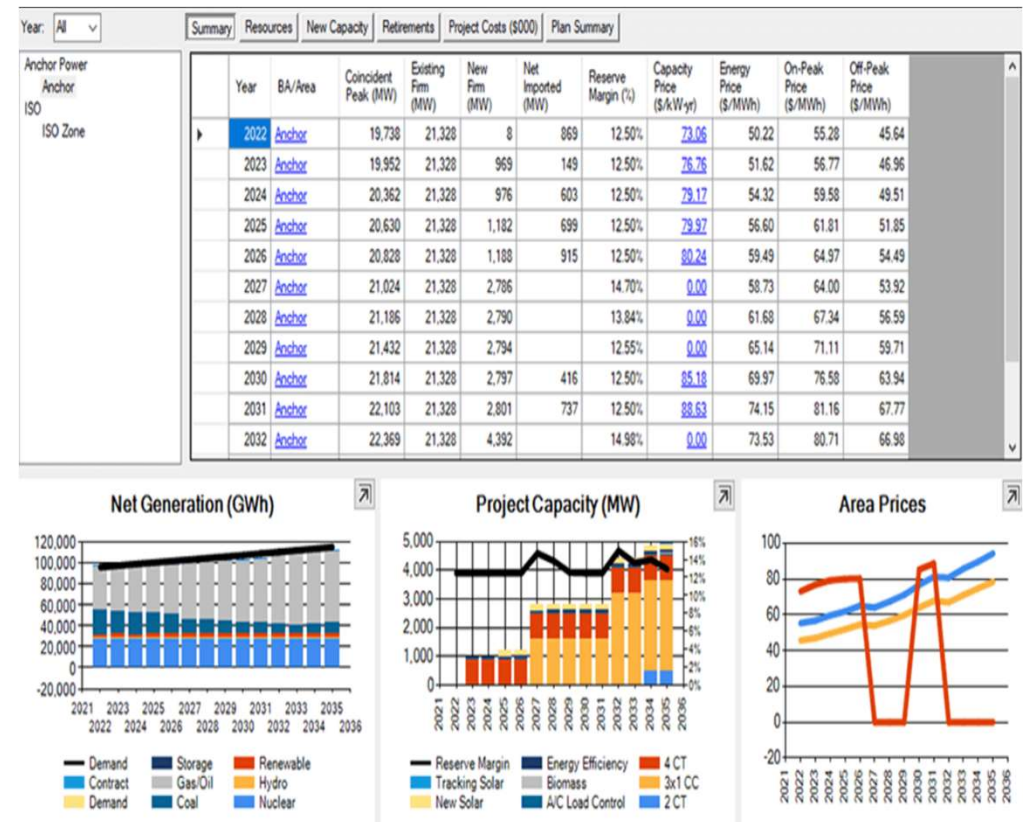
# Overview of our Integrated Resource Planning process



# We use complex economic modeling to support our planning process

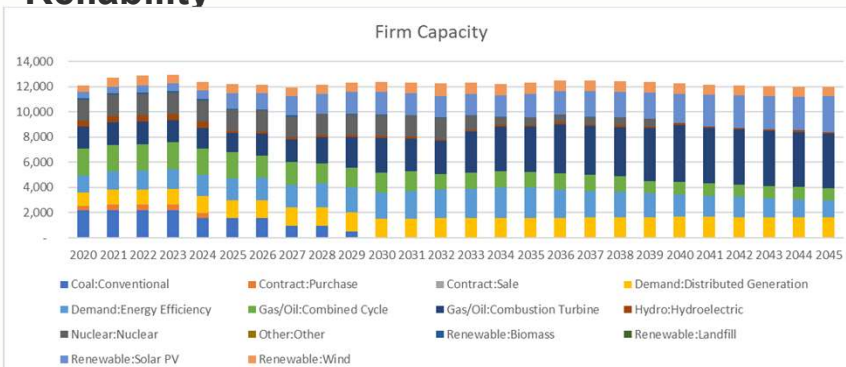
## **Long-Term** Generation Planning Model: **EnCompass Power Planning Software**

- Utilizes mixed integer programming to determine the optimal solution for new resource portfolios and how they operate to serve customer needs
  - Identifies optimal generation fleet given set of inputs and constraints
- Each run gives us many data points: Costs, emissions, energy generation by unit type, etc.
- Serves as the basis for regulatory filings in 17 states (including largest MN utilities)
- Just one part of a comprehensive analysis we collaboratively develop with stakeholders inside the company and outside input*



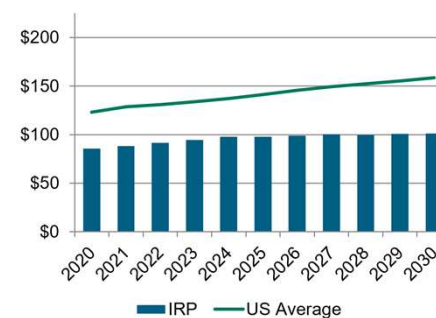
# Metrics we use to evaluate our plan align to our core planning principles

## Reliability



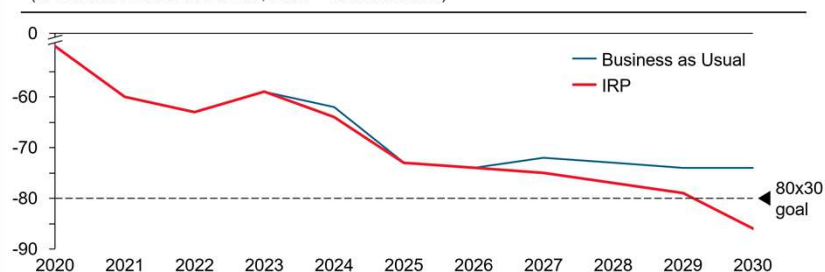
## Cost

**Average MN residential bills vs US average**  
(USD nominal, monthly)



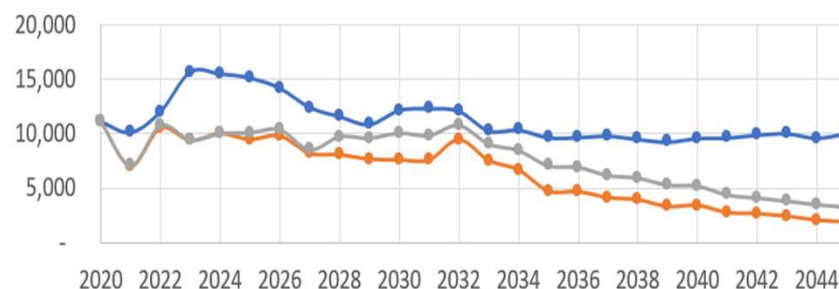
## Environment

**Carbon Reduction Levels by Scenario**  
(% reduction from 2005 levels, 2005 = 28 million tons)

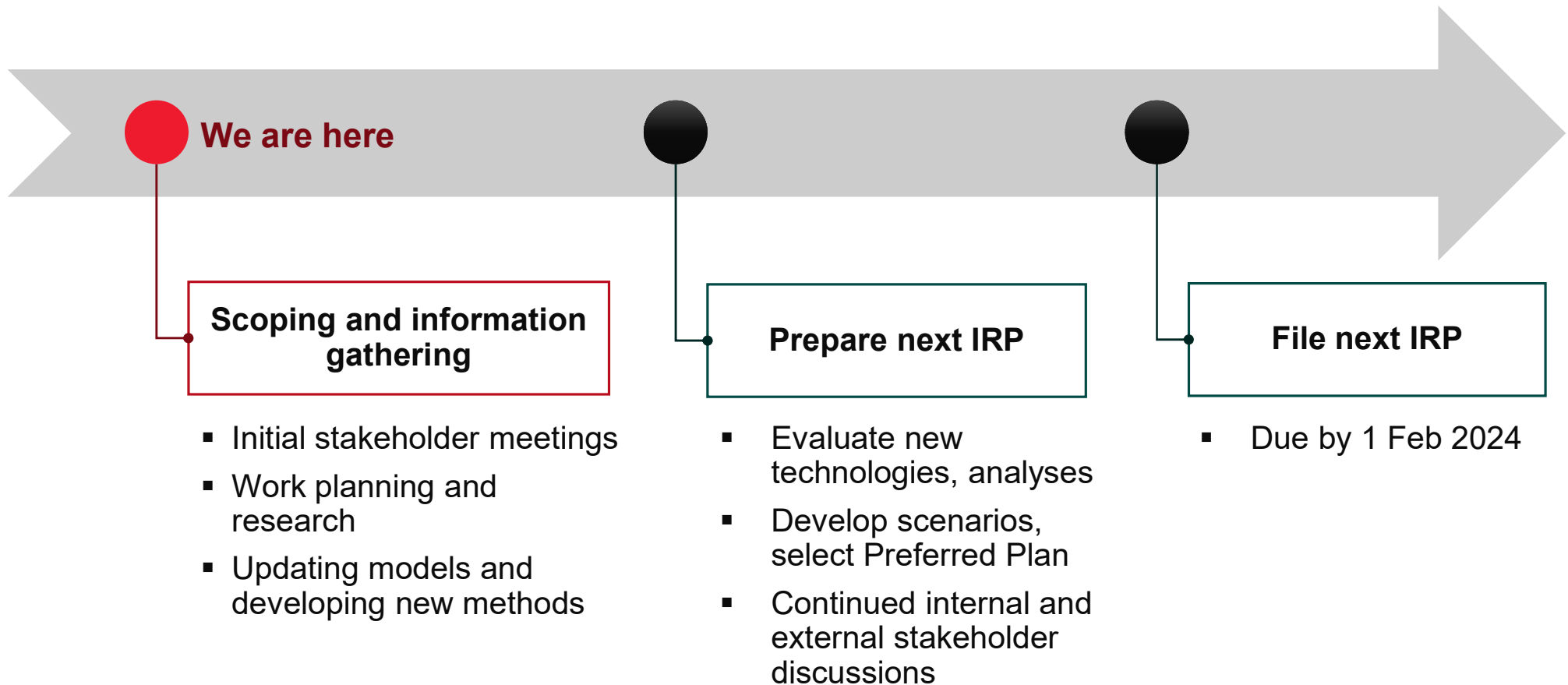


## Risk

**Mkt Sales**



## What's next – starting the 2024-2038 IRP!





# IRP QUESTIONS?





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**Integrated Distribution Planning: Brian Monson**

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# Minnesota Integrated Distribution Planning (IDP) Filing

- **Minnesota Public Utilities Commission established reporting requirements as an outcome of its Grid Modernization proceeding**
  - First Xcel Energy IDP filed in 2018, biennial since 2019
  - **Next Xcel Energy IDP due November 1, 2023**
- **Integrated Distribution Planning (IDP) continues to be an emerging industry trend**
  - Particularly in states with significant level of DER

## Minnesota IDP – Objectives

- Maintain and enhance the safety, security, reliability, and resilience of the electricity grid, at fair and reasonable costs, consistent with the state's energy policies,
- Enable greater customer engagement, empowerment, and options for energy services,
- Move toward the creation of efficient, cost-effective, accessible grid platforms for new projects, new services, and opportunities for adoption of new distributed technologies, and
- Provide the Commission with the information necessary to understand Xcel Energy's short- and long-term distribution system plans, the costs and benefits of specific investments, and a comprehensive analysis of customer cost and value.



## Minnesota IDP – Filing Process

1. Xcel Energy is required to file an Integrated Distribution Plan (IDP) to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) every 2 years.
2. Interested stakeholders can submit their comments on our plan to the PUC, including recommendations on what should or shouldn't be accepted from the plan, and changes to future filing requirements.
3. Xcel Energy can then submit a reply to stakeholder comments.
4. Hearing held by the PUC to discuss, vote to accept the plan, and provide additional order points for future filings.

# Drivers – Distribution Business Evolution



**Increasing expectations of the distribution system**

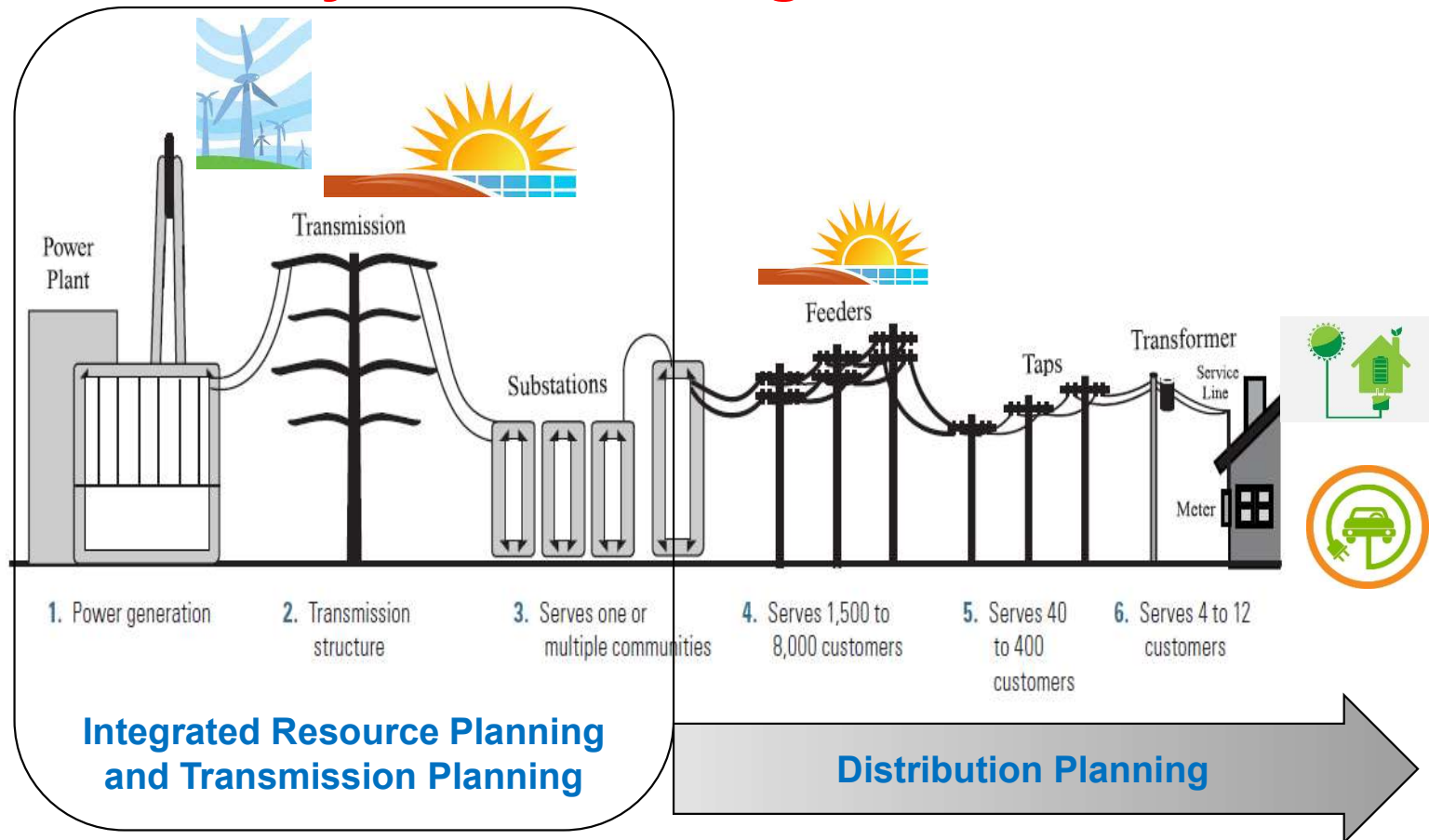
**Greater customer expectations of performance and accessibility**

**Greater desire to understand and participate in system planning**

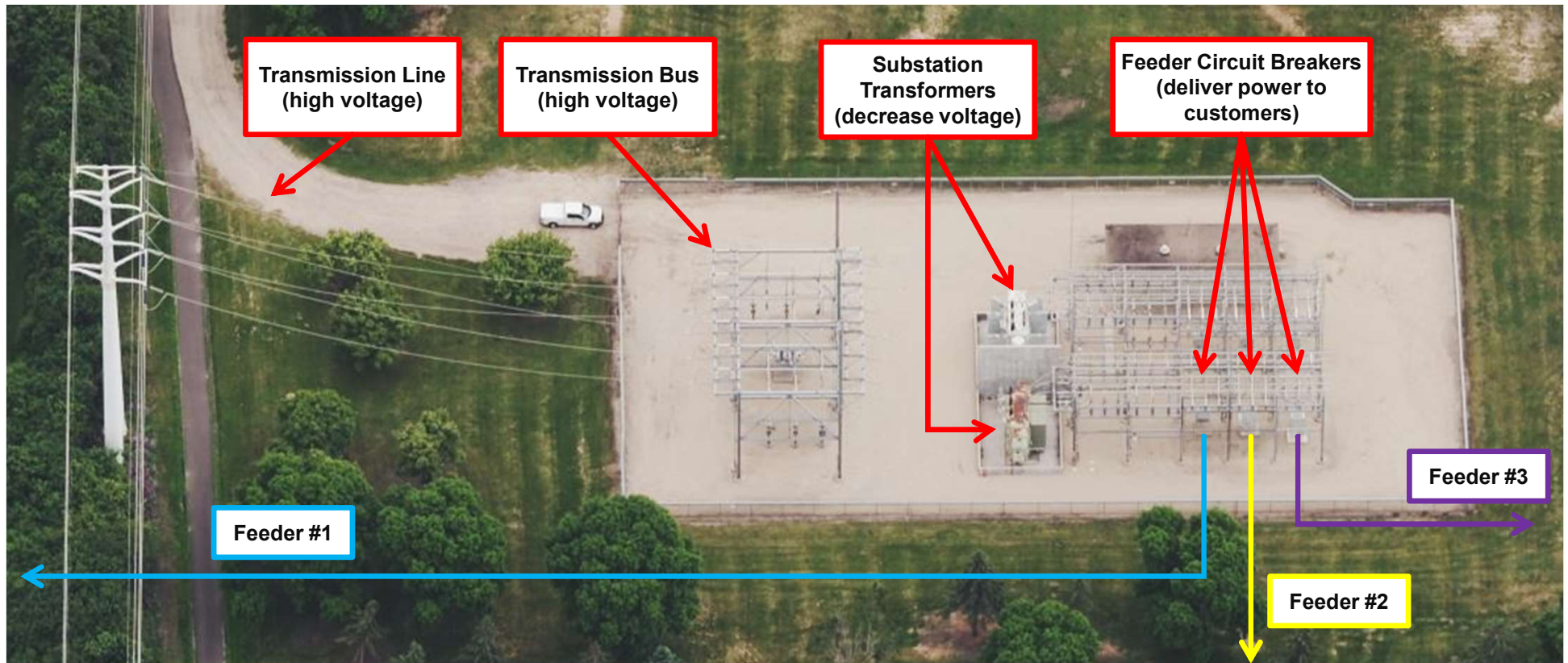
**Broad interest in decarbonizing the economy**

**Emerging technologies**

# Electric Power System Planning



# Distribution System - Substations

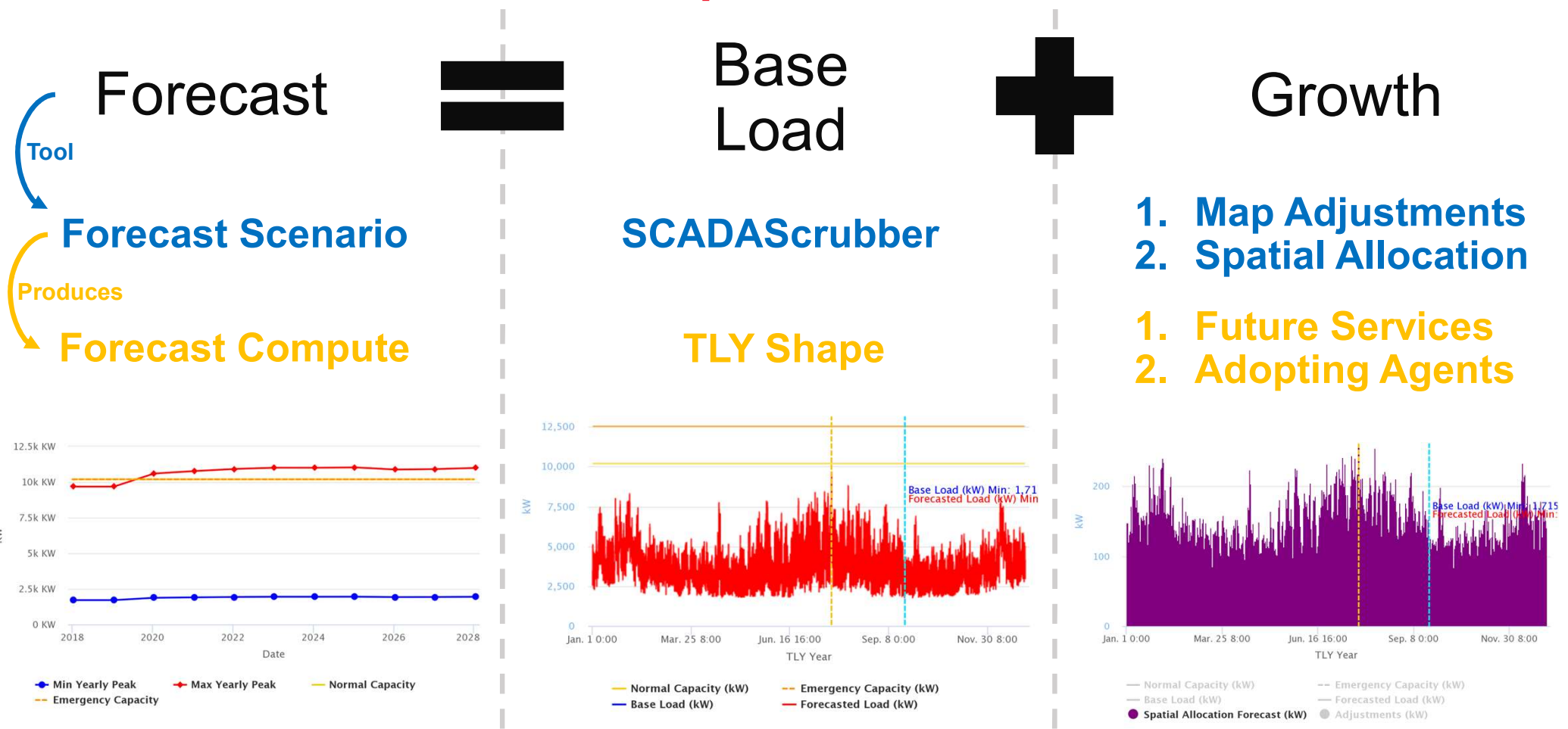




# Load Forecast

- **Objective:** Identify future distribution system peak loading based on known and anticipated load growth
- Forecast up to 30 years into the future, years 2-5 are focus for analysis
- Forecast developed for each feeder circuit and substation transformer
  - Location specific – *where* is the load growth expected to occur
- Layer impacts of multiple different high-level forecasts into distribution forecast
  - Corporate load growth forecast
  - EV and charging station adoption forecasts
  - DER adoption forecast

# LoadSEER Forecast Concept



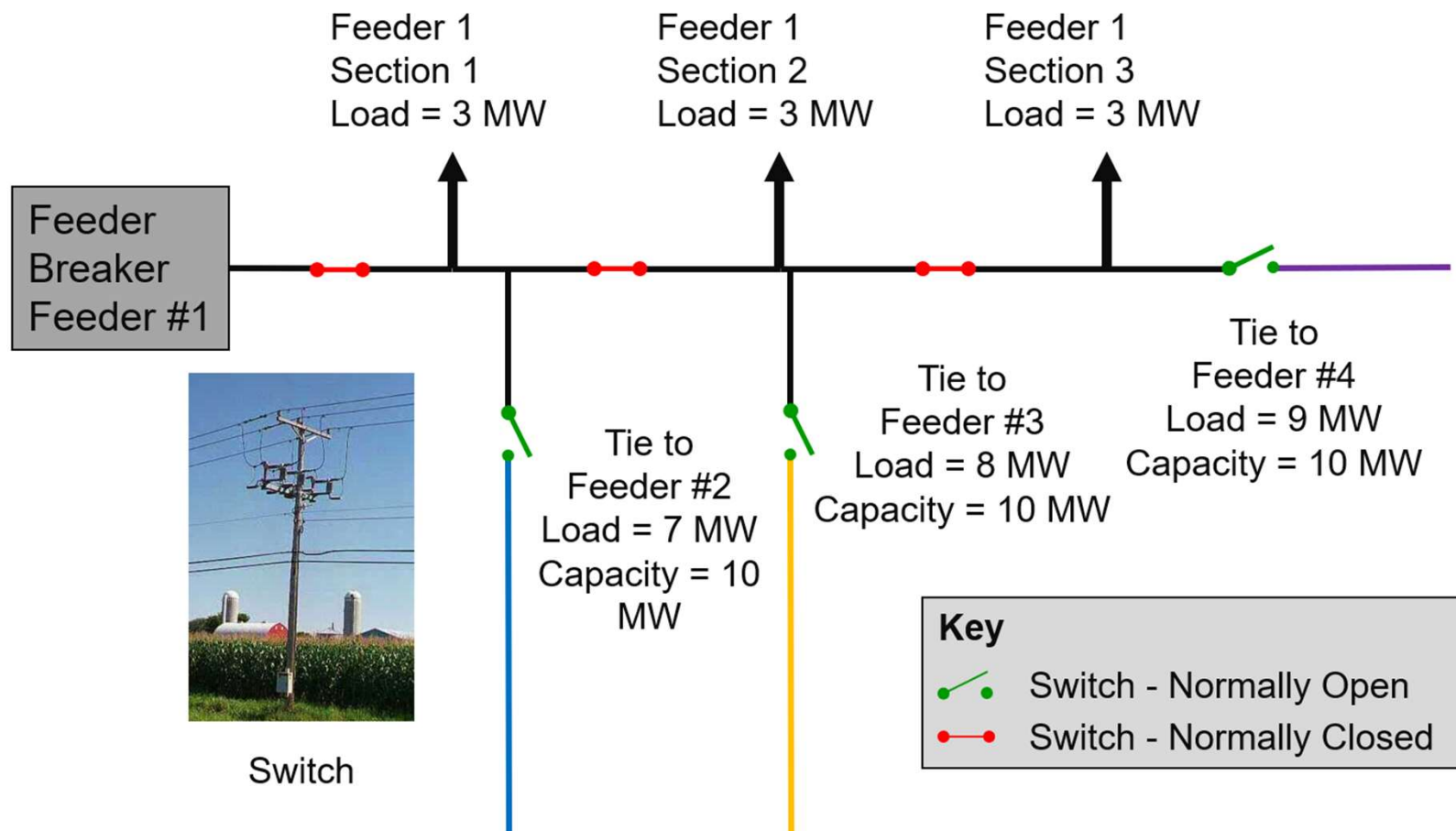


# Risk Analysis

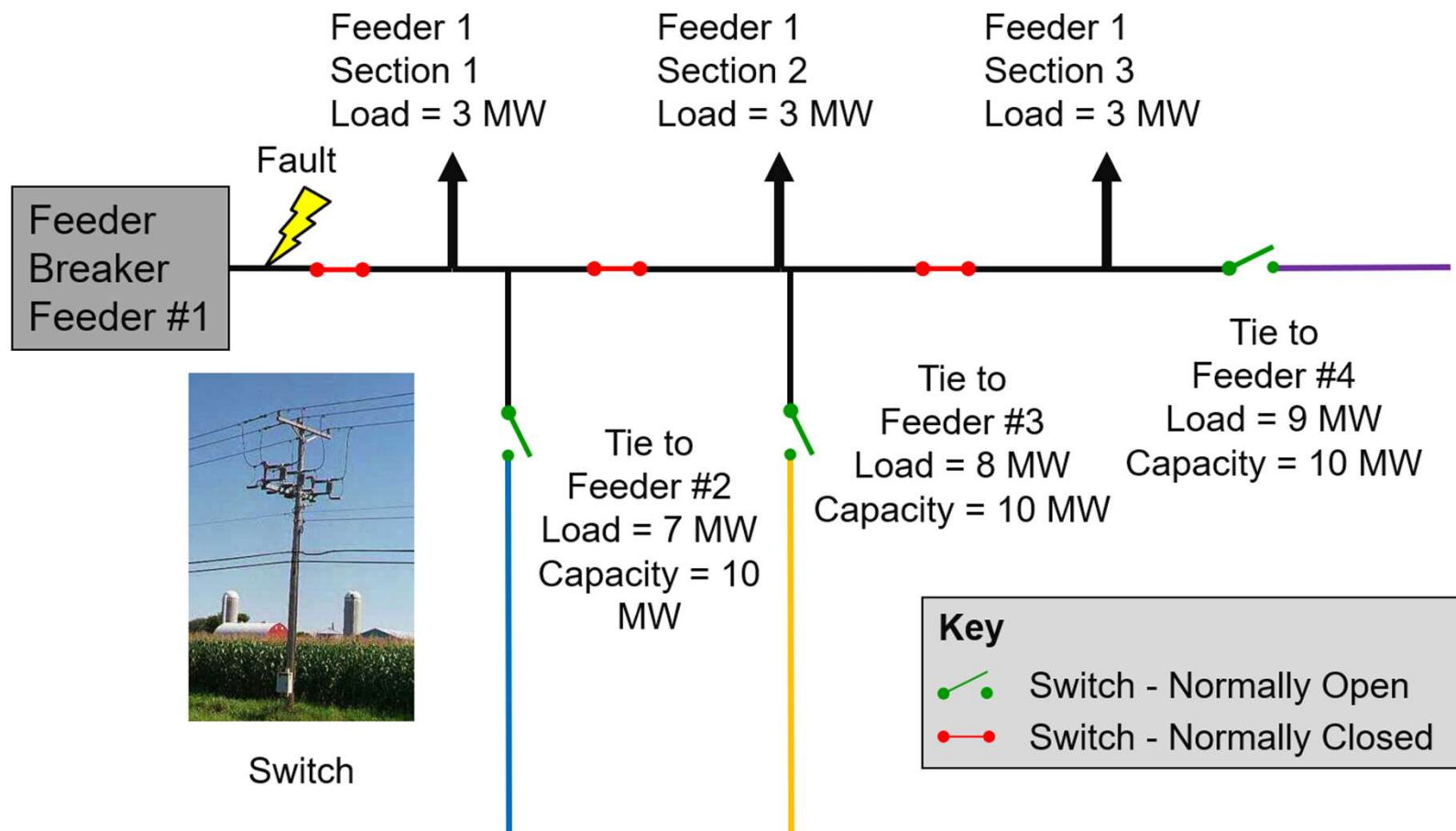
- **Objective:** Identify future system capacity risks based on load forecast
- Analyze feeders and substation transformers
  - N-0 – normal system conditions with the system fully intact
    - N-0 overload risk: forecasted load exceeds rated capacity
  - N-1 – abnormal system conditions after the failure/loss of one feeder or substation transformer
    - N-1 overload risk: resultant loading on adjacent feeder or substation transformer exceeds the rated capacity after load transfers to restore customers



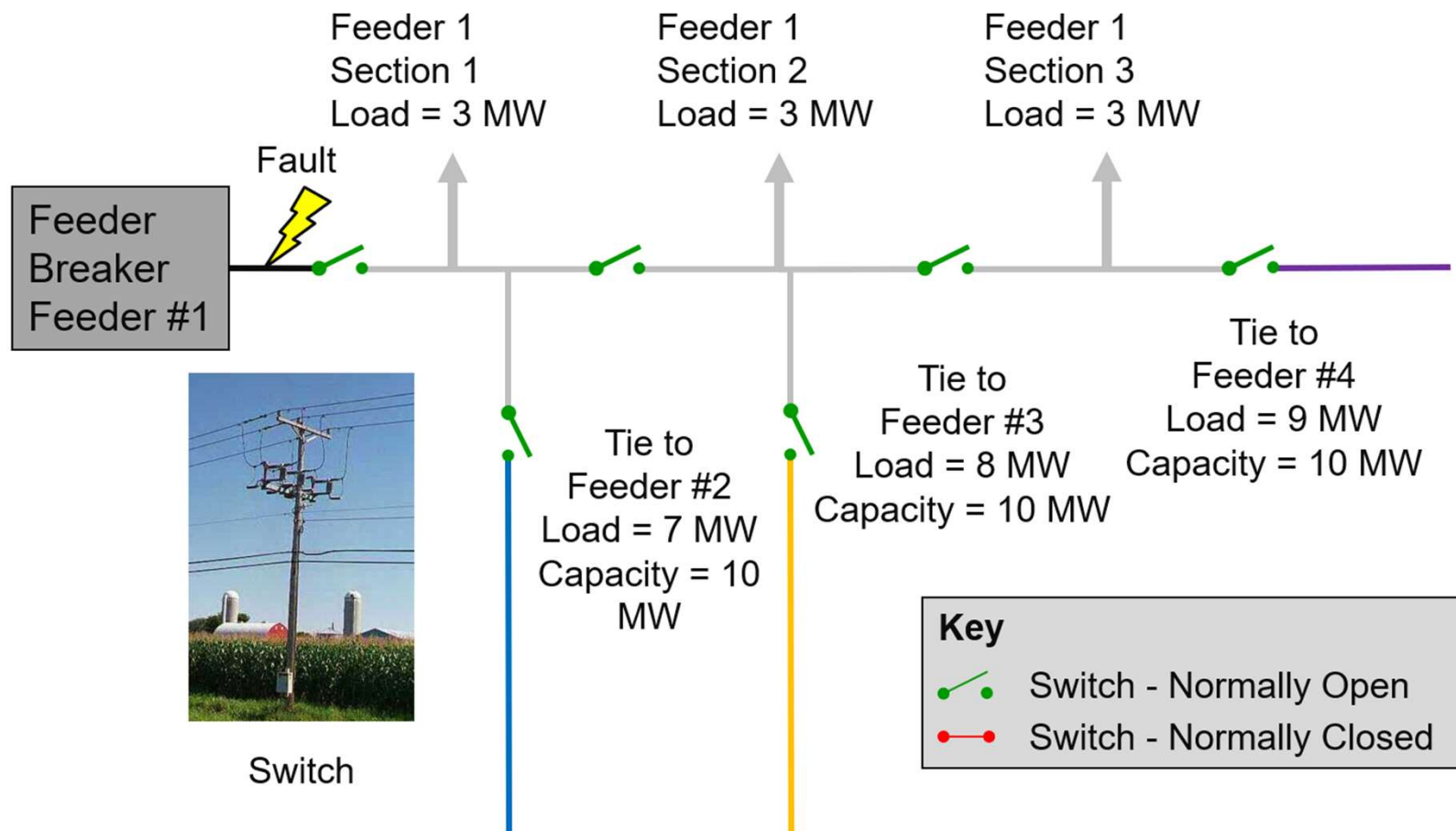
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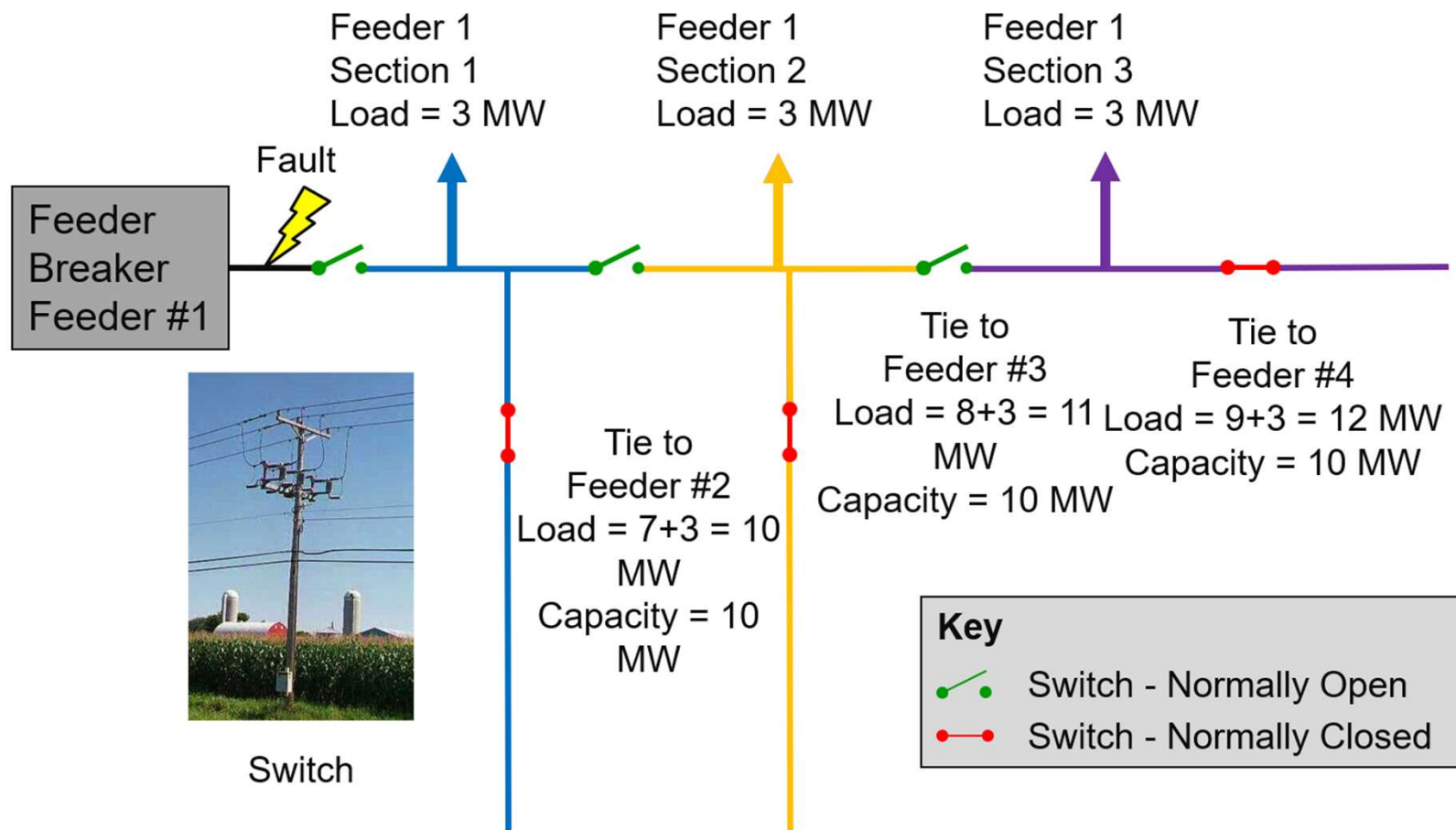
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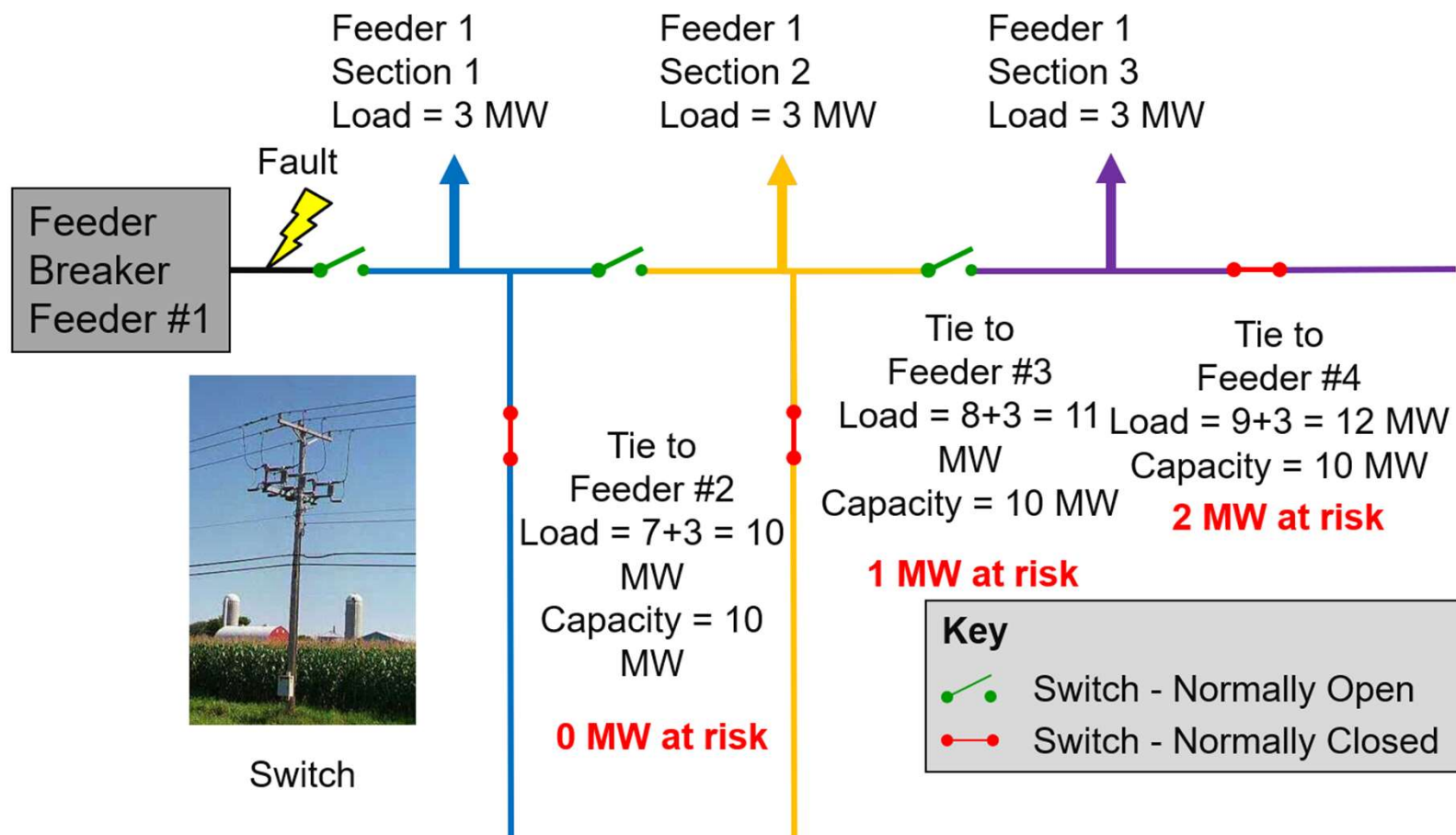
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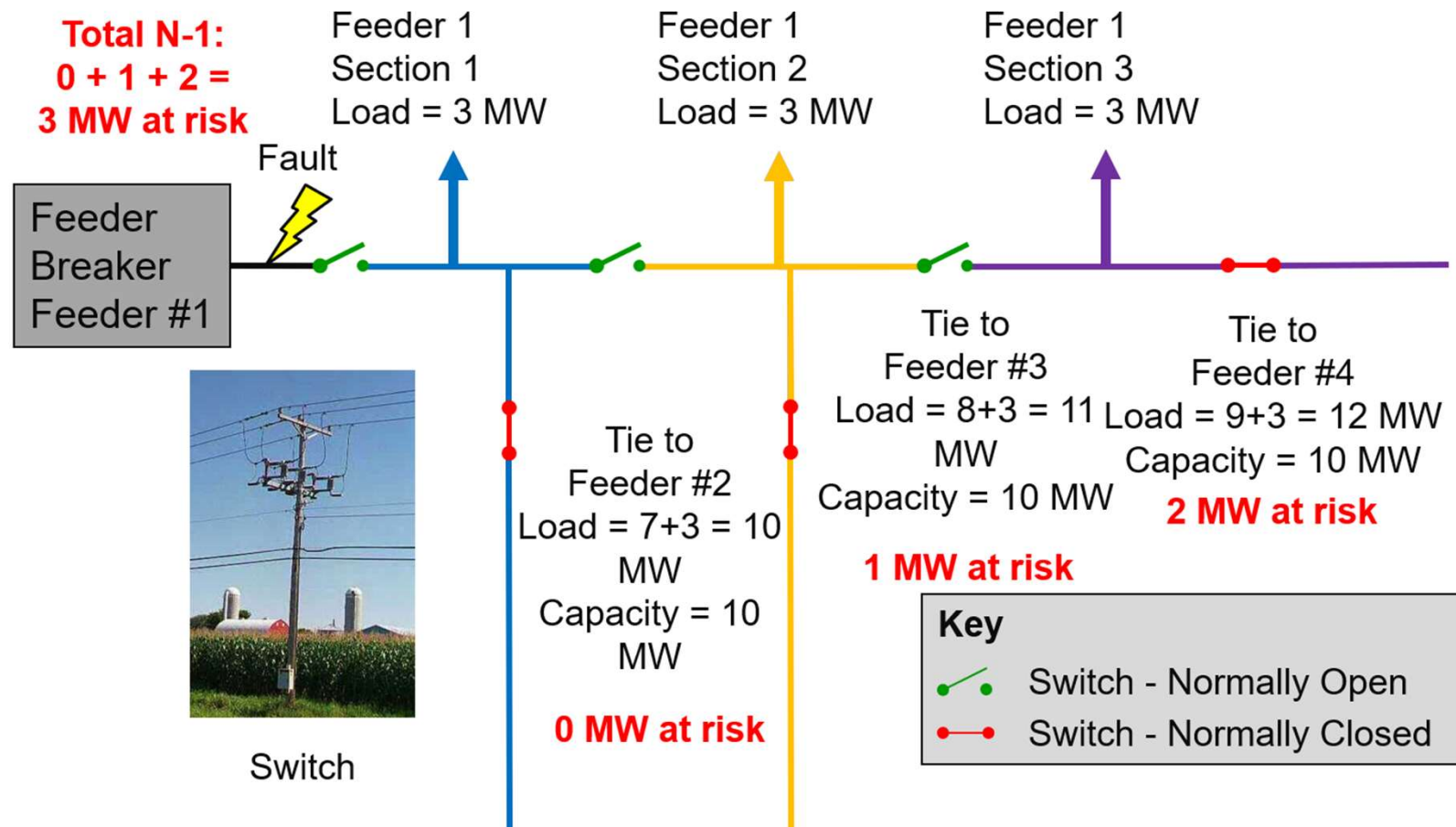
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## Mitigation Plans – Traditional Solutions

**Objective:** Initiate projects to address system capacity risks

### Possible mitigations for capacity risks

	N-0	N-1
Feeder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Upgrade feeder capacity</li><li>• Transfer load off of feeder (new feeder or extend existing feeder)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extend a feeder for a new feeder tie</li><li>• Add section switch to change sections</li><li>• New feeder to pick up load and reduce overall loading</li><li>• Upgrade capacity of feeder tie</li></ul>
Substation TR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Upgrade transformer</li><li>• Transfer load off of substation TR</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Add a transformer</li><li>• Transfer load away from substation</li><li>• Add feeder ties to external substations</li></ul>

## Mitigation Plans - Non-Wires Alternative (NWA)

*Projects in which a utility uses distributed energy resources (DER) to solve a constraint on the grid, instead of relying on conventional transmission and distribution assets*

### **What is DER in the context of our Integrated Distribution Plan?**

Supply and demand side resources that can be used throughout an electric distribution system to meet energy and reliability needs of customers, and can be installed on either the customer or utility side of the electric meter. This definition may include, but is not limited to distributed generation, energy storage, electric vehicles, demand side management, and energy efficiency.



# Mitigation Plans – NWA Requirements in the IDP

## Base IDP Requirements for NWA:

**Xcel Energy must file an annual update of baseline financial data and non-wires alternatives analysis.**

**For any distribution project in the current year or 5-year budget that costs \$2 million or more, provide an analysis on how non-wires alternatives compare in terms of viability, price, and long-term value. Provide the following information:**

- Project types that would lend themselves to non-traditional solutions (i.e., load relief or reliability)
- The timeline needed to consider alternatives to traditional project types
- Cost threshold of any project type that would need to be met to have a non-traditional solution reviewed
- A discussion of the proposed screening process for potential non-wires alternatives

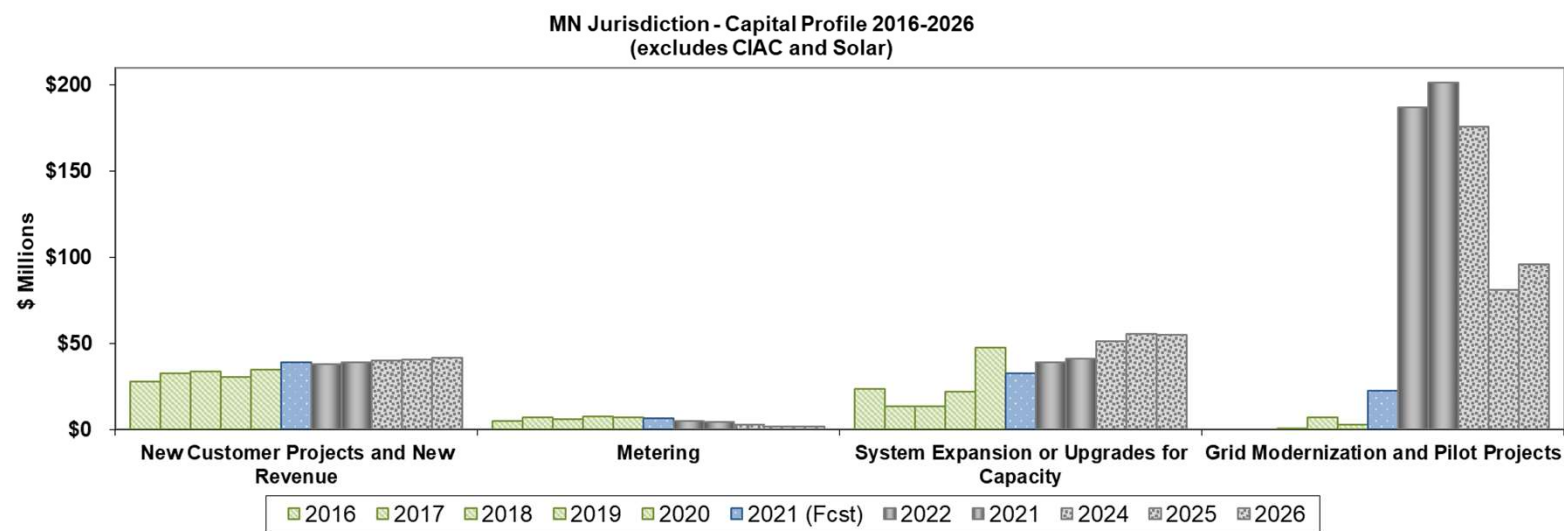
**Xcel Energy must engage stakeholders in further advancing the Company's NWA Analysis, including, but not limited to, screening criteria, analysis methodology and assumptions, and NWA evaluation parameters.**

**2022 Commitments – The Company will consider a broader set of values and revenue streams in future NWA analyses and continue working with stakeholders on NWA analysis.**

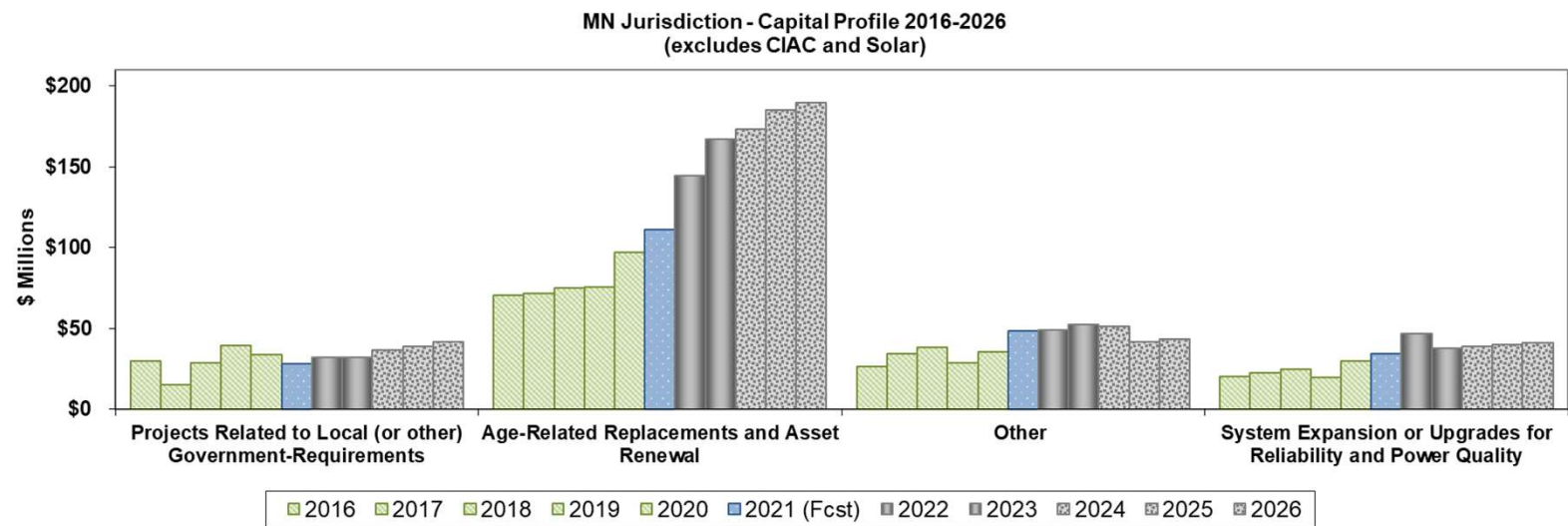
## Budget Create

- **Objective:** Develop a 5-year capital budget for Distribution
- Discretionary projects are scored based on project cost and estimated reliability benefit
  - Projects are funded and prioritized in budget based on this score
- Projects are mapped to various budget categories:
  - System Expansion or Upgrades for Capacity
  - Age-Related Replacements and Asset Renewal
  - System Expansion or Upgrades for Reliability and Power Quality
  - New Customer Projects and New Revenue
  - Grid Modernization and Pilot Projects
  - Projects related to local (or other) government-requirements
  - Metering
  - Other

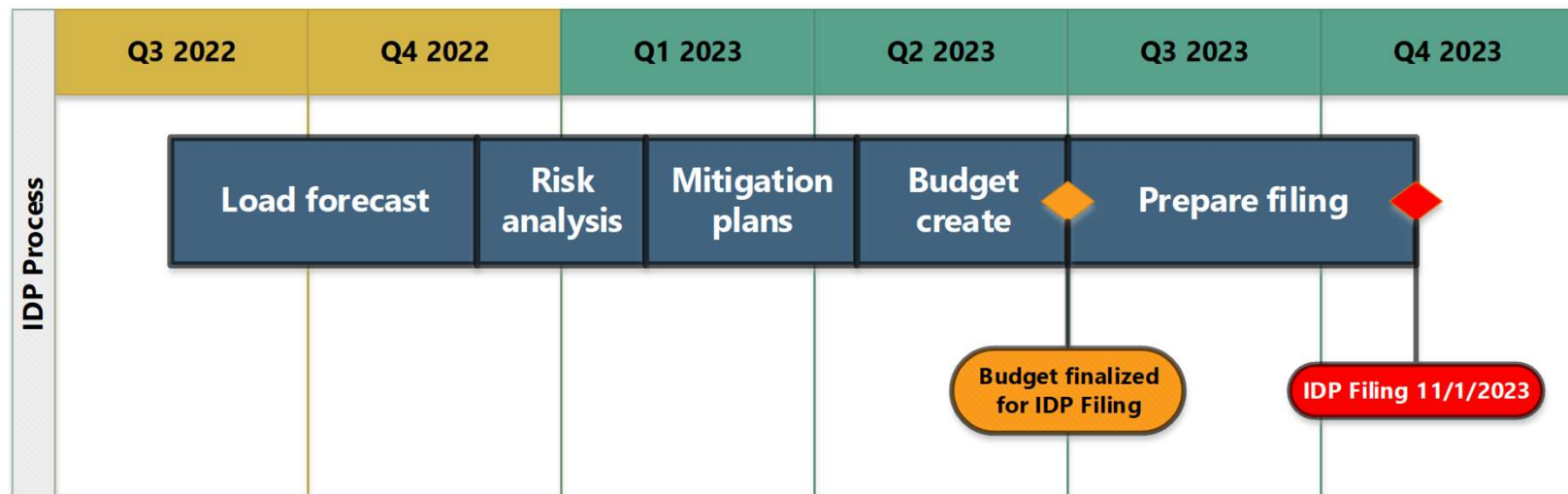
# Budget Create – Trend by Category



# Budget Create – Trend by Category (cont'd)



## 2023 IDP Process Timeline





# IDP Questions?



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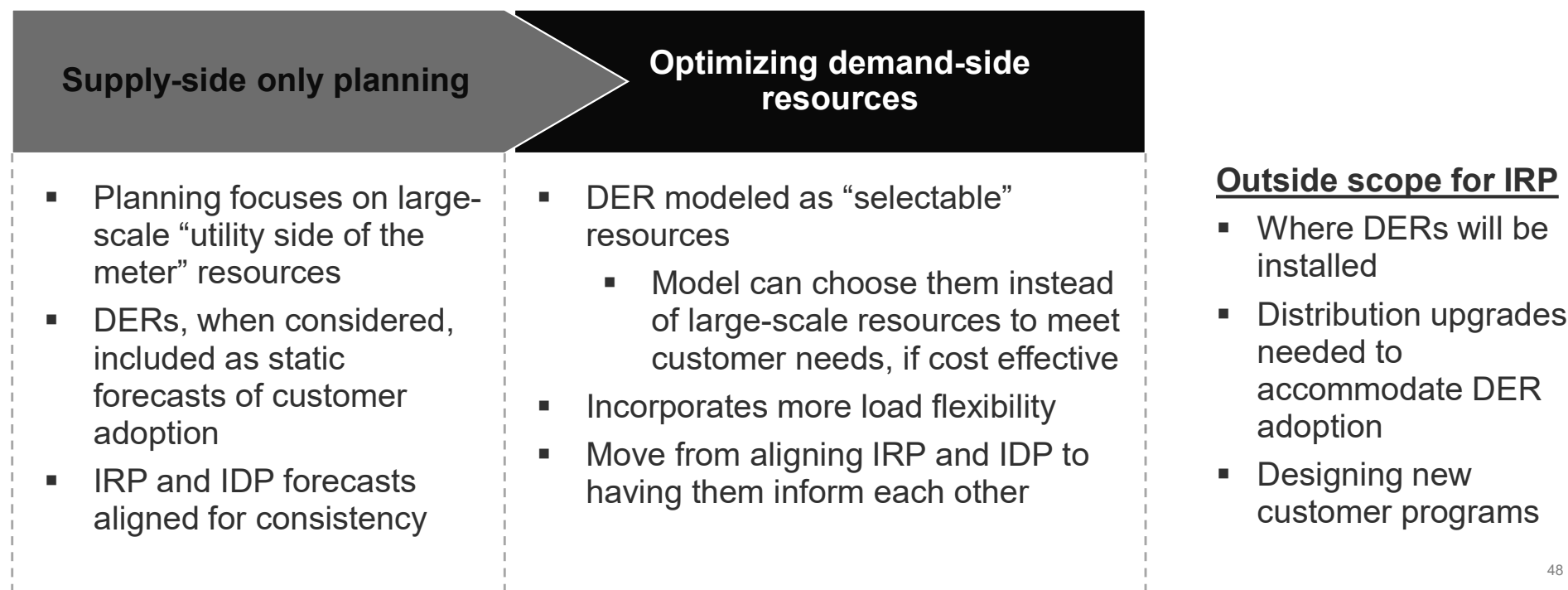
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# How IDP and distributed resource considerations factor into IRP planning

*IRP interacts with IDP by identifying **likely to be adopted or cost-effective levels** of distributed energy resources or “DER” whereas IDP plans for likely to be adopted*

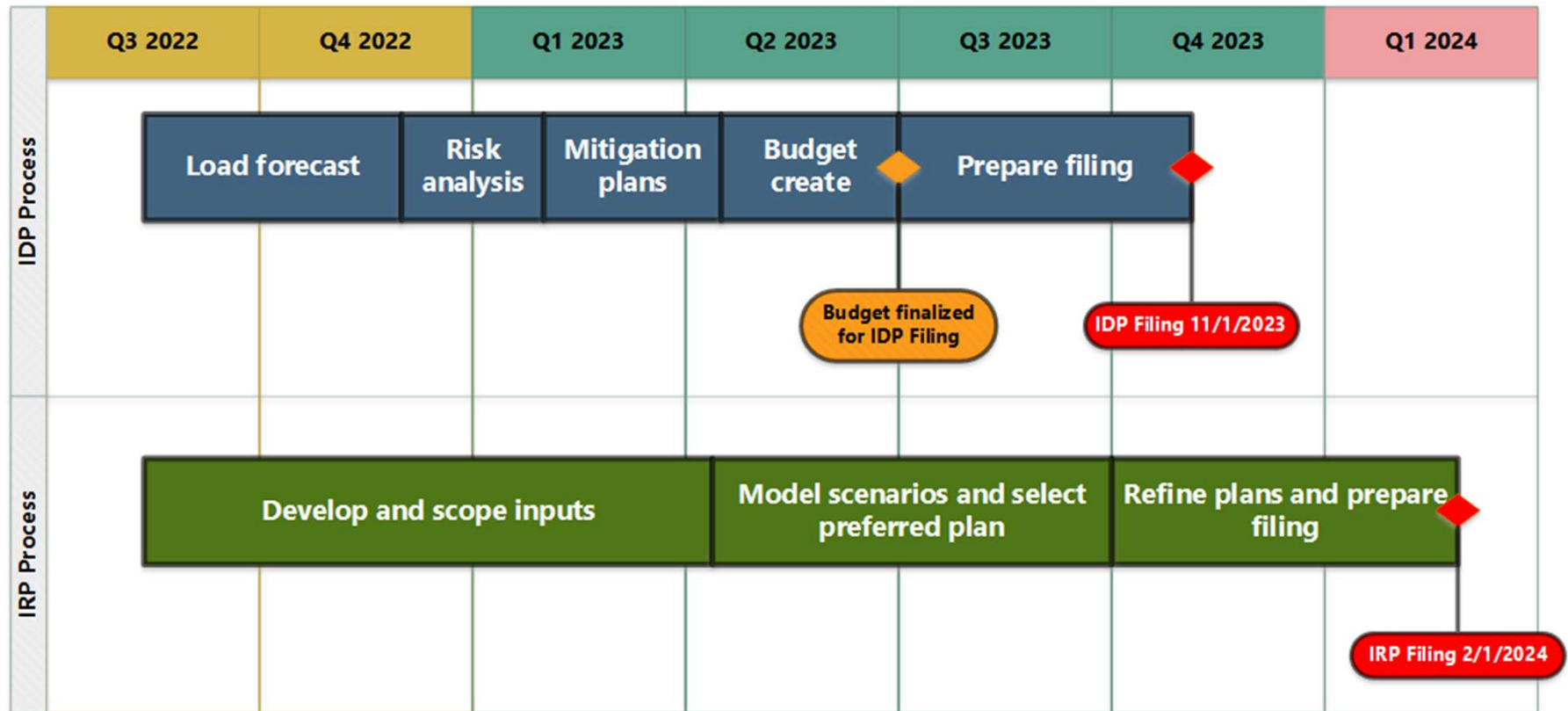




## Some IDP-related topics we'll address in our next IRP

- ✓ Continue modeling energy efficiency and demand response as selectable resources
- ✓ Continue forecasting electrification adoption levels and impact on plans
- ? Approach to modeling distributed solar as selectable, rather than static forecasts, and impact on customer rates/bills
- ? Demand flexibility and impact on our planning
- ? Evaluating and accounting for community goals in our IRP

## IDP and IRP Process Timelines




*Note: exact timelines of each phase are subject to change*



**Questions?**





If you have referenced reports, studies, modeling, data, etc. in your comments, please send this information within 5 business days to:

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**IRP Docket NO: E002/RP-19-368**

**IDP Docket NO: E002/M-21-694**

**Slides will be posted to these dockets.**





## **Next Workshop:**

Electrification: date TBD.

Meeting details will be posted to IDP and IRP dockets and sent via e-mail to interested parties list.

If you did not get an invite to this workshop via e-mail, you are not on Xcel Energy's interested parties list. E-mail [patricia.b.leaf@xcelenergy.com](mailto:patricia.b.leaf@xcelenergy.com) to be added.





**Other Questions?**





**THANKS FOR JOINING US!**







**BACKUP SLIDES**



# Reductions Beyond Carbon

## Environmental Improvement Since 2005

