

**AGENDA**  
**Thursday, June 20, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
**This meeting will not be held virtually**

<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	Travas Deal, Chief Executive Officer  Lisa Barbato, Chief System Planning and Projects Officer
<b>10:05 a.m.</b>	<b>2.</b>	<b>Potential Future Legislation</b>	Dan Hodges, Manager Government Affairs
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>3.</b>	<b>Check-in on Plan</b>	Travas Deal, Chief Executive Officer
<b>10:35 a.m.</b>	<b>4.</b>	<b>Sustainable Energy Plan Update</b>	
		<b>Current Projects</b>	Joe Awad, General Manager Planning and Engineering
		<b>New Generation</b>	Jessie Marshall, Energy Project Manager
		<b>IRP Alignment and Scenario Planning</b>	Kathryn Rozwod, Energy Resource Planning Supervisor
		<b>Financial Impacts</b>	John Hunter, Financial Planning and Risk Manager
<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>5.</b>	<b>Energy Vision (Prepare for 80 by 30 and after)</b>	David Longrie, Energy Resource Planning and Innovation Manager
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>6.</b>	<b>Confirm Plan Direction</b>	Travas Deal, Chief Executive Officer
<b>12:05 p.m.</b>	<b>7.</b>	<b>Lunch / Potential Future Generation</b>	Kathryn Rozwod, Energy Resource Planning Supervisor
<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8.</b>	<b>Energy Vision Activity Overview</b>	
		<b>Renewable Energy Integration and Energy Wise</b>	Scott Shirola, Pricing and Rates Manager
		<b>Regional Transmission Organization</b>	Alex Baird, Fuels and Purchase Power Manager



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Mesa Conference Room  
Conservation and Environmental Center  
2855 Mesa Road

**Microgrid Pilot**

Kathryn Rozwod, Energy Resource  
Planning Supervisor

**2:00 p.m.**

**9. Adjournment**

Chair Donelson



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# Utilities Board Workshop

Energy Resource Planning & Innovation

June 20, 2024

# Agenda

1. Welcome
2. 2025 Legislative Early Forecast
3. Sustainable Energy Plan Update
4. Energy Vision
5. Potential Future Resources
6. Energy Vision Activity



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# 2025 Legislative Early Forecast

Dan Hodges, Government Affairs Manager

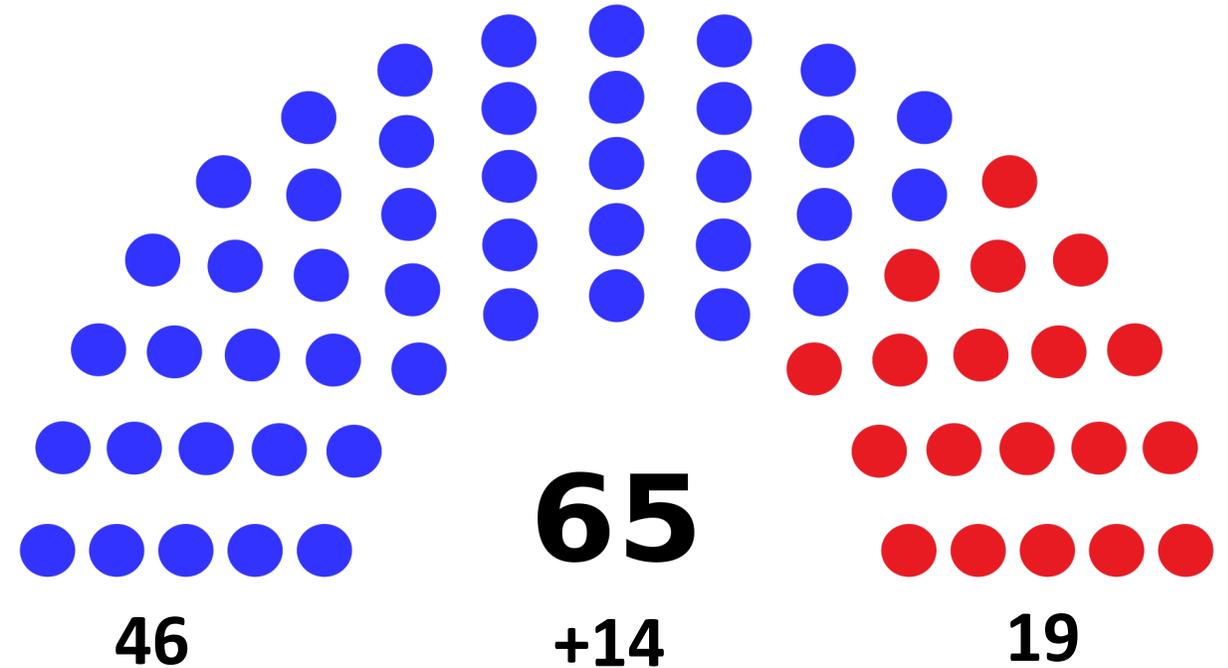
# Changes in the House

## Term Limited – Committee Chairs

- House Energy and Environment Committee Chair – Rep. Cathy Kipp (D-Fort Collins)
- House Finance Committee Chair – Rep. Marc Snyder (D-Colorado Springs)

## Important House Seats

- HD16 – Rep. Vigil (D-Colorado Springs)
- HD19 – Rep. Parenti (D-Erie)
- HD25 – Rep. Story (D-Conifer)
- HD43 – Rep. Marshall (D-Highlands Ranch)
- HD50 – Rep. Young (D-Greely)
- HD61 – Rep. Hamrick (D-Centennial)



# Changes in the Senate

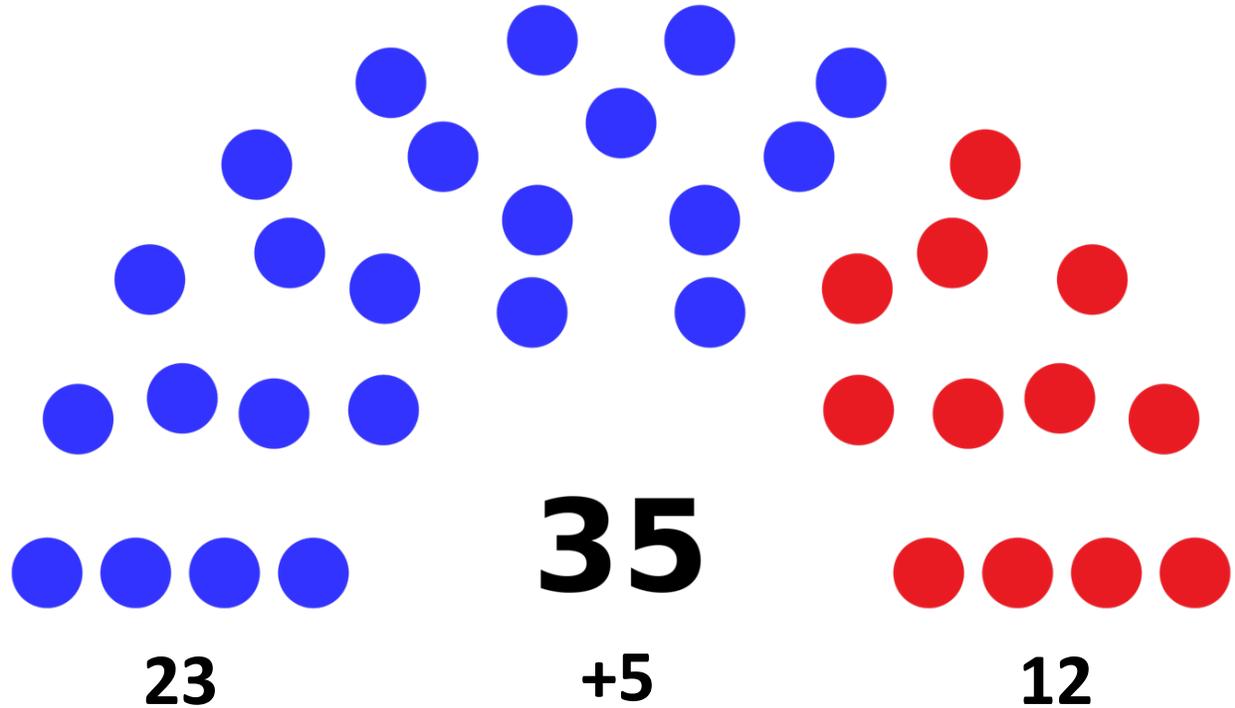
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## Term Limited – Leadership / Committee Chairs

- **Senate President – Sen. Steve Fenberg (D-Boulder)**
- Senate Transportation Energy Committee Chair – Sen. Kevin Priola (D-Henderson)
- Joint Budget Committee Vice Chair – Sen. Rachel Zenzinger (D-Arvada)

## Important Senate Seats

- **SD 12 – Sen. Bob Gardner (R-Colorado Springs)**
- SD 13 – Sen. Kevin Priola (D-Henderson)
- SD 5 – Sen. Perry Will (R-New Castle)



# Historic Party Control

## Federal / State Party Control

Year	'17	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24
Pres	R	R	R	R	D	D	D	D
House	R	R	D	D	D	D	R	R
Senate	R	R	D	D	D	D	D	D

Year	'17	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24
Gov	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
House	R	R	D	D	D	D	D	D
Senate	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D

## Colorado Past Election Results

- 2018 = House Flips
- 2020 = D's gain ALL statewide offices + gain House seats
- 2022 = D's gain House and Senate seats
  - First election post redistricting
- 2024 = What's past is prologue / All politics are *national*

# Emerging 2025 Issues



# Check-In On Plan

# Sustainable Energy Plan

# Current Projects

# Project Map 2022 - 2027

## North System Projects

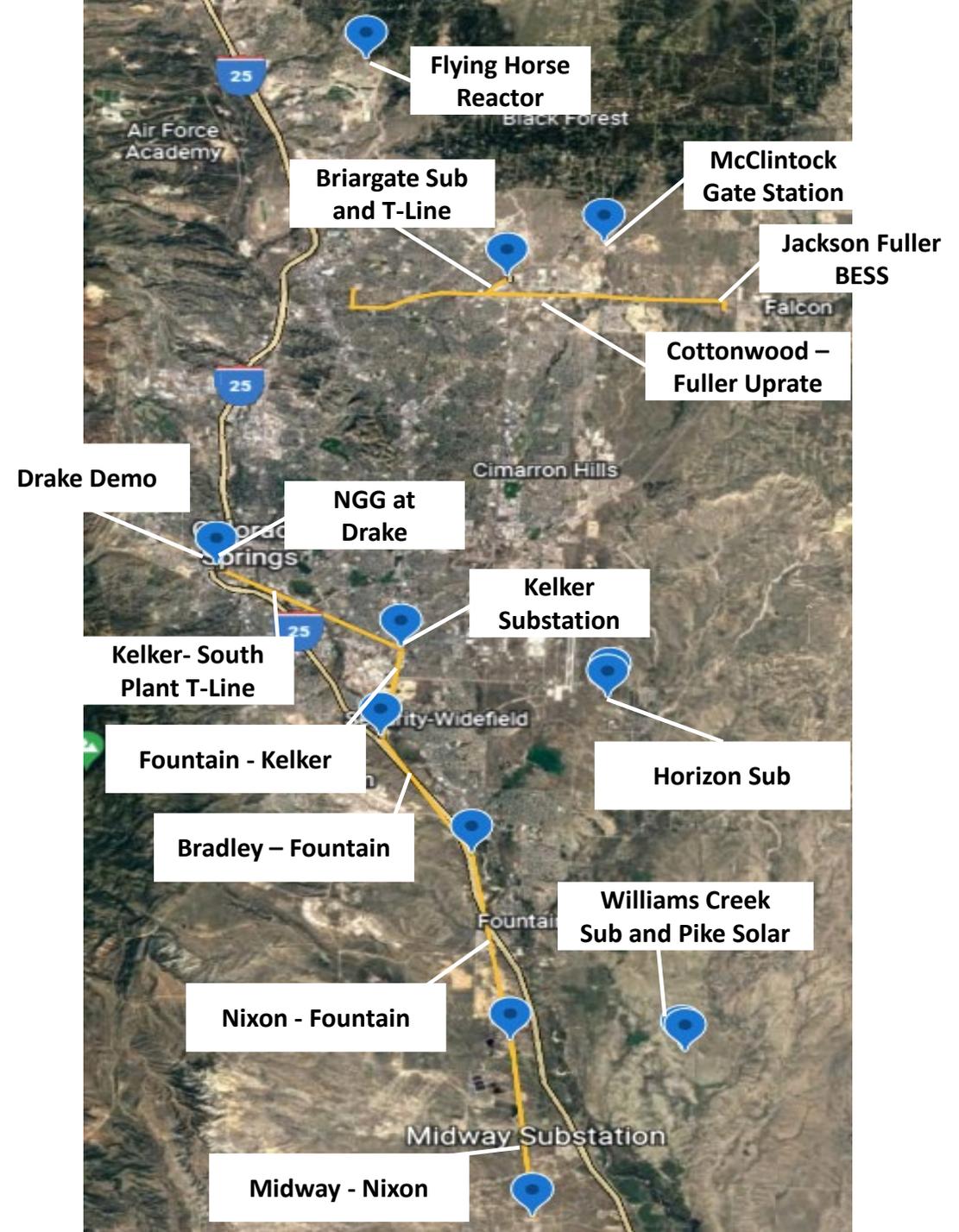
- Briargate Substation Expansion
- New Transmission Line Tap (~1/2 mile)
- Existing Transmission Line Uprate
- Flying Horse Substation Series Reactor
- Jackson Fuller Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

## Central System Projects

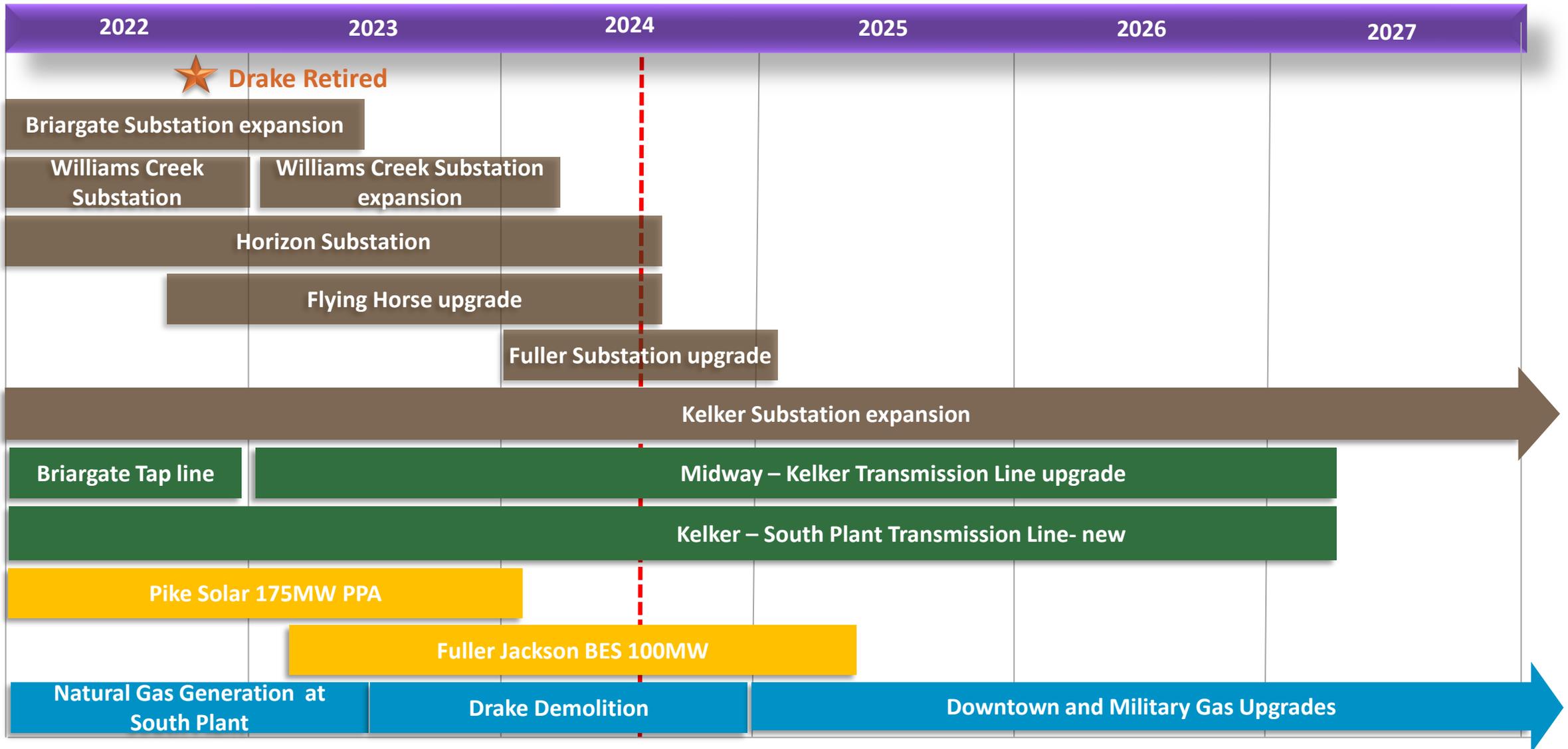
- Kelker Substation Expansion and Reconfiguration
- New Transmission Line - Kelker to South Plant (~6 miles)
- Demolition of Drake Plant

## South System Projects

- New Horizon Substation
- Williams Creek Interconnection
- New Transmission Lines – Midway to Kelker (~17 miles)



# Energy Projects Schedule (2022 - 2027)



# New Generation

# Program Background and Scope

## Program Background

- Utilities' current capacity resource mix includes 1,370 MW of electricity generation capacity
- The current capacity resource mix is dominated by Natural Gas (49%) and Coal (32%), with renewable making up the rest 18% (Hydro, Solar, and Wind).
- Colorado State legislation require **80% reduction in GHG emissions by 2030** for all the Utilities operating in the State.

## Program Scope

- To meet its GHG reduction targets and meet the growing electricity demand, CSU is planning to add **1,500 MW of new generation capacity, and 200 MW of new storage capacity by May 2028.**

Tentative Resource Capacity Addition in MW				
Year	Solar	Wind	Natural Gas	BESS (Storage)
2026	100	100	-	100
2027	200	200	-	-
2028	225	325	350	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>200</b>

# Program Contracting Strategy- 3 RFP

- Three different contracting strategies will be leveraged for the program, between Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), Progressive Design Build, and EPC.
- Each contracting strategy will require different method of evaluation, and negotiations.

RFP	Resource Type	Total Capacity Addition (MW)	Contracting Strategy
RFP 1	Solar	525	PPA
	Wind	625	PPA
RFP 1 & 2	Natural Gas	350	PPA; Progressive Design Build (with GMP)
RFP 1 & 3	BESS	200	ESA <sup>1</sup> ; EPC

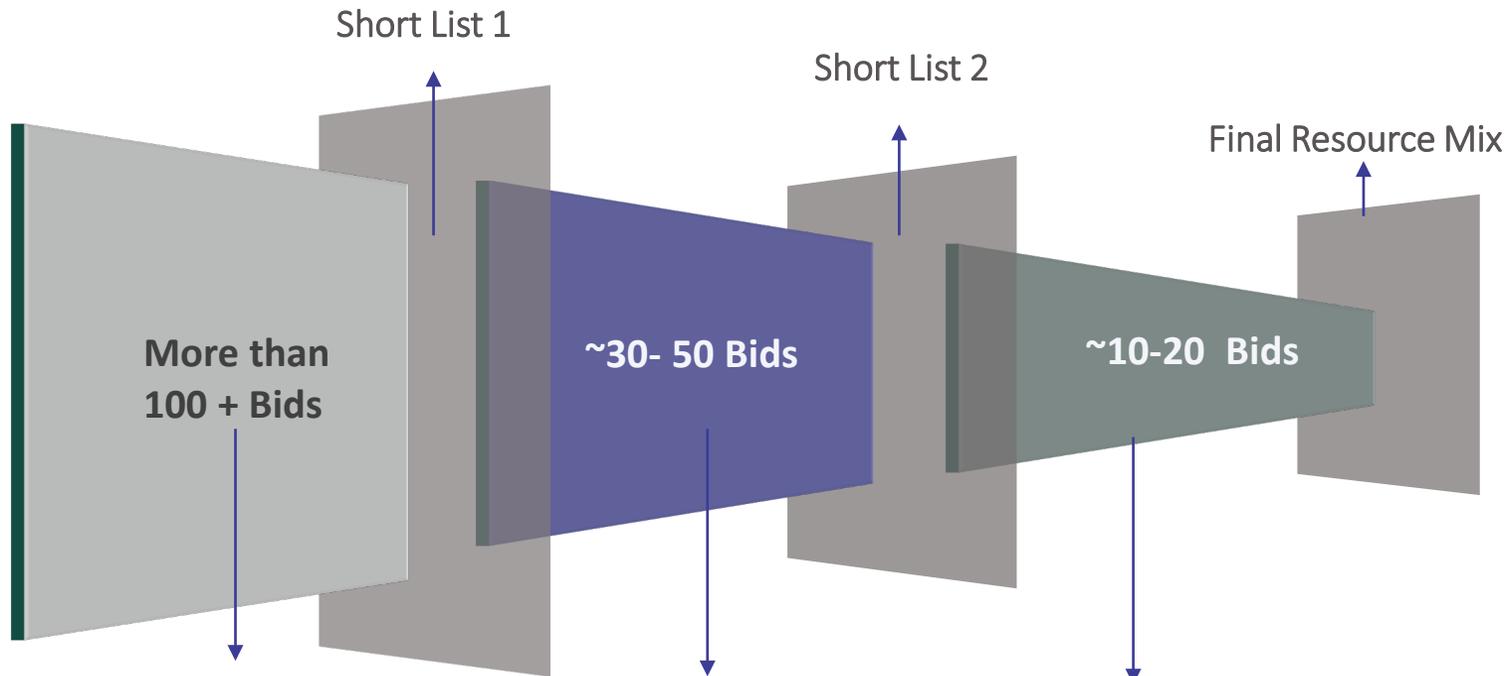
<sup>1</sup>ESA or Energy Storage Agreement is a battery version of PPA where UTILITIES will not own and operate the resource.

# PPA

# PPA Evaluation

## Scoring Criteria Categories

- Price (Commercial)
- Non-Price (Qualitative)

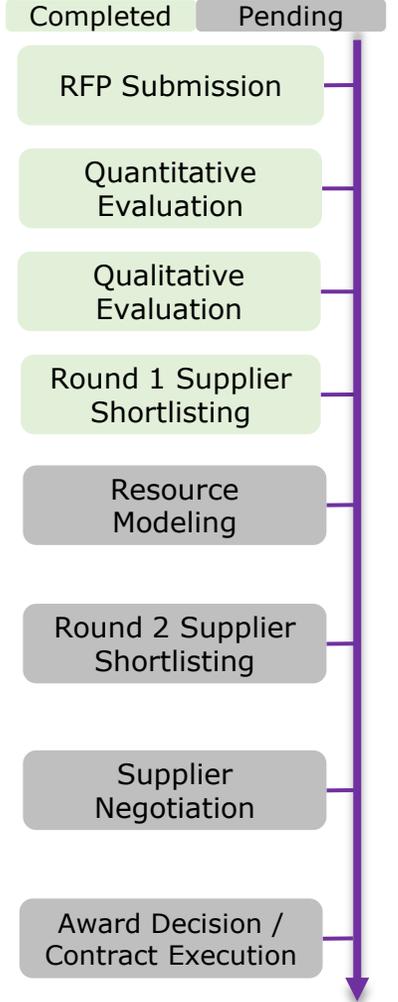


Evaluation Preparation: Data  
Cleansing and Structuring =  
Score Card

Resource Modelling

Contract Negotiations

## PPA RFP Timeline



# PPA Risks & Next Steps

## Risks

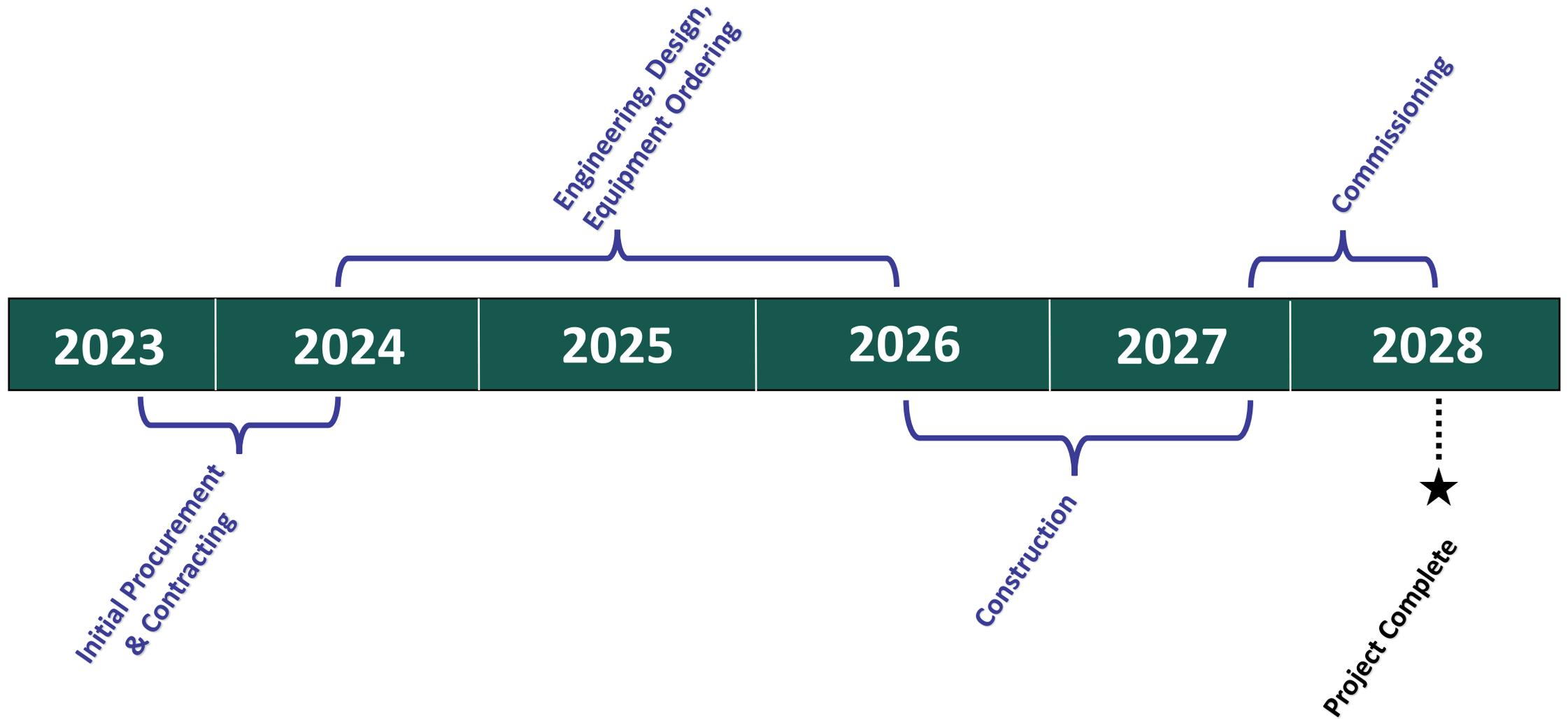
1. **Regulatory Risk** – Risks associated with interconnect application deadlines.
2. **Supply Chain Risk** – High probability of cost escalations and project delays.
3. **Supplier Financial Risk** – High financing costs for projects

## Next Steps

- Resource Planning Team is undergoing the modeling process of the shortlisted proposals.
- Transmission Team is updating the estimated transmission costs.
- Finalize Round 2 Evaluation and 2nd Shortlist.
- Begin negotiation planning and develop risk mitigation strategies.

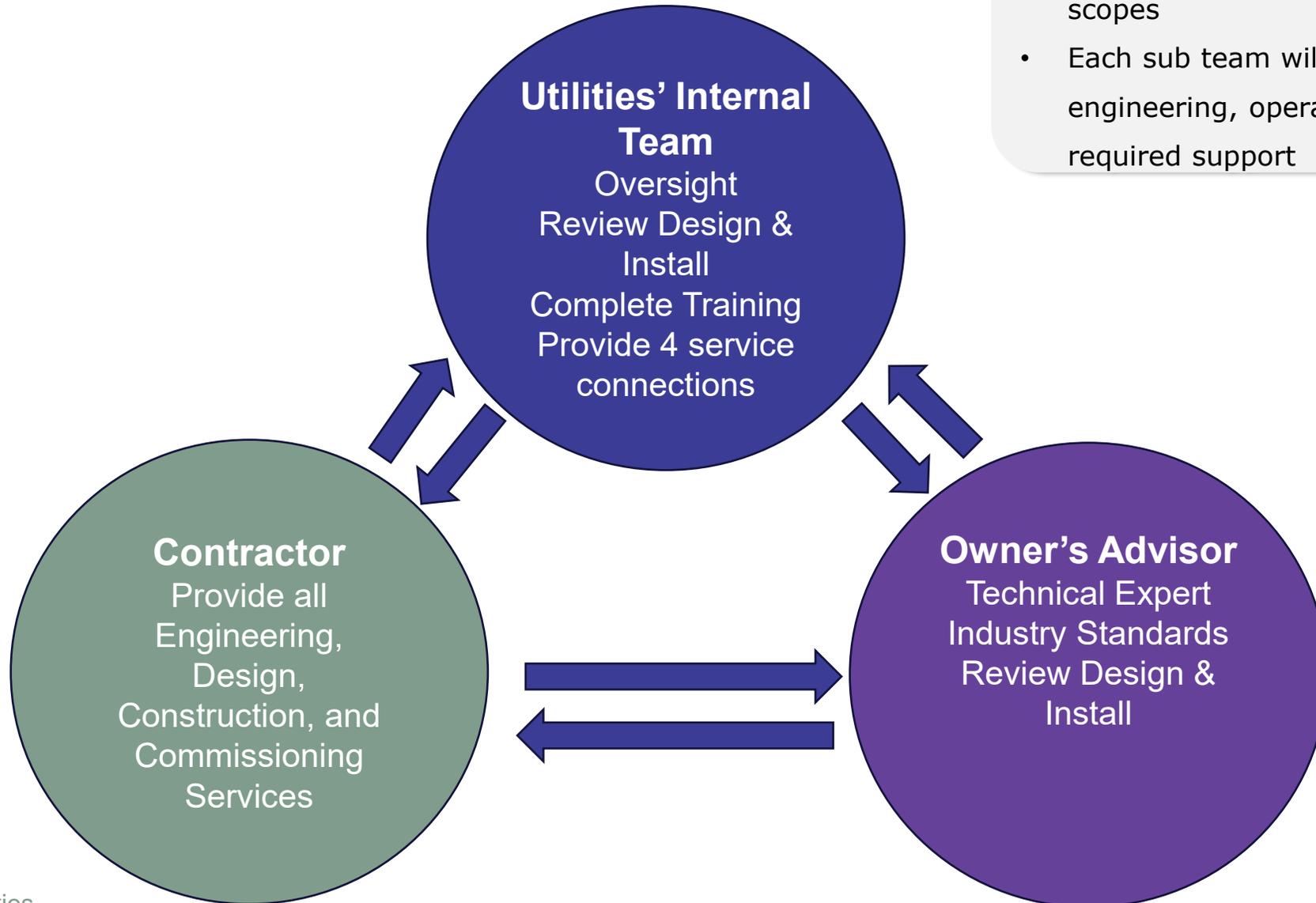
# Natural Gas Generation

# Timeline



# Project Execution

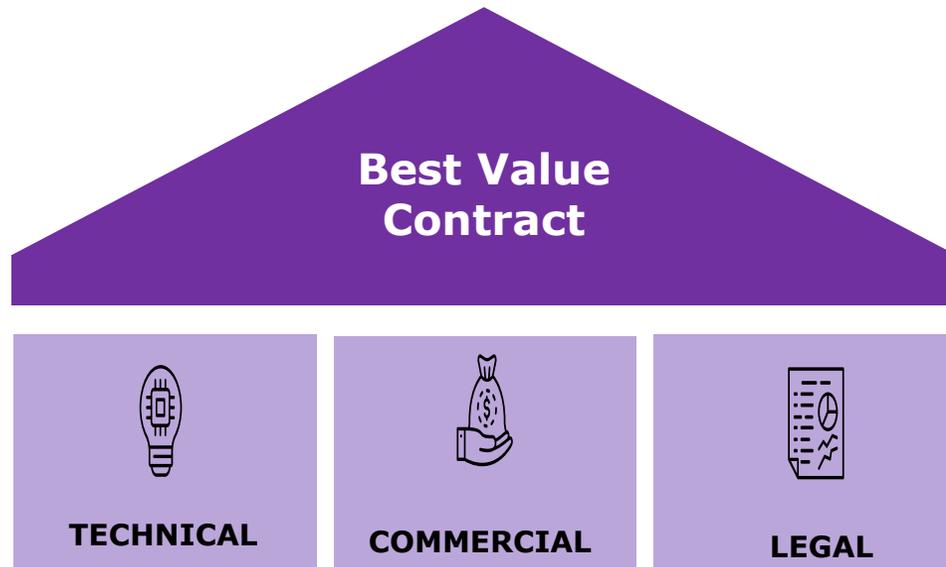
- Project will be divided into sub teams to execute each of the individual scopes
- Each sub team will have a PM, engineering, operations, and other required support



# Contractor Selection

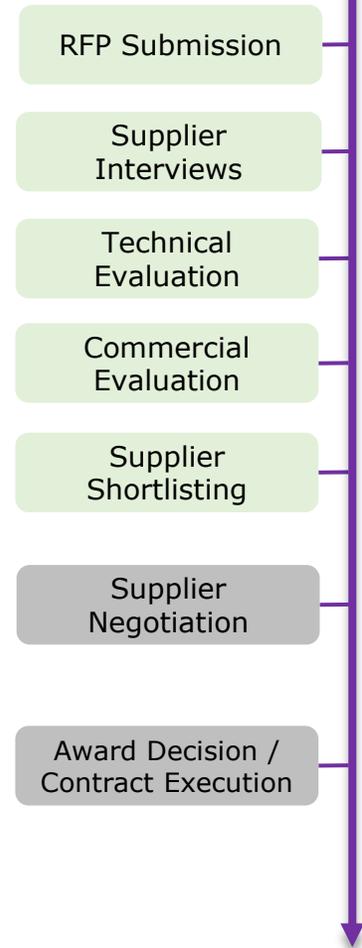
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## NGas RFP Timeline

Completed Pending



# Natural Gas Risks & Next Steps

## Risks

1. **Supply Chain Risk** – Limited labor resources, long lead times and equipment cost escalations.
2. **Permitting** – Challenging political climate to permit Natural Gas Generation.
3. **Utilities Interconnections** – Electric/ Gas/ Water and Wastewater required

## Next Steps

- Prepare and execute contract negotiations.
- Finalize the build site.
- Finalize additional scope requirements.
- Finalize Utilities internal team.

# **IRP Alignment and Financial Impacts**

# Additional Considerations

## IRP Alignment

- 80% GHG reduction by 2030
- Existing thermal unit retirements
- Phased growth (“Tech Load”) and responsible future development

## Scenarios and Risk Mitigation

- Potential stranded asset considerations
- Evolving legislation for 2035 and 2040 GHG targets
- SPP RTOW Balancing Authority Footprint
- PPA contract duration

## Additional Projects

- Fuel supply
- Transmission & substations



**ELECTRIC INTEGRATED  
RESOURCE PLAN**



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# Estimated Financial Impacts

## Rate Increases to Support Projects:

*After 5 years*

Rate	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Monthly Typical Bill Impact
Electric Gas Generation and SEP (Base Rates)	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	<b>\$20.95</b>
Electric Renewable PPA & Battery (ECA)	0.0%	10.7%	8.9%	27.5%	0.0%	<b>\$17.26</b>
Natural Gas IRP (Base Rates)	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	<b>\$2.27</b>
Natural Gas Capacity (GCC)	0.0%	0.0%	9.7%	44.7%	0.5%	<b>\$9.98</b>

- Gas Generation, Gas IRP, and SEP most likely funded by base rates due to difficulty delineating benefits making use of a rider difficult
- Electric PPA and Gas Capacity projects would be funded through fuel and capacity rates (ECA & GCC)

# Energy Vision

# Energy Vision

Provide resilient, reliable, and cost-effective energy that is environmentally sustainable to enhance our quality of life for generations.

## STRATEGIC PILLARS TO SUPPORT THE ENERGY VISION



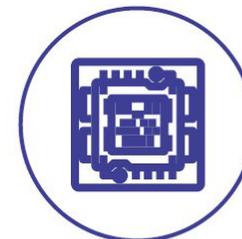
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**ENVIRONMENT**



**RESILIENCY**



**INNOVATION**

# Planning Drivers and Trends



Decarbonization



Customer Preferences



Renewable  
Generation



Time of Day



Distributed Resources



Business Model Risk



Regional Market



Supply Chain  
Constraints

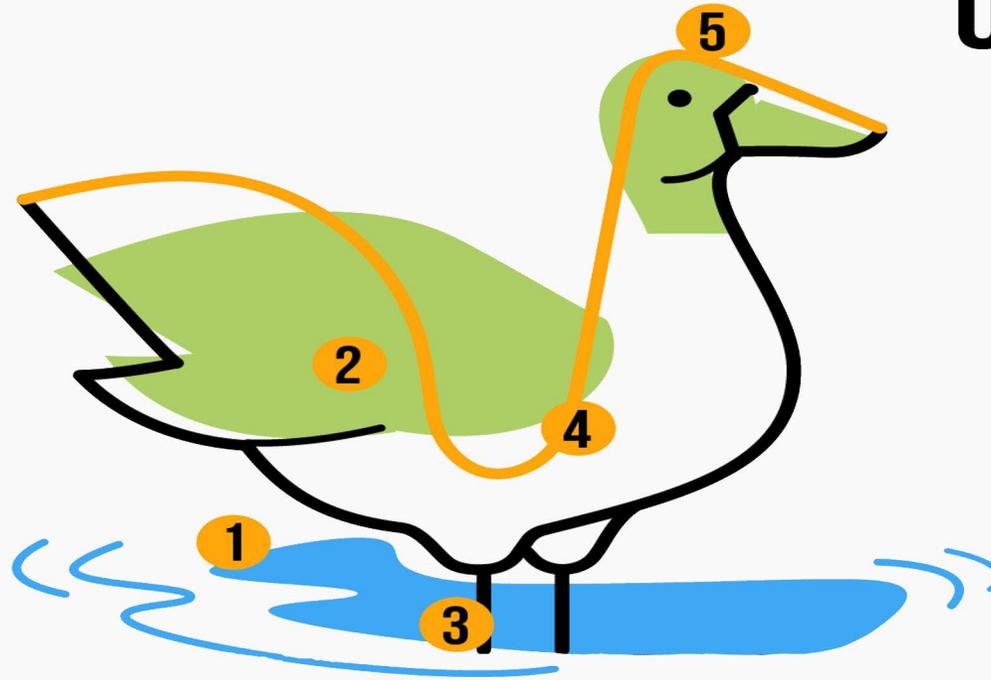


Grid Data and  
Connectivity



Technological  
Innovation

# The Energy Duck



## OUR PRIORITIES IN A NEW ENERGY LANDSCAPE

**1** Protect the duck's pond  
(reliably decarbonize).

**2** Keep the money in the duck's  
pocket (revenue requirement  
reduction, customer savings).

**3** Make the duck dance  
(customer services).

**4** Feed the duck (utilize  
excess energy).

**5** Make the duck "duck"  
(peak reduction).



### **Regional Transmission Organization Readiness**

Prepare systems, processes and resources for entrance in Southwest Power Pool's (SPP) Regional Transmission Organization-West (RTO-W).



### **Renewable Energy Integration**

Prepare for high levels of utility and customer owned renewable energy generation.



### **Resource Connectivity**

Prepare for a more connected and transactive energy grid and network.



### **Vehicle to Grid Integration**

Prepare for system impacts from electrification of the transportation sector.



### **Optimized Transmission Capacity and Balance**

Prepare for increased import/export and system transmission capacity to account for the full range of contingency scenarios.



### **Microgrid Potential Study**

Assess microgrid standards and benefits for enhancing infrastructure reliability and resiliency.



### **Clean Heat Plan and Beneficial Building Electrification**

Proactively prepare the grid for increased electric load resulting from gas to electric conversion.

# Confirm Plan Direction

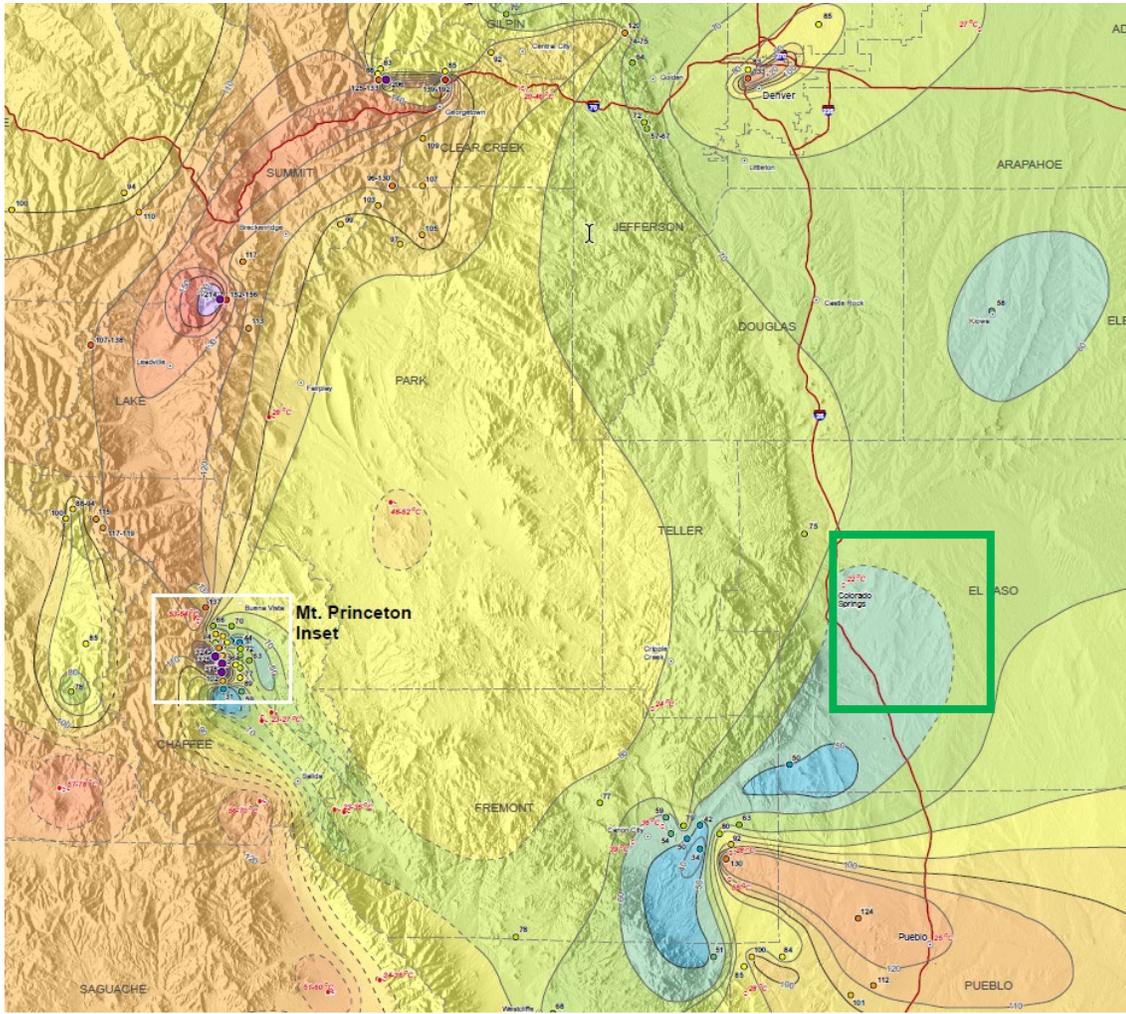
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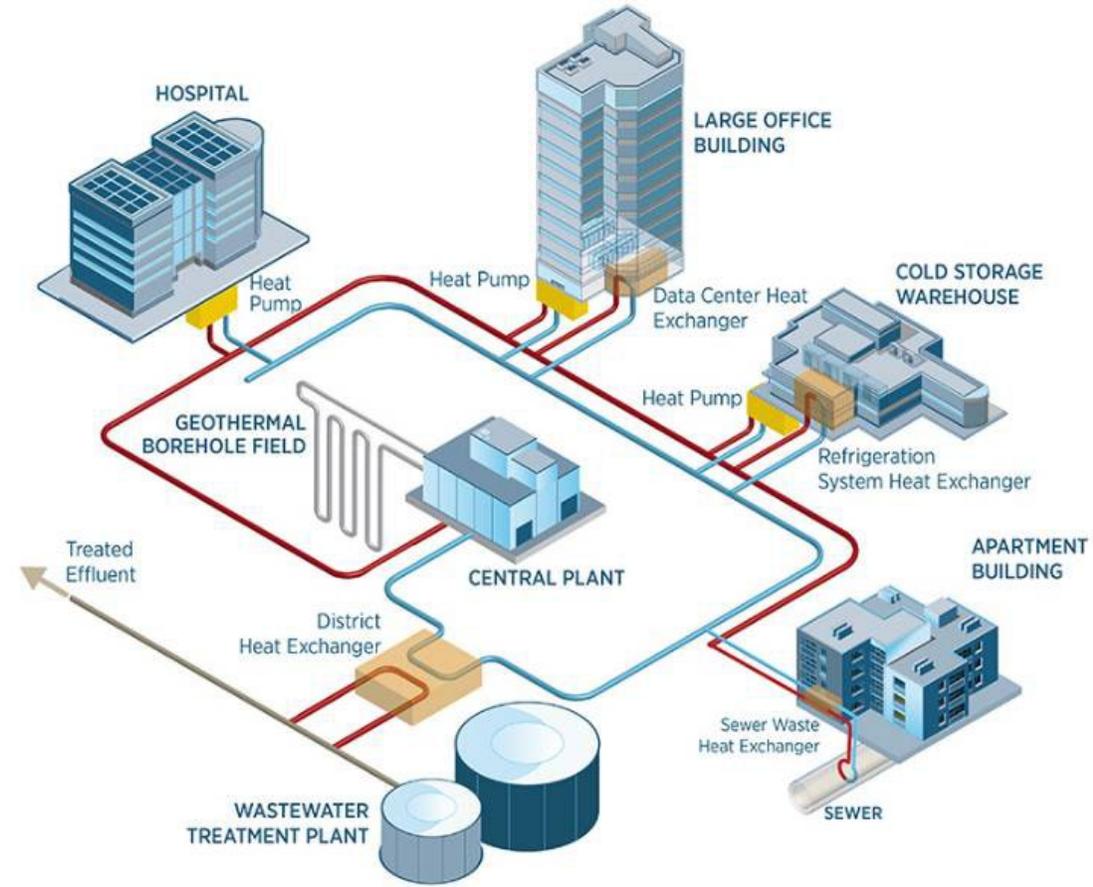
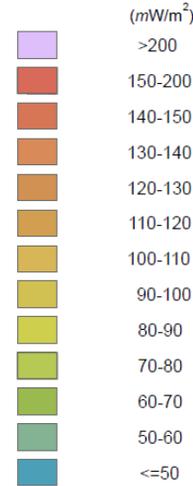
## Generation Technology

- Geothermal / Thermal Heating Services
- Thermal Storage
- Hydrogen
- Renewable Natural Gas (RNG)
- Pumped Storage
- Nuclear Small Modular Reactor (SMR)

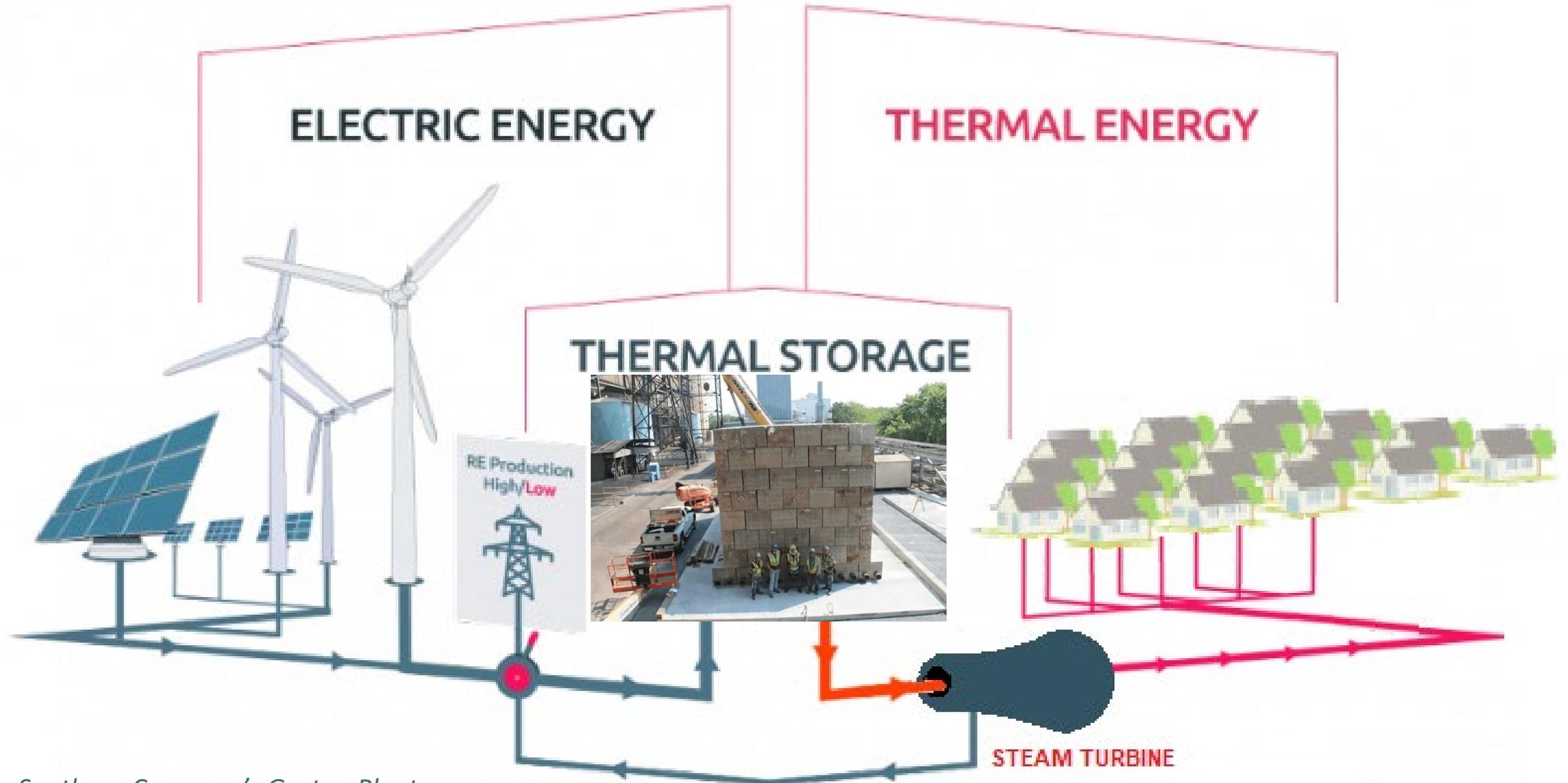
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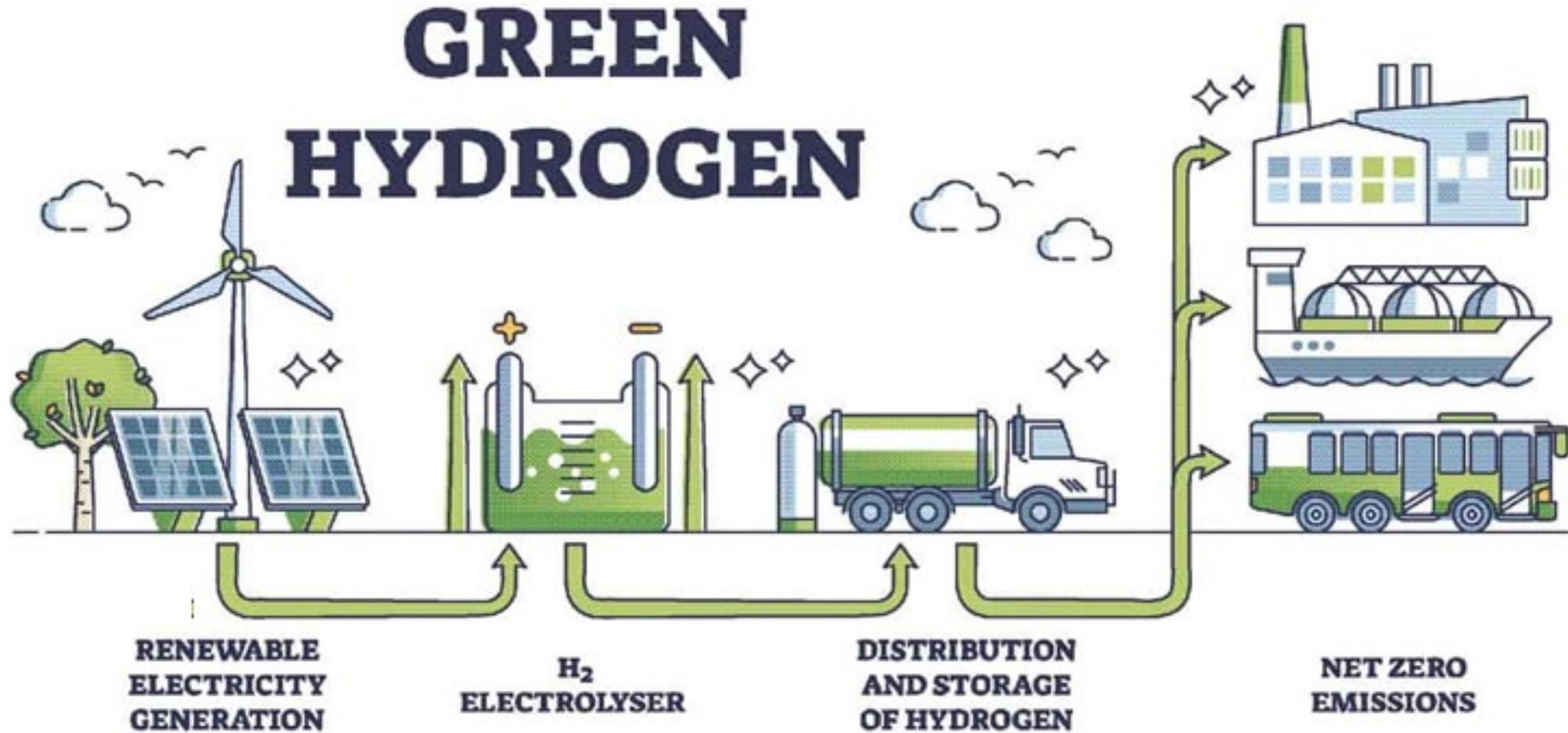
Heat flow value zones



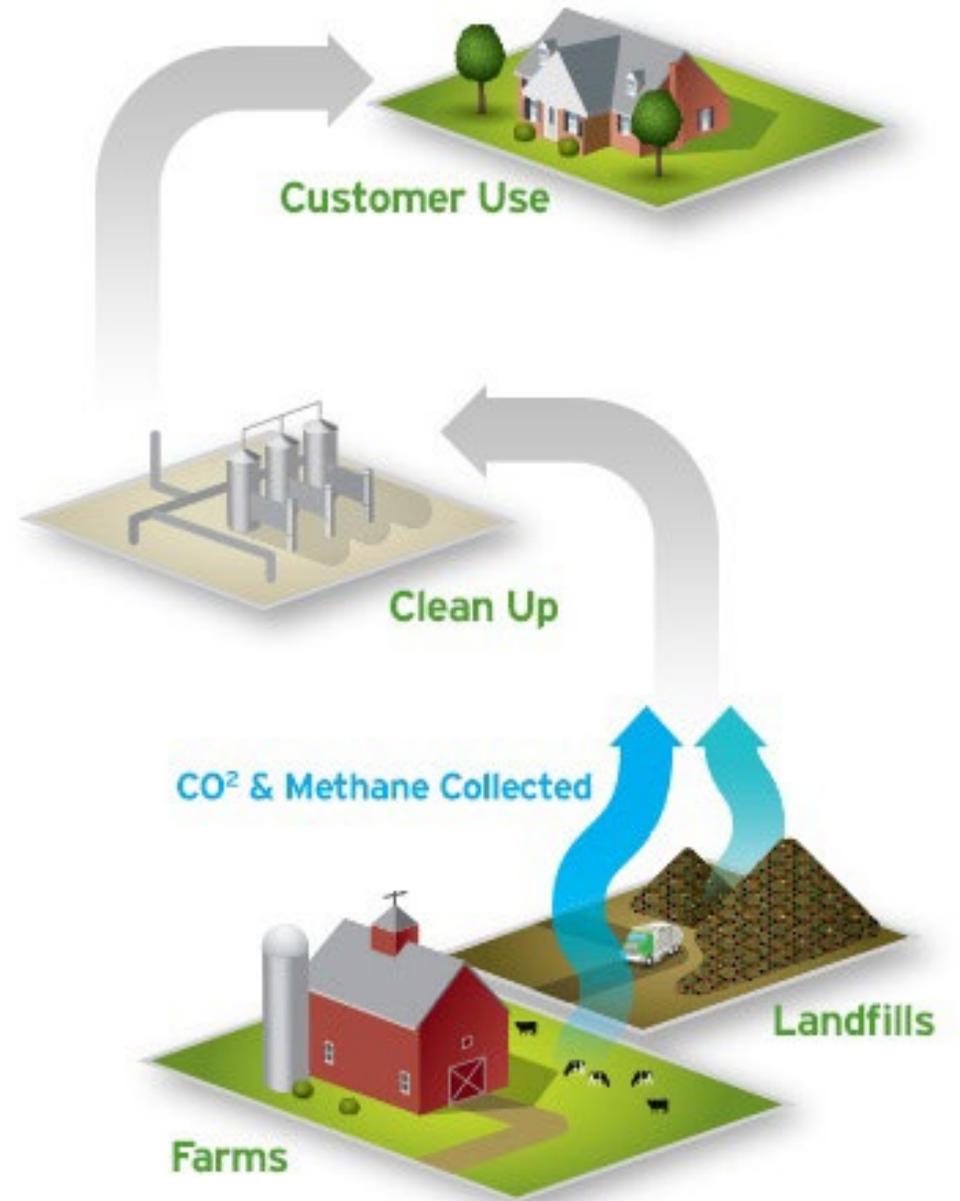
# Thermal Storage



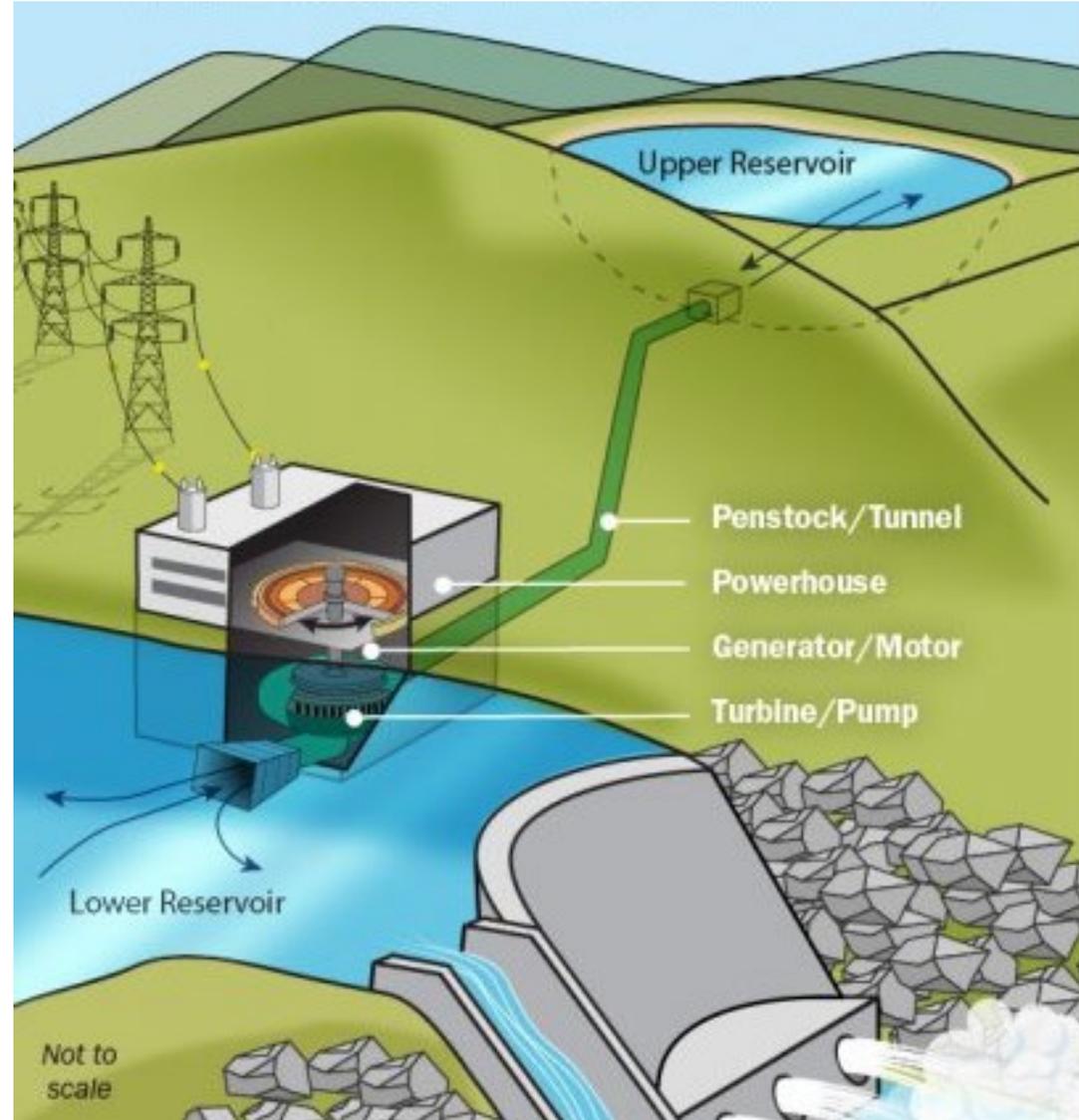
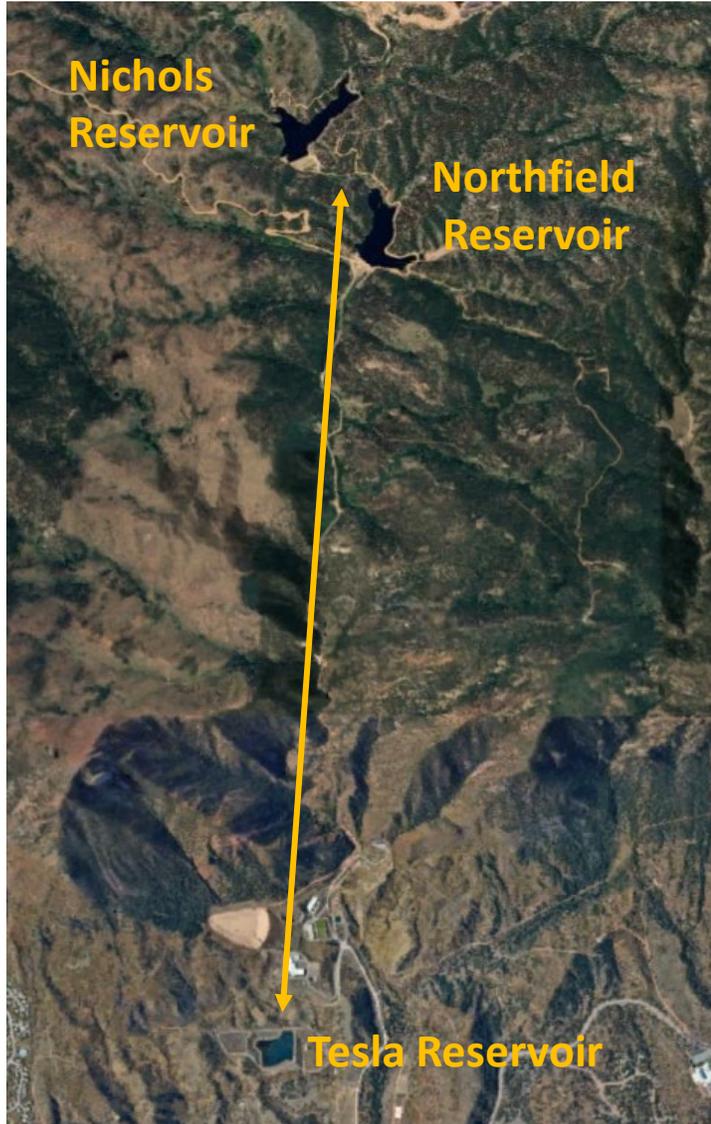
# Hydrogen Fuel



# Renewable Natural Gas



# Pumped Storage



# Nuclear Small Modular Reactor (SMR)



External view of an SMR plant



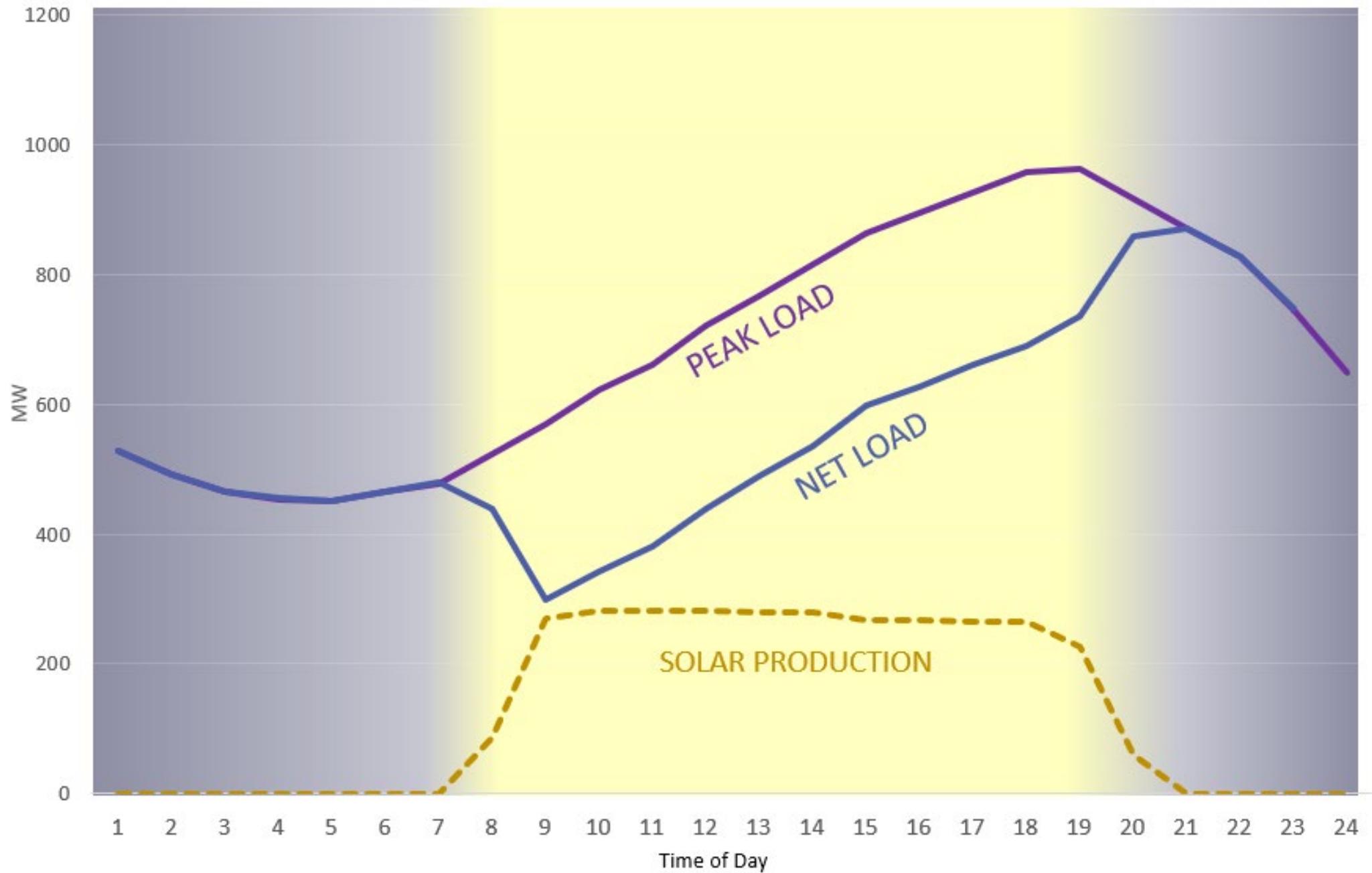
Internal view of an SMR plant

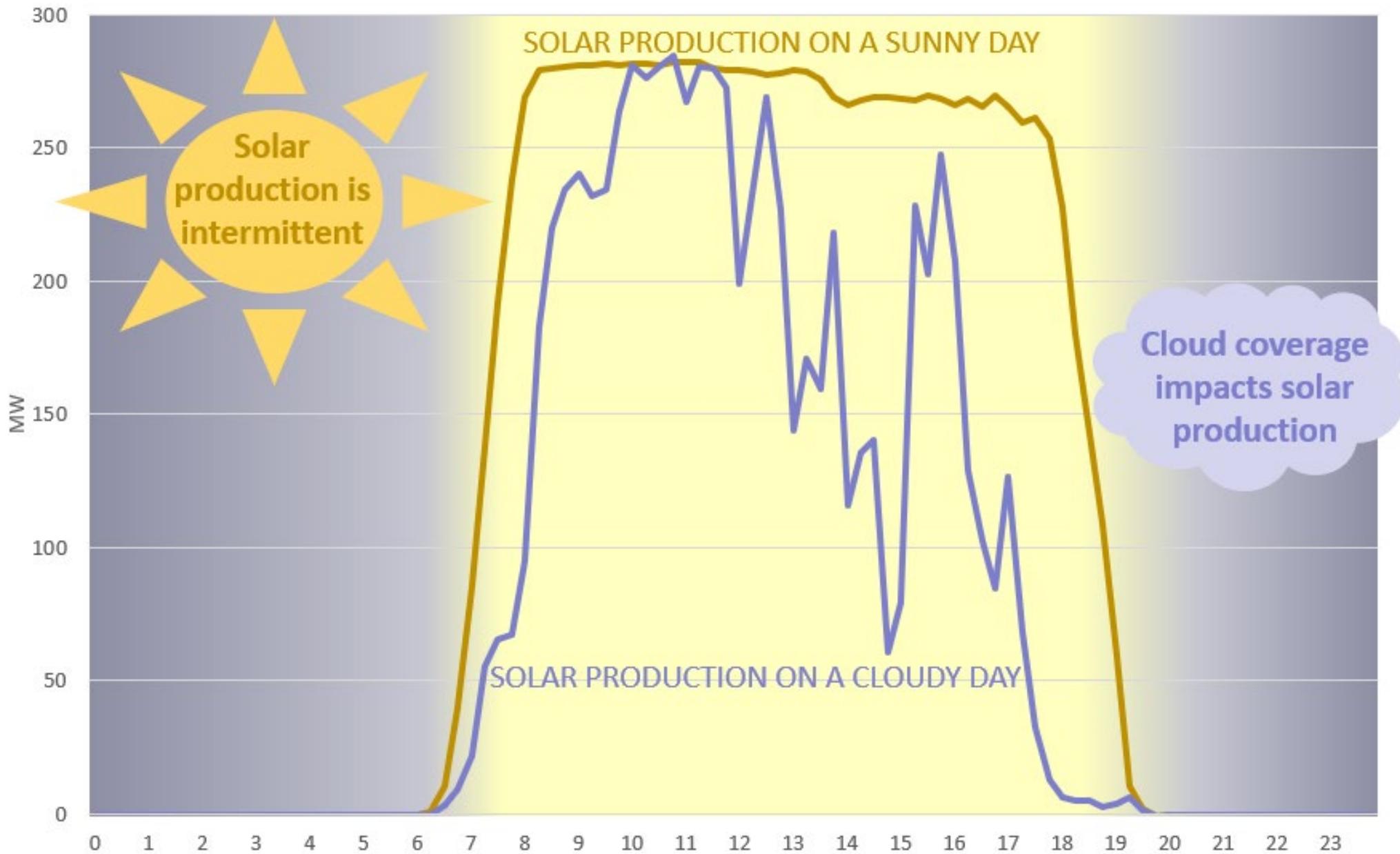
# Energy Vision Activity

# Overview

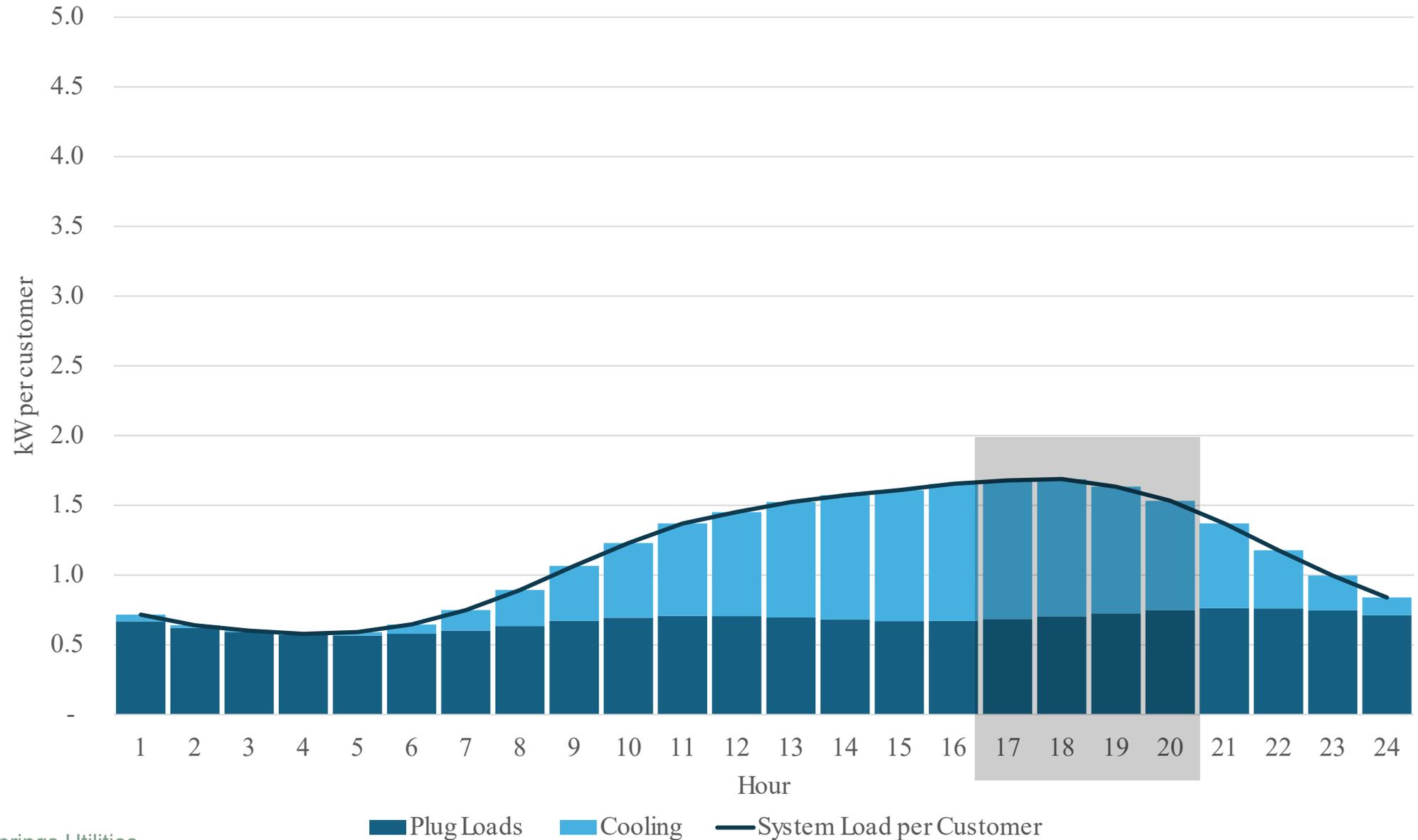
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# **Renewable Energy Integration and Energy Wise**

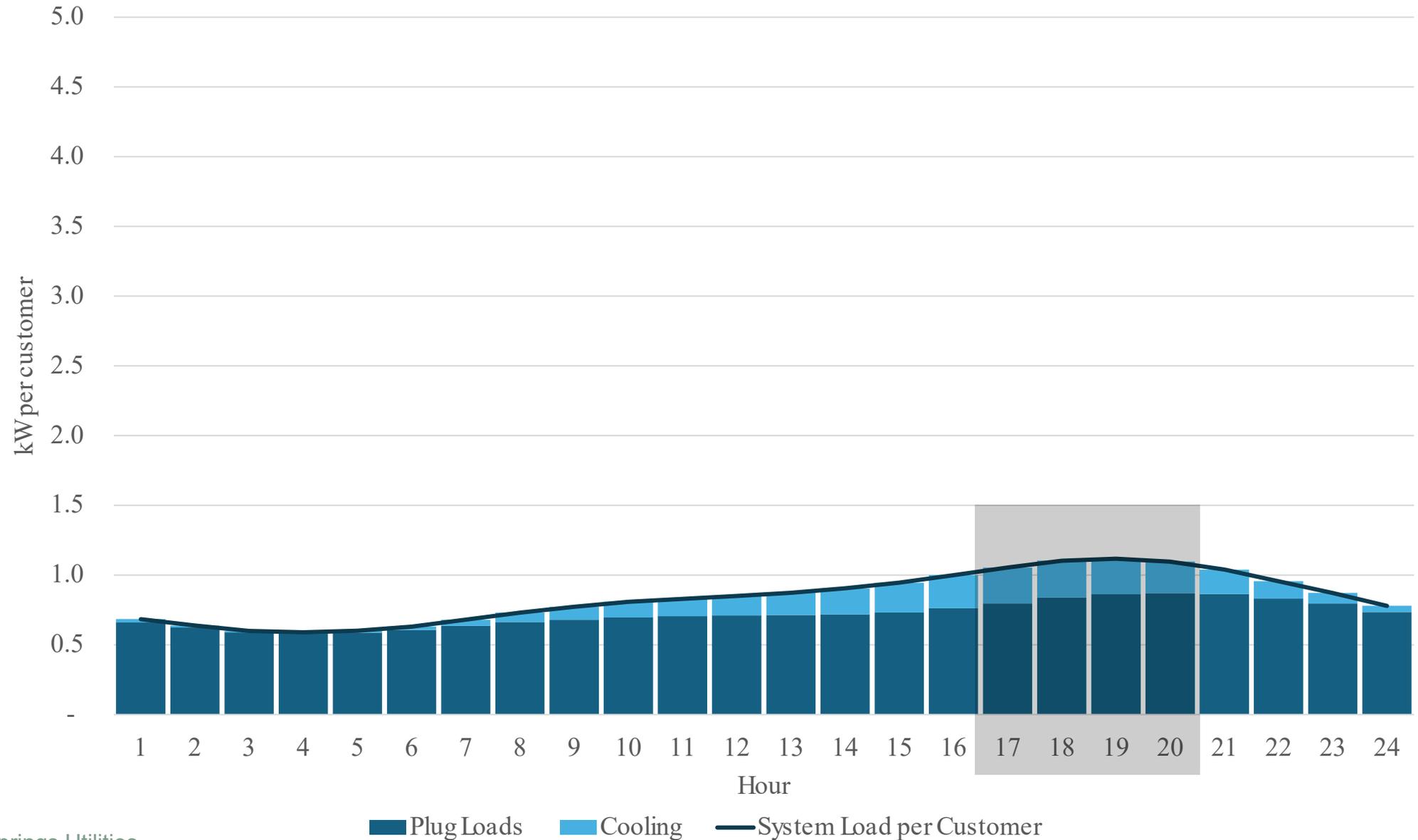




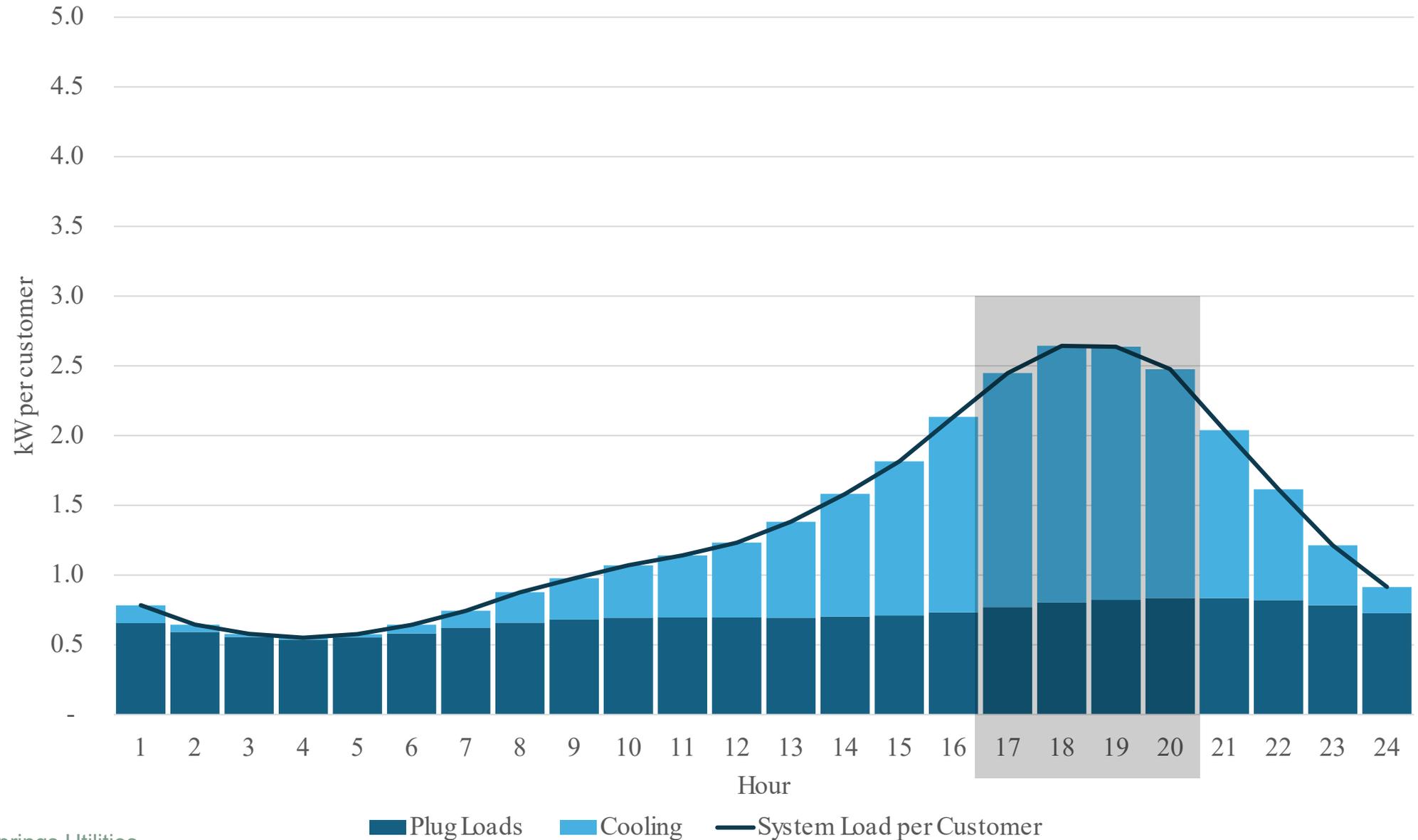
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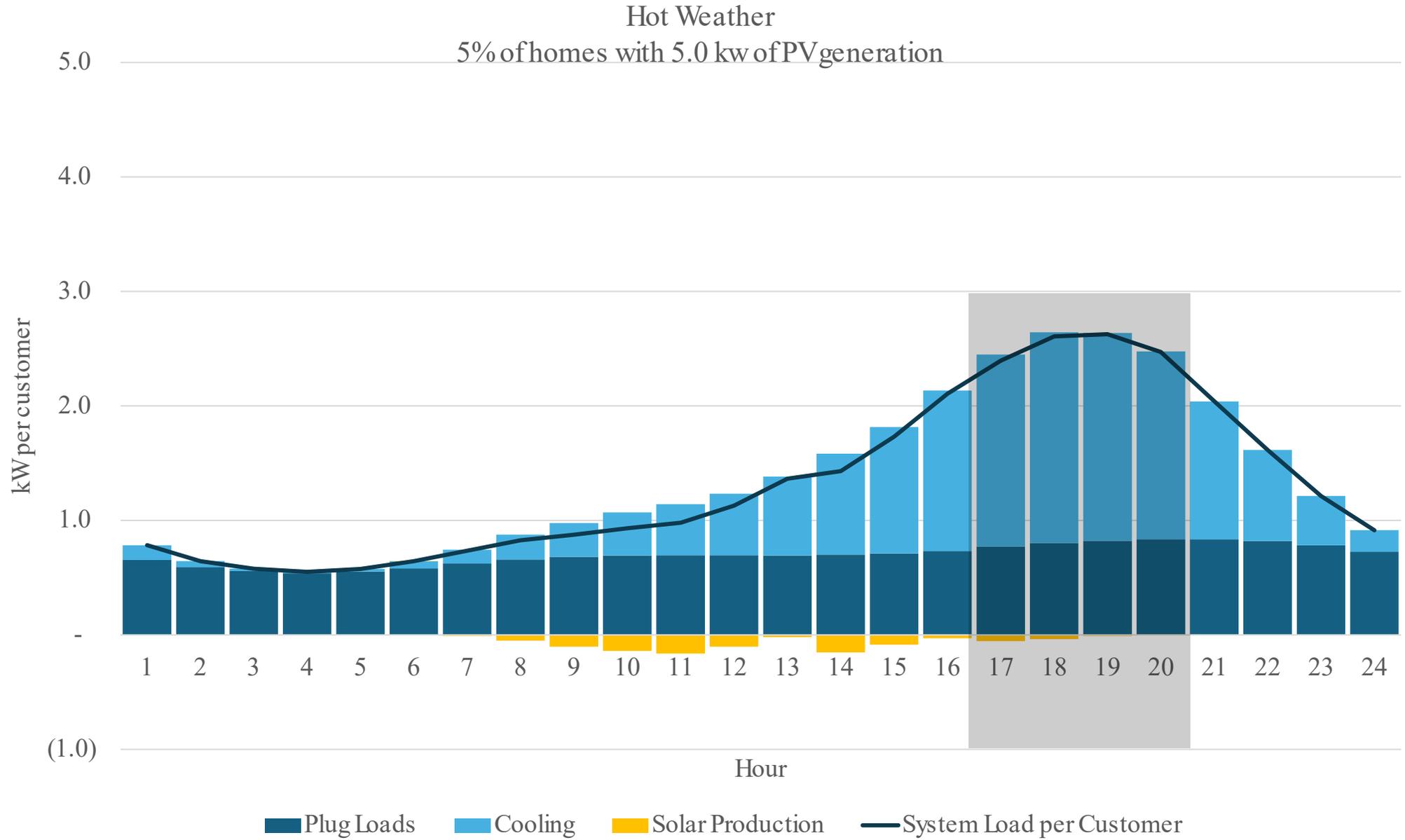


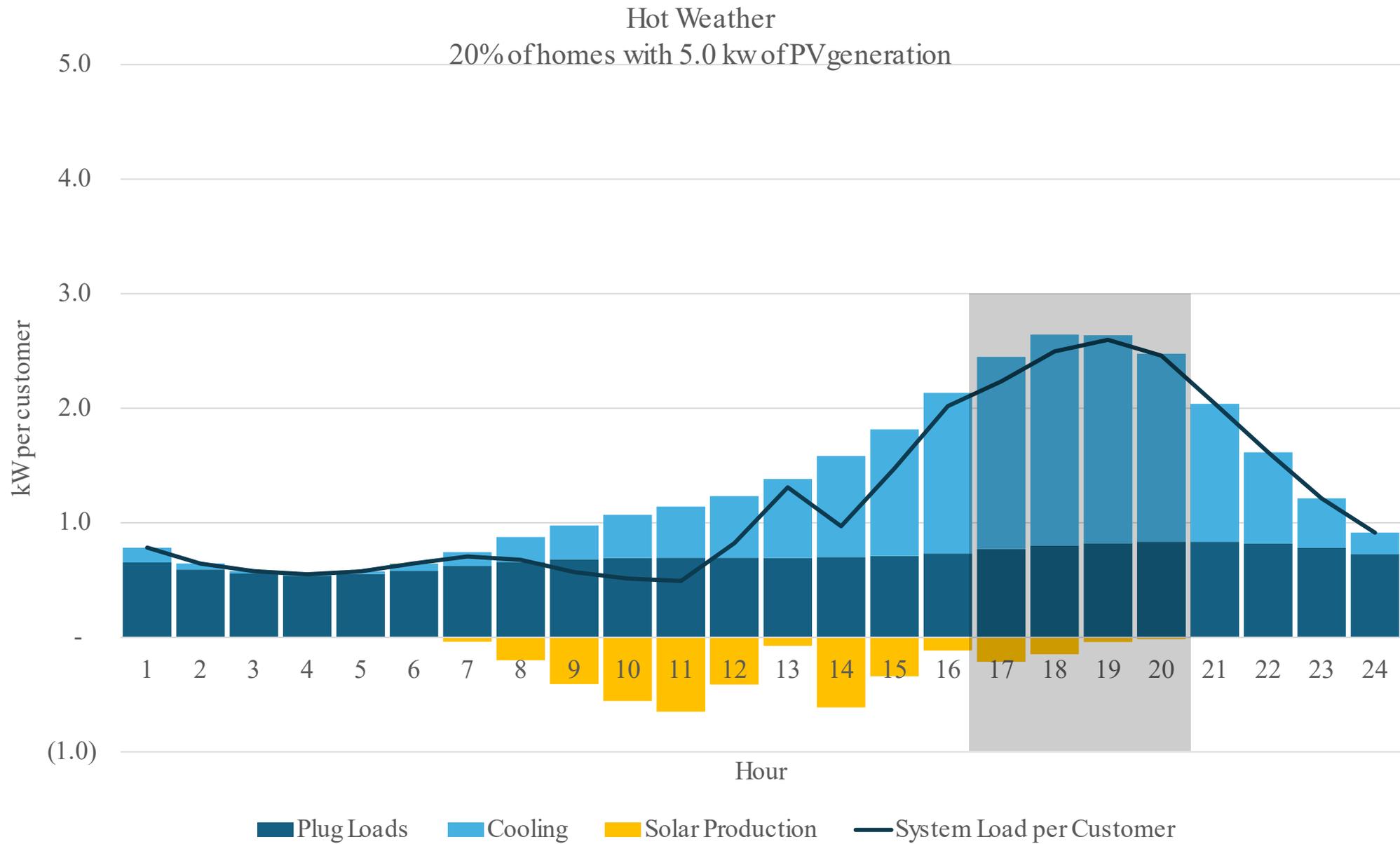
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# Hot Weather



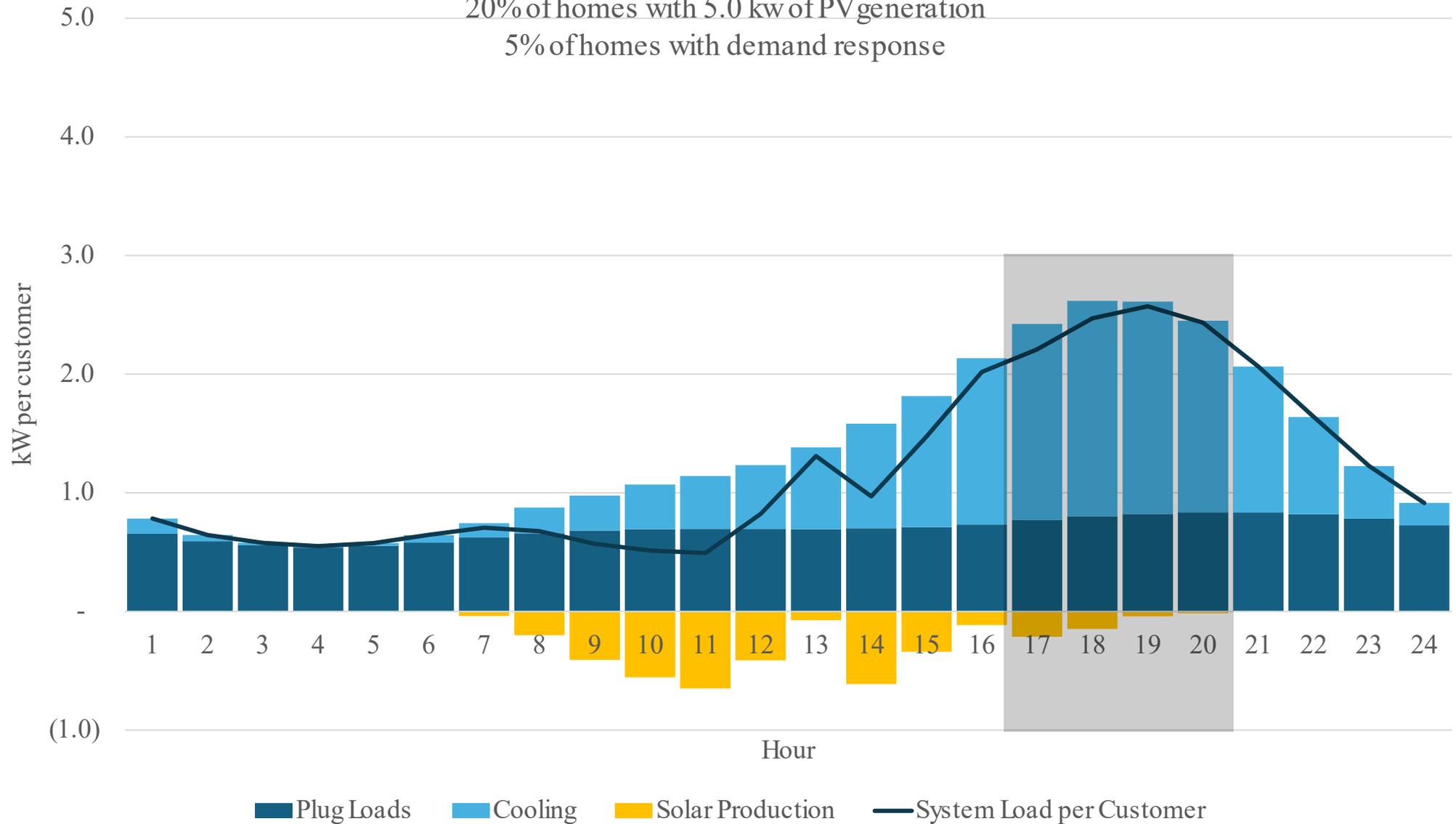




### Hot Weather

20% of homes with 5.0 kw of PV generation

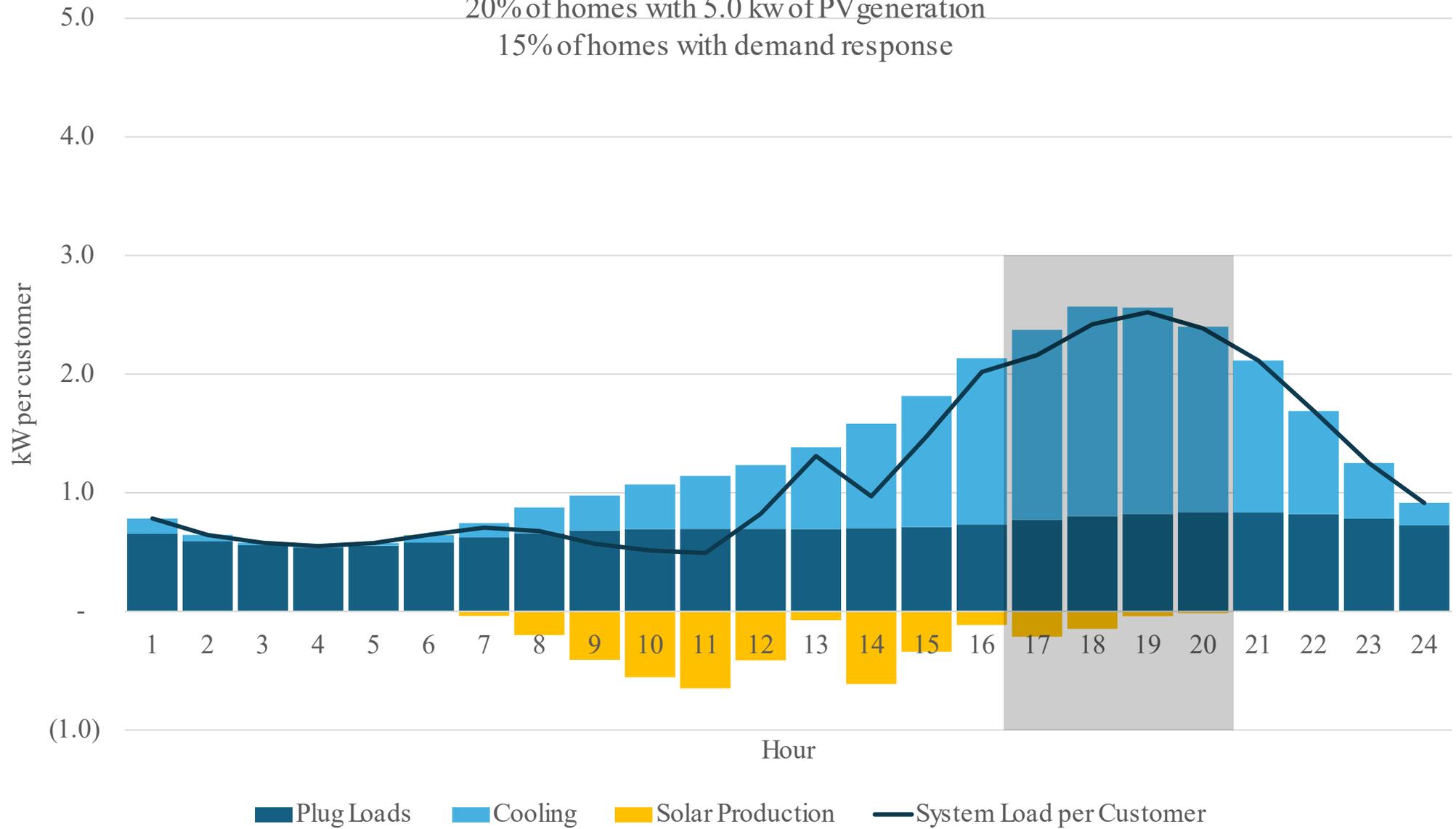
5% of homes with demand response

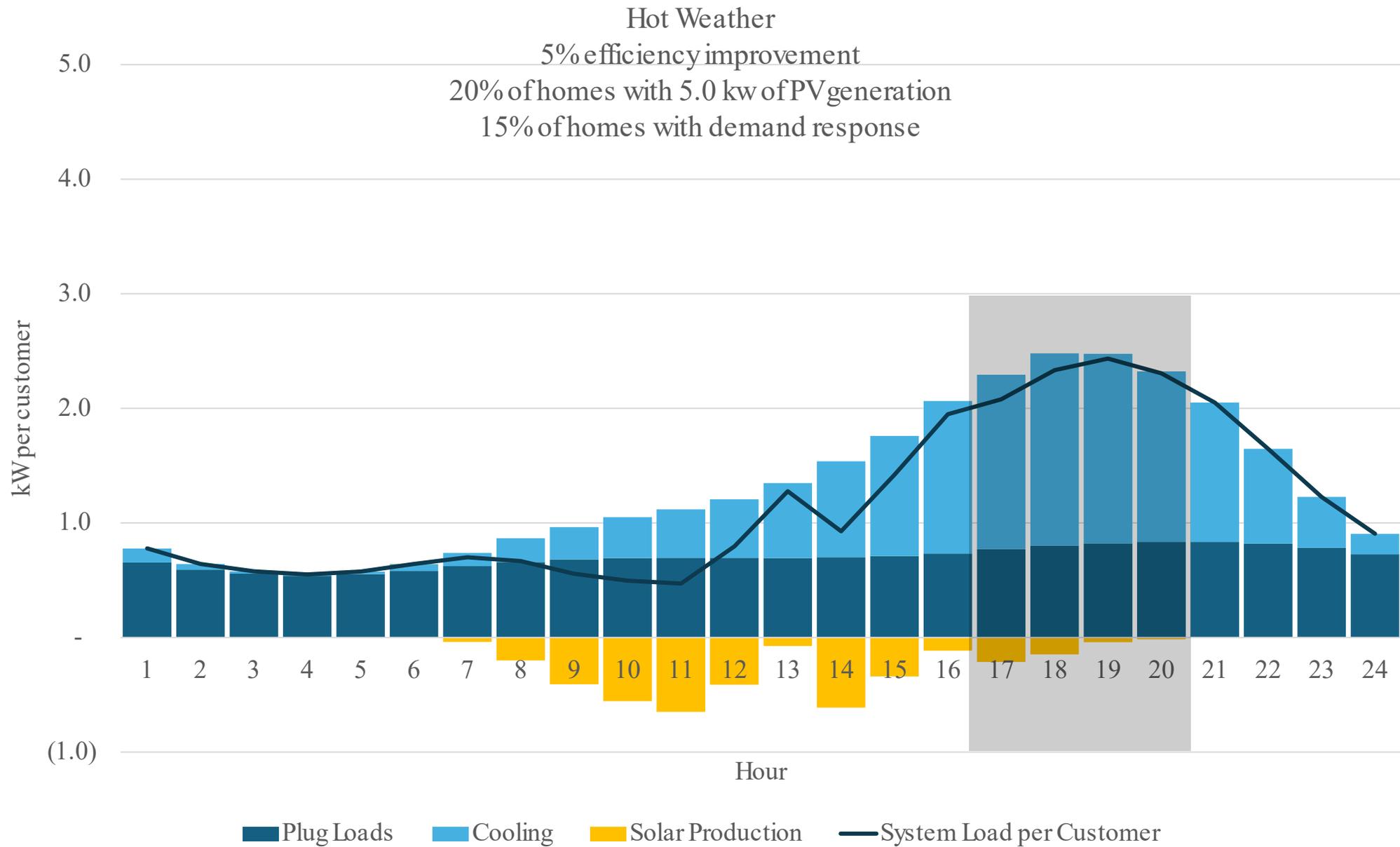


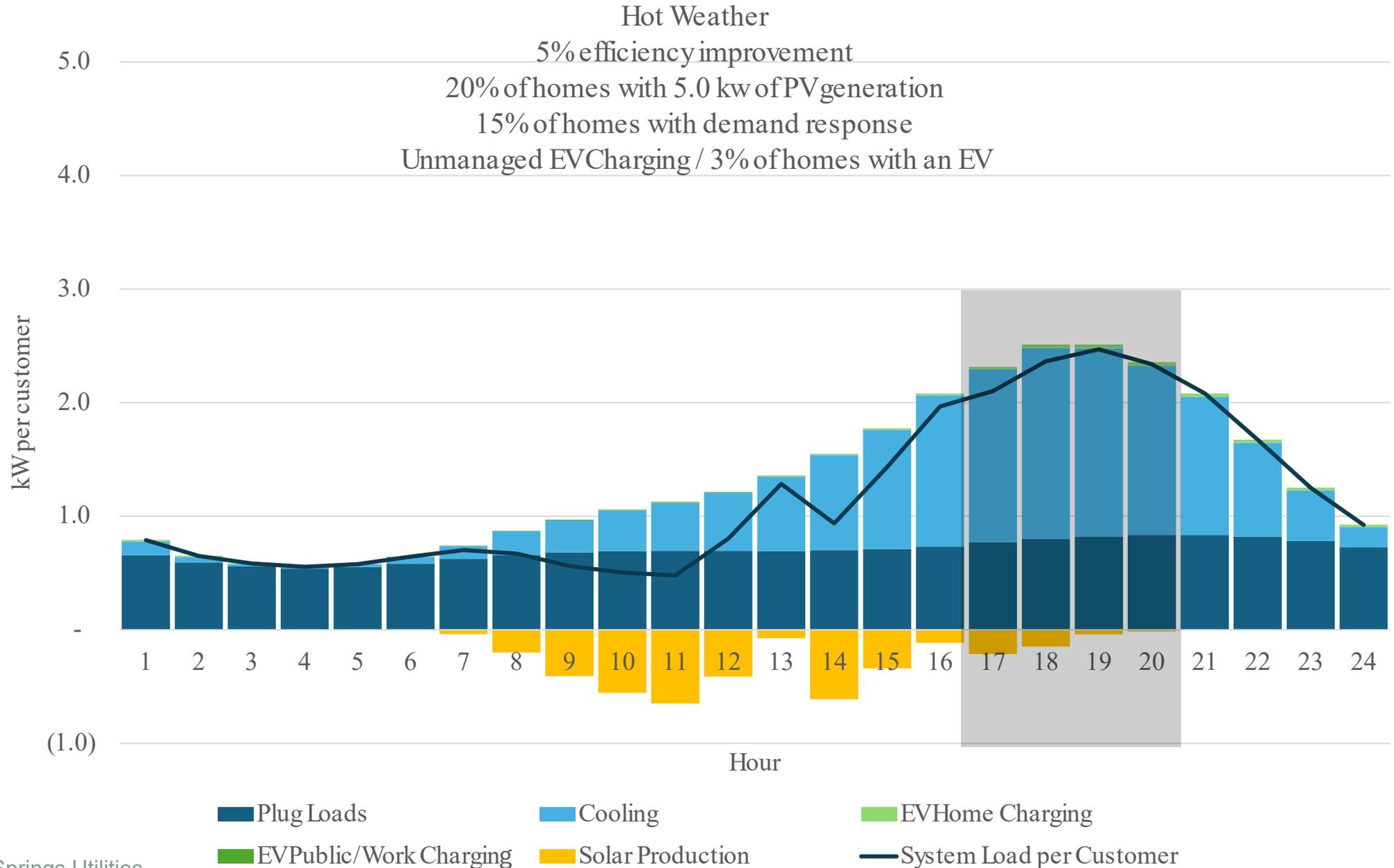
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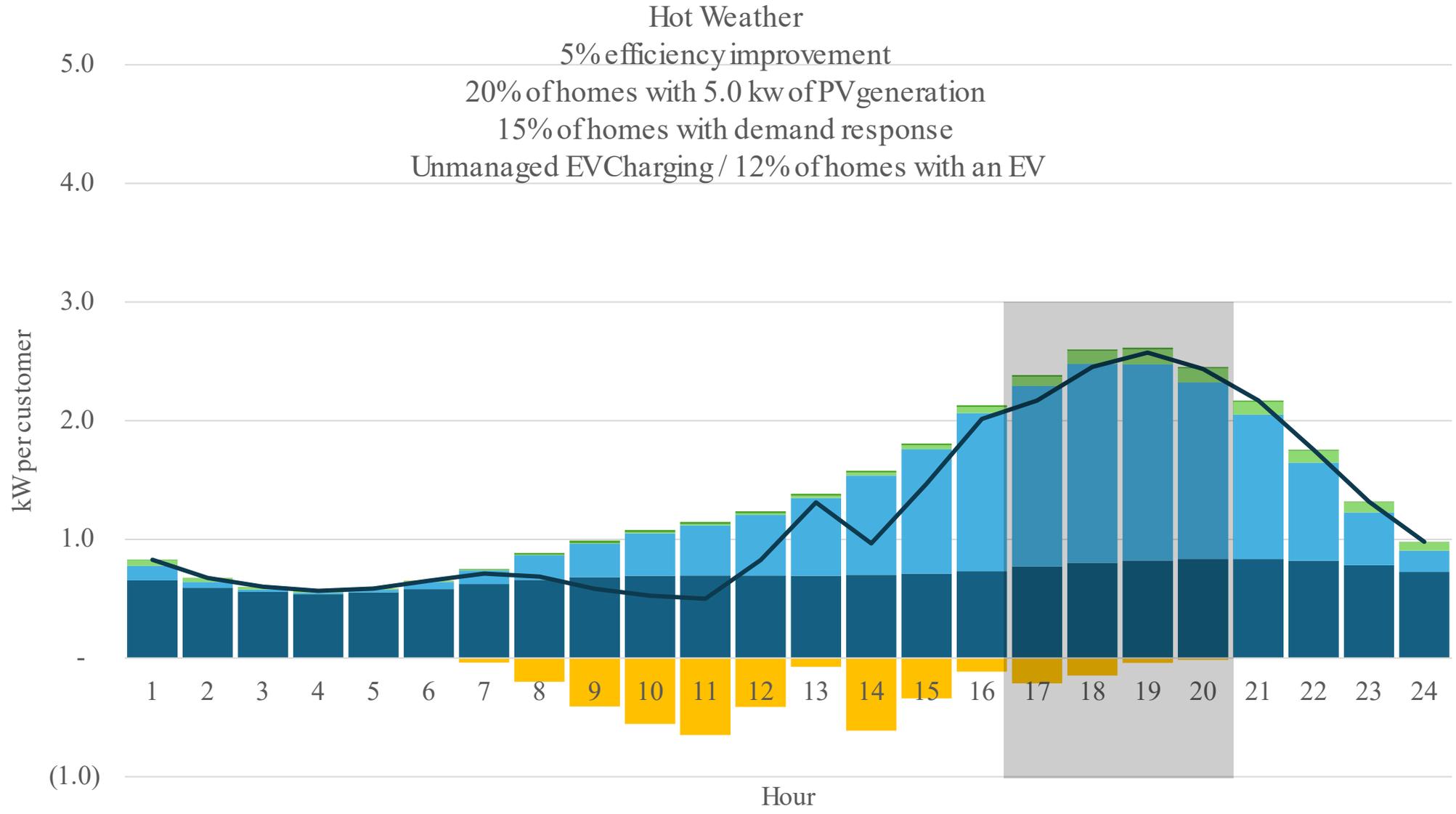
20% of homes with 5.0 kw of PV generation

15% of homes with demand response

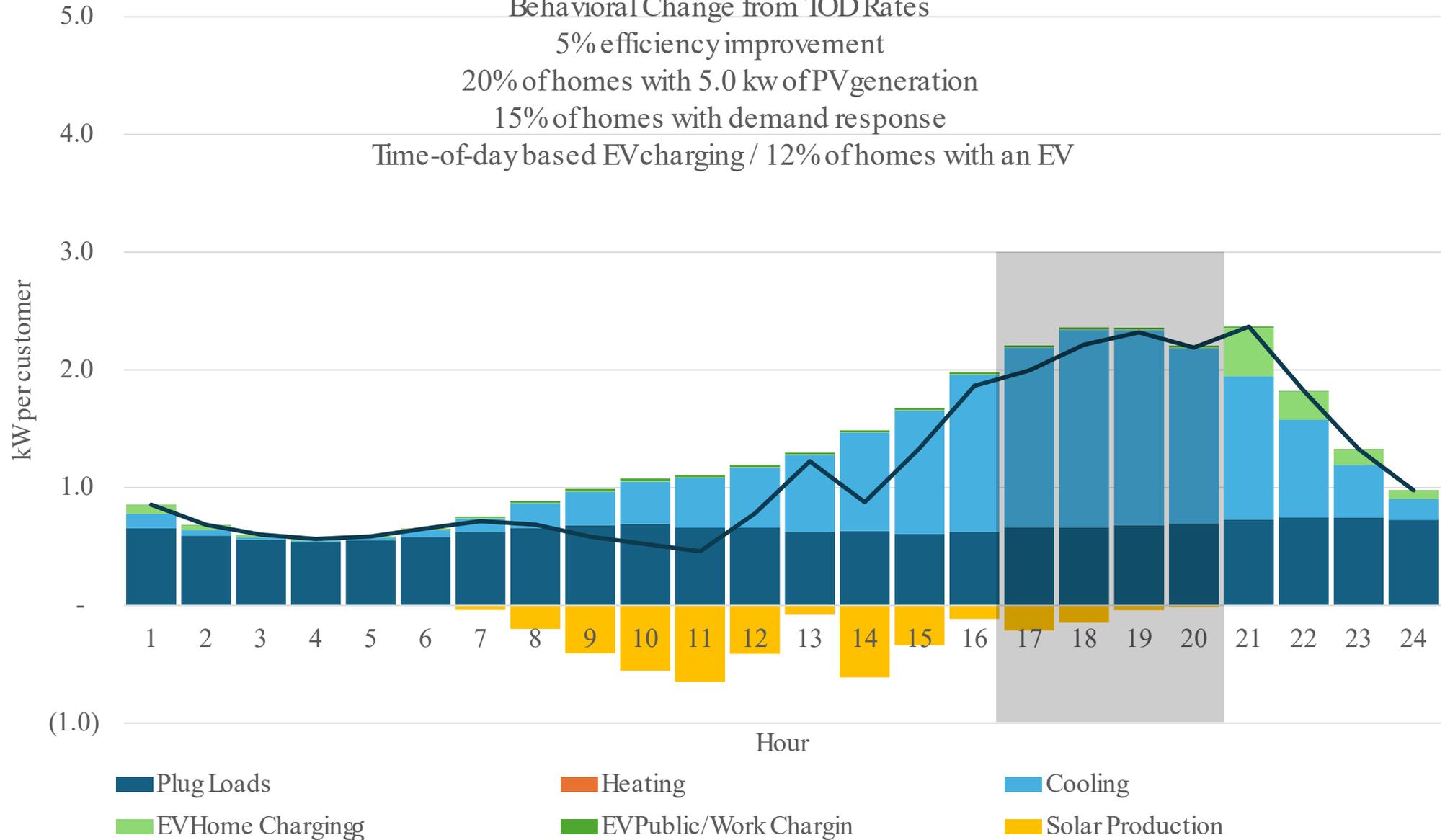


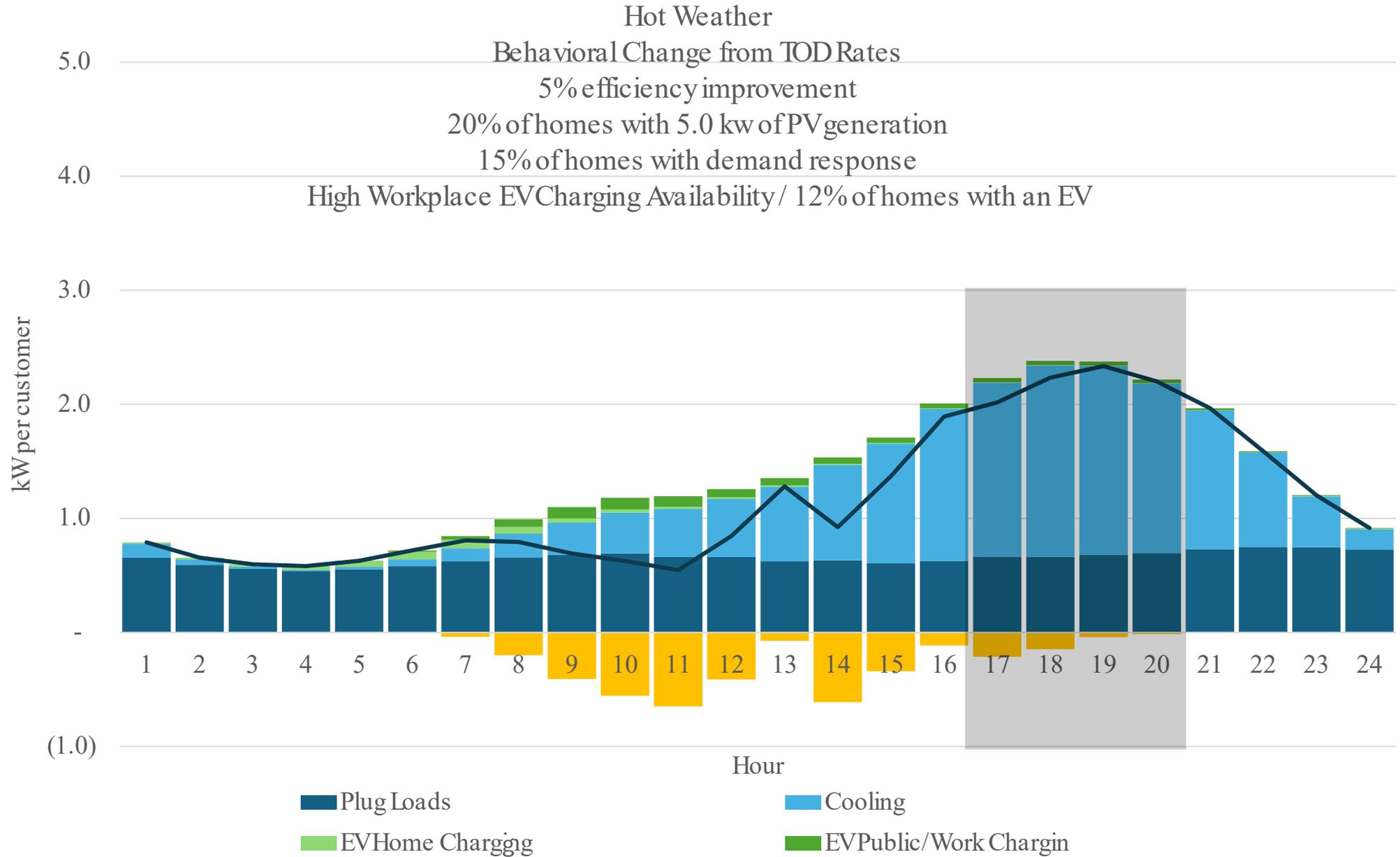


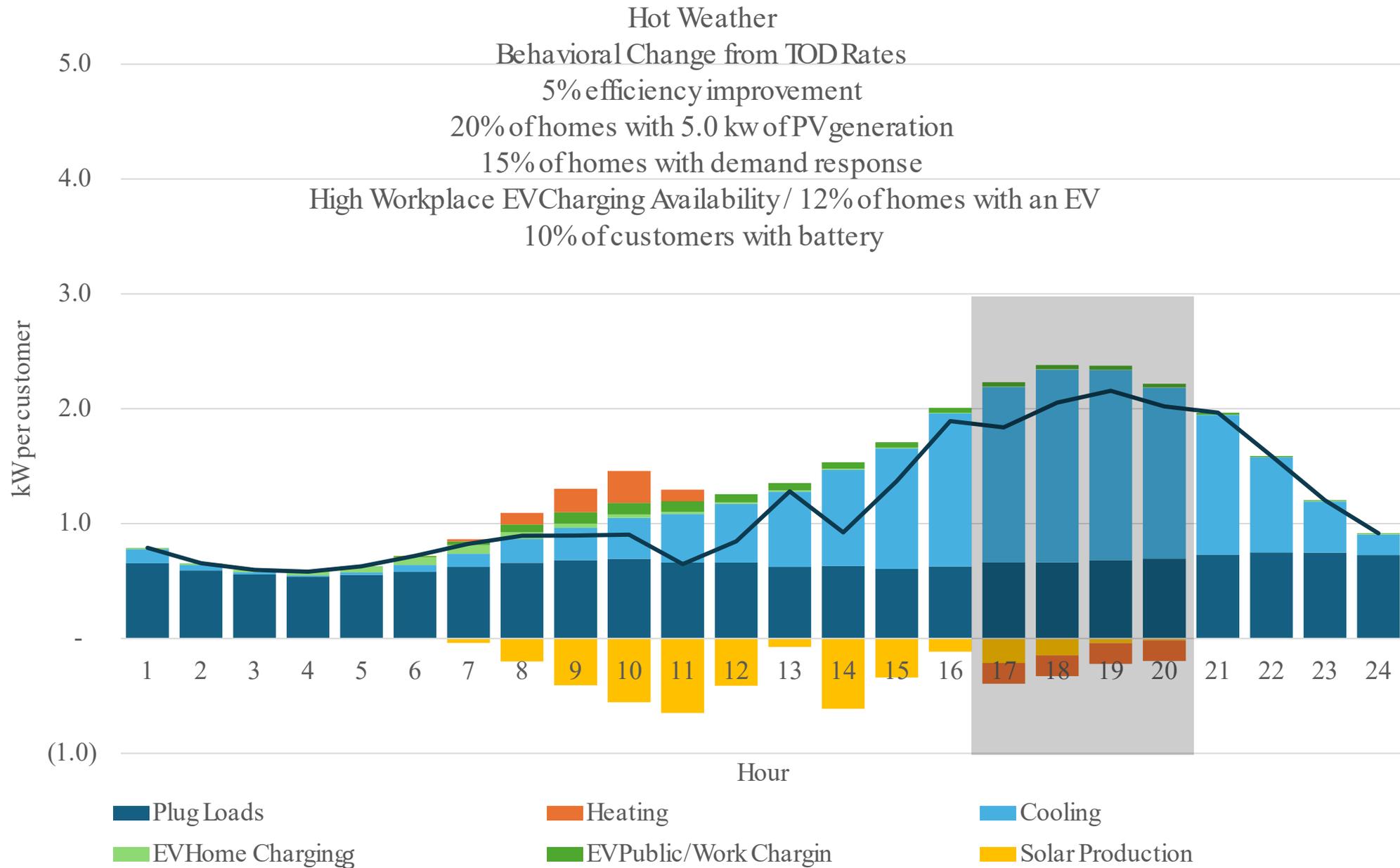




Hot Weather  
 Behavioral Change from TOD Rates  
 5% efficiency improvement  
 20% of homes with 5.0 kw of PV generation  
 15% of homes with demand response  
 Time-of-day based EV charging / 12% of homes with an EV







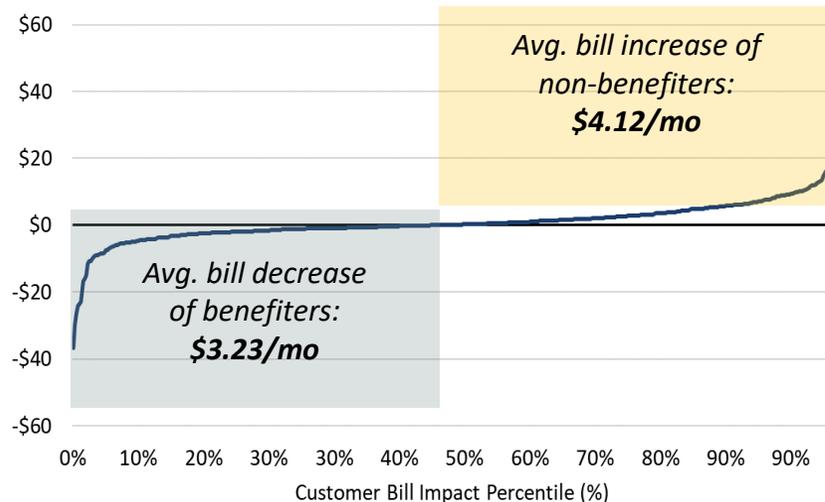


# Residential Energy-Wise Bill Impacts

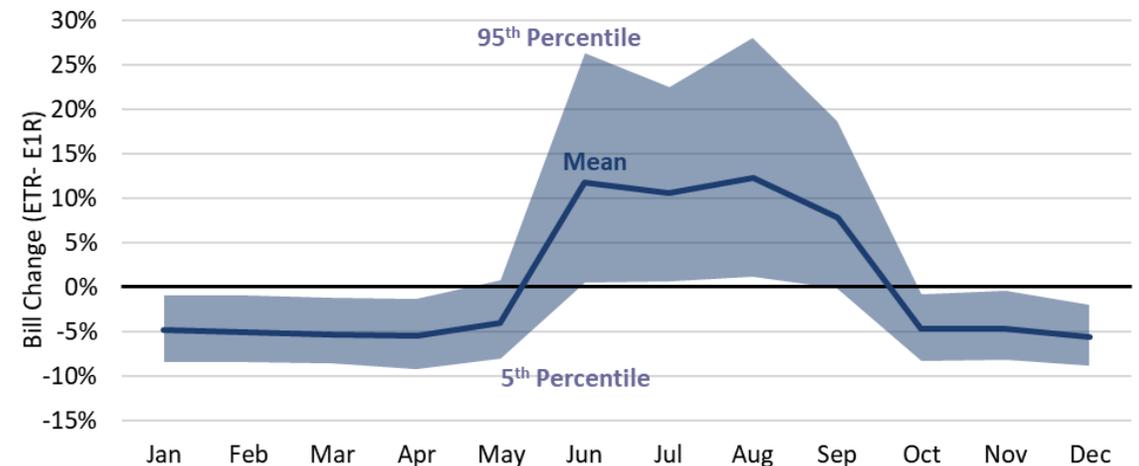
- Transition to Energy-Wise produces an even split of benefitters and non-benefitters
  - Outlier bill decreases are much greater than bill increases
  - About 13% of customers would experience bill increase greater than 5%

- Energy-Wise reflects the seasonal variation in costs, which results in higher summer bills and lower winter bills for most customers

**Annual Bill Impacts**



**Seasonal Bill Impacts**



# Colorado Springs Utilities Case Study



## Customer profile:

Gen X  
Middle-class  
Homeowner  
AC must be used for health reasons  
Enrolled in budget billing



## Home profile:

Small to medium sized home, built in 1999  
Empty on weekdays during the day in fall, winter and spring  
1-2 people home during the day in summer  
HVAC is standard, not energy efficient  
Appliances are Energy Star rated

## No behavior changes



**\$54.55**

**Annually**

/



**\$4.55**

**Monthly\***

\*Consistent change due to budget billing.  
Without budget billing, monthly increases up to \$26.60 in the summer and monthly decreases of up to \$6.62 in spring.

## What could shift

- Timing of laundry
- Timing of dishwasher

## What could not shift

- Timing and temperature of air conditioning
- Timing and method of cooking meals

## With behavior changes



**\$48**

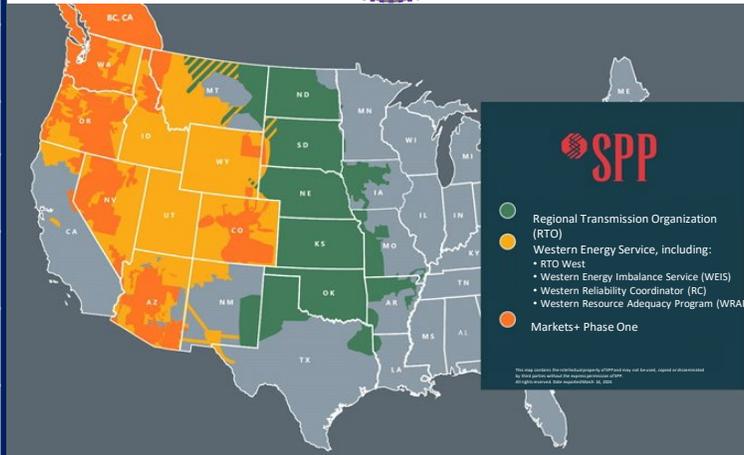
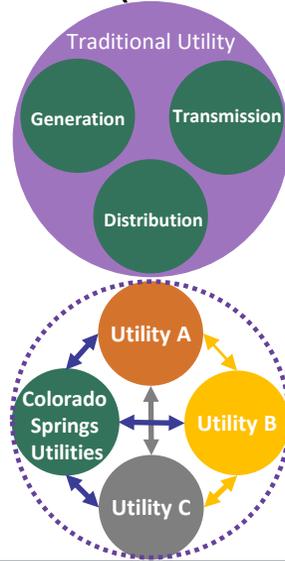
**Annually**

Could save more with appliance upgrades, changing meal preparation methods, pre-cooling home in summer and more.

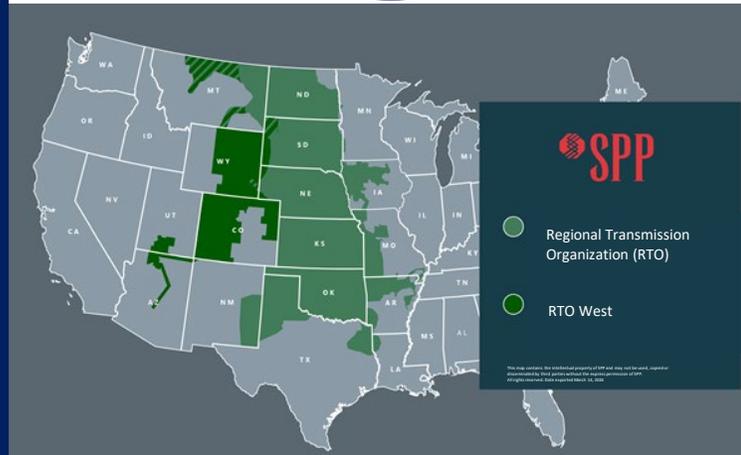
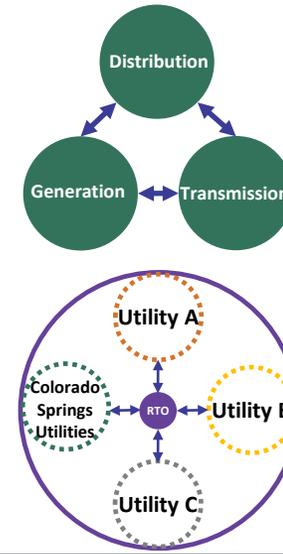
# Regional Transmission Organization (RTO)

RTO Services	
	Reliability coordination
	Tariff and market administration
	Regional scheduling
	Transmission planning
RTO Benefits	
	Greater reliability through larger resource and transmission network
	Cost savings through economics of scale and diverse generation sources
	Increased access to non-carbon resources
	Greater price and operational transparency
RTO Challenges	
	Less control of planning and operations
	Tariff, protocols and enhanced practices
	Complex products
	Exponentially more data
Real Time Balancing	✓
Day Ahead Unit Commitment	✗
Reserve Sharing	✗
Regional Planning	✗
Consolidated Balancing Authority	✗
Reliability Coordination	✗
Resource Adequacy	✗
Transmission Service Provider	✗

## Current State (Bilaterals + WEIS)



## Future State (RTO)



Real Time Balancing	✓
Day Ahead Unit Commitment	✗
Reserve Sharing	✗
Regional Planning	✗
Consolidated Balancing Authority	✗
Reliability Coordination	✗
Resource Adequacy	✗
Transmission Service Provider	✗

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Reliability Coordination	✓
Resource Adequacy	✓
Transmission Service Provider	✓

# Microgrid Pilot

# Mesa Campus Microgrid

## PILOT DEMONSTRATION



1. 49 acres Microgrid site
2. 1 MW battery energy storage system (BESS)
3. Up to 5 acres for solar array (1.6 MW)
4. Microgrid controller and recloser



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