

COLD CLIMATE DECARBONIZATION

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AGENDA

RAPID CHANGES IN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CRISIS

- Policy Drivers
- Understanding Your Regional Electrical Grid
- Cold Climate Design Strategies
- What to do with Existing Buildings
- Resources

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IT'S ELECTRIC!

RE-ENERGIZING THE FUTURE OF LIVING

DECARBONIZATION

LOCAL POLICY TAKING THE REIGNS

Northern California Jurisdictions with Decarbonized Reach Code



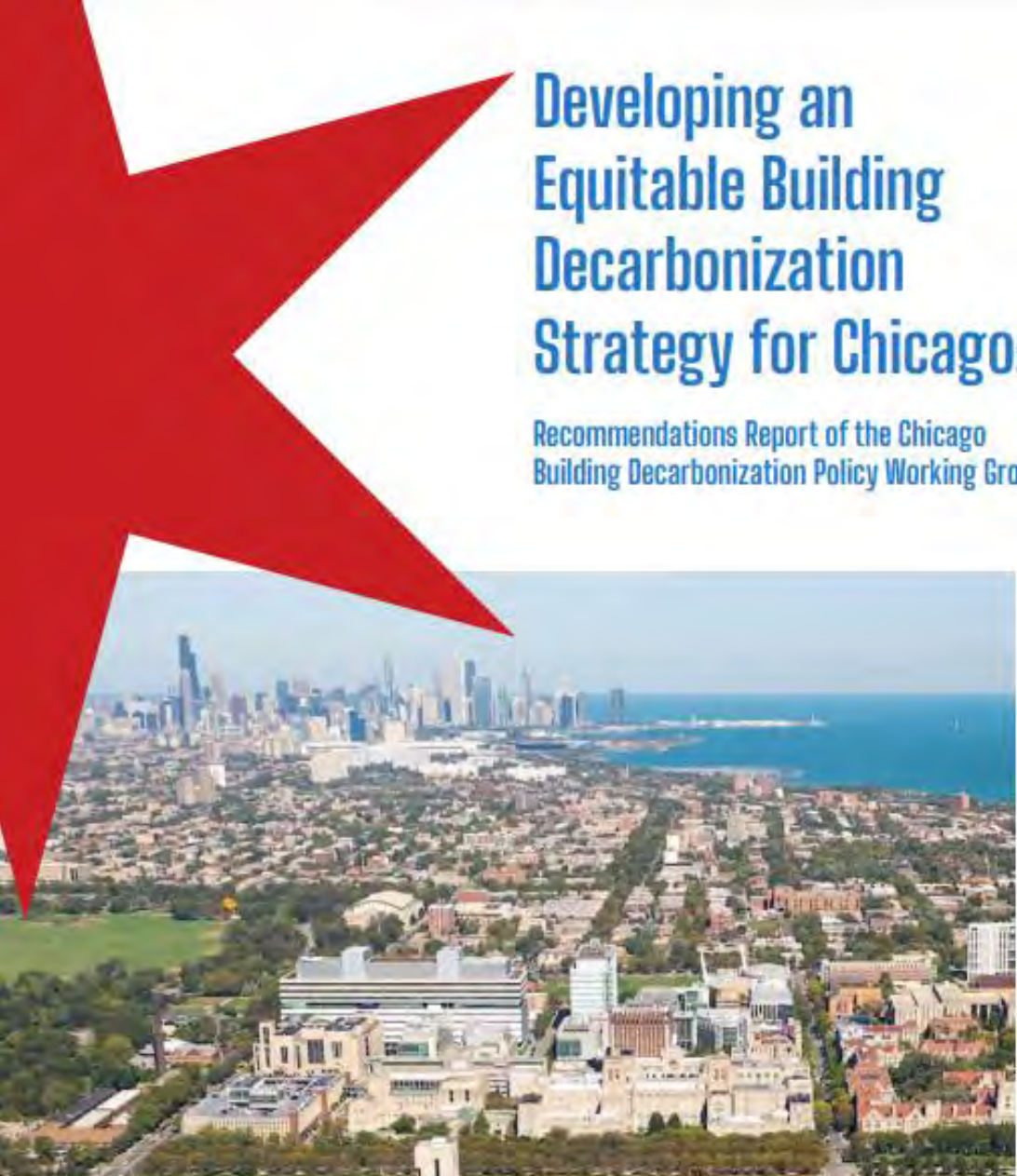
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CITY AND STATE POLICY DRIVERS

CHICAGO TAKING UP THE DECARB CAUSE



Source: City of Chicago

Chicago commmits to 100% renewable energy at city facilities by 2025

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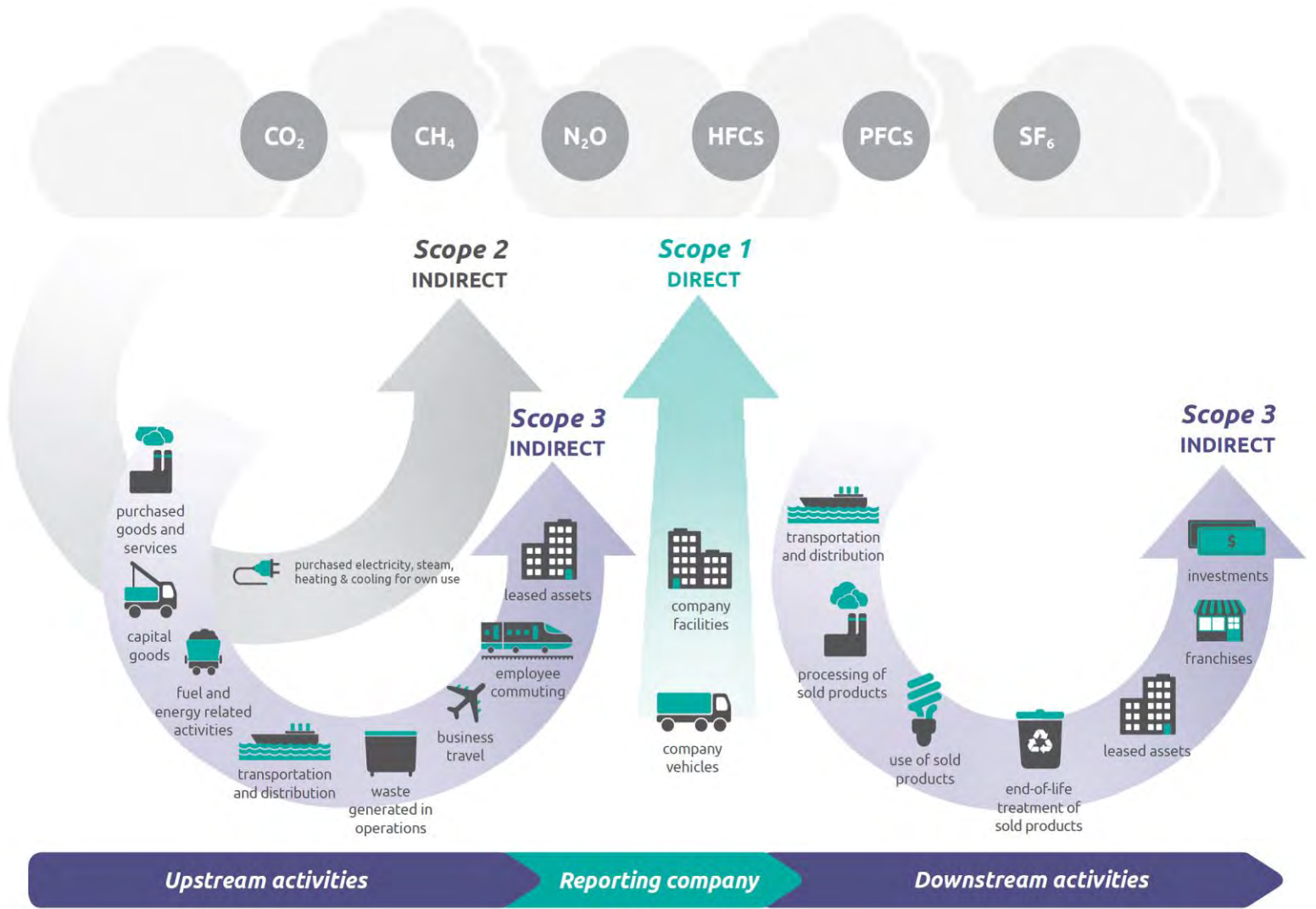
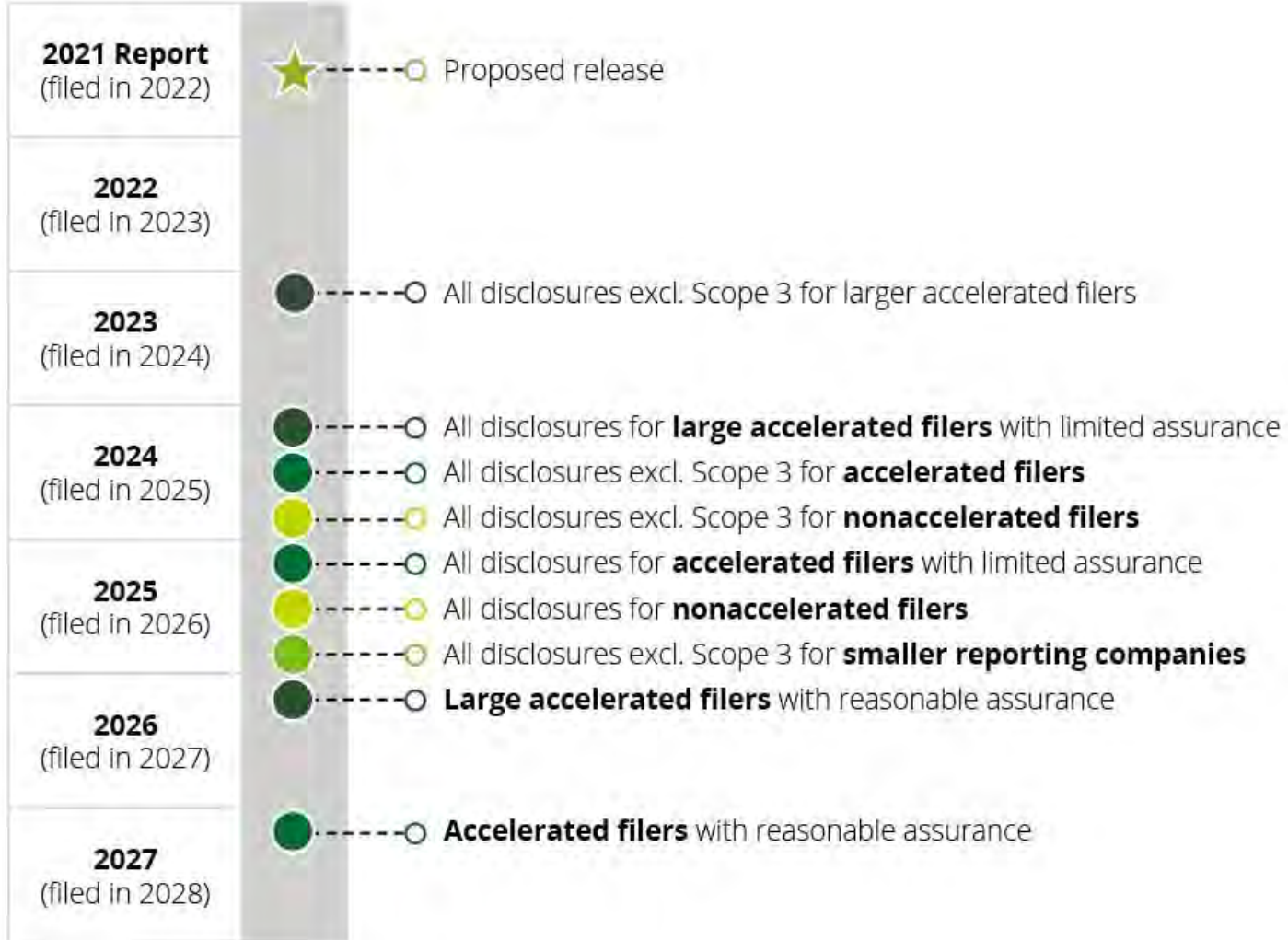
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ESG REPORTING AND CLIMATE RISK ANALYSIS DRIVE THE MARKET

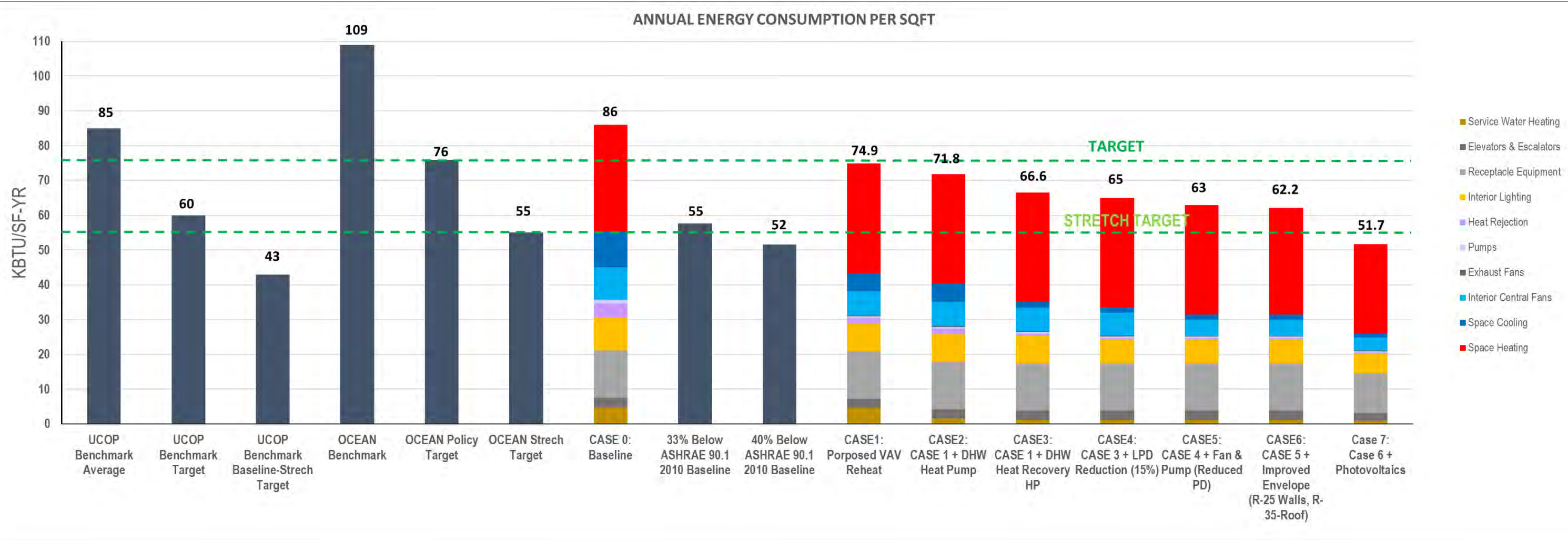


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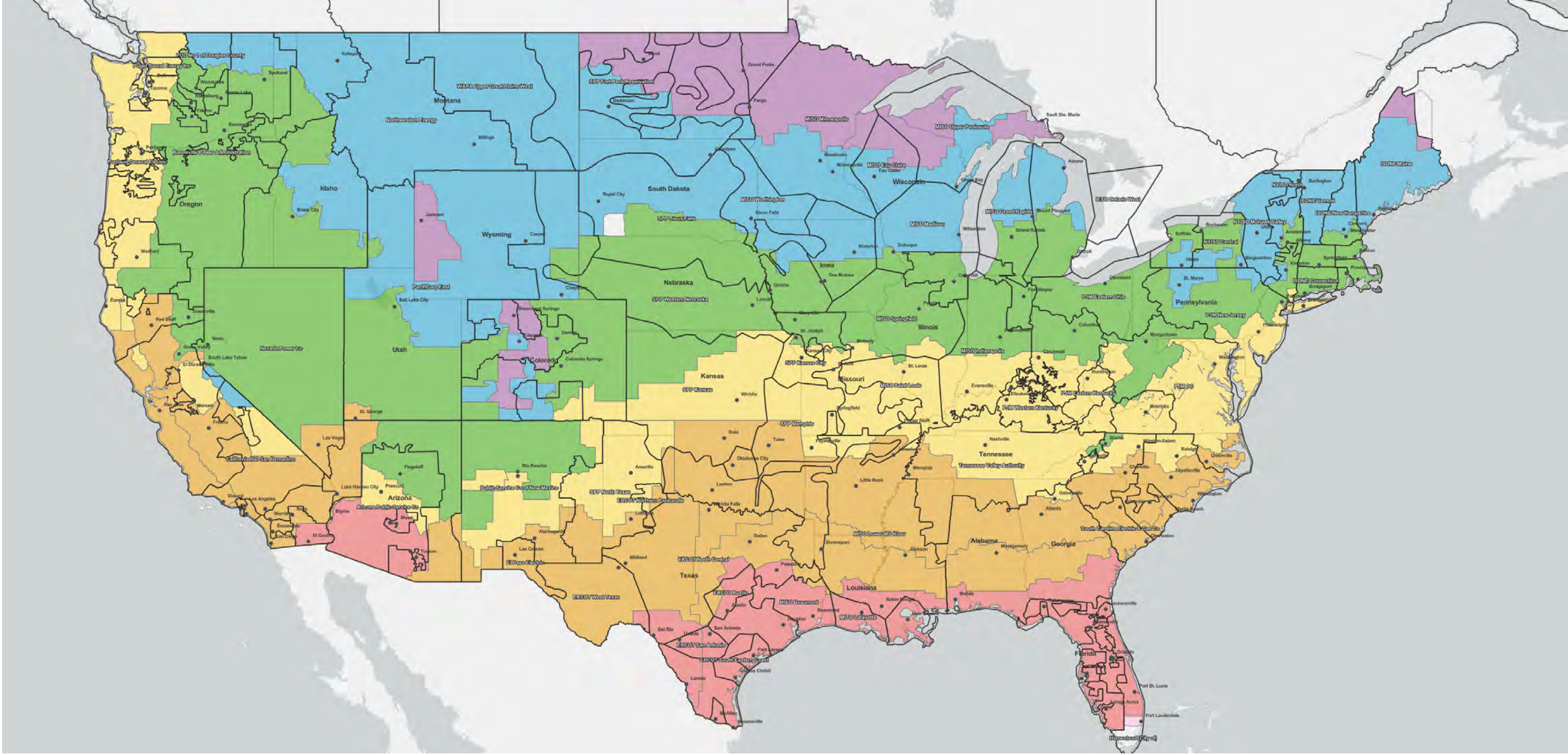
RE-ALIGNING AROUND CARBON_{EQUIV.}

EFFICIENCY AND.....



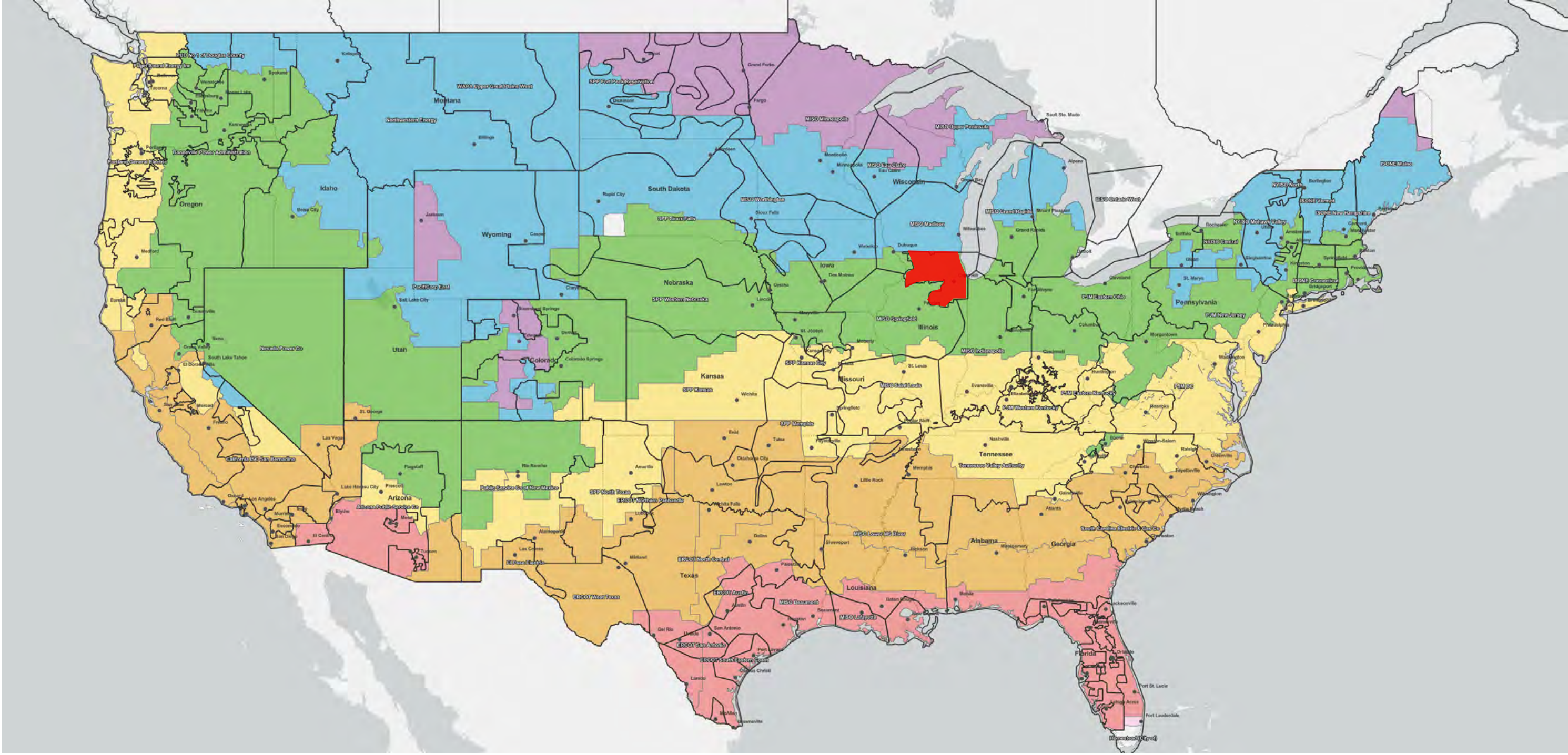
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REGIONAL GRID OPERATORS VS. CLIMATE ZONE



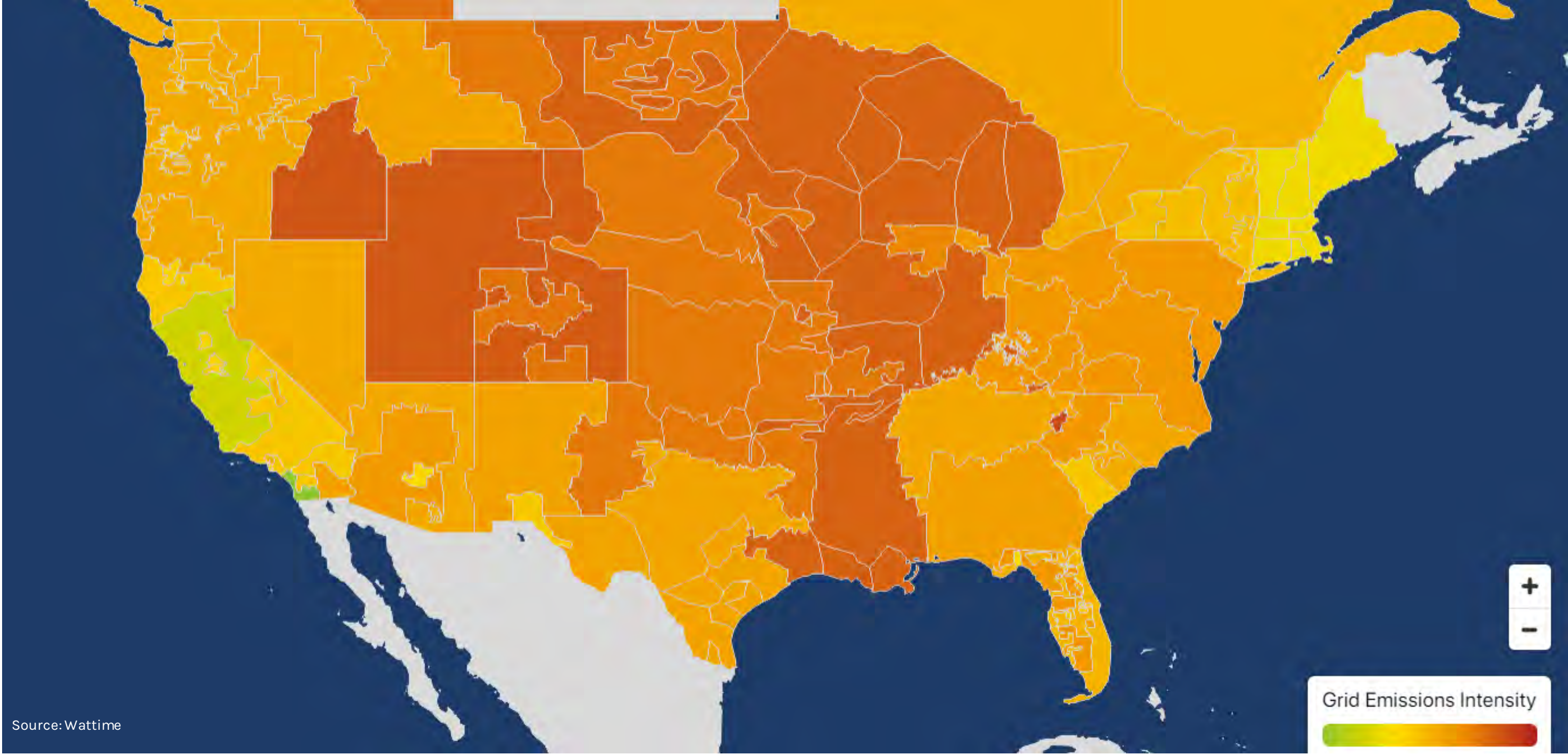
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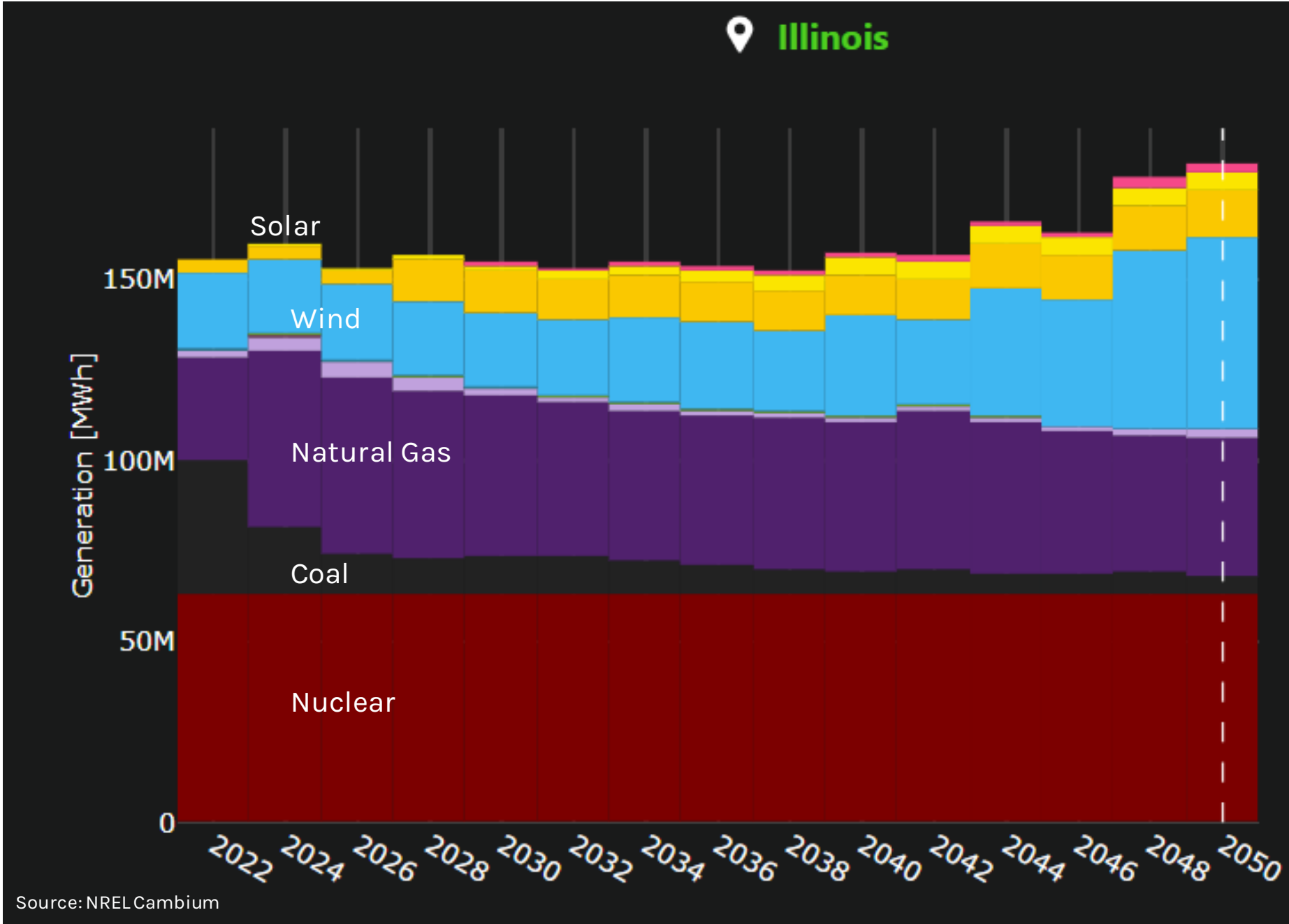
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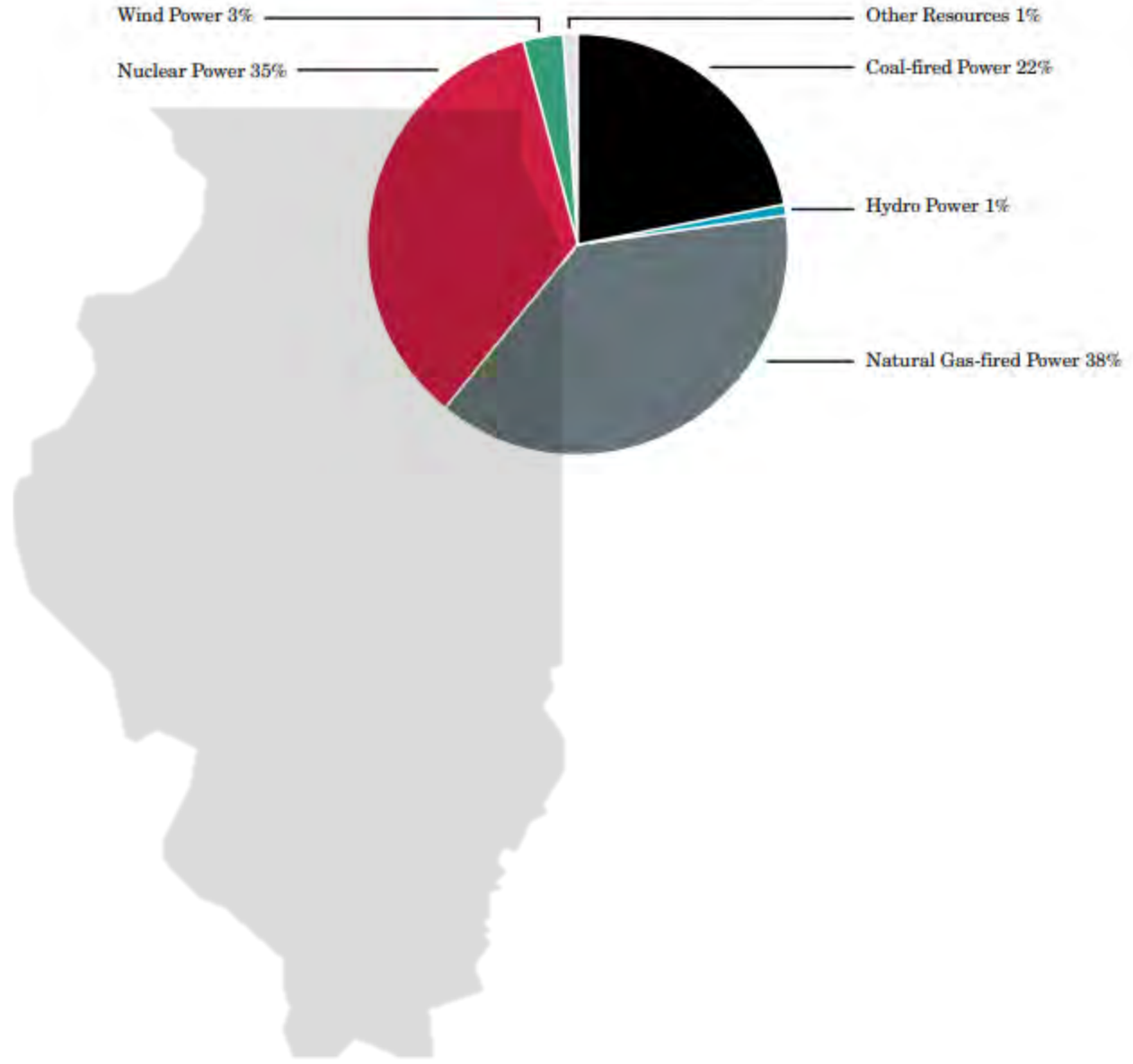
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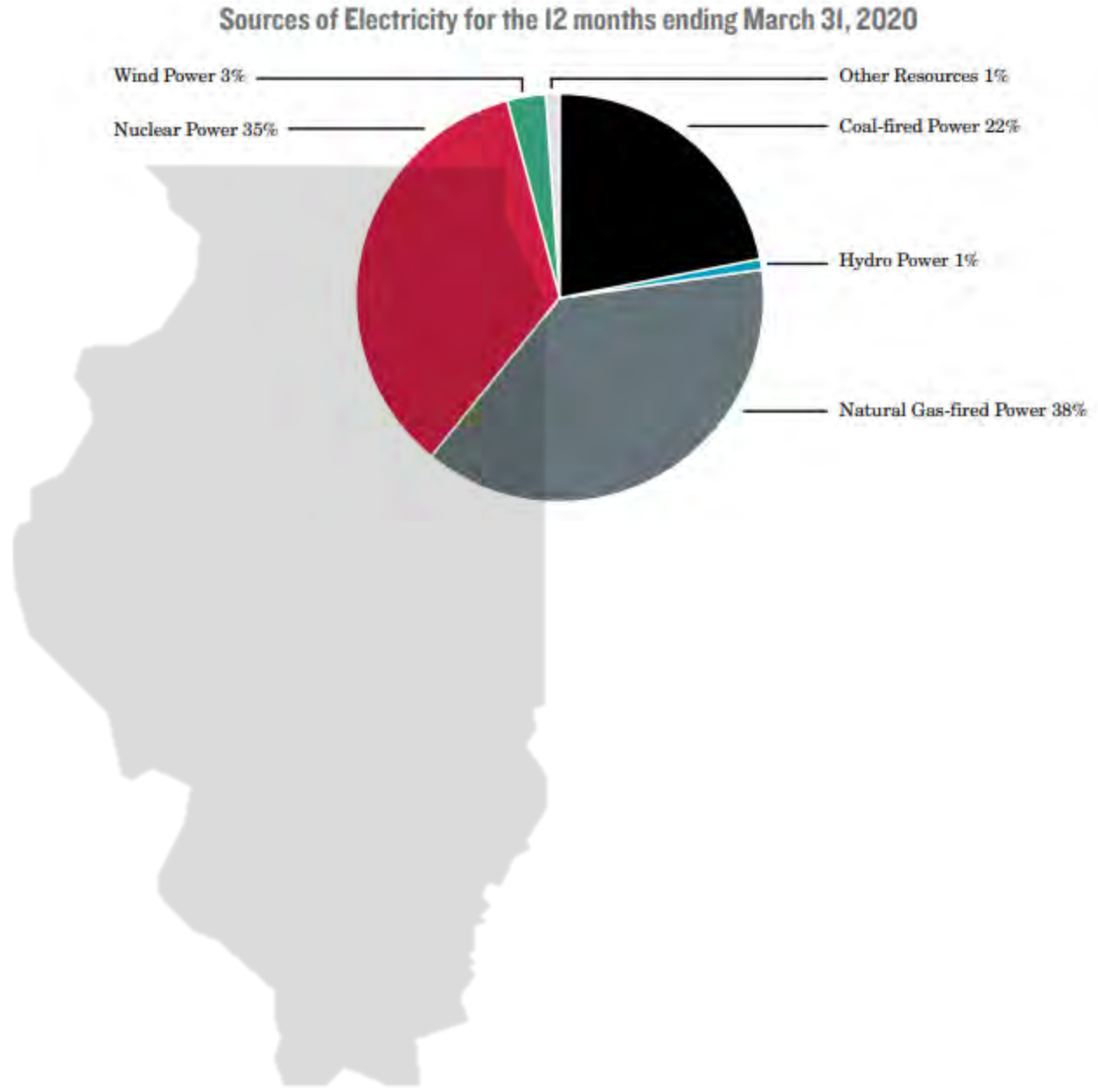
CARBON-FREE SOURCES: IL VS CA

Sources of Electricity for the 12 months ending March 31, 2020



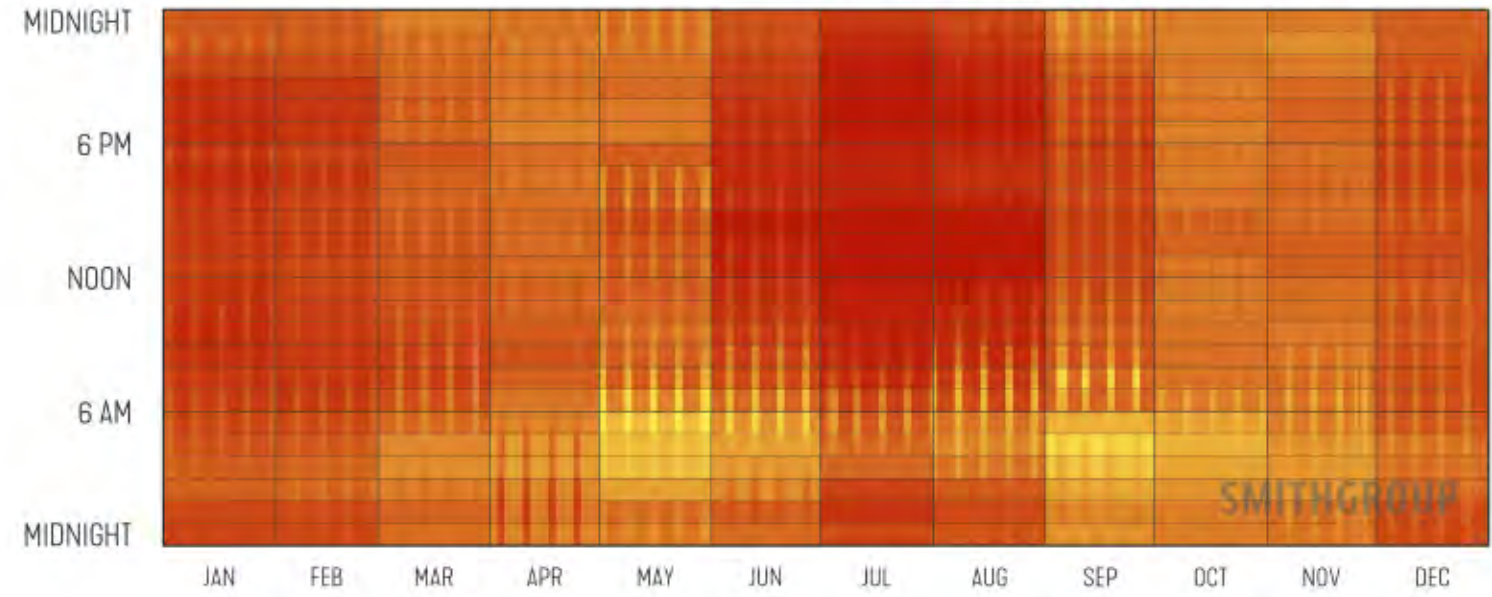
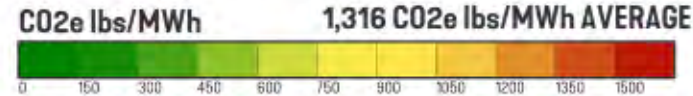
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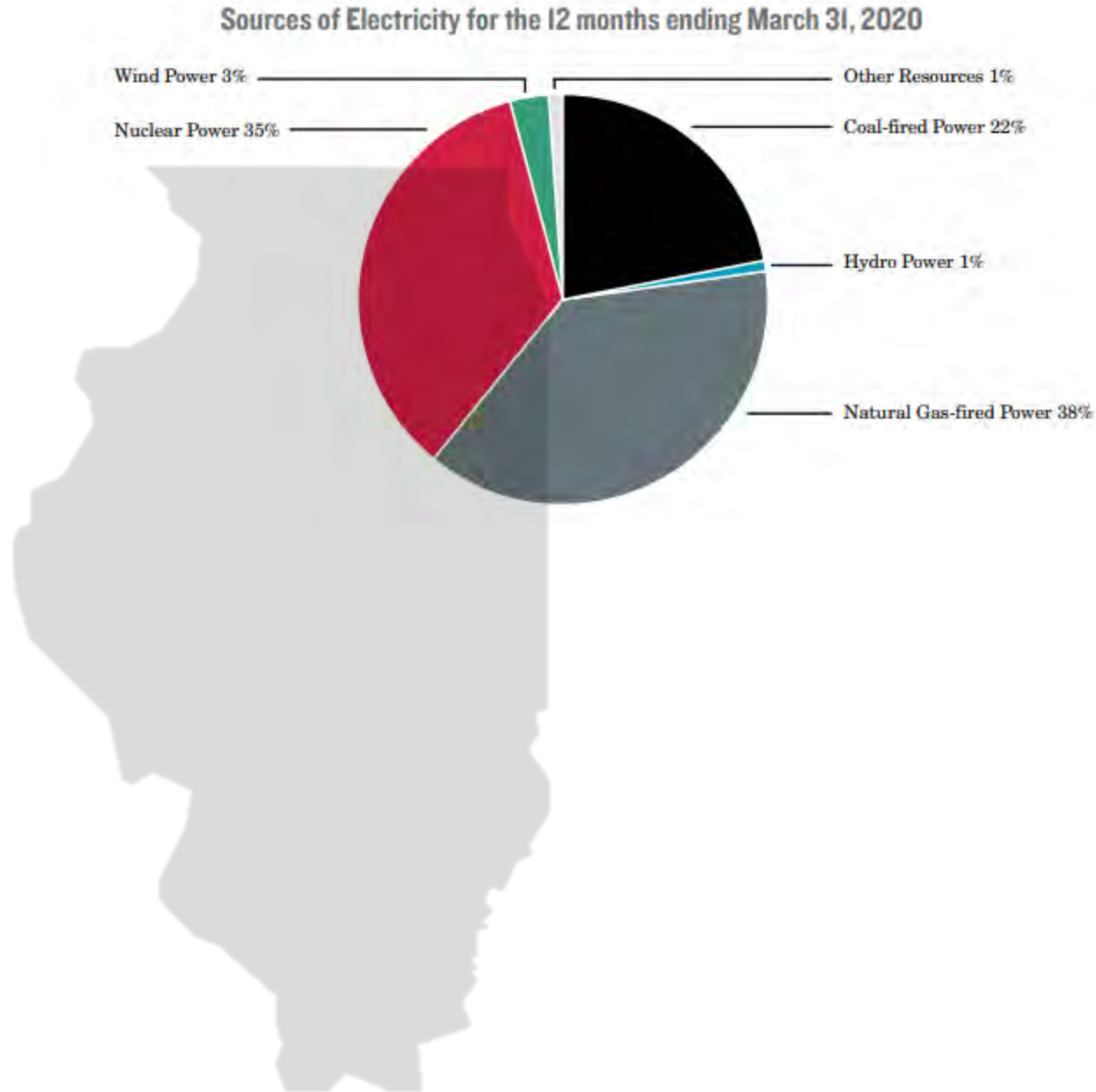
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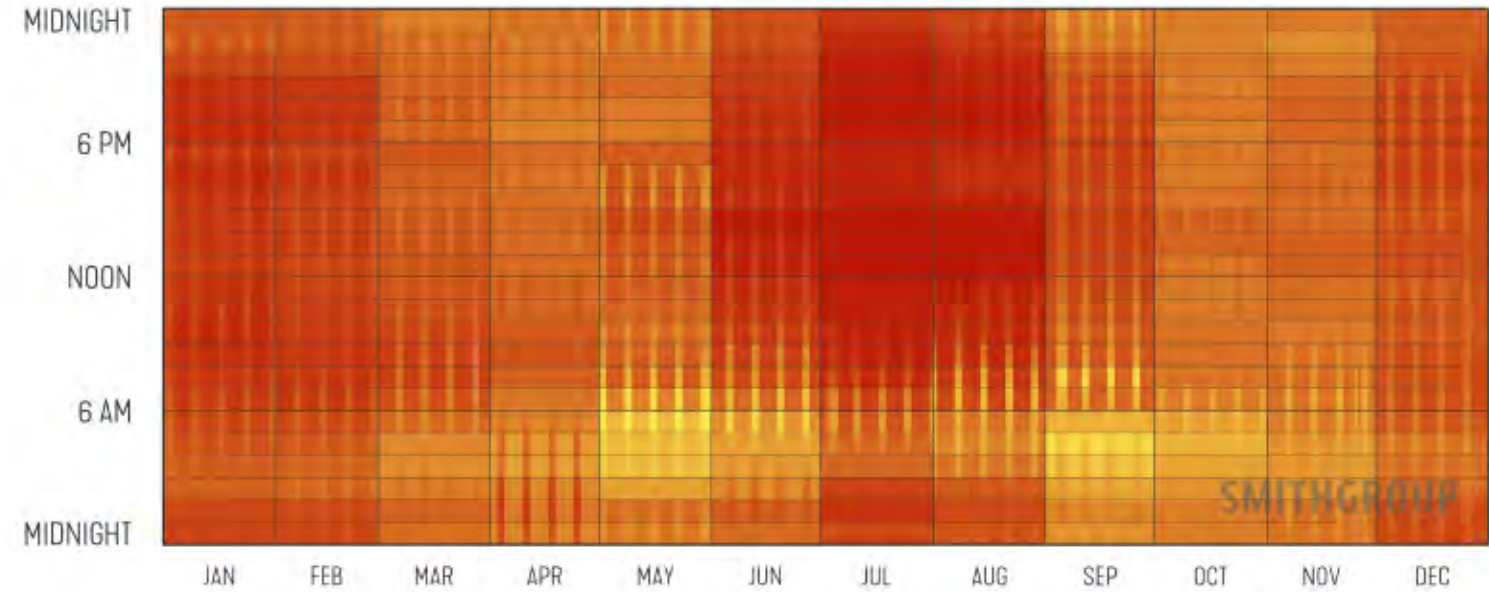
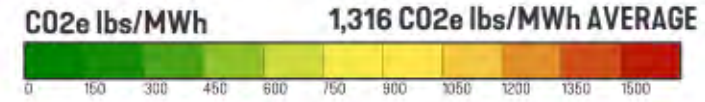
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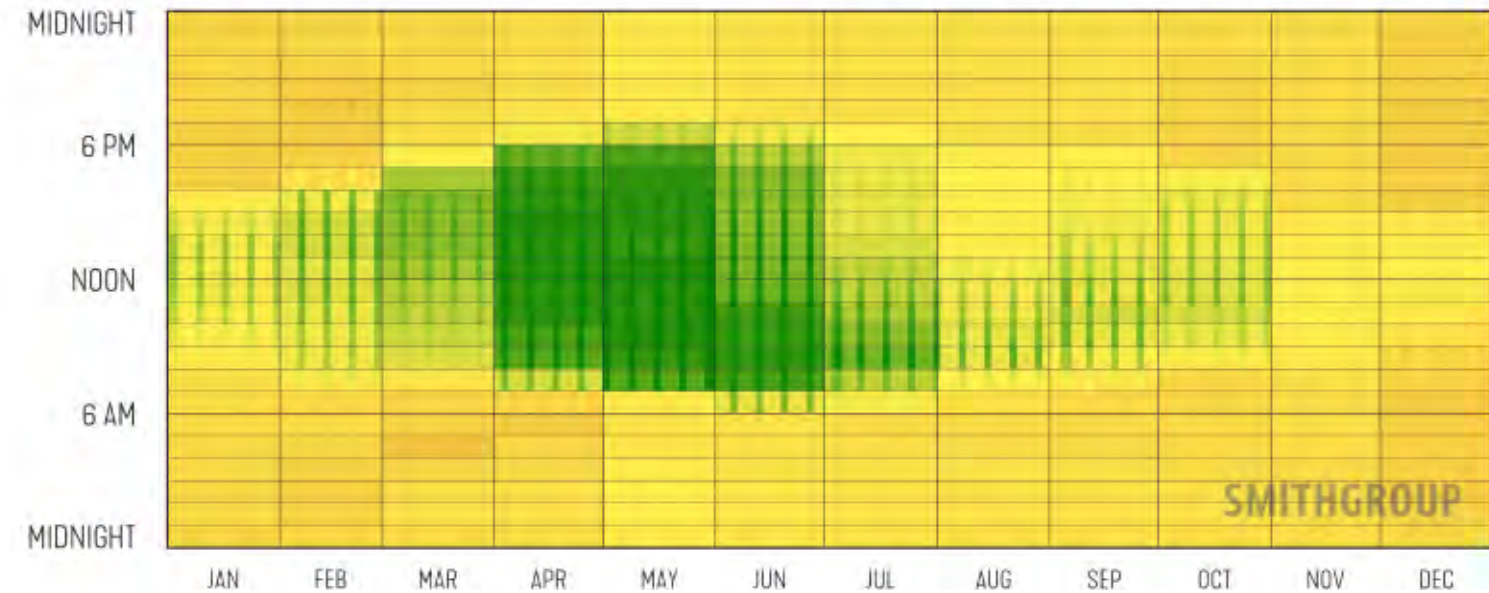
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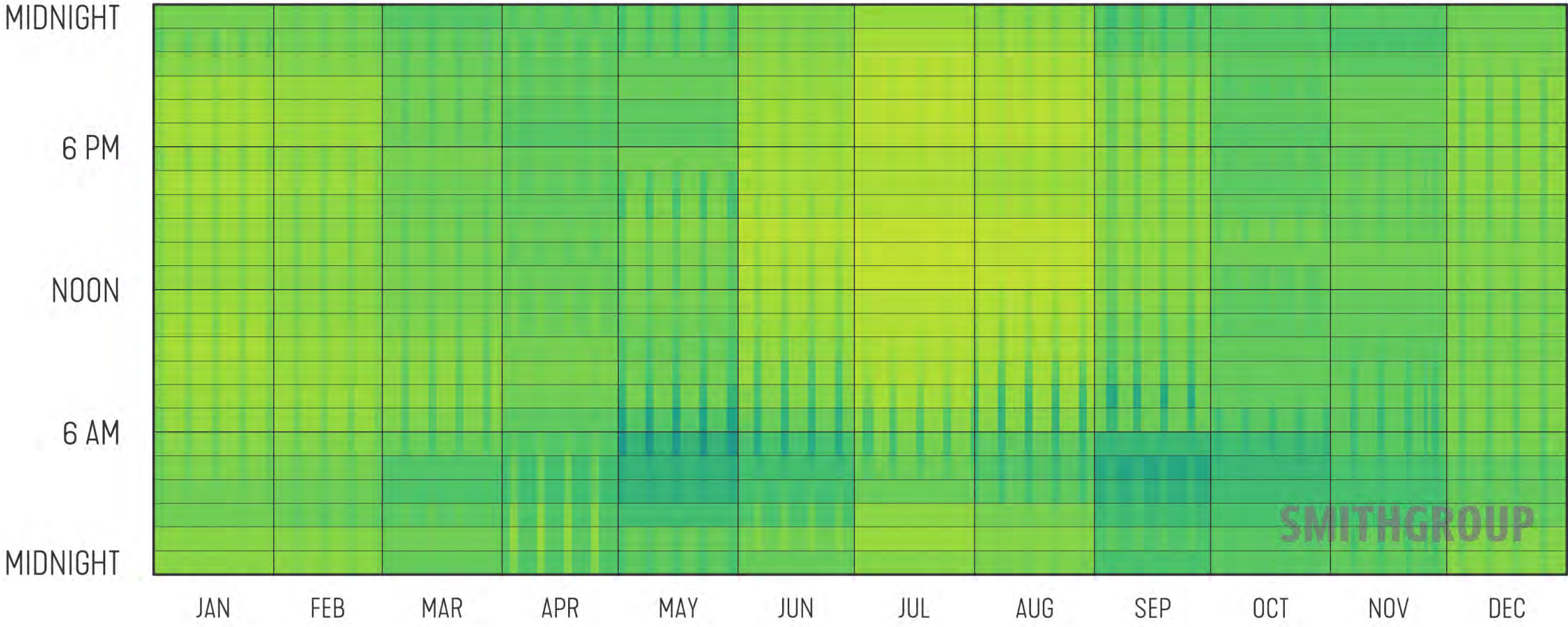
TARGETING PERFORMANCE THAT WILL DECARBONIZE

Hourly Elec Marginal CO₂e/MWh
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MINIMUM COP FOR CARBON EQUIVELANCY (HP vs NG)

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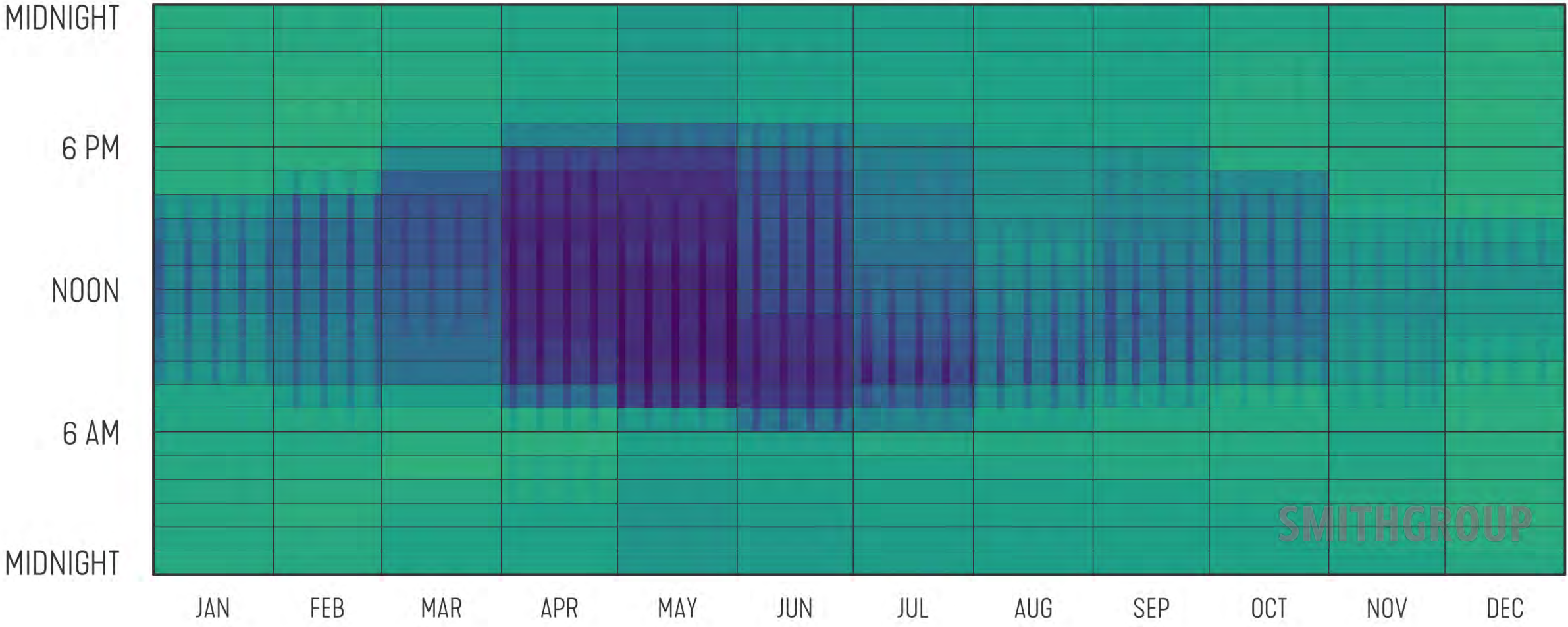
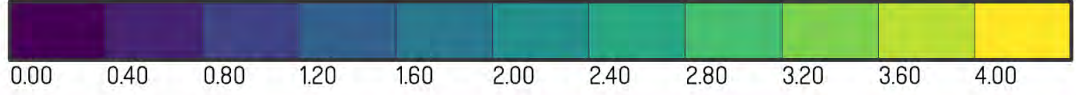
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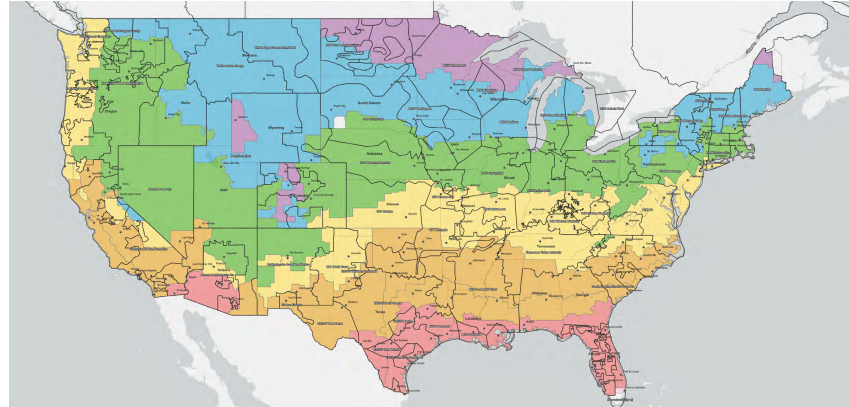
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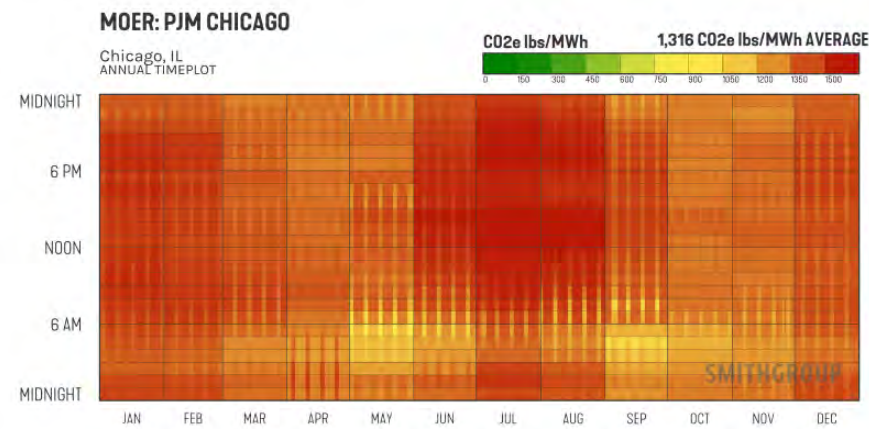
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MATCHING DECARB'ED SYSTEMS TO BUILDING TYPES

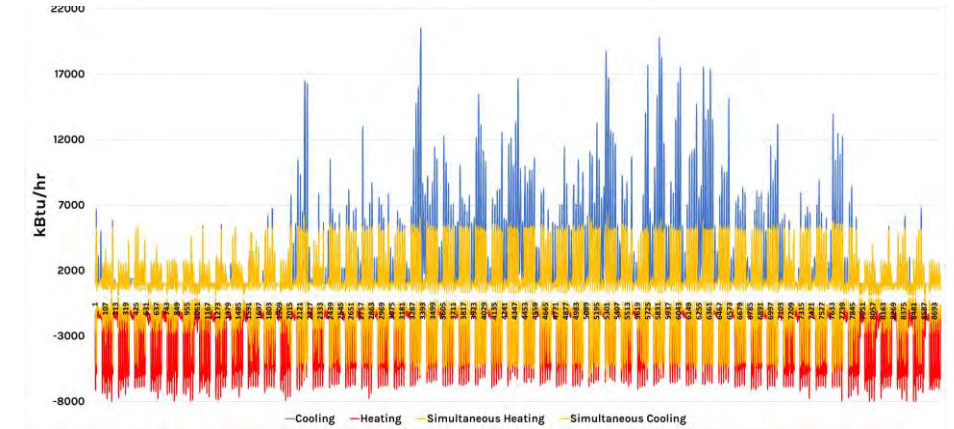
INFLUENCING FACTORS



Climate Zone



Grid Emissions Profile



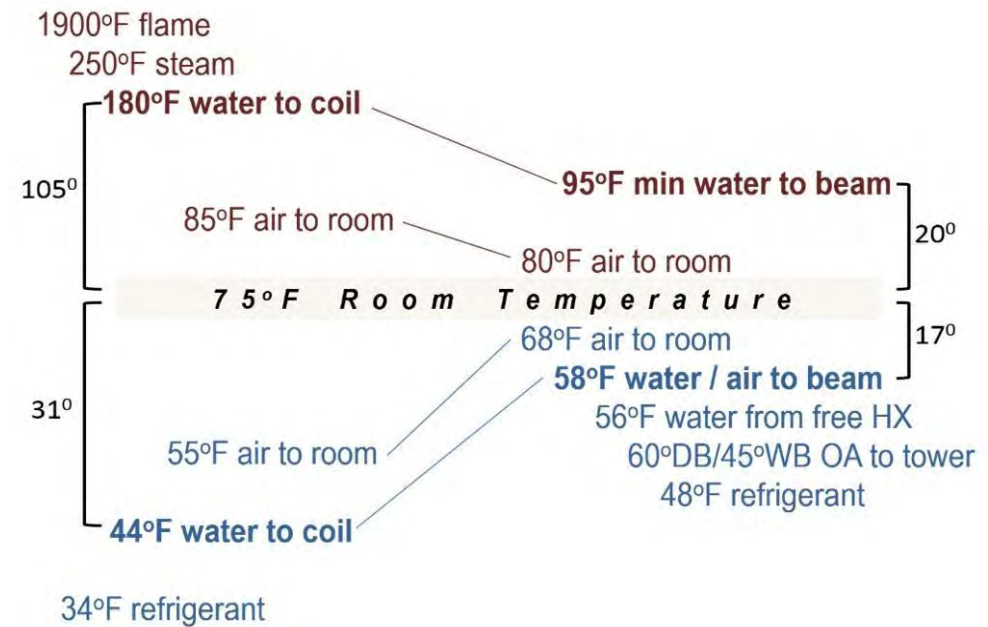
Load Profile



Type of Equipment

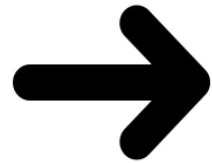


Distribution Temperatures



MATCHING ALL-ELECTRIC SYSTEMS TO BUILDING TYPES

SIMPLE REPLACEMENTS – SMALL OFFICES, SCHOOLS, ETC



Heat Pump Rooftop Package Units



VRF

Considerations & Strategies:

- Integrated HRV/ERV
- Select for Correct OAT
- Minimize Electric Resistance Heating

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MEDIUM OFFICE AND SIMILAR VAV/REHEAT SYSTEMS



Heat Pump AHU's, ASHP-HR



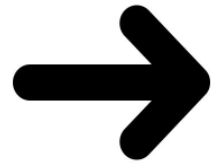
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Considerations & Strategies:

- Consider Heat Recovery Heat Pump Integrated with AHU & Reheat Loop
- Integrated HRV/ERV

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CENTRAL CHILLER / BOILERS WITH HYDRONIC SYSTEMS



6, 4 and 2-pipe ASHP's



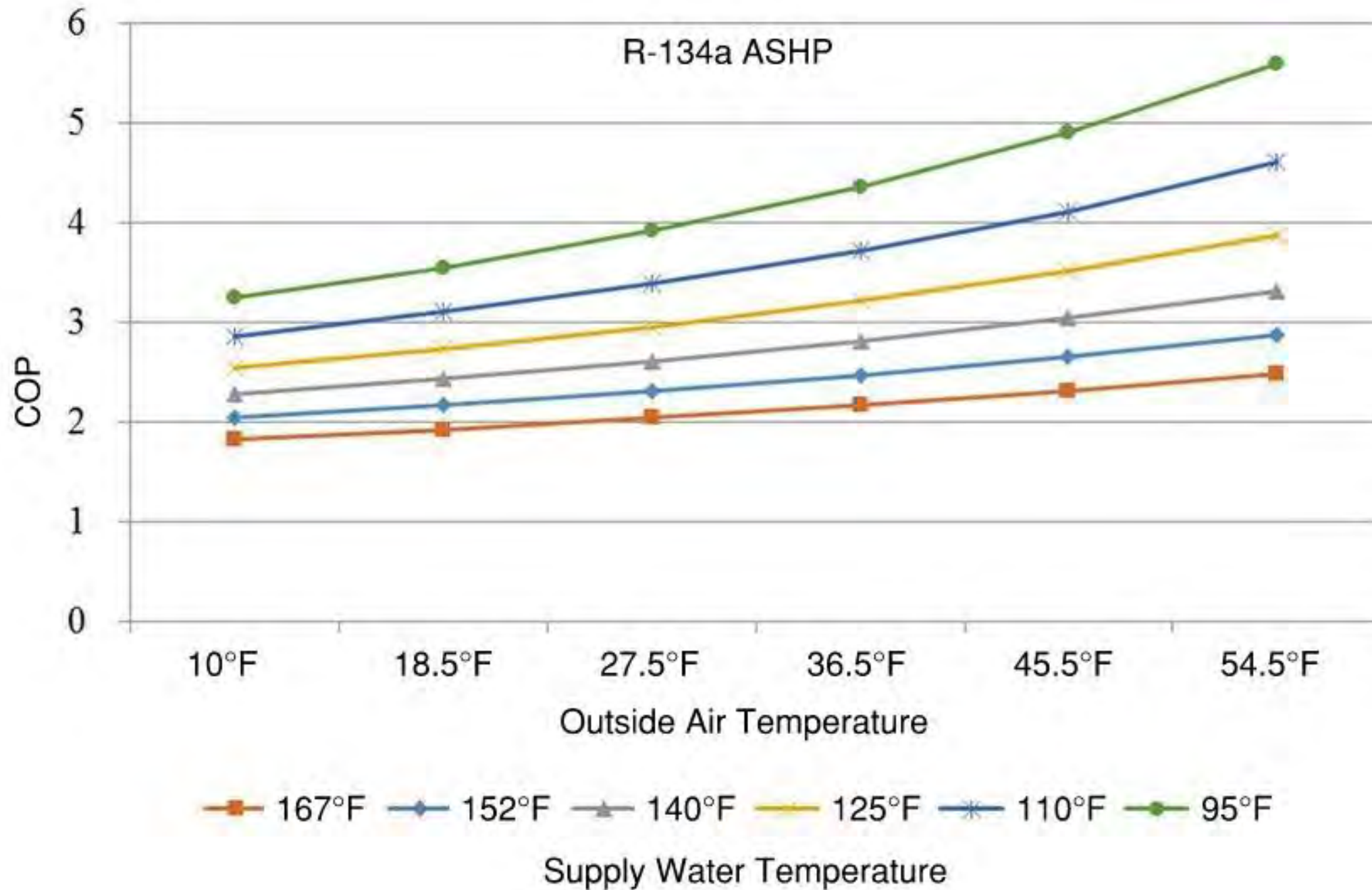
Heat Recovery Chillers

Considerations & Strategies:

- Maximize Heat Recovery
- Consider adding Thermal Energy Storage to increase Heat Recovery Potential
- Consider adding TES for shifting heating load into daytime hours
- Footprint will be challenging
- Consider Augmenting with Ground-Source Heat Exchange
- Can be challenging to maintain consistent Delta T

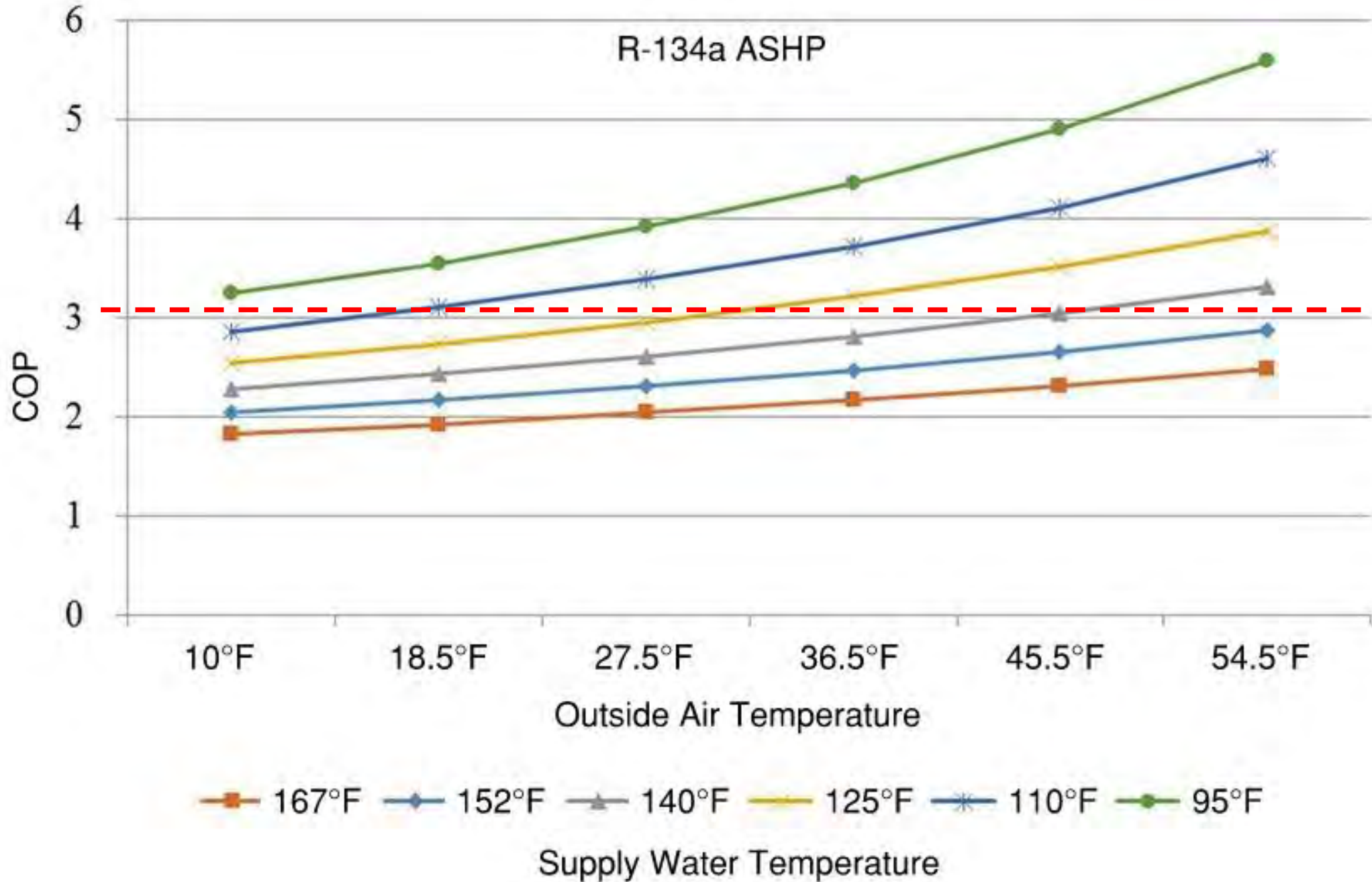
DESIGN PRINCIPLES FOR COLD CLIMATE DECARB

WHERE DO YOU START AND HOW TO ACHIEVE REDUCTIONS



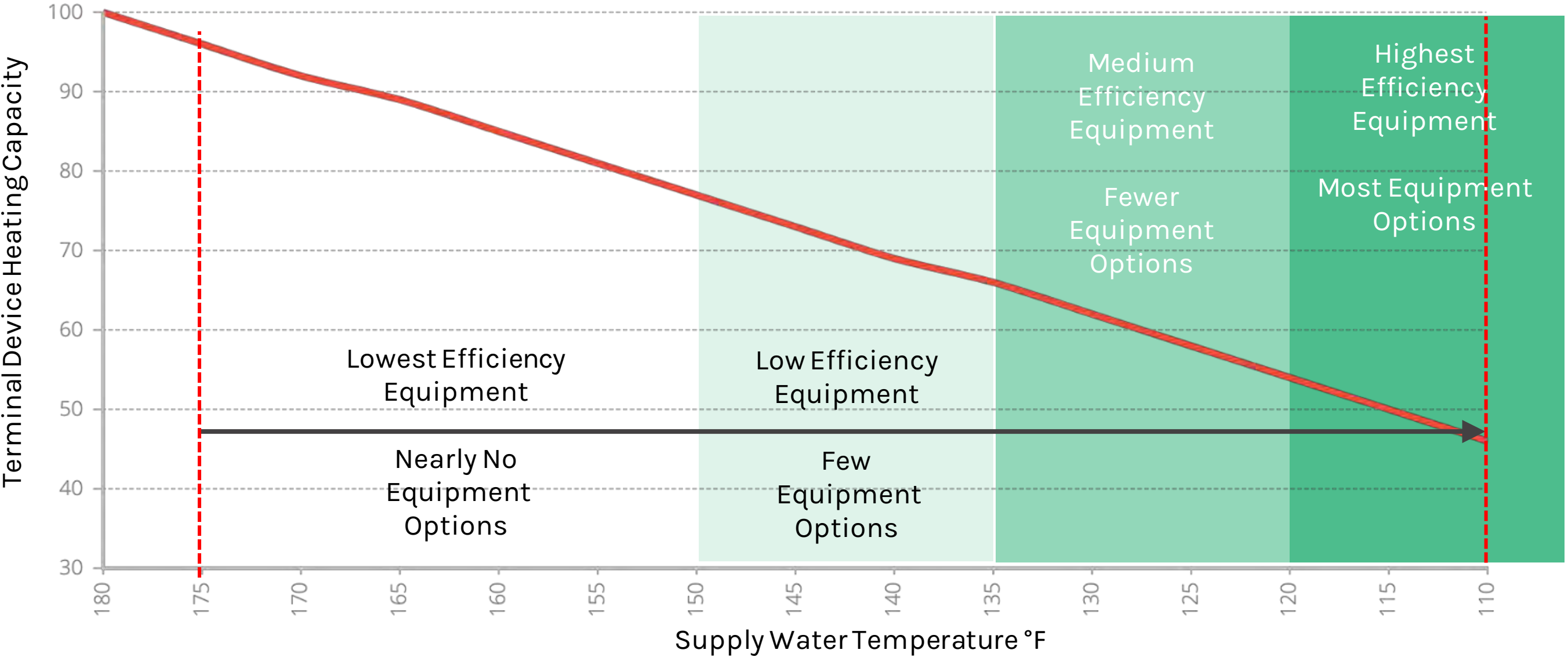
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REIMAGING HHWS TEMPERATURE REGIMES

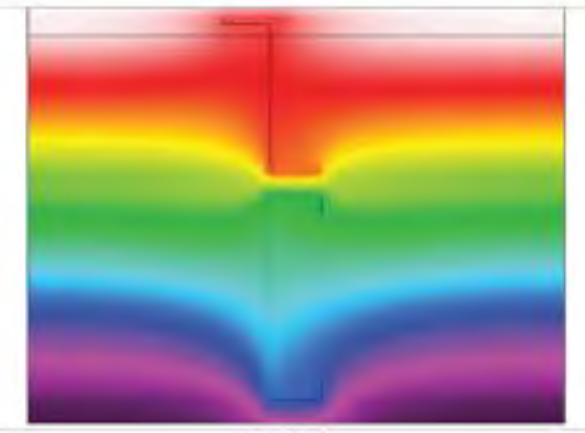


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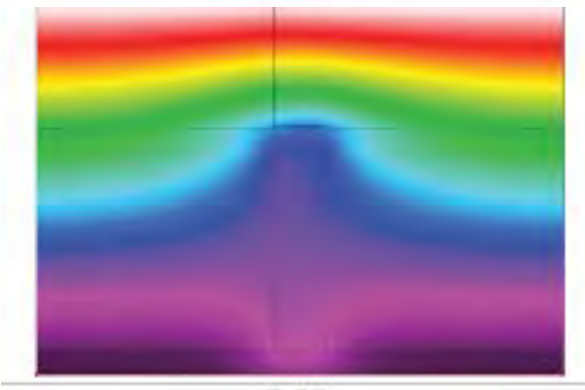


Metal Z-Girt

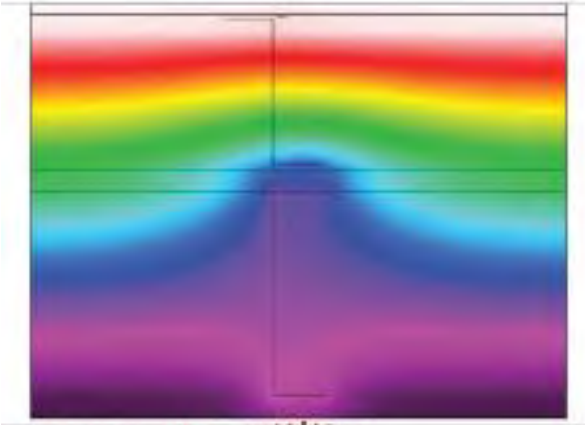


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Fiberglass Z-Girt



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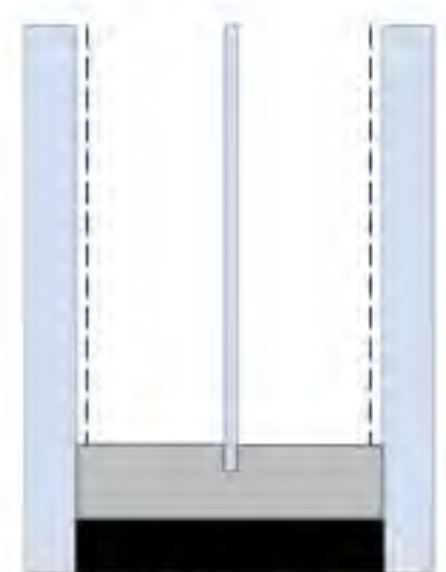


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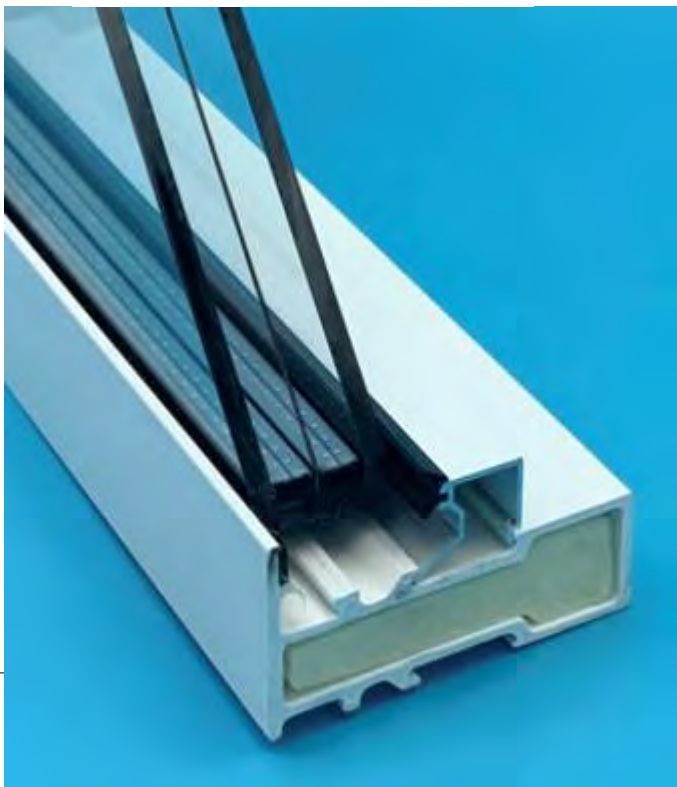


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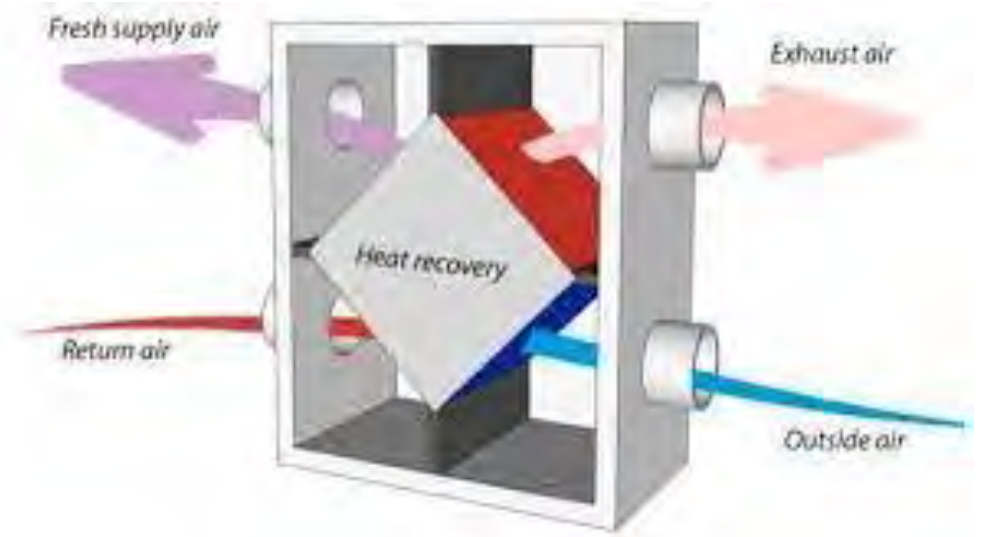


Thin glass triple pane



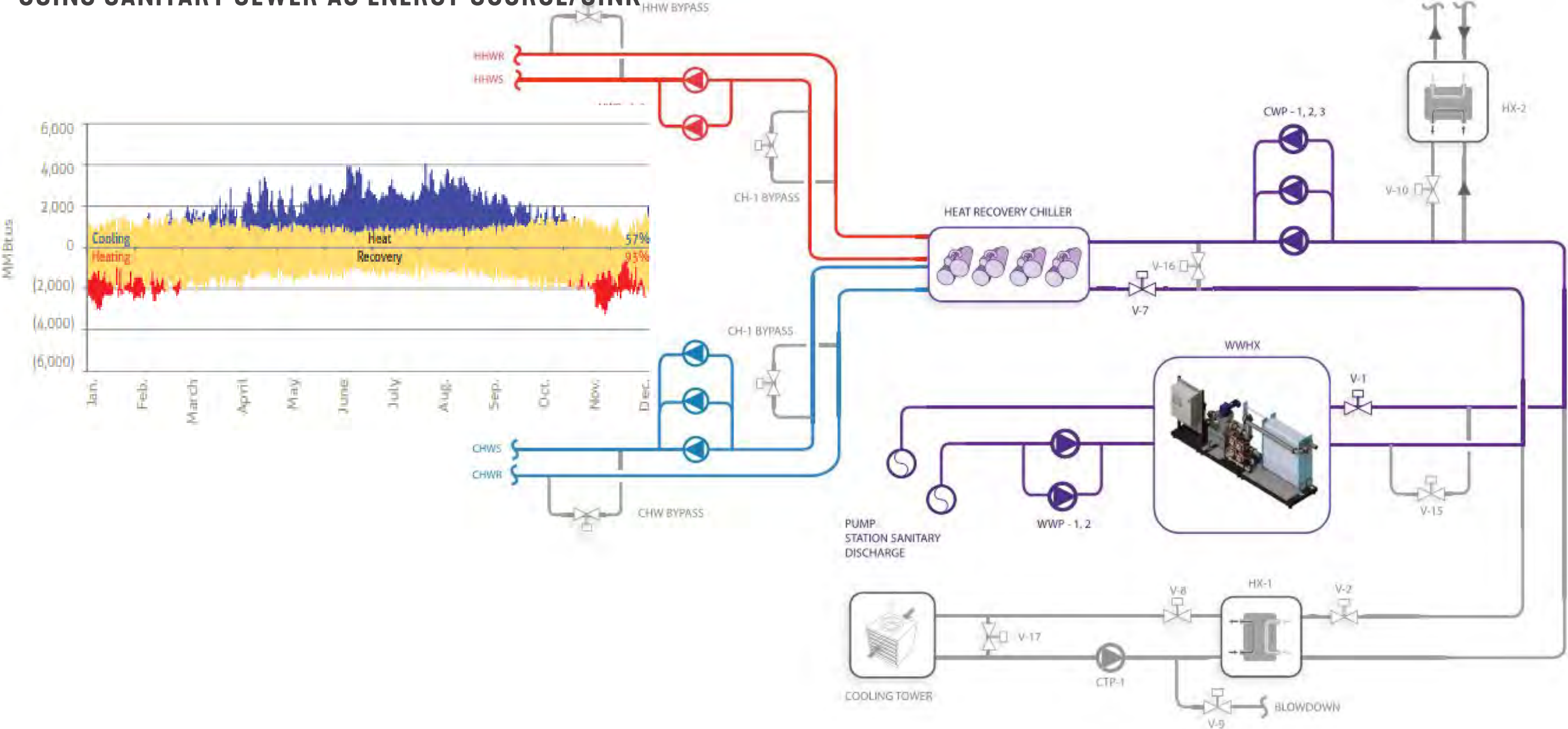
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HEAT RECOVERY....ALL OF IT



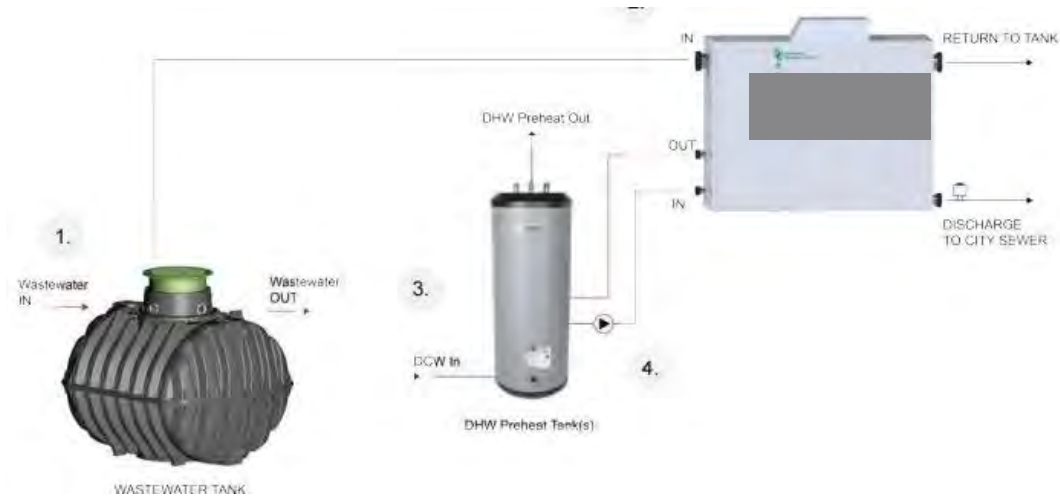
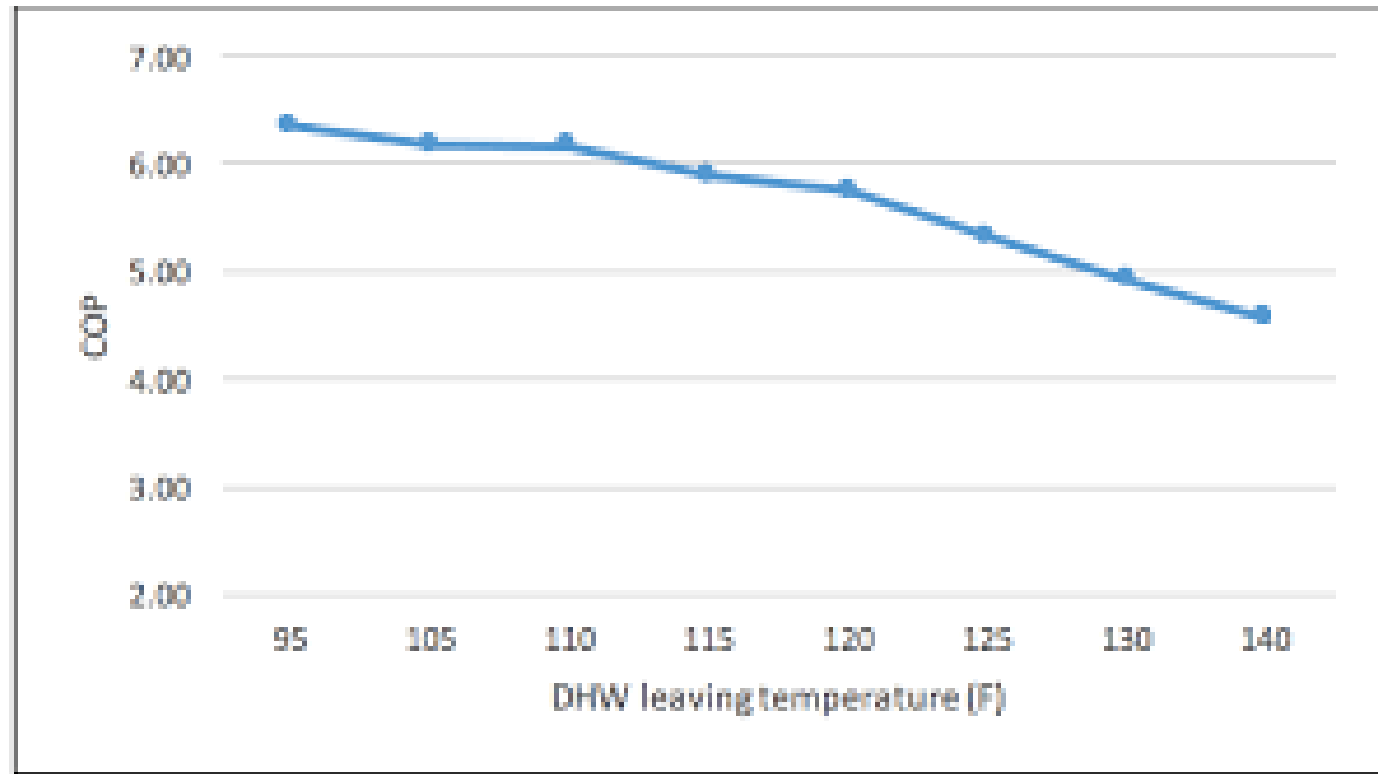
WASTE HEAT RECOVERY

USING SANITARY SEWER AS ENERGY SOURCE/SINK



DECARB ELECTRIC SYSTEMS

DOMESTIC HOT WATER: THE POWER OF POOP

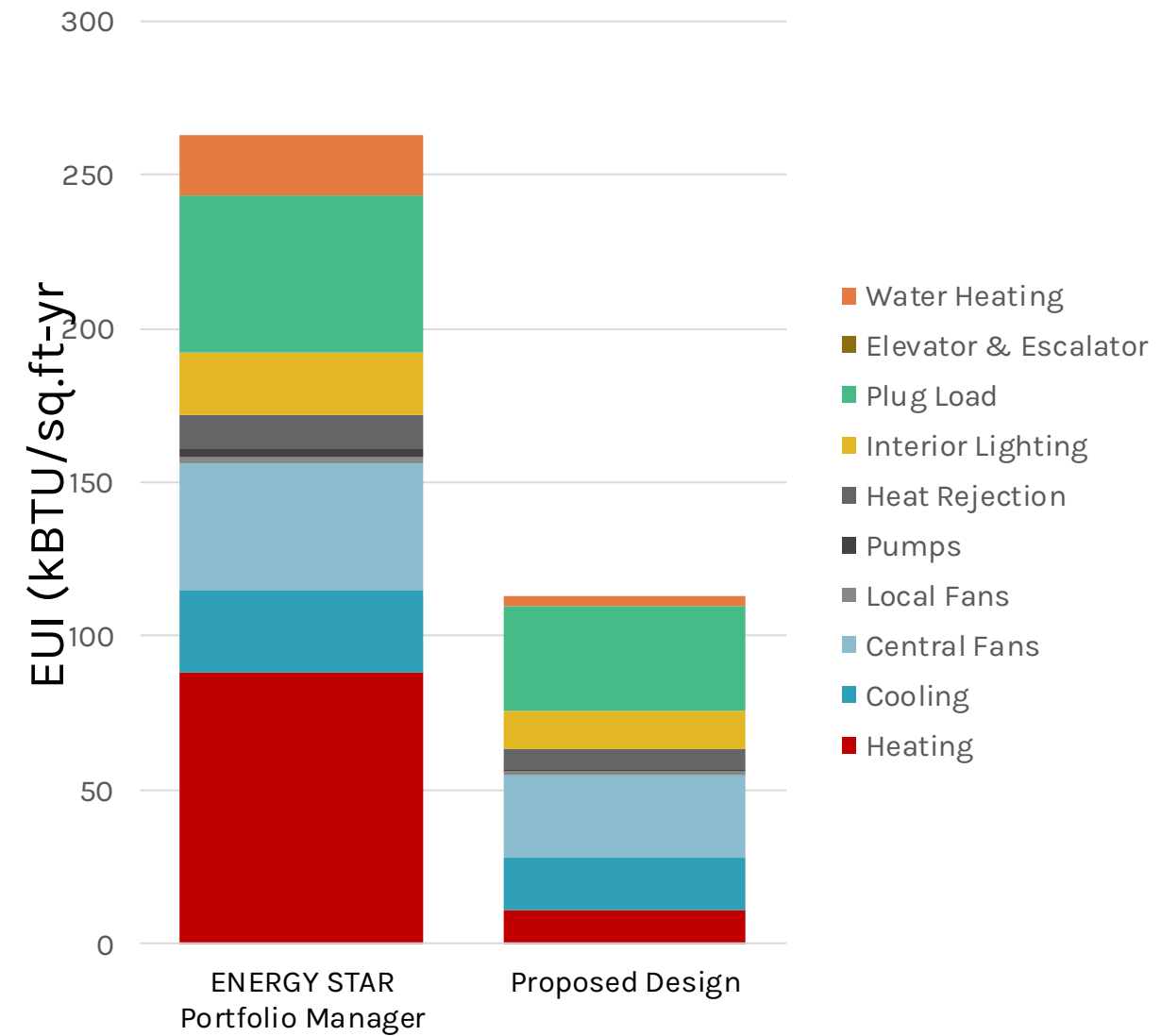


COLD CLIMATE ENG. DECARB PRINCIPLE #4

OPTIMIZE THE EQUIPMENT



SITE ENERGY ANALYSIS (EUI)



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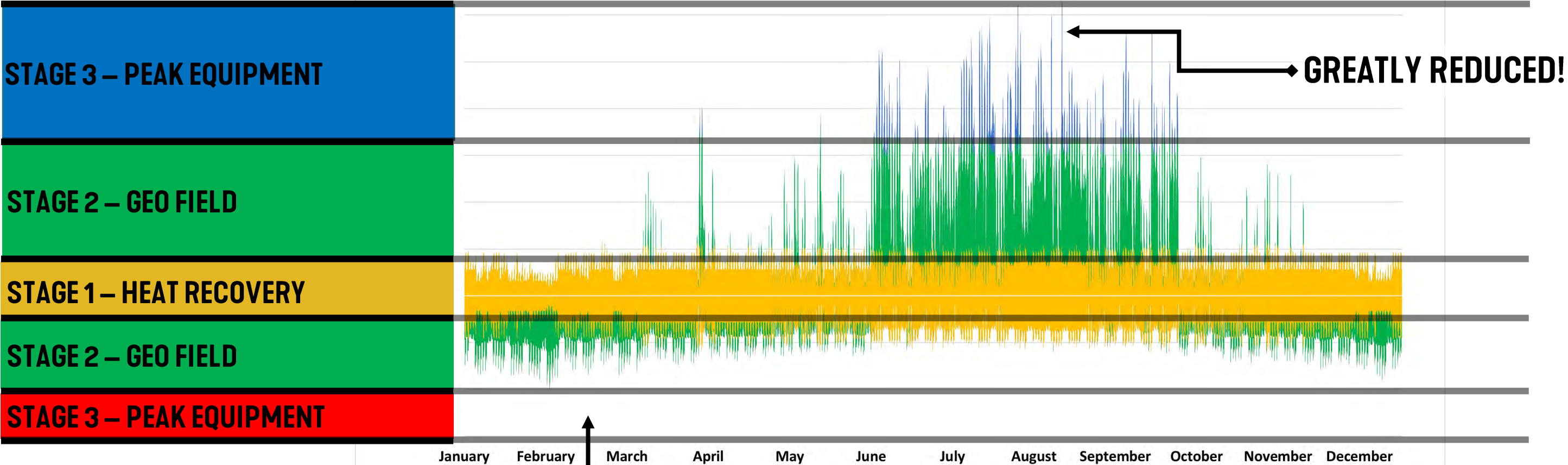
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OPTIMIZE THE EQUIPMENT

Annual Improved Plant Load Breakdown



GREATLY REDUCED!

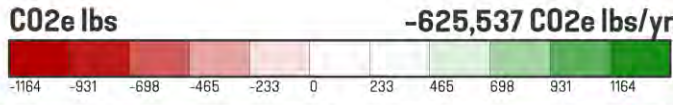
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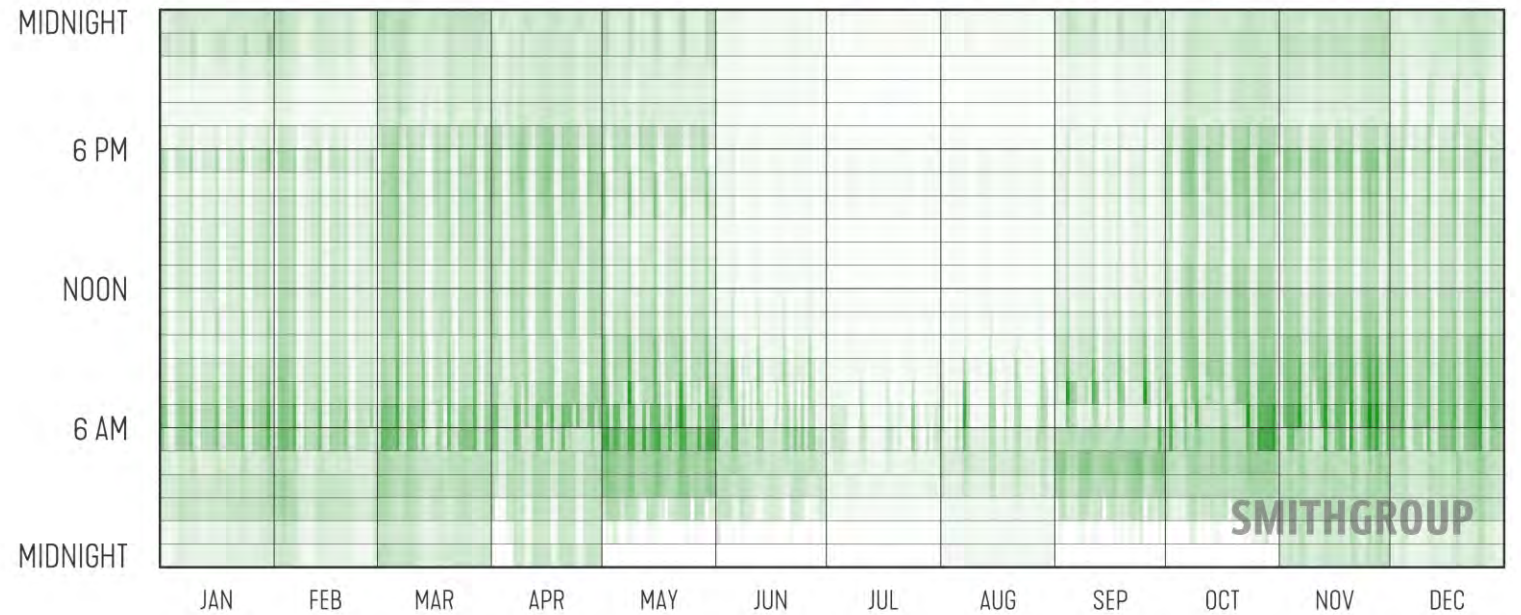
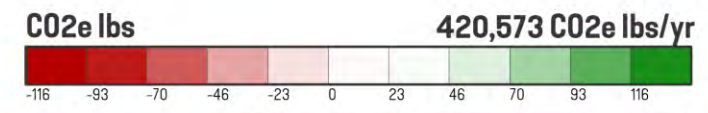
TOTAL EMISSIONS SAVINGS (ASHP)

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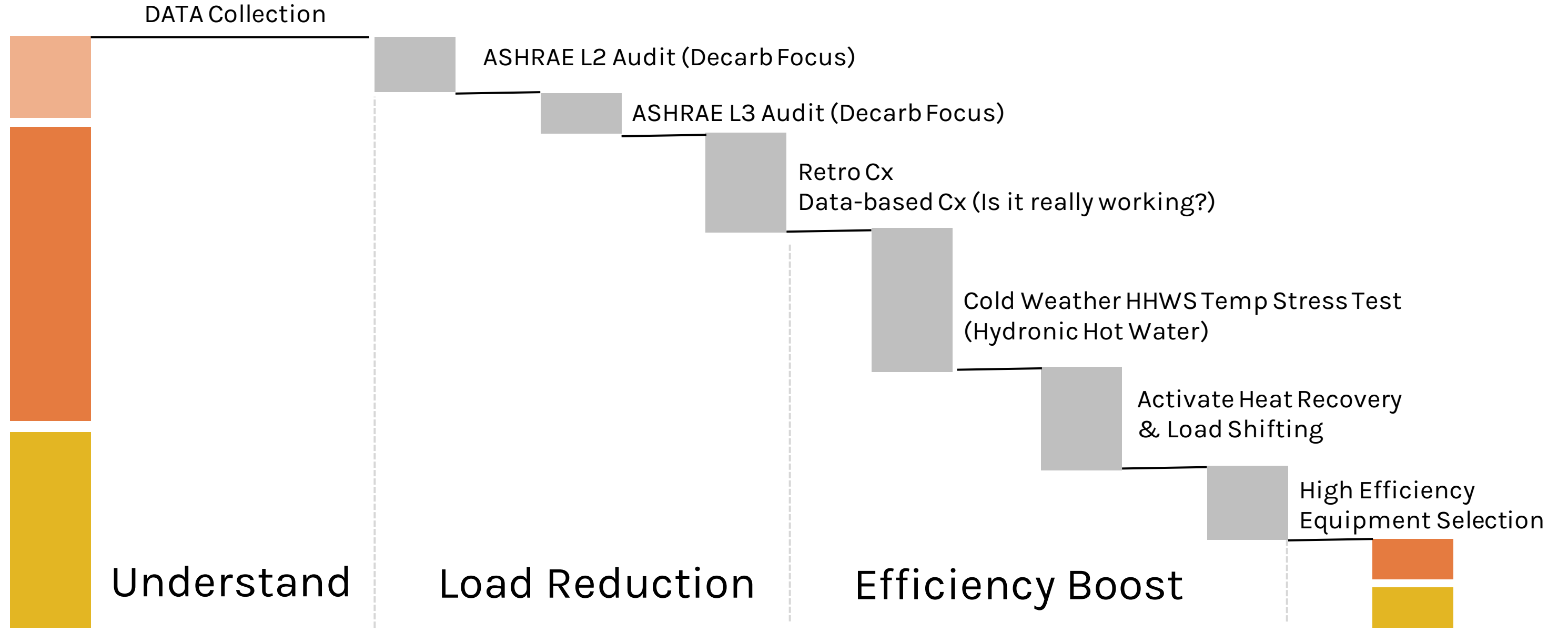
ADDRESSING COLD CLIMATE RETROFITS

EFFICIENCY FIRST; DON'T REPLACE LIKE-FOR-LIKE WITH A HEAT PUMP



DECARB ELECTRIFICATION RETROFIT PROCESS

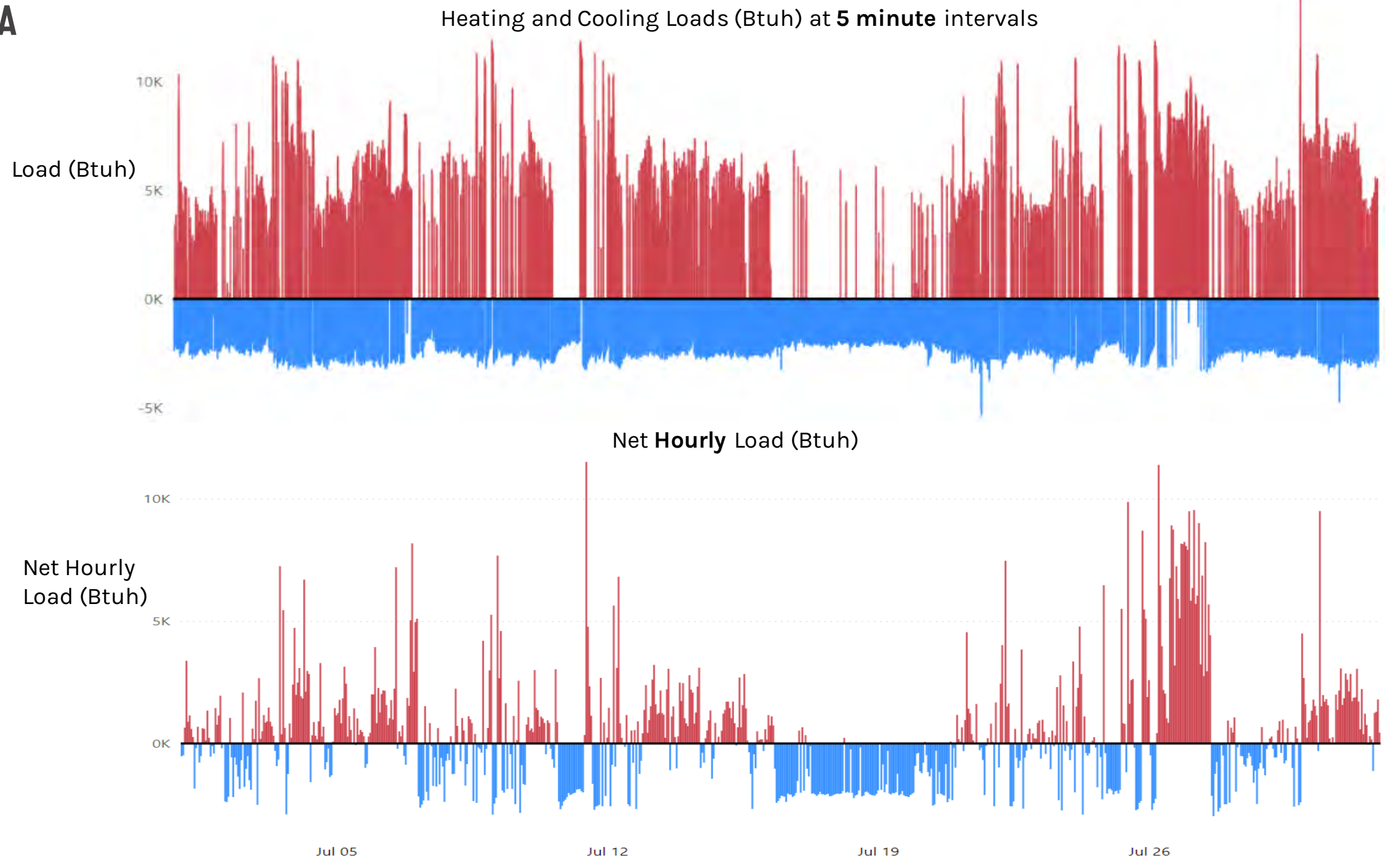
STACKING ORDER FOR A COST-EFFECTIVE DESIGN



ELECTRIFICATION RETROFIT PROCESS

AGGREGATE SENSOR DATA

- Comparison of a single Patient Zone in July 2020
- Aggregating data from 5 minute intervals to hourly smooths Load



COLD CLIMATE DECARB + ELECTRIFICATION

DESIGN STRATEGIES TO MAXIMIZE PERFORMANCE AND REDUCE COST

- Design around mild Supply Temp systems
 - Do a cost analysis for adding TES to load shift for better time of day temperatures or cost
 - COP can double for the same OAT
 - Demand a High-Performance Enclosure
 - Maximize heat recovery
 - Optimize the Equipment
 - Design for > 3 annual COP Average
 - (Typical cost parity with Fossil Gas)
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RESOURCES FOR COST MODELING

HTTPS://ELECTRIFICATION.ORNL.GOV/



Electrification for Decarbonization

Reset Data

Use Example

Annual Operating Hours

8760 hrs/yr

Current Fuel Based Equipment

Energy Source: Natural Gas

Fuel Cost: 4 \$/MMBtu

Fuel-Fire Equipment Efficiency: 60 %

Heat Input for Fuel-Fire Equipment: 10 MMBtu/hr

Carbon Emissions: 53.06 kg CO₂/MMBtu

Methane Emissions: 1 g CH₄/MMBtu

Nitrous Oxide Emissions: 0.1 g NO₂/MMBtu

Current CO₂ Emissions: 4,648.06 tonne CO₂/yr

Current Fuel Costs: \$350,400 /yr

Potential Electrical Equipment

Electricity Cost: 0.066 \$/kWh

Electrically Heated Equipment Efficiency: 350 %

Estimated Electric Peak Demand: 502.28 kW

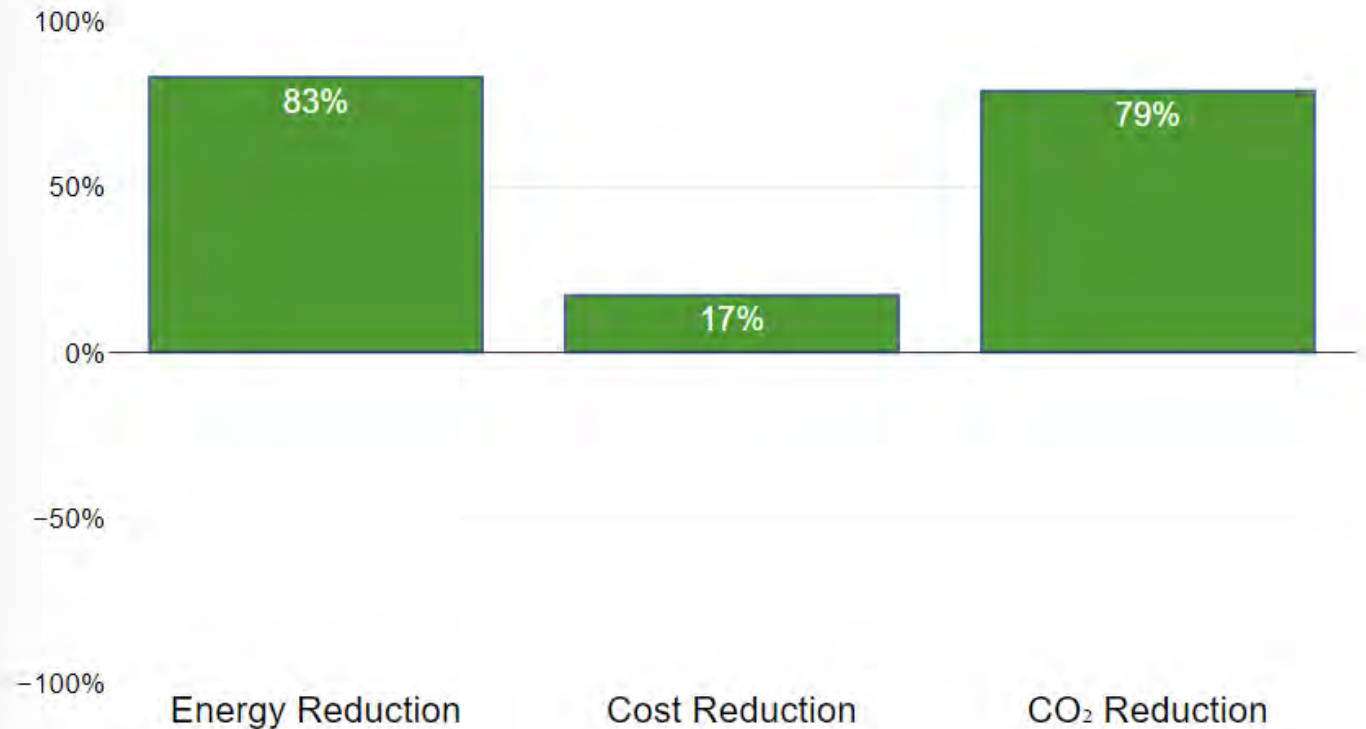
eGrid Region: WECC

eGrid Subregion: CAMX: WECC California

Carbon Emissions: 225.2 kg CO₂/MWh

Results

Help

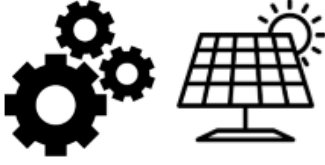





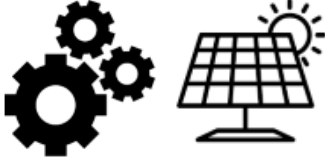


Current Fuel Usage

Fuel Use: 87,600 MMBtu/yr

FINANCIAL TOOLS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

INCREASING THE RETURN ON INVESTMENT



								
		179D Commercial Building Energy Tax Deduction	Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System	Bonus Depreciation	Business Energy Investment Tax Credit	Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit	Rural Energy for America Program Grants	
Basic Project Attributes	Project Type	New Construction	New Construction	New Construction	New Construction	New Construction	New Construction	
		Retrofits	Retrofits	Retrofits	Retrofits	Retrofits	Retrofits	
	Eligible Technology	Energy Efficiency	Energy Efficiency	Energy Efficiency	Energy Efficiency	Energy Efficiency	Renewables	Energy Efficiency
			Renewables	Renewables	Renewables	Renewables		Renewables
			Energy Storage	Energy Storage	Energy Storage	Energy Storage		Renewables
	Eligibility Notes	Envelope, HVAC, Hot Water, Lighting	Equipment or property must largely be used for commercial purposes	Recovery Period for depreciation must be less than 20 years	Technology Dependent	As of 2022, only applicable to wind energy	Only available to Rural Businesses or Agricultural Producers	

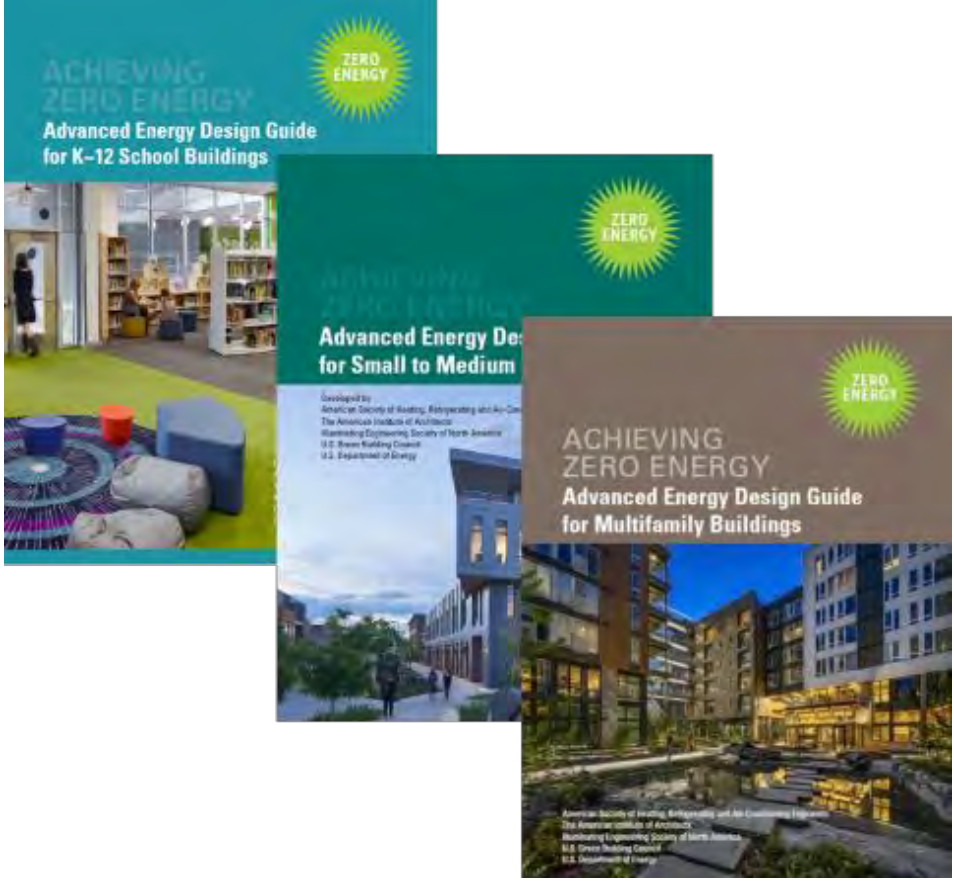
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INCREASING THE RETURN ON INVESTMENT - GEOTHERMAL

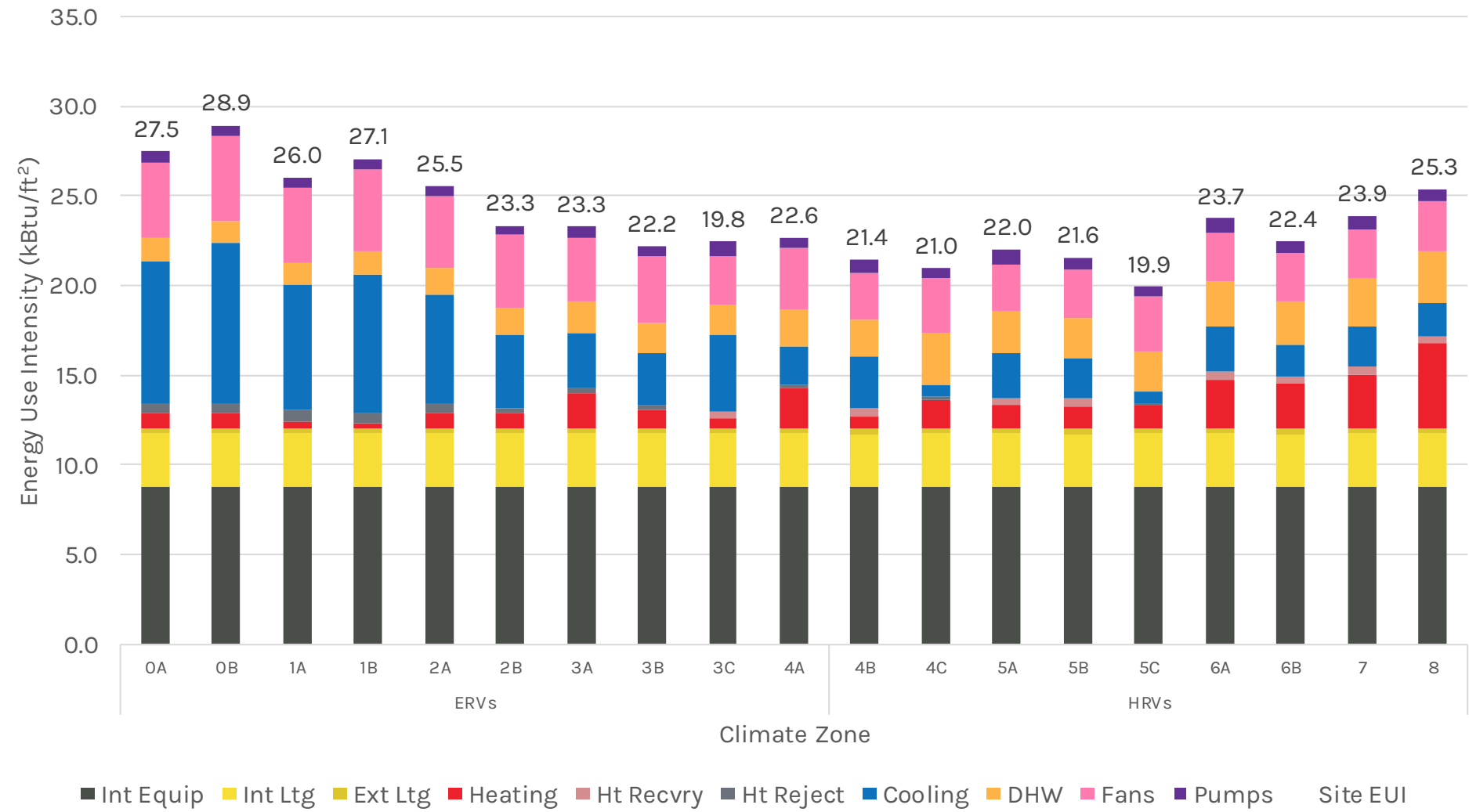
Tax Mechanism	Description	Description
Investment Tax Credit	6-30% of installed cost of Geothermal systems including distribution.	Base Rate is 6%. If prevailing wage requirements and apprenticeship requirements are met, ITC increases to 30%
ITC Domestic Content Bonus	10% on top of Base ITC (Up to total of 40%)	100% Domestic Material is used*
179d Tax Deduction	\$2.50-\$5.00/sf Tax Deduction	For projects meeting the prevailing wage requirements, energy reduction standards will be: 25% better than 90.1 will yield a §179D Tax Deduction of \$2.50/SF and for every 1% of additional reduction above 25% it will provide an additional \$0.10/SF of deduction up to \$5.00/SF
Accelerated Depreciation	TBD for Changes to Bonus Depreciation	5-Year Depreciation period provides significant tax savings

ASHRAE ADVANCED ENERGY DESIGN GUIDES

MEP SYSTEMS FOR ZERO ENERGY DESIGN

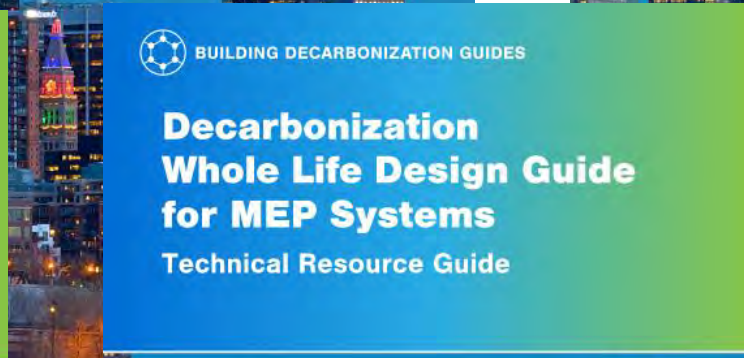
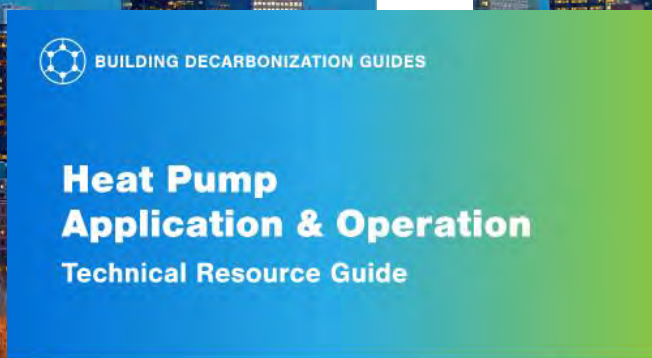
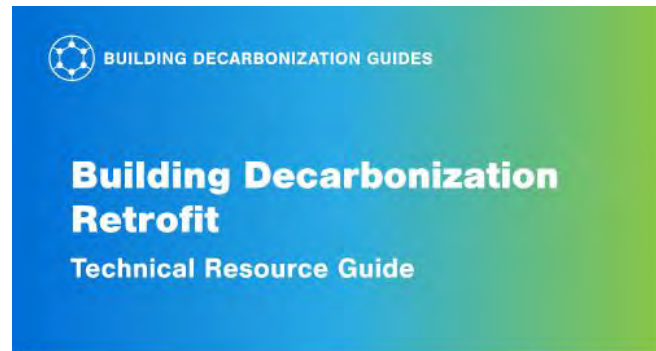


Site EUI Targets with End-Use Breakdown



DECARBONIZATION DESIGN GUIDES COMING SOON!

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DOMESTIC HOT WATER: WHY CO2 HEAT PUMPS AND POOP MAY BE YOUR BEST FRIEND



- 100x 1-Bedroom
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- ASPE
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4 Air-Source R-134a Heat Pumps
4 x 70 A CB @ 480v
176 KVA
COP ~<2 @ 5F OAT
COP: 4.1 @ 40F OAT



2,750 Gallons of Storage
(@ 140F)

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2 x CO2 Heat (R744)
2x 125A CB at 480v
138KVA
COP 2.2 at 5F OAT
COP 3 at 40 F OAT

1,500 Gallons of Storage
(@ 180F)

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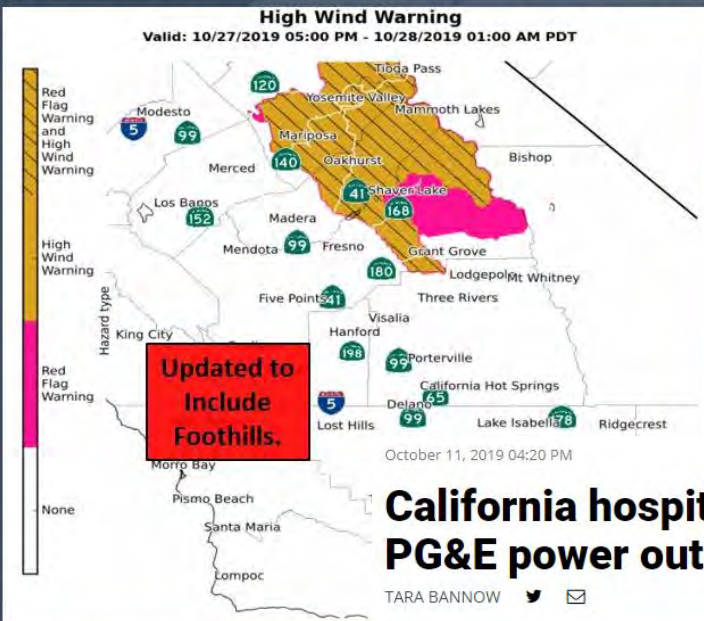
2 x Waste Heat Recovery Heat Pump (R-513a)
2x 110A CB @ 480v
88 kVA
COP 4.1

2,750 Gallons of Storage (@ 140F) + ~2,250 Gal Waste Storage Below Grade

REDUCING RISK: RESILIENCY

High Wind Warning for the Southern Sierra Foothills

Information as of Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 8:24 AM



BOTTOM LINE

- Sustained west winds of 25 to 35 mph, with gusts near 70 mph.
- From 5 PM PDT this afternoon until 1 AM PDT Morning morning.

WHAT TO DO

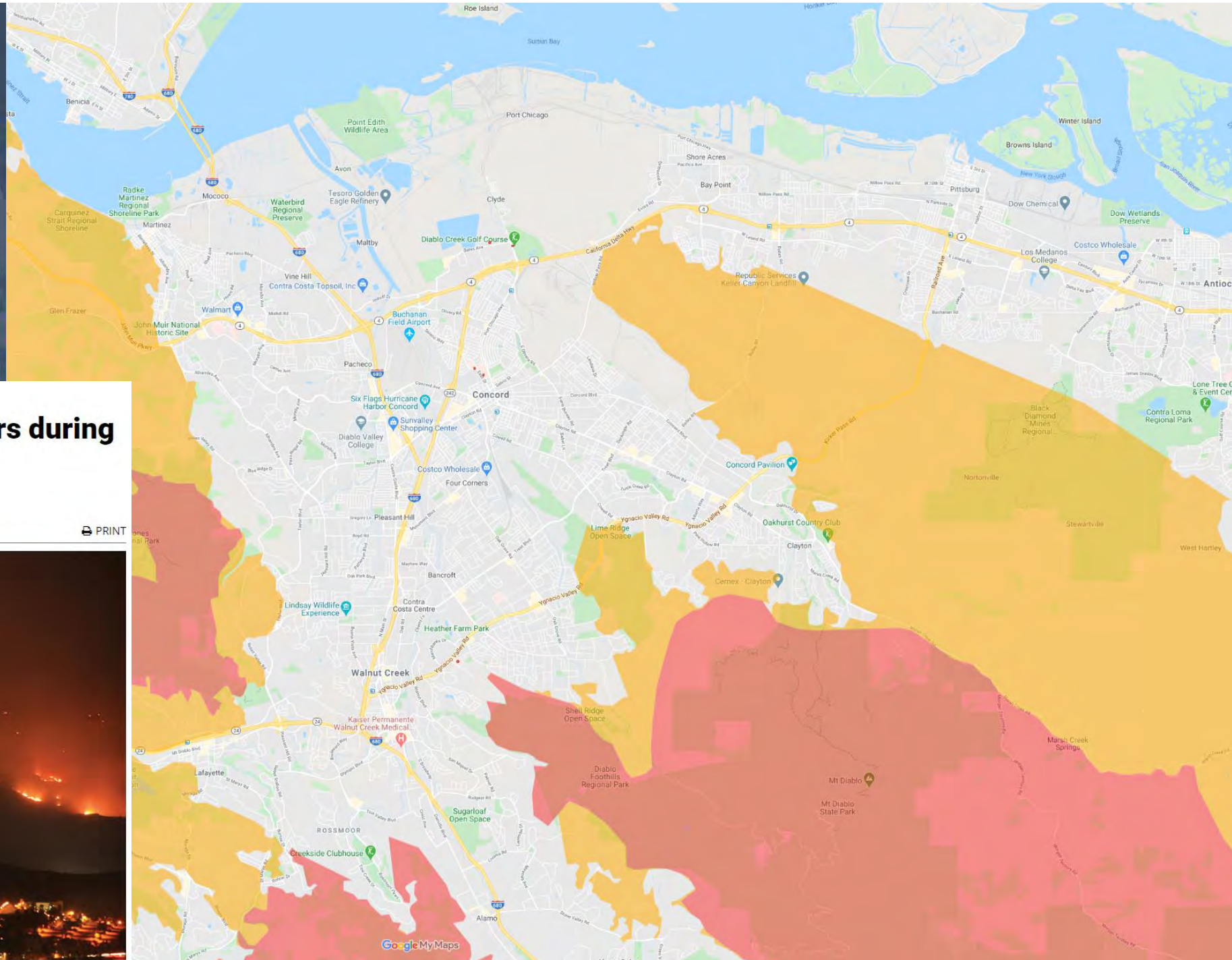
- Avoid large trucks and

California hospitals rely on generators during PG&E power outages

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TWEET SHARE IN SHARE EMAIL

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Hanford, CA
WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE

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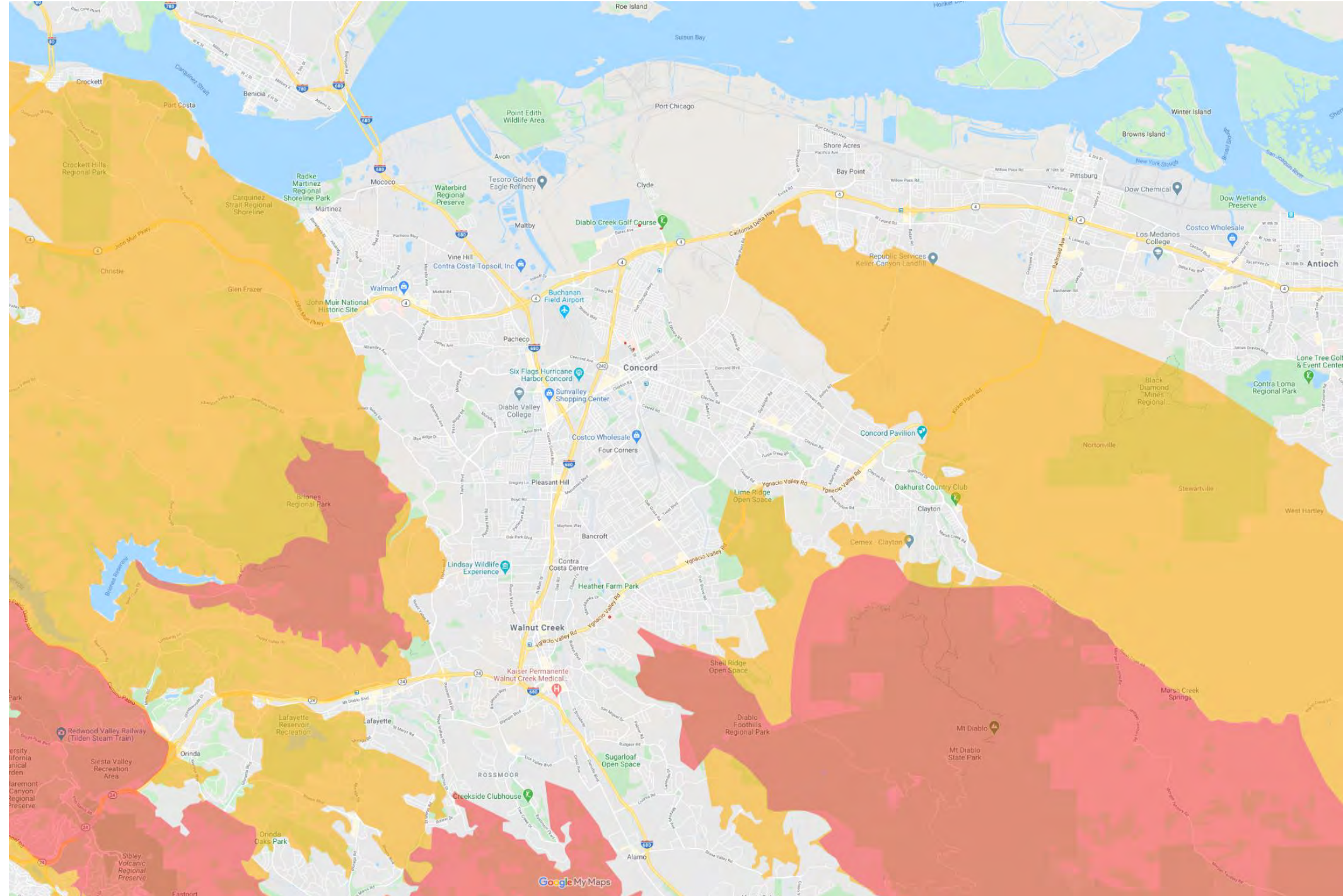
Preemptive Power Safety Shutoffs

- Operational Impact during outage
- Scheduling Impacts, uncertainty of power restoration

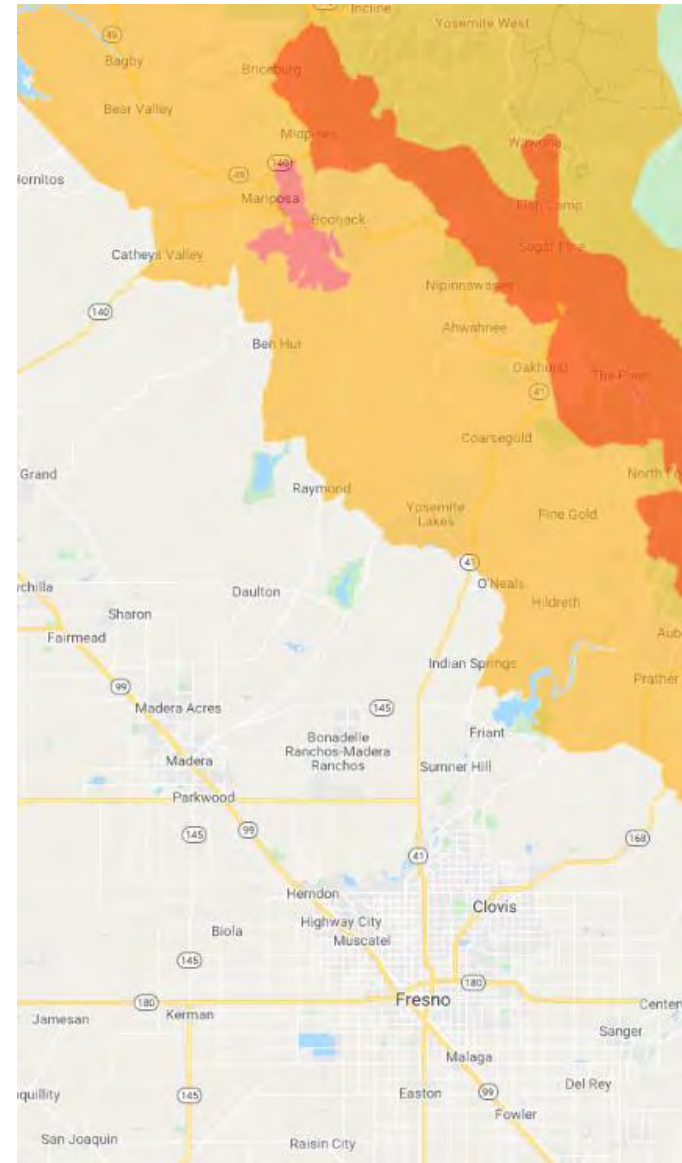


Outage

Scheduling Impact



RESILIENCY: FUTURE FOCUSED



October 11, 2019 04:20 PM
California hospitals rely on generators during PG&E power outages
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Details of PG&E Electric Delivery Charges 12/23/2019 - 01/22/2020 (31 billing days)

Service For: AVE 9 NW 19-12-20
 Service Agreement ID: 6710113215

12/23/2019 - 12/31/2019

Rate Schedule: E20T
 Rate Description: Service to Custs with Max Demands of 1000 kW or More

Customer Charge	9 days @ \$49.28131	\$443.53
Demand Charge 1		
Max Demand	2,927.000000 kW @ \$9.76000	8,293.80
Energy Charges		
Part Peak	197,297.00000 kWh @ \$0.10008	19,745.48
Off Peak	315,351.00000 kWh @ \$0.08534	26,912.05
Power Factor Adjustment (@ 96.00% Power Factor)		-281.96
Revenue Cycle Service Credits		-9.33
Generation Credit		-36,476.35
Power Charge Indifference Adjustment		10,611.82
Franchise Fee Surcharge		281.96

01/01/2020 - 01/22/2020

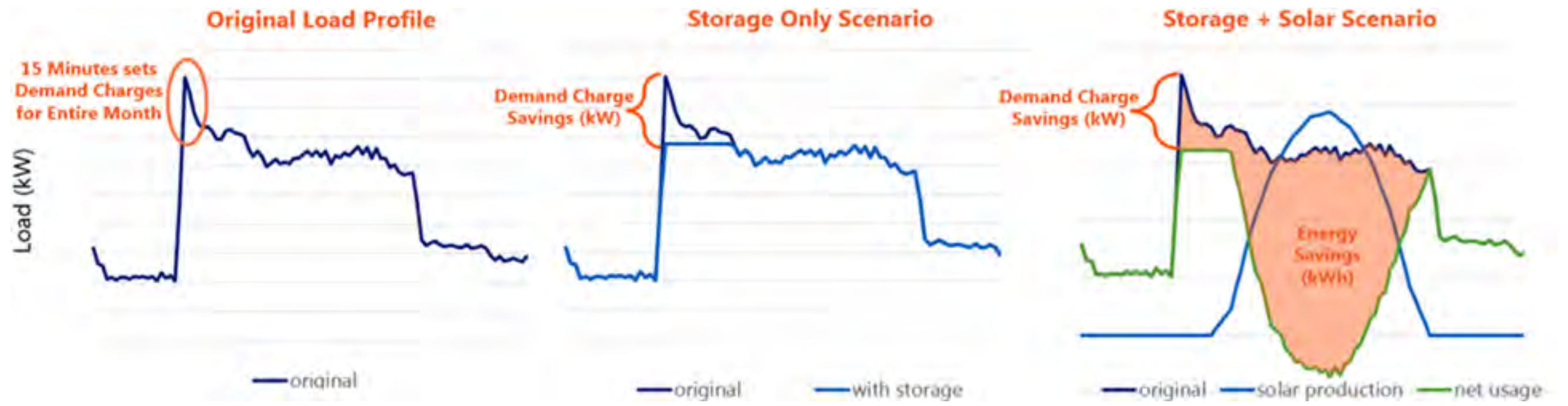
Rate Schedule: E20T
 Rate Description: Service to Custs with Max Demands of 1000 kW or More

Customer Charge	22 days @ \$49.28131	\$1,084.19
Demand Charge 1		
Max Demand	3,173.000000 kW @ \$10.65000	23,981.74
Energy Charges		
Part Peak	515,382.00000 kWh @ \$0.10070	51,898.97
Off Peak	762,372.00000 kWh @ \$0.08596	65,533.50
Power Factor Adjustment (@ 96.00% Power Factor)		-702.76
Revenue Cycle Service Credits		-22.82
Generation Credit		-91,264.04
Power Charge Indifference Adjustment		26,449.51
Franchise Fee Surcharge		702.76

Details of charges continue on next page. ➡

16-45% Cost
 Driven by
 Demand
 Charge

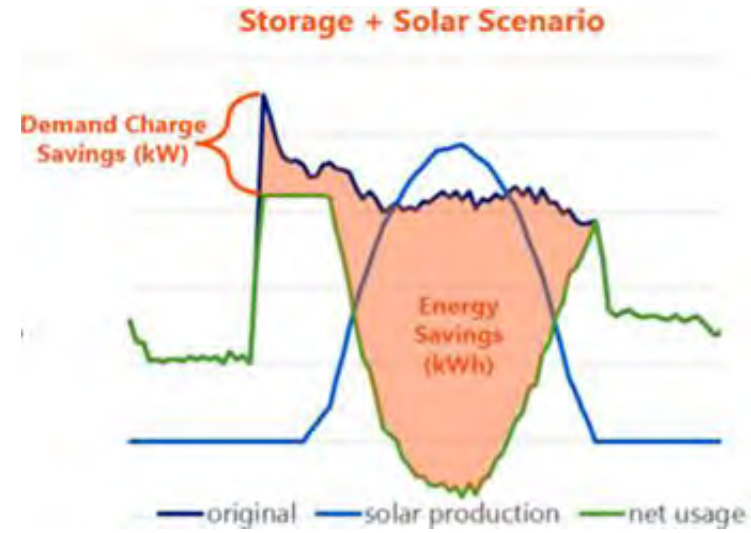
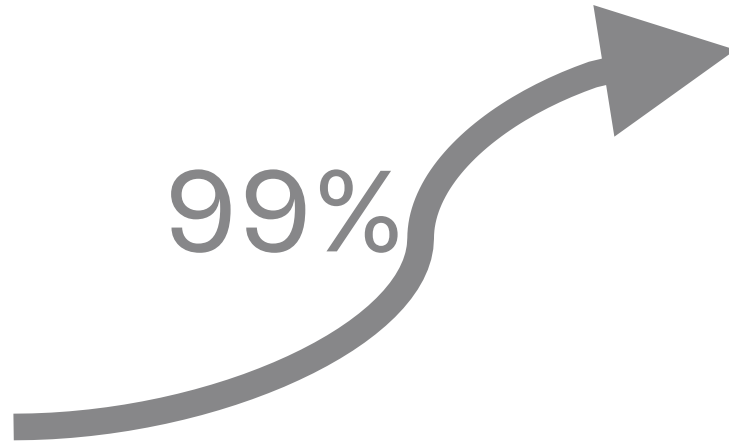
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RESILIENCY: FUTURE FOCUSED



99%



- Cost Effective
 - Daily Price Arbitrage
 - Cost effective if you pay > \$0.10/kWh
 - Green PR & Marketable
 - Reducing GHG for your community

1%



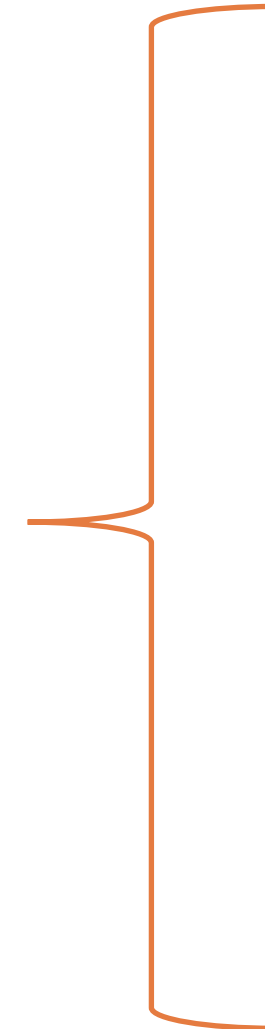
- Emergency Resilience
 - Operational Stability
 - Scheduling Stability
 - Regional Resource

RESILIENCE

RESILIENCE SCENARIOS AND EQUIPMENT OPTIONS



Outage Duration
0 - 5 Days



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RESILIENCE SCENARIOS AND EQUIPMENT OPTIONS



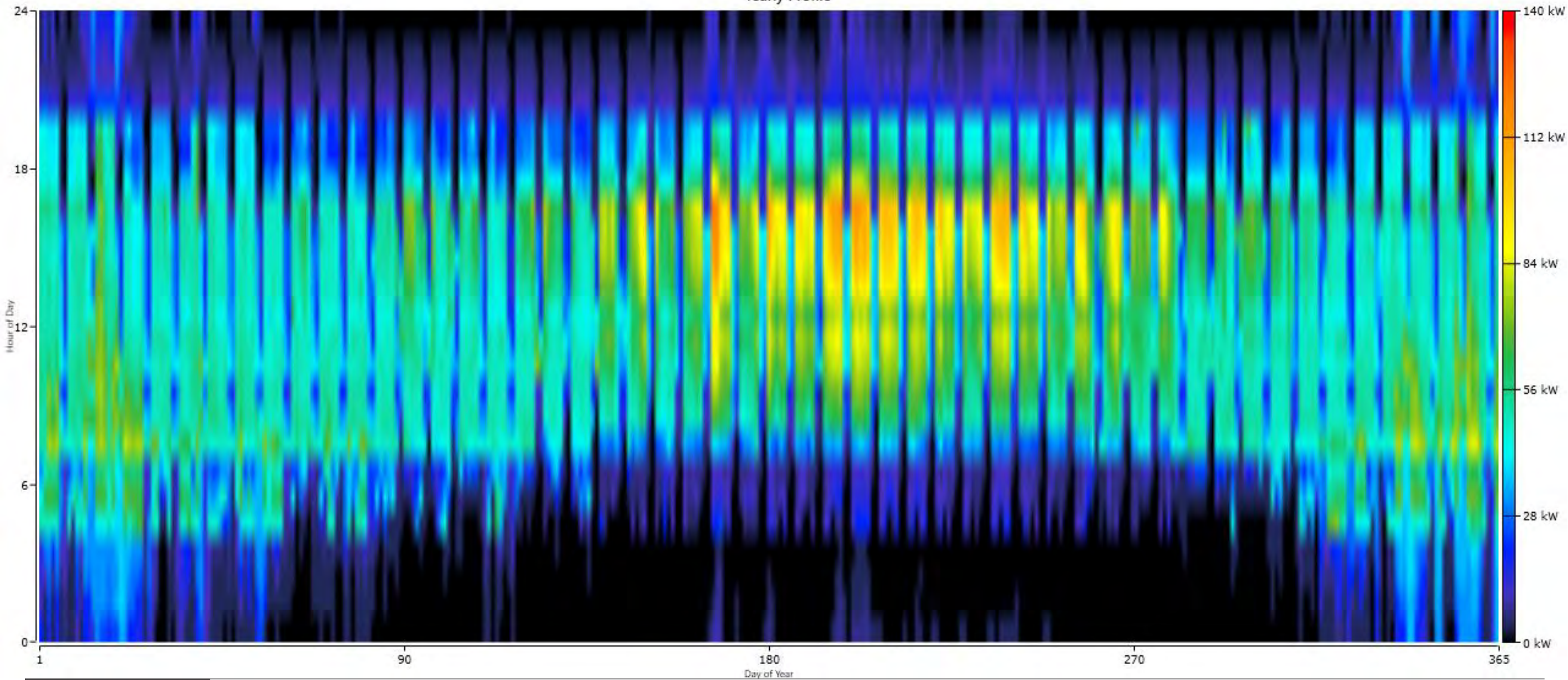
Outage Duration
0 - 12 Days



HEALTHCARE MICROGRID

ENERGY USE PROFILE – ADMIN BLD

Yearly Profile



HEALTHCARE RESILIENCE

SUMMARY: INITIAL OPTIMIZATION VS UPDATED COST FROM CONTRACTOR BID

	Resilience Days	PV KWdc	Battery kWh	Initial Capital Modeled \$	Simple Payback years	Levelized Cost of Energy	Internal Rate of Return %	Cont PV Cost \$	Cont Battery Cost \$	Cont Total \$	Delta \$
Updated Model	0	205	0	\$ 443,636	12	\$ 0.0934	%	\$ 443,620	\$ -	\$443,620	\$ 16
	1	205	59	\$ 517,204	12.3	\$ 0.1240	6.8%	\$ 443,620	\$ 91,450	\$535,070	\$ (17,866)
	2	352	195	\$ 1,010,000	17	\$ 0.1050	3.6%	\$ 754,688	\$ 242,580	\$997,268	\$ 12,732
	3	311	197	\$ 933,146	20	\$ 0.1270	2.5%	\$ 700,061	\$ 245,068	\$945,129	\$ (11,983)
	4	393	216	\$ 1,130,000	14	\$ 0.0990	3.9%	\$ 841,806	\$ 263,952	\$1,105,758	\$ 24,242
	5	414	316	\$ 1,300,000	23	\$ 0.1230	1.3%	\$ 872,712	\$ 375,724	\$1,248,436	\$ 51,564

Summary:

The following options give you the lowest Levelized cost of energy; beating your \$0.11/kWh current cost

- 0 – Day Resilience, Net Zero Energy (\$0.0934/kWh)
- 2 – Day Resilience, Net Positive Energy (\$0.105/kWh)
- 4 – Day Resilience, Net Positive Energy (\$0.0990/kWh)

All systems are compared against a 130kw Generator (\$135,000).