



**COWLITZ PUD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA
March 25, 2025, 2:00 p.m.
Cowlitz PUD Auditorium & Microsoft Teams**

Board of Commissioners: Dave Quinn, Duane Dalglish, Bruce Pollock

The Cowlitz PUD Board of Commissioners meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. Members of the public interested in participating via Microsoft Teams should contact Monica Petterson at mpetterson@cowlitzpud.org by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 24, 2025. To attend by phone, please call 1-323-484-8960 (Conference ID: 490 131 405#) at the time of the meeting. If you require a reasonable accommodation while in attendance at the Cowlitz PUD Board Meeting, please call Monica at (360) 501-9154 at least 72-hours prior to the meeting so that your needs can be addressed.

Please note that public comment is limited to three minutes per person.

1. Call to Order: 2:00 p.m.
2. Changes/Additions to Agenda
3. **Motion to Approve** Today's Board Agenda: Dave Quinn
4. **Motion to Approve** the PUD Board Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025:
Dave Quinn
5. Public Comment on Agenda Items and Other District Business
6. **Motion to Ratify/Approve** Vouchers & Payroll: Stacie Pederson
7. General Manager Report: Gary Huhta

8. Action Items

8.1 **Motion to Approve** Staff Recommendation No. 9/3/25 – Award of Meeker Substation Contract: Kam Afshari

8.2 **Motion to Approve** Resolution No. 2823 – Revised Tenancy-In-Common Interest Purchase Agreement for the Purchase and Transfer of Lakeview Green Energy’s Ownership Interest in the Harvest Wind Project: Trent Martin

9. Staff Reports and Presentations

9.1 Major Industrial Delivery Charge: Trent Martin

9.2 401k Update: Trent Martin

9.3 Investment Update: Trent Martin

9.4 February 2025 Operational Reports

- Power Management
- Accounting & Finance
- Operations
- Engineering
- Customer Service
- Employee Services
- Public Relations & Communications
- Regulatory & Regional Affairs

10. Commissioner Reports & Upcoming Events

11. Executive Session: If needed, the Presiding Officer will follow the Executive Session Procedure included with this agenda.

12. **Motion to Adjourn** the Meeting

COWLITZ PUD EXECUTIVE SESSION PROCEDURE

The Board may meet in Executive Session for any reason authorized under the Open Public Meetings Act, RCW 42.30.110 (1), using the following procedure:

1. Announce the Executive Session

We will now adjourn into executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) for _____ minutes unless extended by the Presiding Officer. The purpose of the executive session is (choose one of the following):

- a. (i) To consider matters affecting national security;
(ii) To consider, if in compliance with any required data security breach disclosure under RCW [19.255.010](#) and [42.56.590](#), and with legal counsel available, information regarding the infrastructure and security of computer and telecommunications networks, security and service recovery plans, security risk assessments and security test results to the extent that they identify specific system vulnerabilities, and other information that if made public may increase the risk to the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of agency security or to information technology infrastructure or assets;
- b. To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price;
- c. To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. However, final action selling or leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;
- d. To review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs;
- f. To receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee. However, upon the request of such officer or employee, a public hearing, or a meeting open to the public shall be conducted upon such complaint or charge;
- g. To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW [42.30.140\(4\)](#), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;
- i. To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency

2. Return to Open Public Meeting

- a. Once the session concludes, the board will return to open meeting.
- b. If any action is taken it must take place in open meeting.
- c. Action may not take place earlier than the time for which the executive session was to conclude, including any extensions announced by the Presiding Officer.

Note: The foregoing is not a complete list of allowed purposes to hold an executive session under RCW 42.30.110 (1) but represents the most likely purposes for Cowlitz PUD.

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS****Tuesday, March 11, 2025****John Searing Auditorium and Microsoft Teams**

Present:**COMMISSIONERS**

Dave Quinn, President

Duane Dalglish, Vice President

Bruce Pollock, Secretary

STAFF

Alice Dietz, Communication & Public Relations Manager

Brian Scheuble, Operations Superintendent

Casey Kalal, Director of Operations

Dever Haffner-Ratliffe, Regulatory Affairs Coordinator

Gary Huhta, General Manager

Heather Sorensen, Director of Customer Service & Compliance

Jeremy Beck, Safety Manager

Lance Larwick, Director of Engineering

Marisa Heard, Manager of Employee Services

Monica Petterson, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

Nyx Currie, WSU Practicum Student

Richard Hughes, General Counsel

Stacie Pederson, Risk Compliance Manager

Steve Taylor, Director of Regulatory & Regional Affairs

Tien Dinh, WSU Practicum Student

Trent Martin, Director of Accounting/CFO

PUBLIC

None

1. CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to published Notice, Commissioner Quinn called the Regular Board meeting of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO BOARD AGENDA

Commissioner Quinn noted an addition to the agenda of Staff Recommendation No. 8/3/11 regarding the acquisition of real estate.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Dalglish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve the March 11, 2025 Board Agenda as amended.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

4. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Dagleish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve the February 25, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes as written.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS AND OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS

There was no public comment.

6. MOTION TO RATIFY VOUCHERS/PAYROLL

Approval of Vouchers in the amount of \$8,205,582.87. The Board reviewed expenditures of the District as required by RCW 42.24.180 for which payments were issued between February 24, 2025 and March 6, 2025, under the provisions of Resolution No. 2762.

It was moved by Commissioner Dagleish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to ratify the vouchers/payroll.

Risk Compliance Manager Stacie Pederson reported expenditures this period consisted mainly of power supply, taxes, benefits, and the purchase of transformers and a new vac trailer.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

7. WSU PRACTICUM STUDENT INTRODUCTIONS

Lance Larwick introduced WSU Practicum students Tien Dinh and Nyx Currie.

8. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

BPA Day Ahead Market Decision: General Manager Gary Huhta reported BPA issued a draft policy last week with their decision to go with the Southwest Power Pool Markets+ for day ahead marketing. From BPA's perspective, they found Markets+ to be a superior market design that does a better job of reflecting the value that hydro brings to the market, while also providing for more fair and equitable treatment of transmission loads. The draft policy is out for a 30-day comment period and a final record of decision will be made in May 2025. Public Power is nearly 100% in support of BPA's decision to go with Markets+.

BPA Workforce Update: BPA has experienced significant workforce challenges recently due to orders by the Trump Administration to curtail federal employees. BPA released some of its employees and lost others to early retirement. However, BPA received authorization last week from the Department of Energy to reinstate nearly all of the probationary employees it previously released. The Department of Energy has also agreed to exempt BPA from complying with the Reduction in Force order released by the US Office of Personnel Management.

Columbia River Treaty Update: The US and Canada are currently operating on a temporary 3-year agreement. Though they came to an agreement in principle late last year, the process was not completed to get the final agreement in place. Additionally, with the recent change in Administration, this process is now on pause until the new Administration gets up to speed. This is a common practice and could last for

up to a year. As of now, we will continue to operate under the temporary 3-year agreement until the permanent deal is put in place.

9. ACTION ITEMS

9.1. Motion to Approve Staff Recommendation No. 5/3/11 – Vegetation Management Contract

It was moved by Commissioner Dalgleish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve Staff Recommendation No. 5/3/11.

Operations Superintendent Brian Scheuble explained the District's contract with Asplundh Tree Expert for vegetation management services is set to expire on March 31, 2025. In preparation for the new contract term, bids were solicited through the advertised bid process for a new one-year contract with the option to renew annually for up to three years. Of the three bids received, Asplundh Tree Expert submitted the lowest bid. Based on their work reputation, prior work history with the District, references, and proven ability to provide for the District's needs, staff recommends the Board authorize award of the Vegetation Management Contract to Asplundh Tree Expert, LLC.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

9.2. Motion to Approve Staff Recommendation No. 6/3/11 – Business Operations Policies

It was moved by Commissioner Dalgleish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve Staff Recommendation No. 6/3/11.

Executive Secretary Monica Petterson explained the Board last approved the Business Operation Policies on March 12, 2024. The Policies have been reviewed and updated by staff and the District's General Counsel as part of the annual review and update cycle. Revisions primarily consisted of the addition of clarifying language to the Business Continuity Policy and Procurement and Purchasing Policy, as well as other minor modifications and cleanup throughout the document.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

9.3. Motion to Approve Staff Recommendation No. 7/3/11 – Transfer of Accounts to Reserve for Bad Debts, Q2 2023 – Q2 2024

It was moved by Commissioner Dalgleish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve Staff Recommendation No. 7/3/11.

Heather Sorensen, in her role as Auditor for the District, requested authorization to transfer \$171,744 to the Reserve for Bad Debts. The balances presented are for terminated service and bankruptcies during Q2 2023 through Q2 2024. Collection action for these accounts will be continued through the District's collection company and as customers return to service.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

9.4. Motion to Approve Staff Recommendation No. 8/3/11 – Acquisition of Real Estate

It was moved by Commissioner Dalgleish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve Staff Recommendation No. 8/3/11.

Manager of Employee Services Marisa Heard explained the District has identified a 1.67 acre parcel for sale adjacent to the District’s Operations Center campus and within close proximity to the Columbia Way Substation. The site is currently vacant, fully fenced, level, and graveled. As part of the Operations campus long-term facilities needs plan, this parcel will be considered for current and future growth opportunities. Staff recommends the Board approve the purchase of this property, with the final sale contingent upon the satisfactory results of a Level I and II Environmental Study.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

10. STAFF REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Director of Accounting and CFO Trent Martin provided an overview of the District’s outstanding Electric System and Production System Revenue Bonds. He explained the District has an opportunity to refund the Production System bonds for interest savings and discussed with the Board the refunding options and market considerations. The Board gave its verbal approval for staff to continue to explore this opportunity.

11. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Commissioner Dagleish will attend Kelso/Longview Chamber meetings this week and next week.

Commissioner Pollock will attend WPUDA meetings next week.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None needed.

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

It was moved by Commissioner Dagleish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 3:18 p.m.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

Attest:

President

Secretary

Vice President

Prepared by Monica Petterson
Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

To: Gary Huhta, General Manager
Board of Commissioners

March 17, 2025

From: Kam Afshari

Subject: **Evaluation and Recommendation – Bid Opening February 27, 2025 –
Meeker Substation Rebuild – Contract UC1821**

Cowlitz PUD received bids through the advertised bid process for the rebuild and upgrade of the Meeker Substation. Funding was approved for this project in the 2025 capital budget. The Engineer's Estimate for this work was \$1,672,500. Four bids were received as shown below:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
DJ's Electrical, Inc.	\$1,265,536.00
RiverLine Power, LLC	\$1,449,999.00
Magnum Power, LLC	\$1,562,501.00
J.H. Kelly, LLC	\$2,105,690.56

All bidders were found to have submitted bids that conformed to the requirements set forth by Cowlitz PUD. DJ's Electrical, Inc. submitted the lowest bid. During the evaluation process all references stated that they recommended DJ's Electrical, Inc. based on the work they have done on similar projects to the Meeker Substation Rebuild.

DJ's Electrical, Inc. was found to be both responsive and responsible. I recommend that Cowlitz PUD accept the bid from DJ's Electrical, Inc. and issue a contract in the amount of \$1,265,536.00 for the Meeker Substation Rebuild.



Kamon Afshari P.E.
Engineer III

I concur with his recommendation.



Mike Larsen P.E.
Manager of System Engineering



Lance Larwick
Director of Engineering

RESOLUTION NO. 2823

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington (the “District”) authorizing the General Manager to execute the revised Tenancy-In-Common Interest Purchase Agreement in substantially the same form as described herein, and all associated ancillary documents necessary to complete the purchase and transfer of Lakeview Green Energy, Inc’s full 30% ownership interest in the Harvest Wind Project to the District.

WHEREAS, Lakeview Green Energy, Inc., a Washington corporation (“Lakeview”) and wholly owned subsidiary of Lakeview Light & Power, a Washington nonprofit mutual corporation, and the District each owns and controls a 30% ownership share in the Harvest Wind Project (the “Project”), an approximate 98.9 MW nameplate capacity wind generation facility located in Klickitat County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, Lakeview and the District are both parties to a certain Amended and Restated Joint Ownership Agreement, dated as of October 30, 2009 (as amended, restated and supplemented from time to time, the “JOA”), by and between Lakeview, the District, Eugene Water & Electric Board, a municipal utility organized and existing under the laws of the State of Oregon (“EWEB”) and Peninsula Light Company, a Washington nonprofit mutual corporation (“PenLight”); and

WHEREAS, the JOA governs the ownership, management, and operation of the tenancy-in-common for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the ownership interests in the Project and the Project assets are established in the JOA for Lakeview, the District, EWEB, and PenLight, collectively totaling to 100 shares; and

WHEREAS, Lakeview owns 30 shares of the total 100 shares (the “TIC Interests”); and

WHEREAS, Lakeview wishes to sell to the District, and the District wishes to purchase from Lakeview, its 30% TIC Interests, as provided in the JOA, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in a revised Tenancy-In-Common Interest Purchase Agreement, establishing the District’s ownership of TIC Interests free and clear of all encumbrances; and

WHEREAS, the revised Tenancy-In-Common Interest Purchase Agreement establishes the various conditions necessary to effect a complete transfer of TIC Interests to the District’s ownership, including but not limited to, legal representations and warranties for both buyer and seller, cooperation and exchange of information, transfer of various agreements for lease, transmission, and generation interconnection into the District’s name, title to assets, real property and information technology systems, and indemnification by both buyer and seller; and

WHEREAS, Lakeview’s existing debt on the Project will be fully satisfied prior to closing of the transaction; and

WHEREAS, since July of 2024, both Lakeview and the District have jointly undertaken detailed analysis of the sale of Lakeview’s TIC Interests to the District, including but not limited to review of land lease agreements, various project agreements, transmission risks and costs, capacity evaluation, wholesale market evaluation compared with other options, and analysis of transactions costs; and

WHEREAS, based on the aforementioned joint analysis, as well as the District staff's own independent analysis, purchase of Lakeview's 30% interest in the Project is both feasible and cost effective, and

WHEREAS, benefits to the District from the foregoing transaction include, but are not limited to, helping to meet the District's Renewable Energy Compliance requirements (RECs) in an assured manner, foregoing alternative costly and time-consuming development of other generation assets, avoiding transmission approval impediments, and securing a majority interest in the Project; and

WHEREAS, RCW 54.16.040 provides "A district may purchase, within or without its limits, electric current for sale and distribution within or without its limits, and construct, condemn and purchase, purchase, acquire, add to, maintain, conduct, and operate works, plants, transmission and distribution lines and facilities for generating electric current..."; and

WHEREAS, at the February 11, 2025 Board meeting, the Board approved Resolution 2820 providing authority to the General Manager to execute the Tenancy-In-Common Interest Purchase Agreement in substantially the same form as described at that time, and all associated ancillary documents necessary to complete the purchase and transfer of Lakeview's full 30% ownership interest in the Project to the District; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to approval of Resolution 2820, there were discussions with Lakeview and its representatives resulting in a delay in the purchase and changes in the Purchase Agreement as provided in the revised agreement and described to Board members; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding revisions in the Purchase Agreement, and the extended purchase date, the Board has determined that it remains in the best interest of the District and its ratepayers to proceed with the purchase as described in the revised Purchase Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington, herewith authorizes and directs the General Manager or his delegate to execute the revised Tenancy-In-Common Interest Purchase Agreement in substantially the same form as described, and all necessary ancillary documents to complete the purchase and transfer of Lakeview's full 30% ownership interest in the Project to the District, for the mutually agreed purchase price, plus any additional costs or expenses ancillary to the transaction, to close on or about April 30, 2025 provided all the conditions for closing are met.

ADOPTED by the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington, this 25th day of March, 2025.

President

Vice President

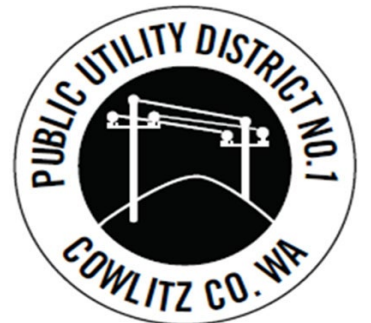
ATTEST:

Secretary

Cowlitz PUD

Major Industrial Delivery Charge Rates

March 25, 2025



Major Industrial Delivery Charges

- The District has two Major Industrial Rate Classes
 - Schedule 50 – These represent legacy loads that have access to BPA Preference Power
 - Schedule 62 – Customers who are determined to be a New Large Single Load by the Bonneville Power Administration
- Special Contracts
 - Rates are structured as a pass-through of power and related transmission costs with a delivery charge to cover other costs to serve these customers
- The District last adjusted rates effective January 2023

Major Industrial Delivery Charges

- Schedule 50 & 62 Delivery Charge components
 - Share of District operating expenses:
 - Transmission
 - Customer Service
 - Energy Efficiency
 - Administrative and General
 - Developed as part of our Cost-of-Service model
 - Certain costs are direct assigned based on a percentage of combined revenue, energy (kWh) and demand

Major Industrial Delivery Charges

- Additional Schedule 62 Delivery Charge components
 - Share of District Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) costs
 - Share of The Energy Authority costs
 - Additional Energy Efficiency – As Schedule 62 is not allotted BPA Preference Power, it is not covered by BPA EEI funding but the District still has a State compliance obligation

Major Industrial Delivery Charges

- The accumulated costs are then applied to expected energy and demand for each rate class to establish the rates
- Other factors that are considered when determining the final rate:
 - Indirect benefit of District electric system infrastructure
 - These customers also pay a delivery charge for direct infrastructure
 - Liquidity reserve requirements – 90-days operating expenses
 - Risks and uncertainties
- The District also imposes posting of credit requirements as conditions warrant

Major Industrial Delivery Charges

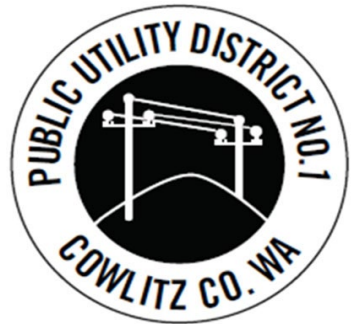
- In evaluating the current rates, the District used allocation percentages from the last Cost-of-Service (COSA) model applied to 2025 approved budgeted costs.
 - The next COSA will be performed in 2025
- Operating expenses increased over the two-year period driven by additional FTE's, labor market increases, legislative and energy policy matters, infrastructure physical security efforts, insurance increases and software costs.
 - Non-routine costs with minimal direct benefit were excluded
- RPS costs are impacted by wind project costs and variable wholesale power market prices.

Major Industrial Delivery Charges

- Preliminary Delivery Charge Increases
 - Schedule 50 – 25% ~ \$660,000 (3 Customers)
 - Schedule 62 –16% ~ \$170,000 (1 Customer)

Questions from the Board and Public

Cowlitz PUD Board Investment Update



Investment Policy

- District investment options are limited by RCW – Our Policy:
 - US Treasury Securities
 - Washington State Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP)
 - Government Sponsored Agencies
 - Municipal Bonds
 - Commercial Paper
 - Bank Accounts and Certificates of Deposit
- District Investment Objectives – in priority order
 - Safety – protect principal
 - Liquidity – have funds when needed
 - Maturity – match needs and limit interest rate risk
 - Return – attaining a market rate of return, taking into account the District's investment risk constraints and cash flow needs - Benchmark is the State LGIP

Investment Policy

- Current Holdings
 - Bank Accounts – Mainly for working capital needs
 - LGIP – Liquidity needs, investing
 - US Treasury Securities – Longer-term investing, laddering

Investments – Yields

Washington State Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP)

Date

March 2025

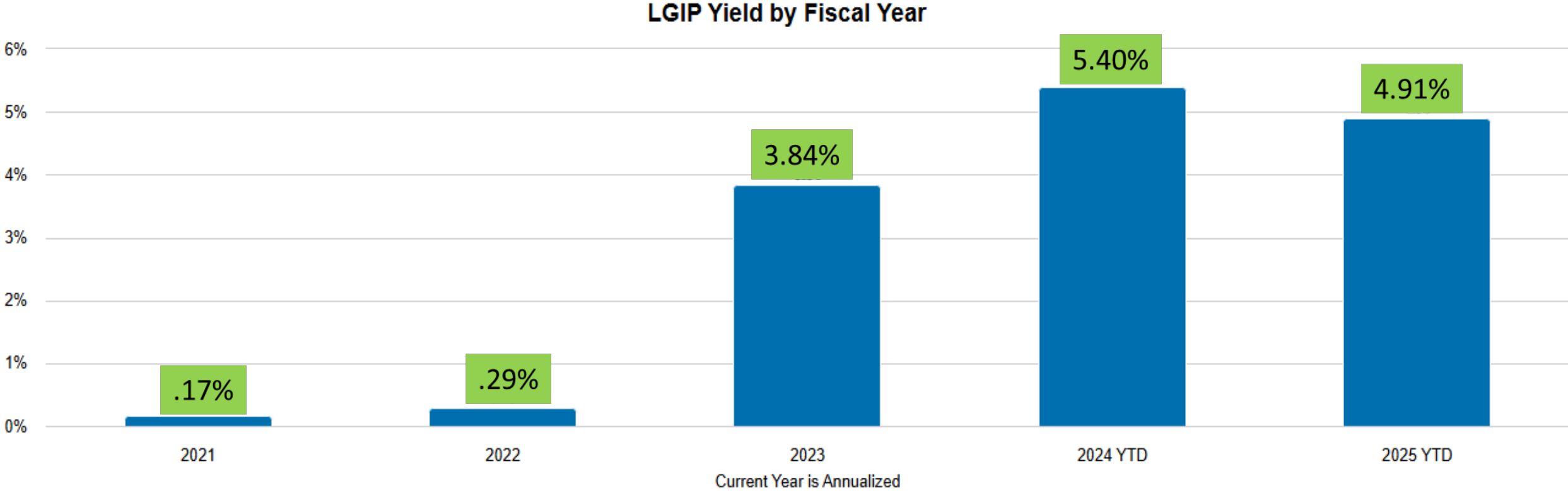
Date	Daily Yield	7-Day Yield	30-Day Yield	True 30-Day Yield
03/17	4.390224	4.386203	4.408746	4.431252

LGIP yield is reflective of short-term nature of portfolio - LGIP offers 100% liquidity to its participants.

Investments – Yields

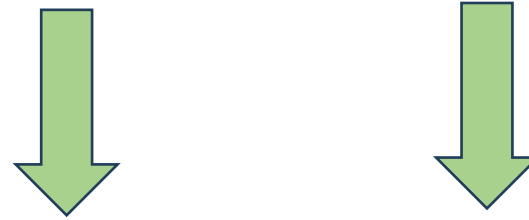
LGIP Yield by Fiscal Year

LGIP yield performance over the last five years



Investments – Yields

Treasury Yield Curve



Date	1 Mo	1.5 Mo	2 Mo	3 Mo	4 Mo	6 Mo	1 Yr	2 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	7 Yr	10 Yr	20 Yr	30 Yr
03/18/2025	4.37	4.35	4.33	4.34	4.29	4.29	4.13	4.04	4.01	4.07	4.18	4.29	4.61	4.58

Yield curve is no longer inverted - Inversion has historically predicted U.S. recessions with greater accuracy than many other economic indicators. The signal has suggested a recession could be coming since summer 2022.

The District is not limited to Treasuries

Under 1-year would be short-term – LGIP comparison

1 – 5 years is laddering strategy

Investments – Yields – 5-Year Treasury



Current Holdings

Electric System

Institution	Total	
Banks	\$ 28,161,288	16%
LGIP	77,543,545	45%
US Treasuries	66,350,000	39%
	\$ 172,054,833	100%

Bank balance higher than normal due to timing of MI bills and power cost payments

Evaluating additional investment outside of LGIP given rates and liquidity needs – Considering a shorter-term laddering, within 3 years, with quarterly maturities

Production System

Institution	Total	
Banks	\$ 2,549,900	8%
LGIP	16,132,032	53%
US Treasuries	11,650,000	38%
	\$ 30,331,932	100%

2024 Combined Interest Earnings ~ \$5.9 Million

US Treasuries - Maturities

Maturities by Year - Combined

2025	\$ 31,000,000
2026	41,000,000
2027	<u>6,000,000</u>
	<u><u>\$ 78,000,000</u></u>

- **US Treasuries**
 - **Weighted Average Yield = 2.656%**
 - **Weighted Average Maturity = 1.27 Years**
 - **Latest Maturity = 2/15/2027**

Questions?

1. Power Management

1.1 District Load Summary (TRL)

1.1.1 Non-Industrial Load

1.1.2 Major Industrial Load

1.2 Heating Degree Days

1.3 Precipitation & Temperature

1.4 Runoff Forecast

1.5 Regional Snowpack and ENSO Condition Update

1.6 Resource Performance

1.6.1 BPA Power

1.6.2 Swift No.2

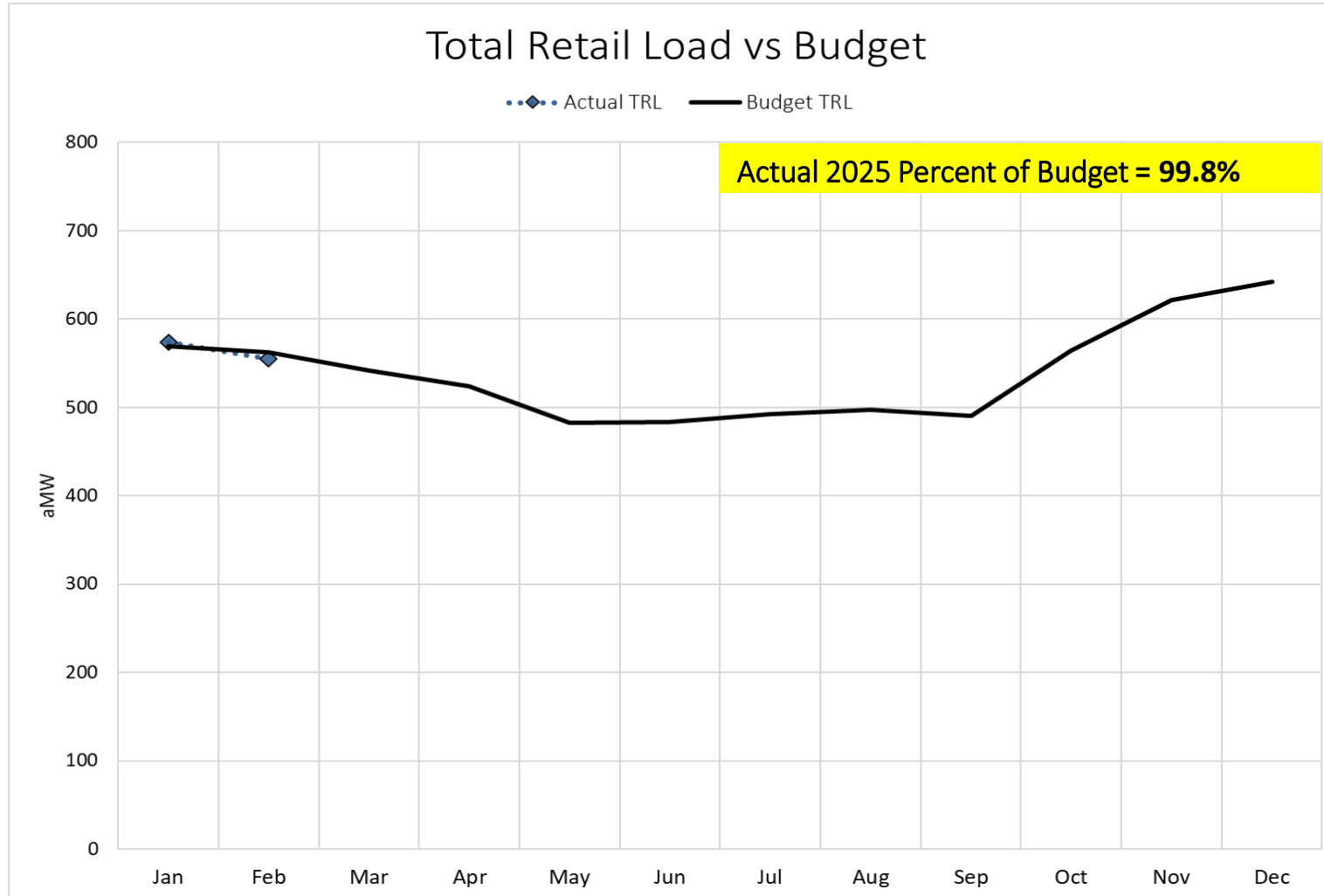
1.6.3 Wind (White Creek and Harvest Wind)

1.7 Wholesale Market Prices (Power & Natural Gas)

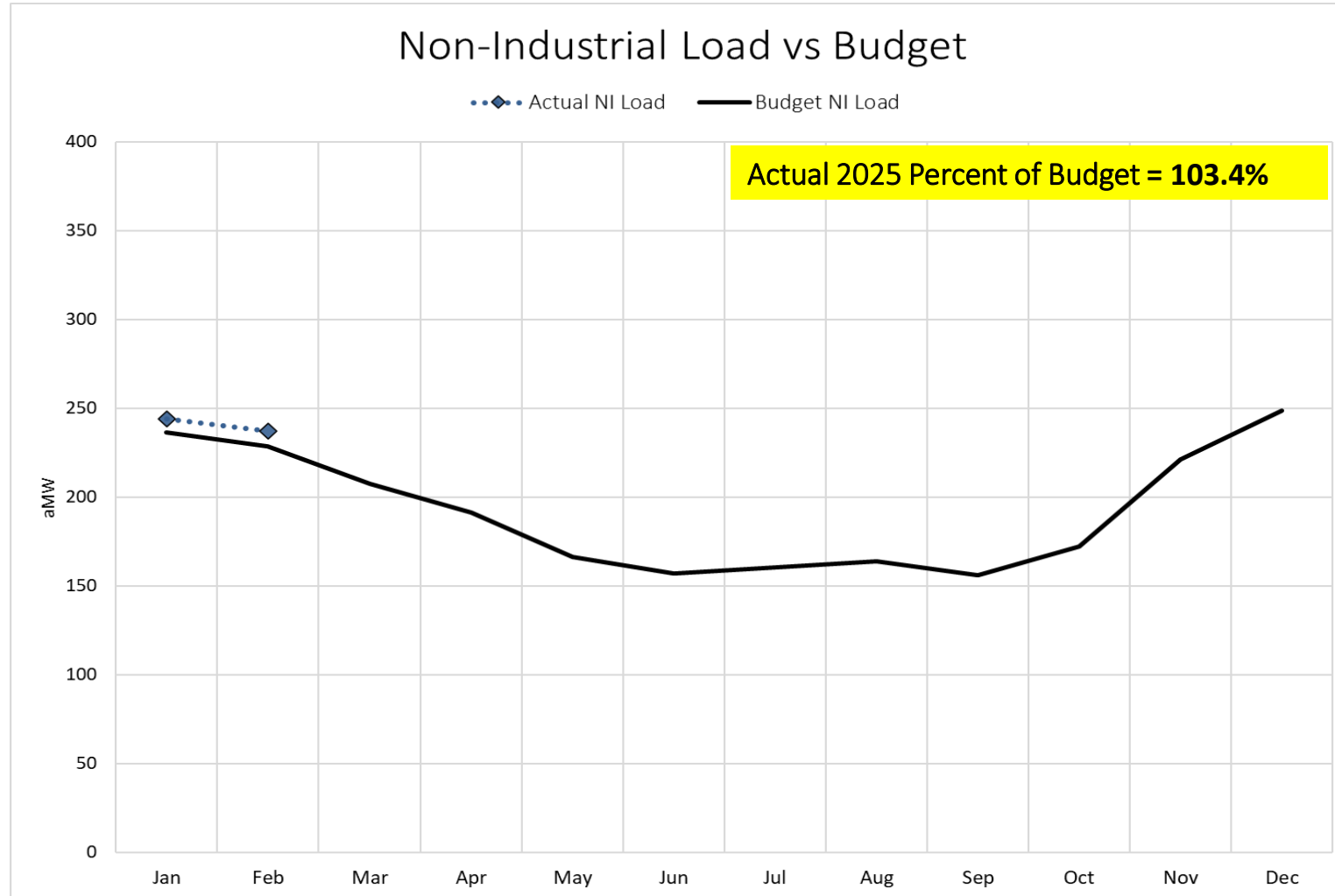
1.8 Net Secondary Sales Revenue

1.9 Net Power Cost – Non-Schedule 50

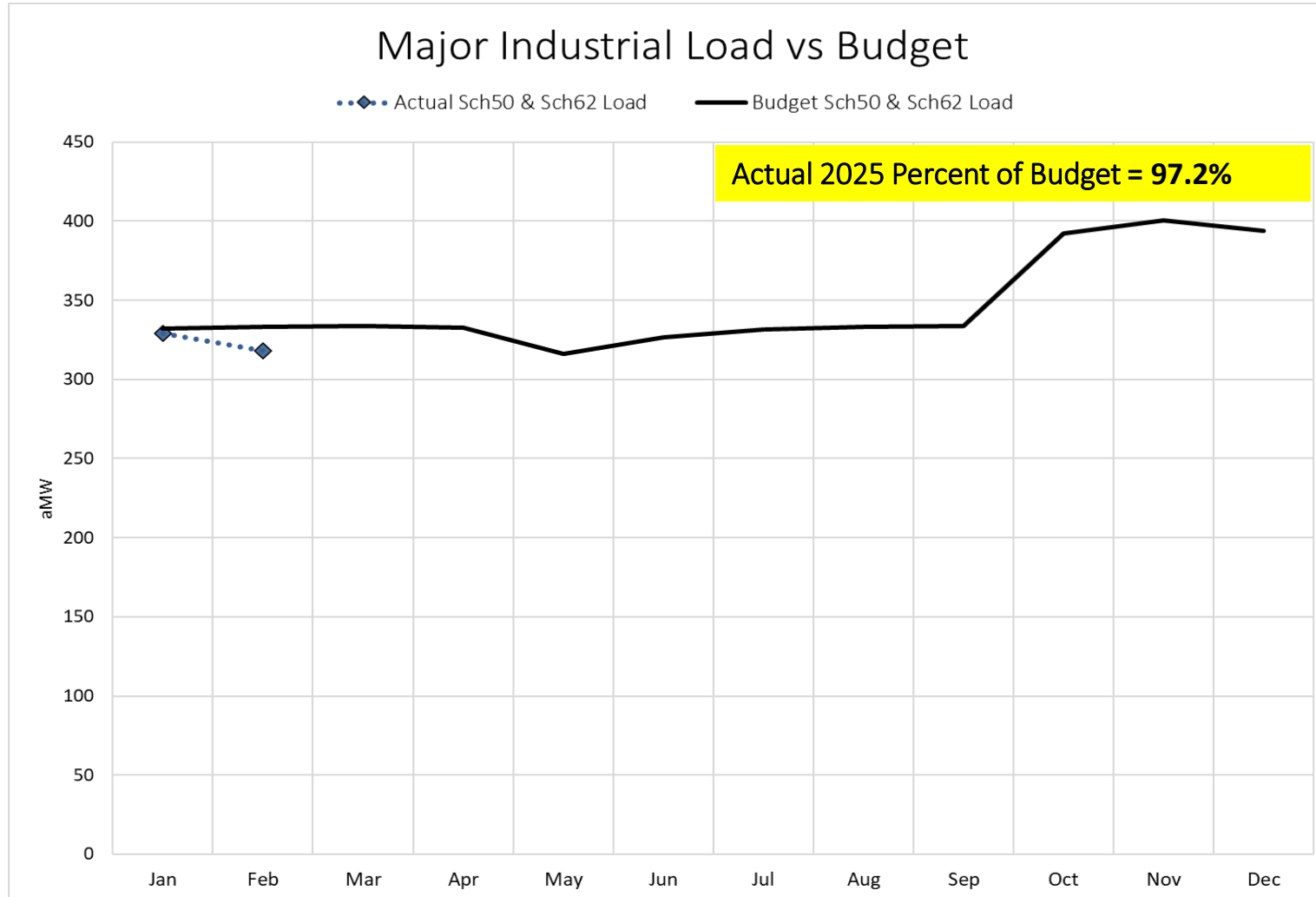
1.1 District Load Summary (Total Retail Load)



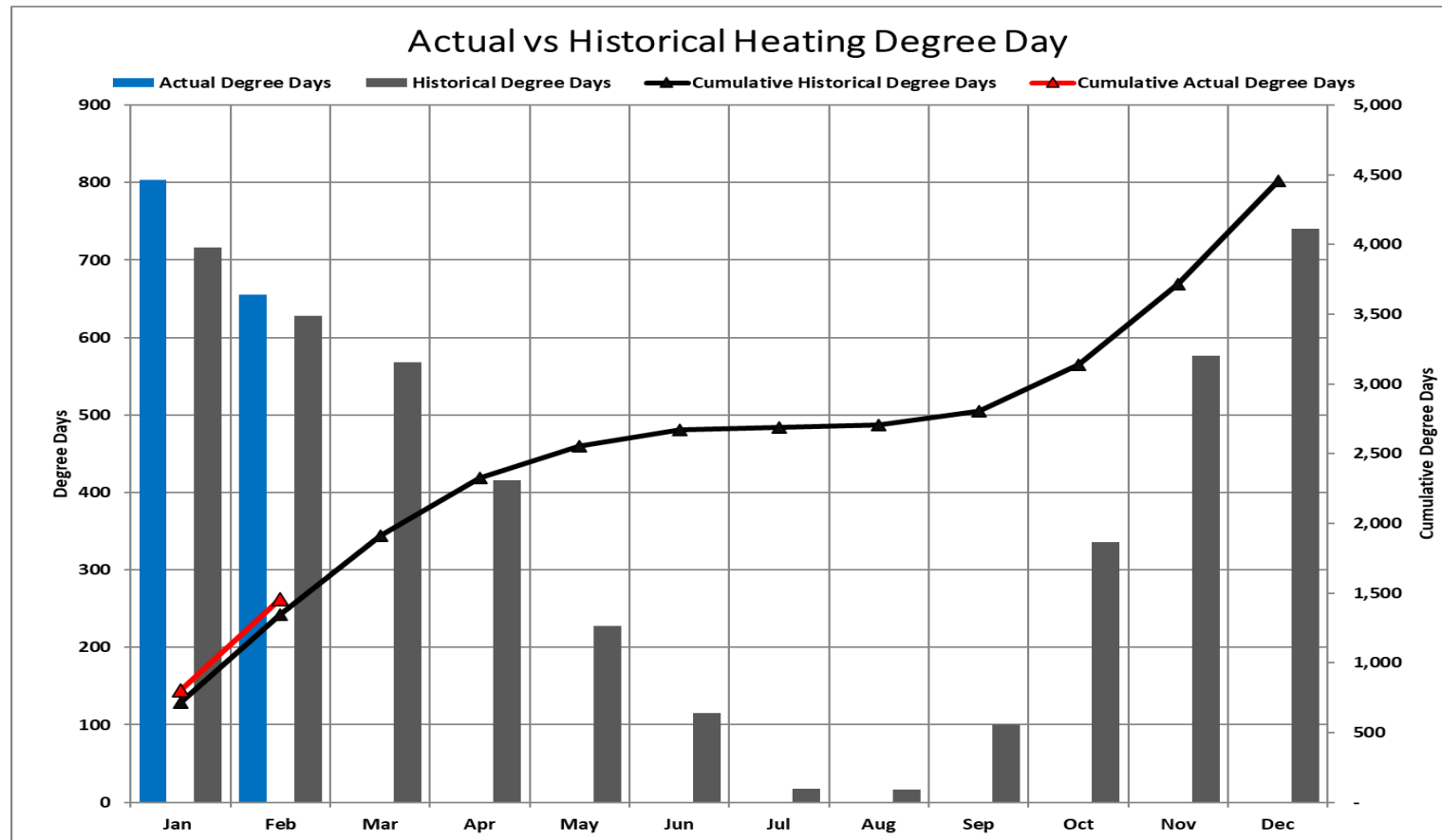
1.1.1 Non-Industrial Load Summary



1.1.2 Major Industrial Load Summary

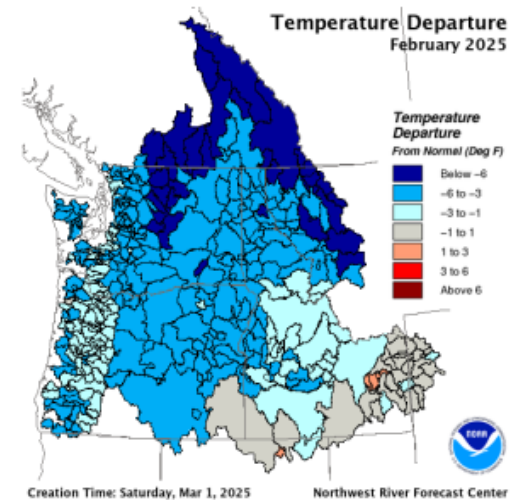
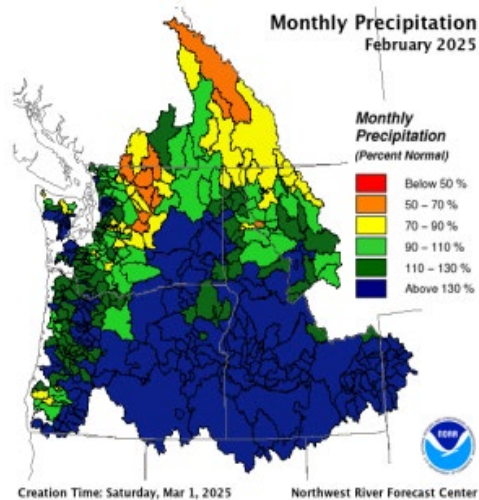
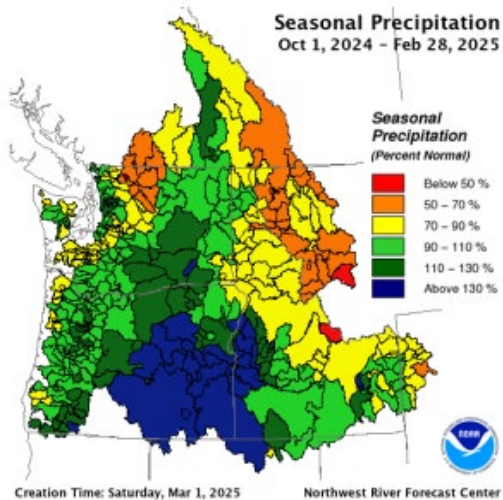


1.2 Heating Degree Days



Temperatures for the county in February were slightly below average, finishing at 104% of the historical average Heating Degree Days (HDD) for the month. The HDD year-to-date is currently 109% of average.

1.3 Precipitation & Temperature

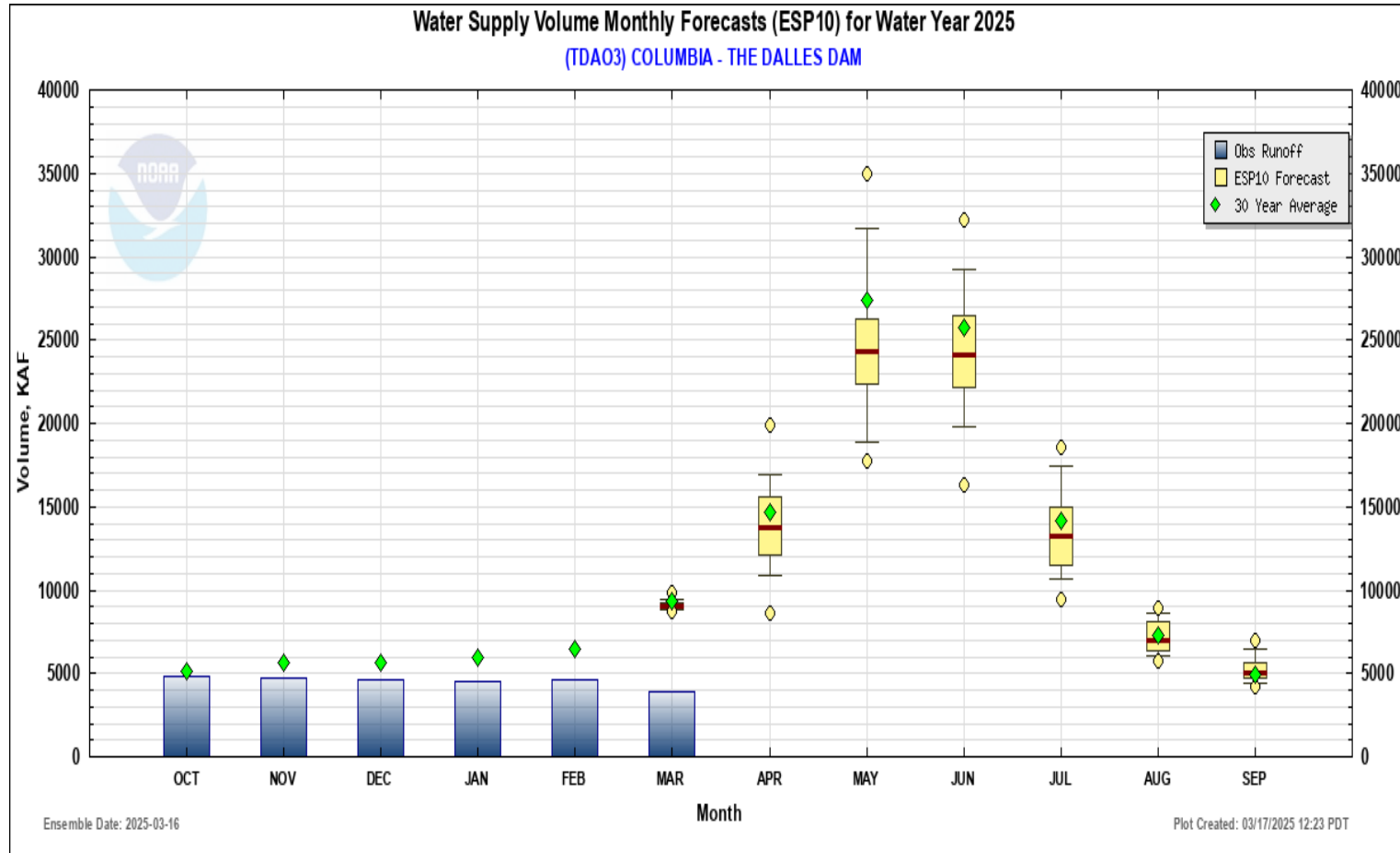


The seasonal precipitation map through February demonstrates an increase in precipitation for the lower Snake basin to above average levels. East of the Cascades continues to have below average accumulations, while the western region continues to see mostly average precipitation.

Most of the region received average to above average rainfall throughout February. The northern Cascade region was the exception, as it continued to have below average precipitation throughout the month.

Majority of the region saw below average temperatures. The lower Snake basin differed with near average temperatures throughout February.

1.4 Runoff Forecast



February's water supply finished at 71.2% of average. March is forecasted to finish at 97% of average. The Water Supply Forecast at the Dalles for Oct-Sep is forecasted to be 91%, which is a 5% increase from the previous month.

1.6 Resource Performance

BPA Federal System Power



Annual Resource Projections vs Budget

The BPA Federal System is anticipated to produce 98% of the budgeted expected generation. Down 1% from the previous report.

Swift No. 2



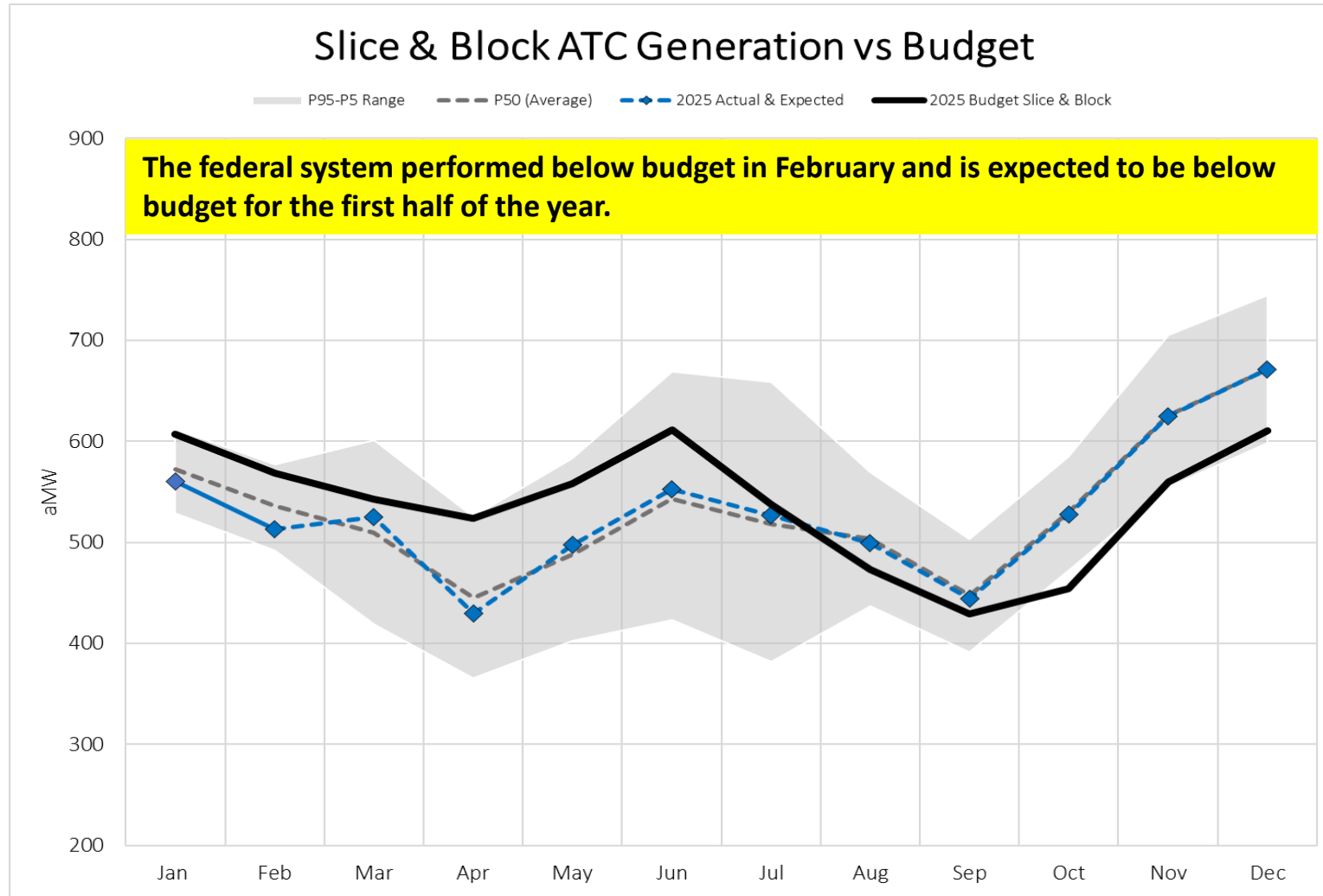
Swift No. 2 is currently anticipated to produce 87% of the budgeted expected ATC generation in 2025. Up 7% from the previous report.

Harvest & White Creek Wind

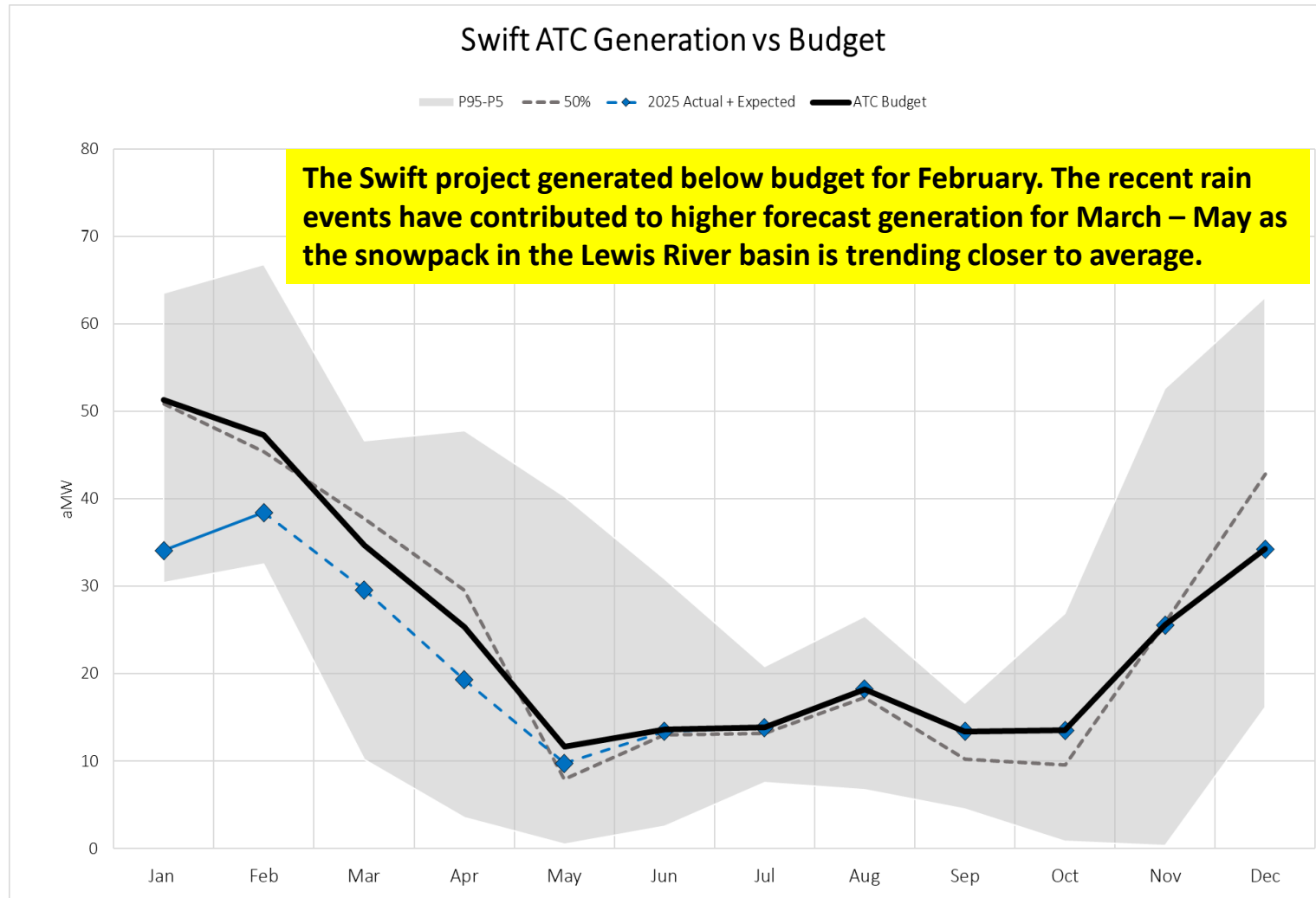


HW & WCW are anticipated to produce 95% of the budgeted expected generation in 2025. No change from the previous report.

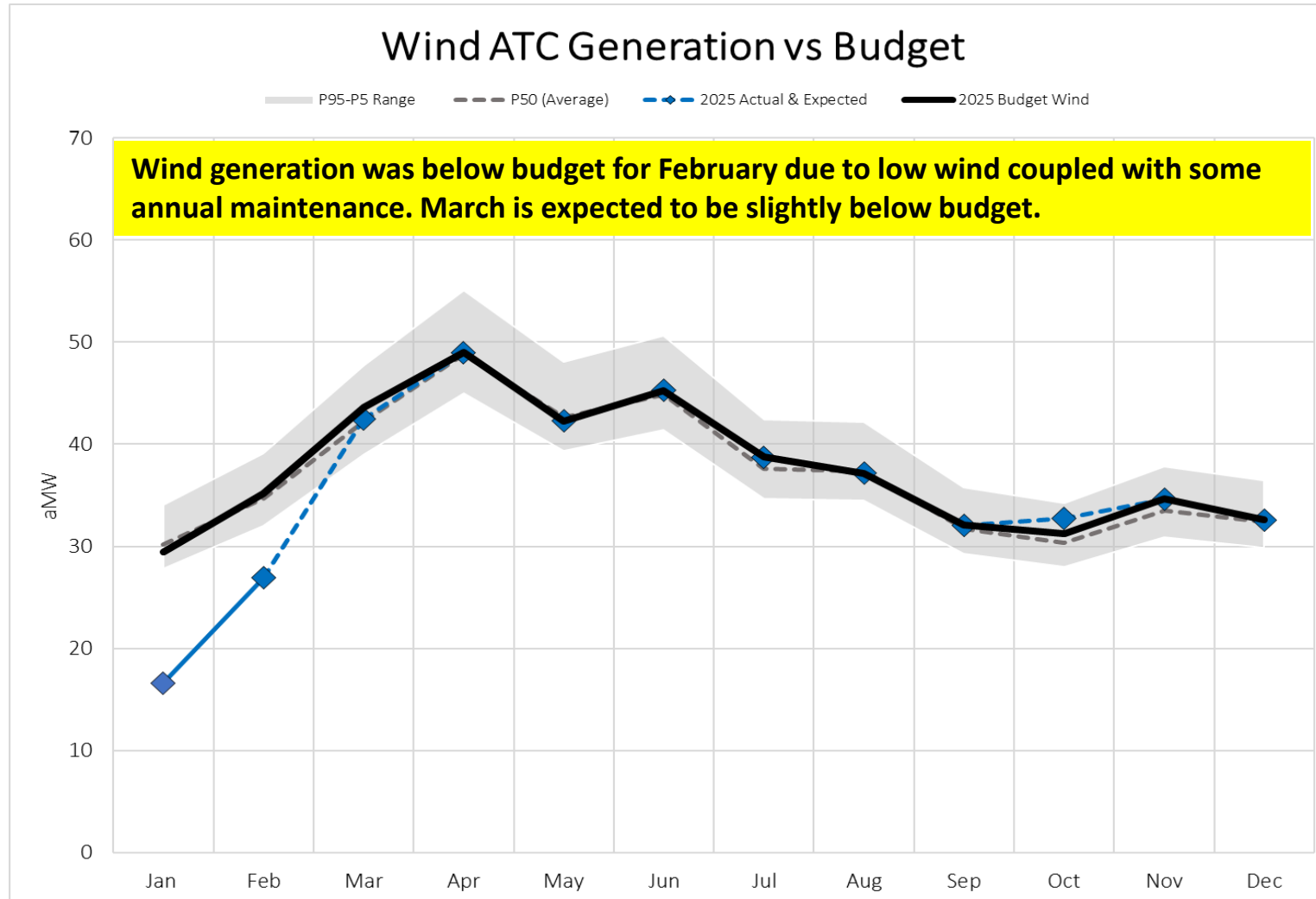
1.6.1 BPA Power



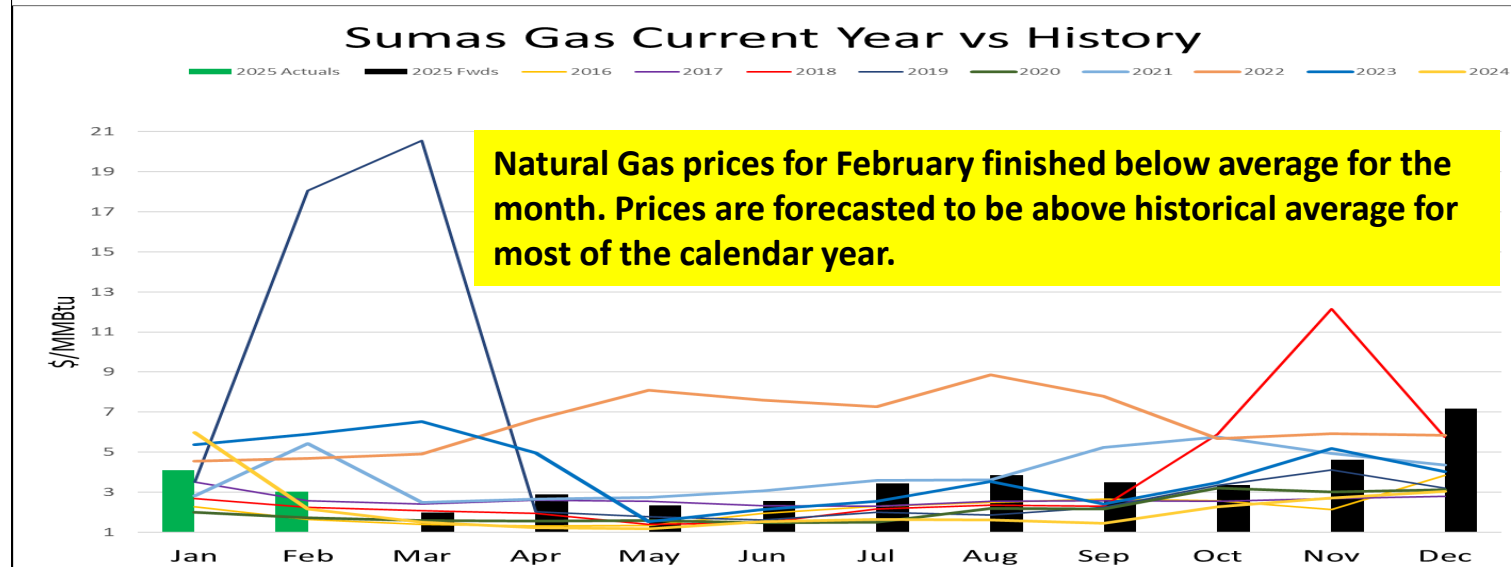
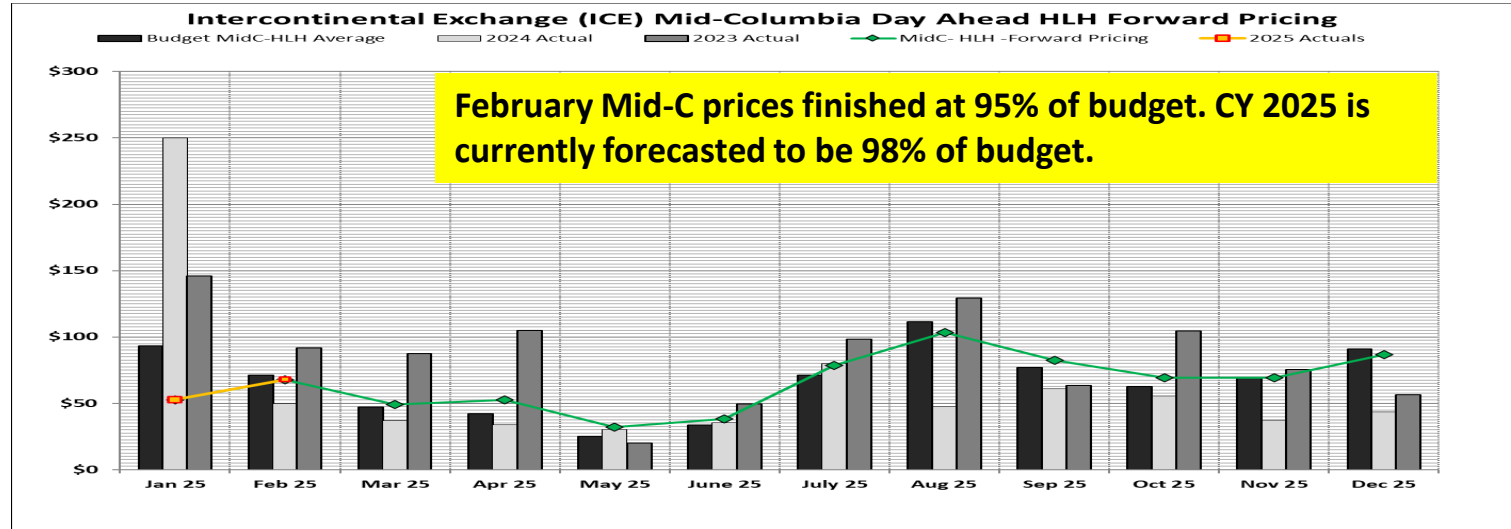
1.6.2 Swift No. 2 Generation



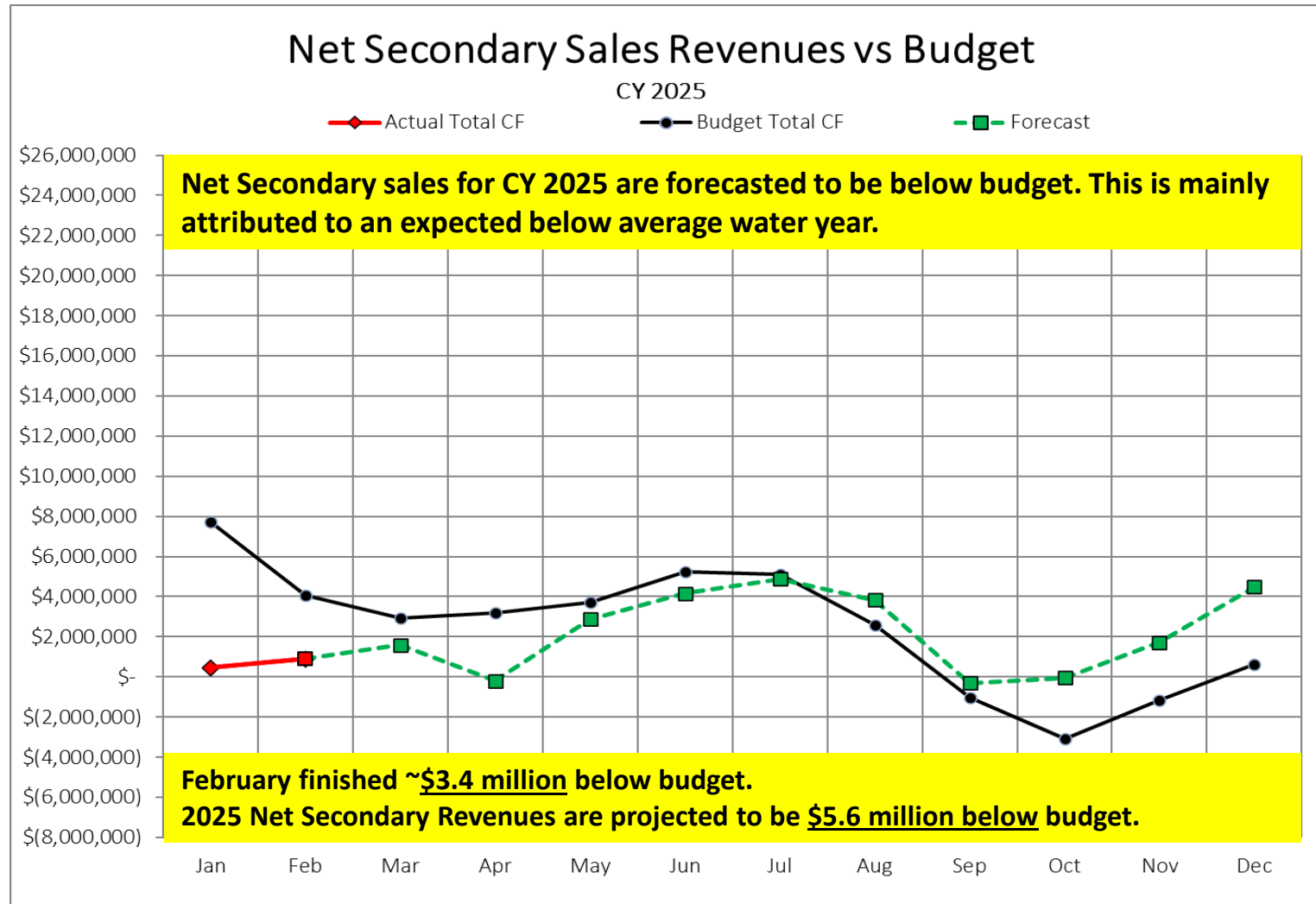
1.6.3 Wind (WC & HW)



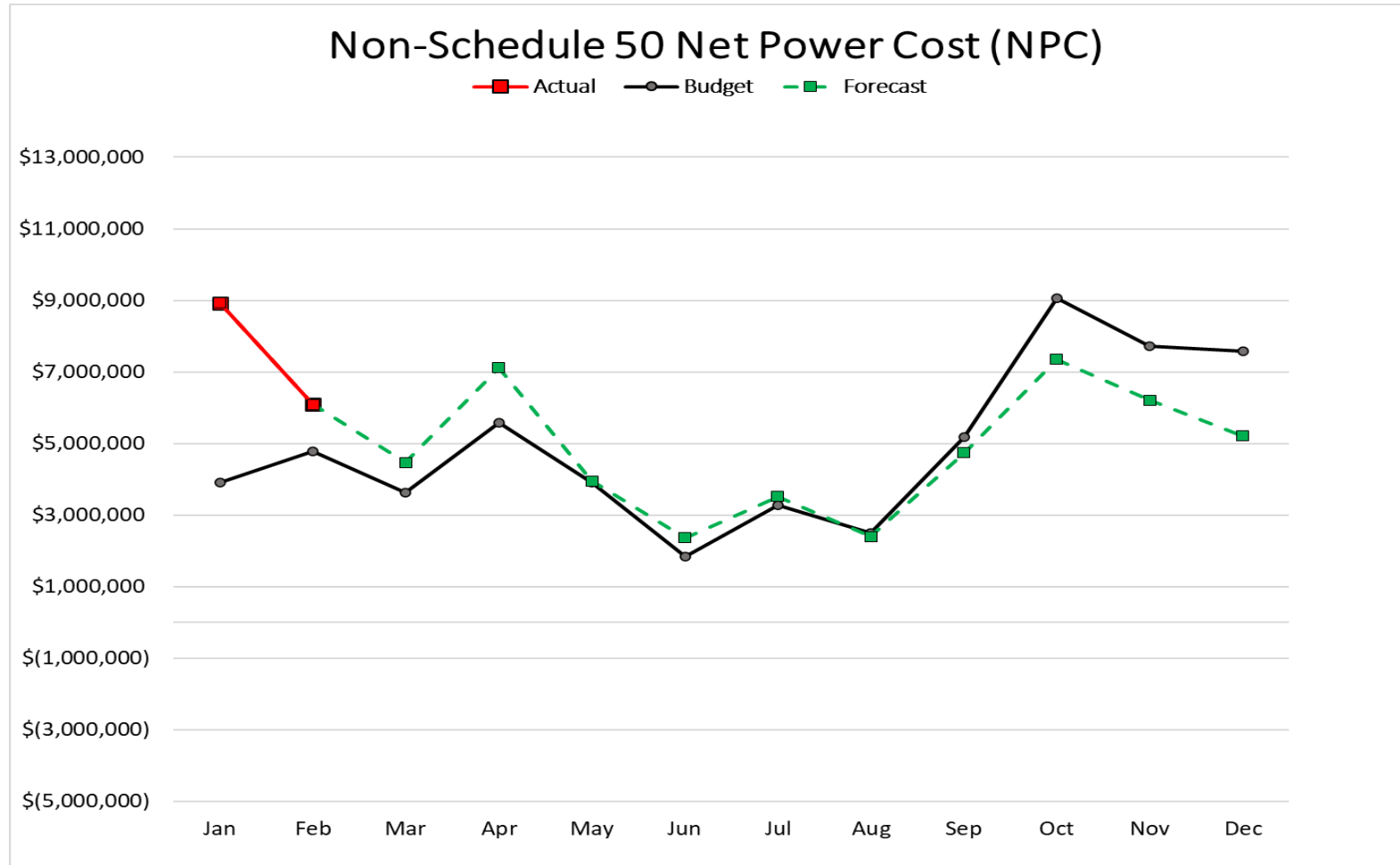
1.7 Wholesale Power Market Prices



1.8 Net Secondary Sales Revenue



1.9 Net Power Cost – Non-Schedule 50



February's actual Non-Sch50 NPC was \$1.3 million above budget. Annual Non-Schedule 50 NPC is projected to be \$3.4 million above budget, reflecting an annual Non-Schedule 50 NPC of ~ \$62.3 million.

2. Accounting and Finance

2.1 Year-to-Date Operating Results

2.2 Year-to-Date Retail Revenue

2.3 Proforma Year-End Income Statement

2.4 Year-End Cash Projection

2.5 Electric System Debt Service

2.6 Production System Debt Service

2.1 - Year-to-Date Operating Results

	Year-to-Date February 2025			
	Actual	Budget	Var \$	Var %
Revenues	\$ 53,195,173	\$ 44,326,894	\$ 8,868,279	20.01%
Expenses	48,554,002	38,780,125	9,773,877	25.20%
Margin	\$ 4,641,171	\$ 5,546,769	\$ (905,598)	
Prior Year	\$ (330,969)			

Actual revenues reduced by CIAC - \$349,464

Behind budget due to net power supply costs.

2.2 - Year-to-Date Retail Revenue

<u>Year-to-Date February 2025</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Var \$</u>	<u>Var %</u>
Non-Major Industrial	\$ 28,828,473	\$ 24,981,464	\$ 3,847,009	15.40%
Major Industrial	<u>22,980,473</u>	<u>18,428,763</u>	<u>4,551,710</u>	24.70%
Total Retail Revenue	<u>51,808,946</u>	<u>43,410,227</u>	<u>8,398,719</u>	19.35%
Other Operating Revenue	<u>1,386,227</u>	<u>916,667</u>	<u>469,560</u>	51.22%
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 53,195,173</u>	<u>\$ 44,326,894</u>	<u>\$ 8,868,279</u>	20.01%

Non-MI revenue impacted by October 2024 rate increase and billed loads (approximately 11% higher than budget). MI revenue impacted by actual costs and loads (pass-through power cost contracts). Other is due largely to higher investment earnings.

2.3 - Proforma Year-End Income Statement

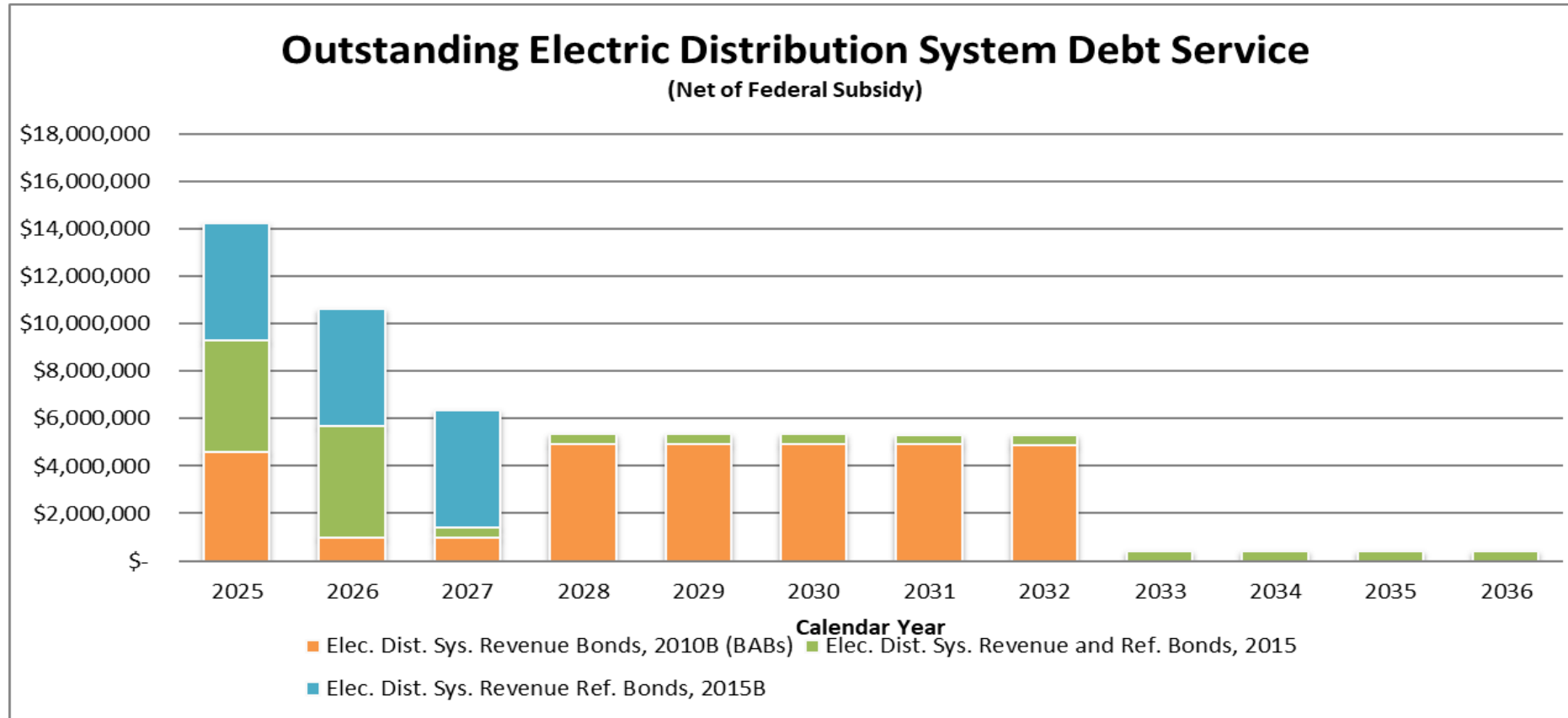
	YTD Actual	Projected	Budget	Var \$	Var %	
Revenues						
Non-MI	\$ 28,828,473	\$ 137,528,215	\$ 128,822,465	\$ 8,705,750	6.76%	October 2024 Rate Increase & Loads Loads and Actual Costs
Major Industrial	22,980,473	143,936,247	146,652,648	(2,716,400)	-1.85%	
Other	1,386,227	5,969,560	5,500,000	469,560	8.54%	
	<u>53,195,173</u>	<u>287,434,022</u>	<u>280,975,113</u>	<u>6,458,910</u>	<u>2.30%</u>	
Expenses						
Power Supply	35,568,201	197,400,499	197,064,258	336,241	0.17%	Low Generation & Soft Prices
Other Operating	7,705,898	43,876,271	43,876,271	-	0.00%	
Taxes	2,972,138	16,403,987	15,906,821	497,165	3.13%	
Depreciation	1,975,227	13,225,227	13,500,000	(274,773)	-2.04%	
Interest	332,538	2,301,097	2,362,271	(61,174)	-2.59%	
	<u>48,554,002</u>	<u>273,207,081</u>	<u>272,709,622</u>	<u>497,459</u>	<u>0.18%</u>	
Margin	<u>\$ 4,641,171</u>	<u>\$ 14,226,941</u>	<u>\$ 8,265,491</u>	<u>\$ 5,961,450</u>	<u>72.12%</u>	

Projected results are heavily impacted by current forward market prices and anticipated volumes.

2.4 - Year-End Cash Projection - Electric System

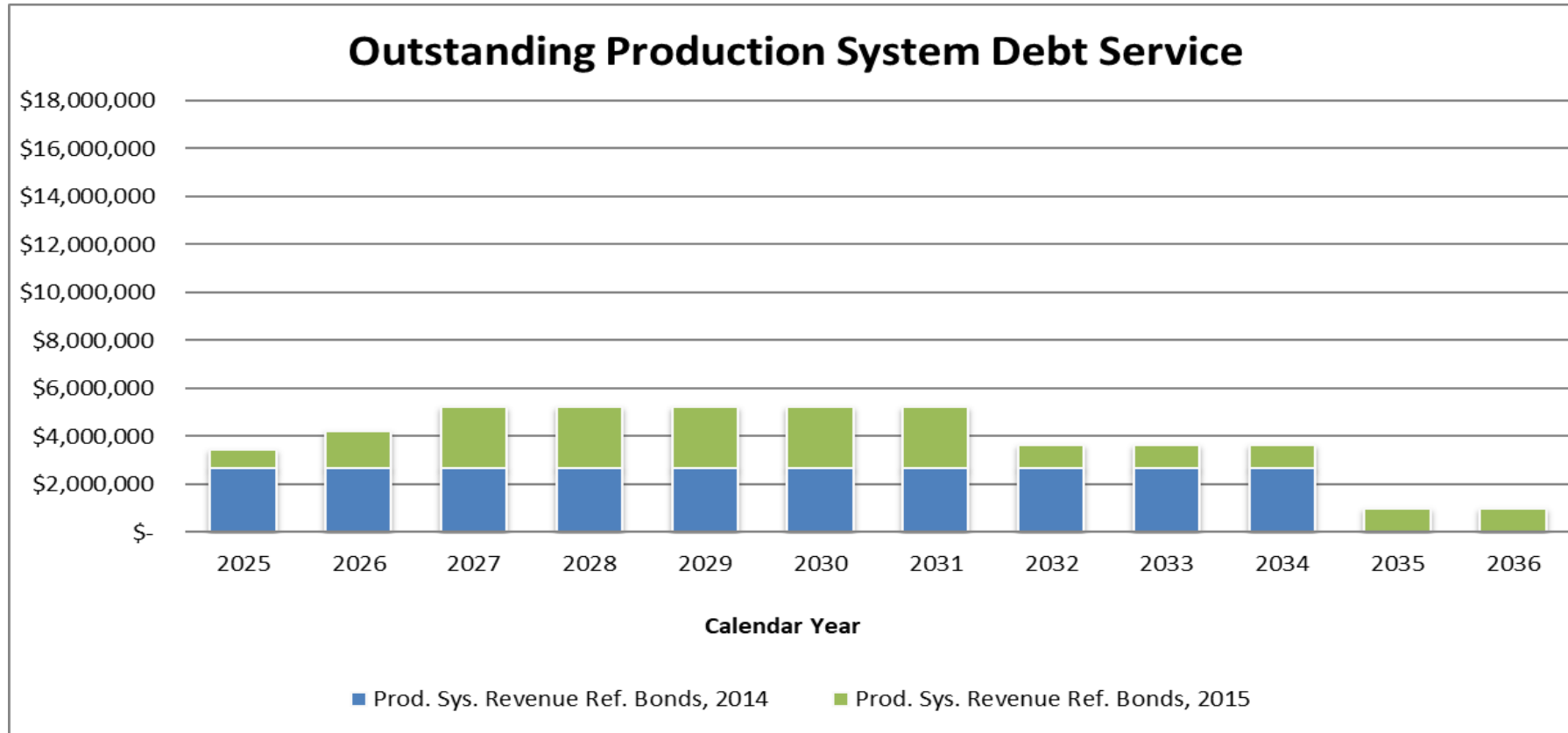
Margin	\$ 14,226,941
Non-Cash Items	17,545,227
Capital	(30,915,528)
Principal Debt	<u>(13,096,538)</u>
Projected Cash Deficit	(12,239,898)
Unrestricted Cash, beginning of year	<u>145,323,050</u>
Unrestricted Cash, end of year	<u><u>\$ 133,083,152</u></u>
Budgeted Deficit	<u><u>\$ (17,926,575)</u></u>

2.5 – Electric System Debt Service



**The above represents principal and interest.
Total principal for the Electric System -
\$50,525,000**

2.6 – Production System Debt Service



**The above represents principal and interest.
Total principal for the Production System -
\$36,335,000**

3. Operations

3.1 Outage Reports

3.2 Department Monthly Summaries

3.3 Safety

3.4 Wildfire projects

3.5 Pictures

3.1.1 Outage Summary - February

Actual (Based on Date Slicer)

Events	Customers Out	SAIDI	Minutes
49	7,616	17	920,283

Previous 6 Periods Avg (Based on Date Slicer)

Events	Avg Cust Out	Avg SAIDI	Avg Minutes
37	3,049	8	432,578

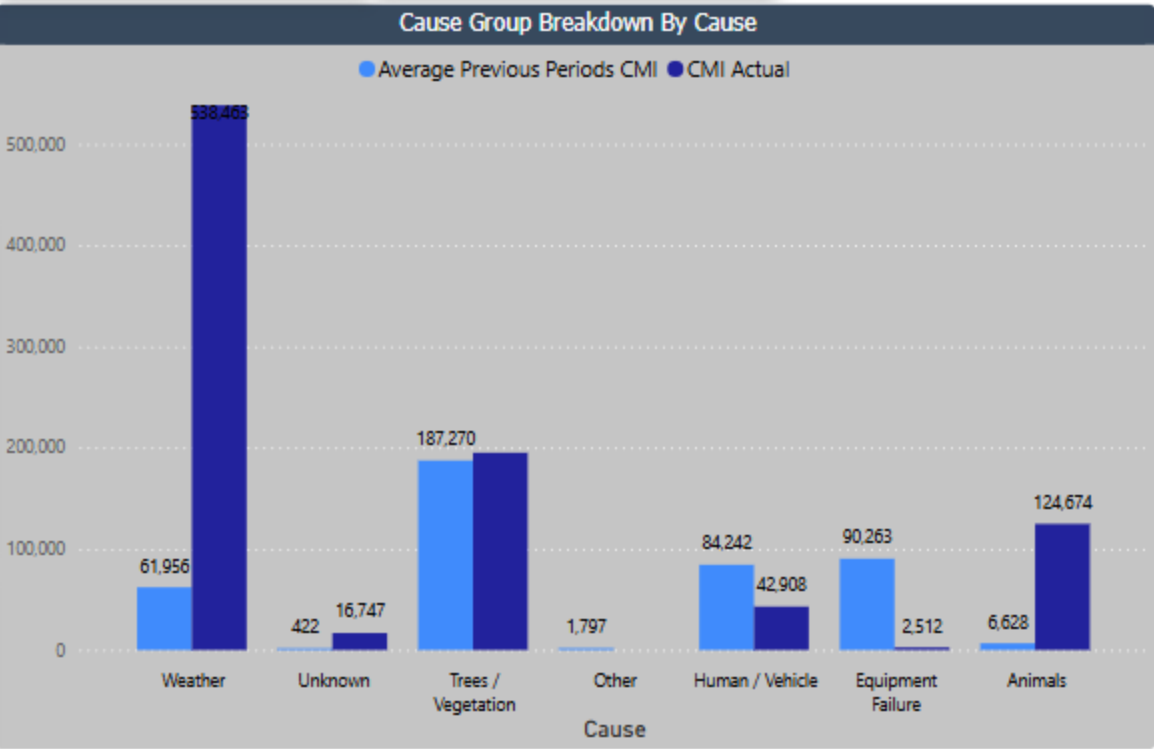
Causes (Non-Storm Related)

Outage Cause	Events	Customers Out	SAIDI	CMI	% CMI
Weather	23	3,721	10	538,463	58.51%
Trees / Vegetation	4	1,063	4	194,979	21.19%
Animals	4	2,064	2	124,674	13.55%
Human / Vehicle	3	685	1	42,908	4.66%
Unknown	1	57	0	16,747	1.82%
Equipment Failure	14	26	0	2,512	0.27%
Other	0				
Total	49	7,616	17	920,283	100.00%

Top Events (CMI)

Outage Cause	Feeder	Line Section	CMI	Customers Out	Time Off	First Restore	Longest Duration
Weather: Wind with trees	999	UNKNOWN	137,817	1,540	2/24/25 4:22 PM	2/24/25 5:44 PM	1.8
Weather: Wind with trees	12AR1	BRK12AR1	125,455	263	2/24/25 4:47 PM	2/24/25 6:35 PM	8.1
Animal: other	999	BRK12J5	124,130	2,057	2/6/25 6:28 AM	2/6/25 7:20 AM	1.3
Var: Tree or Branch - No	12Y1	BRK12Y1	90,383	315	2/23/25		5.3

Date: 2/1/2025 to 2/28/2025
 Storm Related?: Non-Storm Related



CMI
 Customers Out
 Outages
 SAIDI

Poor month for outages compared to 6-year average.
 02/24/25 had a minor wind and lightning event that accounted for 538k CMI

3.1.2 Outage Summary – 02/24/25

Actual (Based on Date Slicer)

Events	Customers Out	SAIDI	Minutes
25	3,725	10	538,686

Previous 6 Periods Avg (Based on Date Slicer)

Events	Avg Cust Out	Avg SAIDI	Avg Minutes
2	121	0	7,754

Causes (Non-Storm Related)

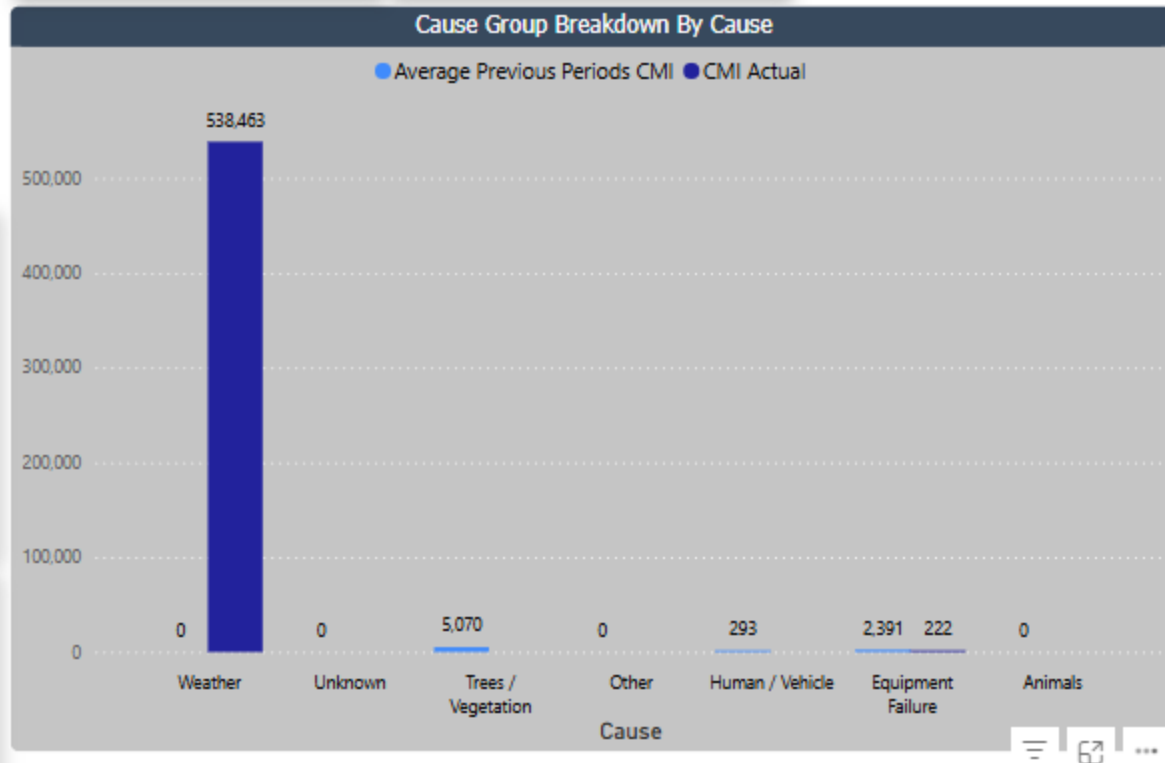
Outage Cause	Events	Customers Out	SAIDI	CMI	% CMI
Weather	23	3,721	10	538,463	99.96%
Equipment Failure	2	4	0	222	0.04%
Animals	0				
Human / Vehicle	0				
Other	0				
Trees / Vegetation	0				
Unknown	0				
Total	25	3,725	10	538,686	100.00%

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Weather: Wind with trees	12X1	BRK12X1	92,483	315	2/25/25 4:46 AM	2/25/25 9:28 AM	5.0
Weather: Wind with trees	120W1	ELIS080N20W	32,458	177	2/25/25	2/25/25	3.1

Date: 2/24/2025 2/25/2025

Storm Related? Non-Storm Related



CMI	Customers Out	Outages	SAIDI
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Wind event 02/24/25

3.1.3 Outage Summary – YTD W/O Storms

Actual (Based on Date Slicer)

Events	Customers Out	SAIDI	Minutes
80	9,010	20	1,076,468

Previous 6 Periods Avg (Based on Date Slicer)

Events	Avg Cust Out	Avg SAIDI	Avg Minutes
75	7,121	18	952,785

Causes (Non-Storm Related)

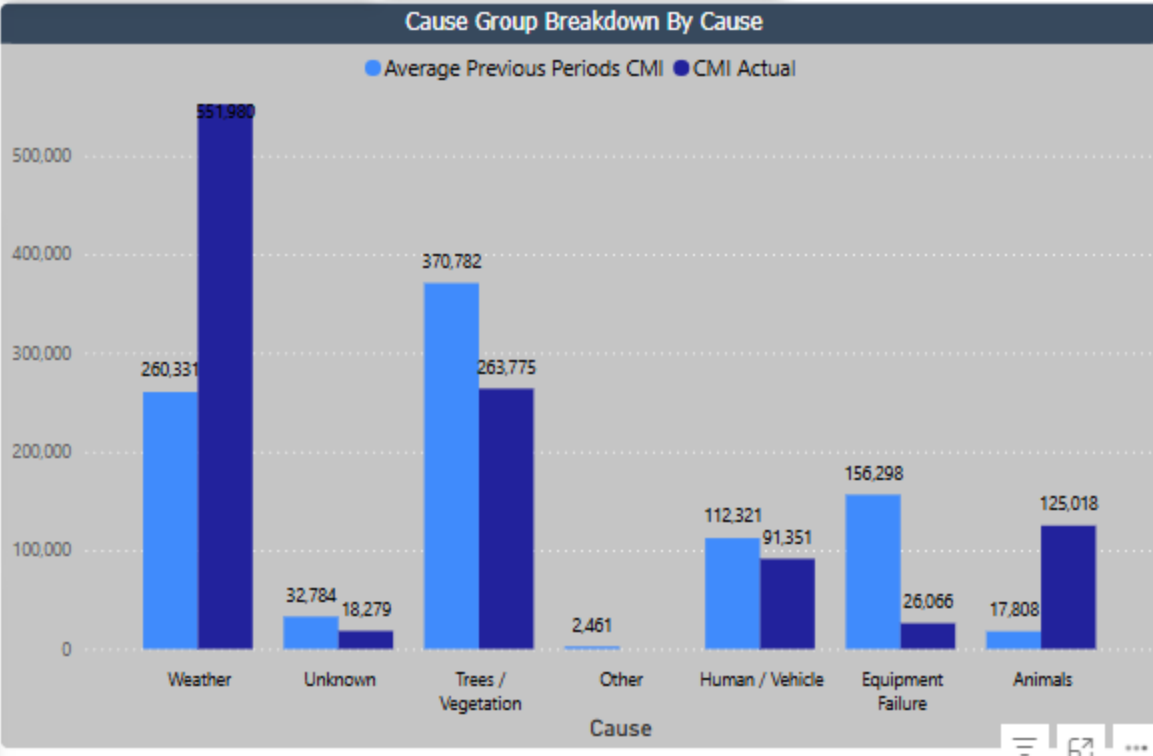
Outage Cause	Events	Customers Out	SAIDI	CMI	% CMI
Weather	24	3,936	10	551,980	51.28%
Trees / Vegetation	6	1,713	5	263,775	24.50%
Animals	6	2,070	2	125,018	11.61%
Human / Vehicle	4	1,001	2	91,351	8.49%
Equipment Failure	35	211	0	26,066	2.42%
Unknown	5	79	0	18,279	1.70%
Other	0				
Other	0				
Total	80	9,010	20	1,076,468	100.00%

Top Events (CMI)

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Weather: Tree or Branch - No	12Y1	BRK12Y1	90,383	315	2/23/25		5.3

Date: 1/1/2025 to 2/28/2025

Storm Related?: Non-Storm Related



- CMI
- Customers Out
- Outages
- SAIDI

6-year avg comparison YTD without storms

3.1.4 Outage Summary – YTD W/Storms

Actual (Based on Date Slicer)

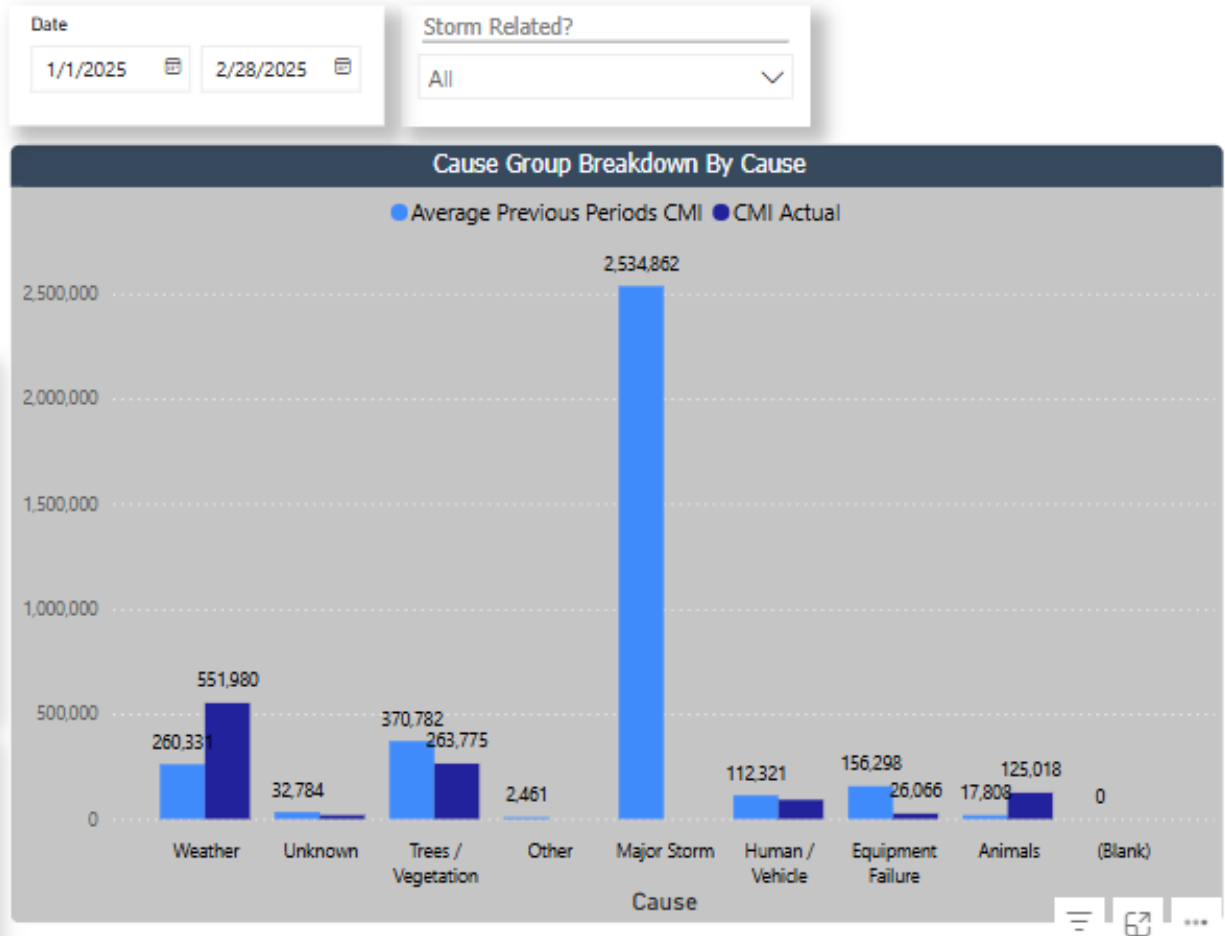
Events	Customers Out	SAIDI	Minutes
80	9,010	20	1,076,468

Previous 6 Periods Avg (Based on Date Slicer)

Events	Avg Cust Out	Avg SAIDI	Avg Minutes
133	15,225	67	3,487,647

Causes (Non-Storm Related)						
Outage Cause	Events	Customers Out	SAIDI	CMI	% CMI	
Weather	24	3,936	10	551,980	51.28%	
Trees / Vegetation	6	1,713	5	263,775	24.50%	
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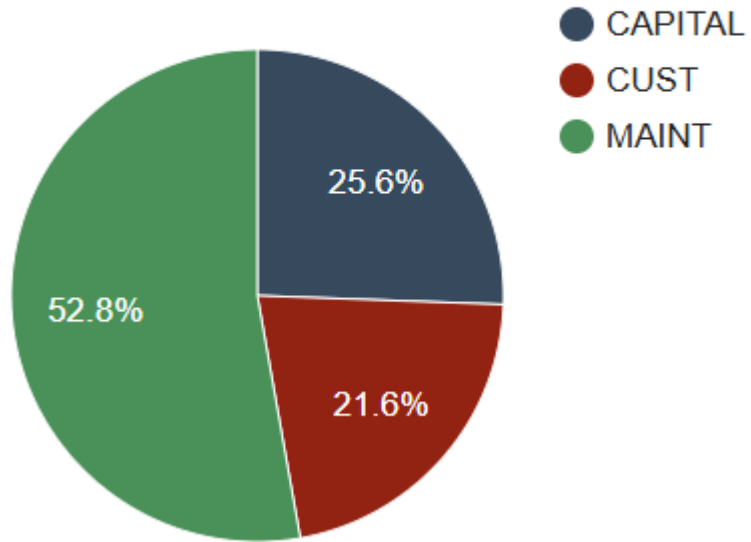


CMI	Customers Out	Outages	SAIDI
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6-year avg comparison YTD with storms
No storms 2025 YTD

3.2.1 Line Crew

Straight Time
3527 Hours



LINE CREW SERVICE ORDERS

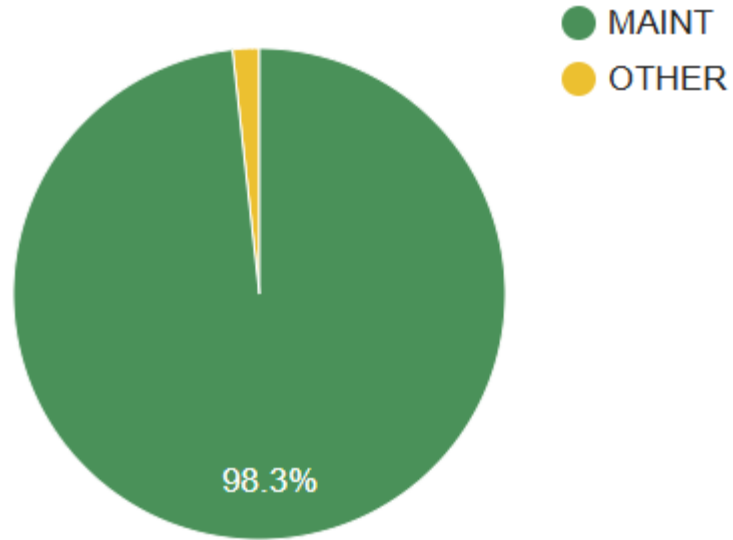
76	HAZARD/TT/POWER QUALITY
52	DISCONNECT
27	TRANSFORMERS
26	PERM METER
24	INFO
18	MISC
17	RECONNECT/NEW/TEMP/BACKBONE
14	STREET LIGHTS
12	FLUP
9	NS-DV ONLY
9	TPERM
9	POLE REPL
6	LT EXCHGE
6	FIP-LINE
1	CUTOFF
306	TOTAL

Customer Work

48 WO's completed

3.2.2 Relay/Substation

Straight Time
972 Hours



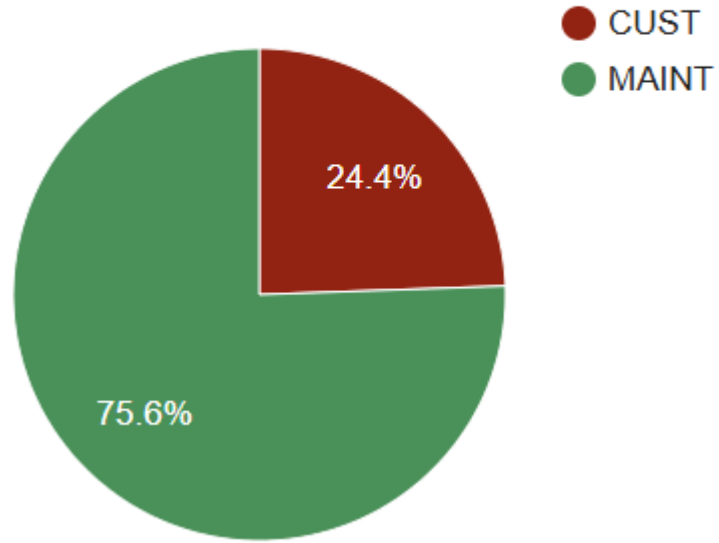
Maintenance Work

Replacement of all substations and facility eye-wash stations
Recloser inspections and maintenance
Additional lights at main office
Yearly relay testing – Distribution almost complete

3.2.3 Meter and FSRs

Straight Time

1074 Hours



Service Orders

METER DEPARTMENT

61	METER INVESTIGATION
56	MTR-CT/PT
43	DISCONNECT
15	FIP-METER
10	MISC
9	MASSMTREXC
6	RECONNECT/NEW/TEMP
5	METER EXCHANGE/REMOVE
4	CUTOFF
4	PERM METER
1	FIP-LINE
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214	TOTAL

FIELD SERVICE REPS

38	METER READ
38	READ OPTOT
37	OFFICE
3	CUTOFF
3	LT-REMOVE
2	DISCONNECT
1	TRNF
1	METER INVESTIGATION
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123	TOTAL

3.2.4 On-Going District Work

Group	Design	Budget	YTD	YTD/Budget
2.1 - Transmission On-Going Pole Replacement	18	\$310,000	\$511	0%
2.3 - Transmission On-Going System Improvement	0	\$95,000		
2.5 - Transmission Unplanned System Improvemen	3	\$410,000	\$17,479	4%
3.1 - Distribution On-Going System Improvement	63	\$3,950,000	\$250,320	6%
3.11 - Transformer O/H & U/G Failure	11	\$270,000	\$20,115	7%
3.12 - Distribution On-Going Wildfire Protectio	2	\$220,000	\$551	0%
3.18 - Distribution Unplanned System Improvemen	9	\$760,000	\$63,534	8%
3.19 - Distribution On-Going U/G Line Cable Rep	70	\$8,750,000	\$222,402	3%
3.26 - Transformer PCB Replacement	66	\$170,000	\$2,027	1%
3.5 - Distribution On-Going Pole Replacement	106	\$1,690,000	\$129,734	8%
3.52 - Substation Unplanned System Improvement	1			
3.54 - Substation On-Going System Improvement	3	\$443,500	\$132,760	30%
TR2.1 - Small Capital	3	\$39,000		
TOTAL	355	\$17,107,500	\$839,434	5%

3.2.5 On-Going Customer Work

Group	Design	Completed	YTD
3.13 - Cust OnGoin Lighting	4	1	\$1,590
3.14 - Cust Secondary Ln Extention	201	55	\$81,558
3.16 - Cust Pri Ln Ext. Residential	106	36	\$162,669
3.17 - Cust Pri Ln Ext. Commercial	70	9	\$173,496
3.29 - Cust Mke Redy for Telco	42	9	\$2,934
3.9 - Cust Ln Reloct Dist/TX	13	1	\$204,392
3.99 - Cust Solar	7	2	\$453
TOTAL	443	113	\$627,092

3.2.6 Tree-Trimming

Contractor Tree Crew #1

Substation feeders trimmed: Carrolls (12S2, 12S3), Ariel (12AR1, 12AR2)

Total line miles trimmed: **3.4**

506 manhours spent on circuit trimming

Contractor Tree Crew #2

Substation feeders trimmed: Pacific Way (12PW3), Gardners Corner (12F1)

Total line miles trimmed: **2.9**

550 manhours spent on circuit trimming

Contractor Tree Crew #3

Substation feeders trimmed: Gardners Corner (12F1, 12F2, 12F3)

Total line miles trimmed: **8.1**

527 manhours spent on circuit trimming, trouble-tickets, hot spots, etc...

40 manhours spent on trouble-tickets

Contractor Tree Crew #4

Main focus on cycle busters, hot spots, hazard trees, and trouble tickets

6 Trouble tickets completed

220 manhours

Total miles trimmed: 31.6

Yearly goal ~ 200 miles/year

3.3 Safety



Health & Safety Dashboard

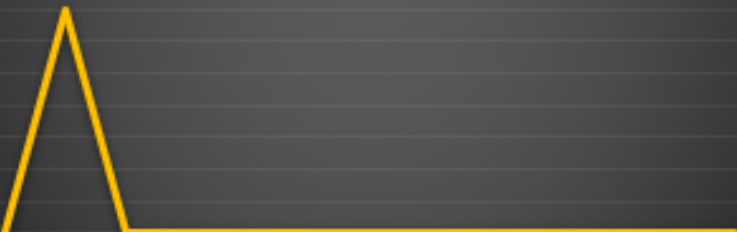
2025

Total Case Incident Rate (TCIR) To Date



DAYS RESTRICTED

14



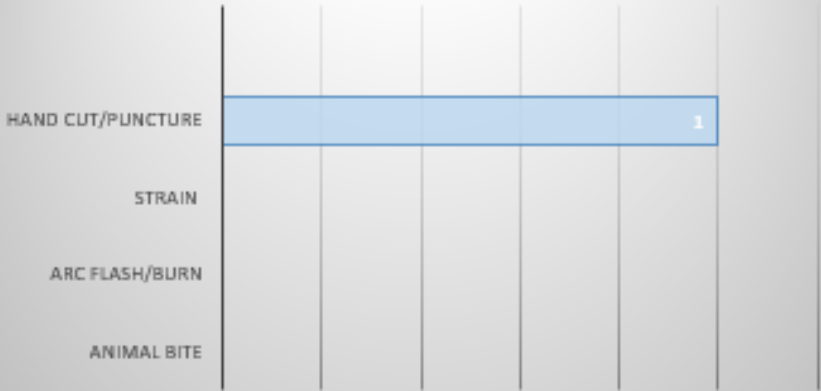
Incidents by Severity



Total # Incidents

1

Injury by Cause



3.4.1 Wildfire Projects

Early Fault Detection (EFD) (07/01/25 Go-Live)

Pilot Project

Detect anomalies on overhead lines prior to failure

Line sensors installed on distribution and transmission

Progress

Finalizing installation locations on rural feeders

Jobs being created for Rose Valley Road installations

Creating installation standards

Three (3) installed on Washington Way feeder 12W5

Fire Weather Monitoring and PSPS Software (06/01/25 Go-Live)

Analyze current and predicted weather patterns

Compare historical outage data

Provide ignition and consequence modeling and fire risk zones based on consequence data

Recommendations for PSPS

Progress

Fine-tuning of GIS data

Fine-tuning of initial ignition/consequence modeling (timber, fire size, structure impacts)

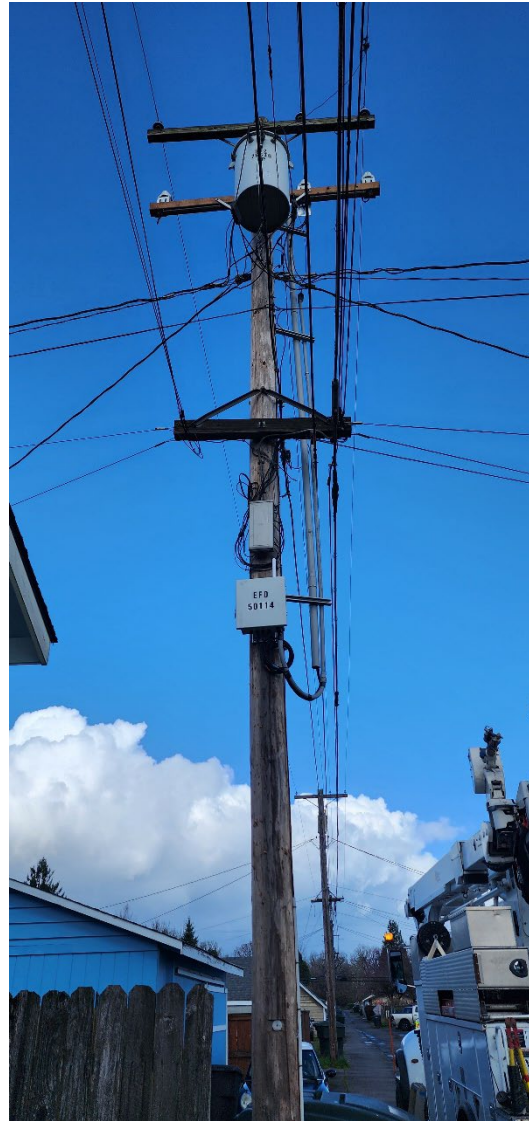
Development of draft fire risk tiers

3.4.2 Wildfire Projects



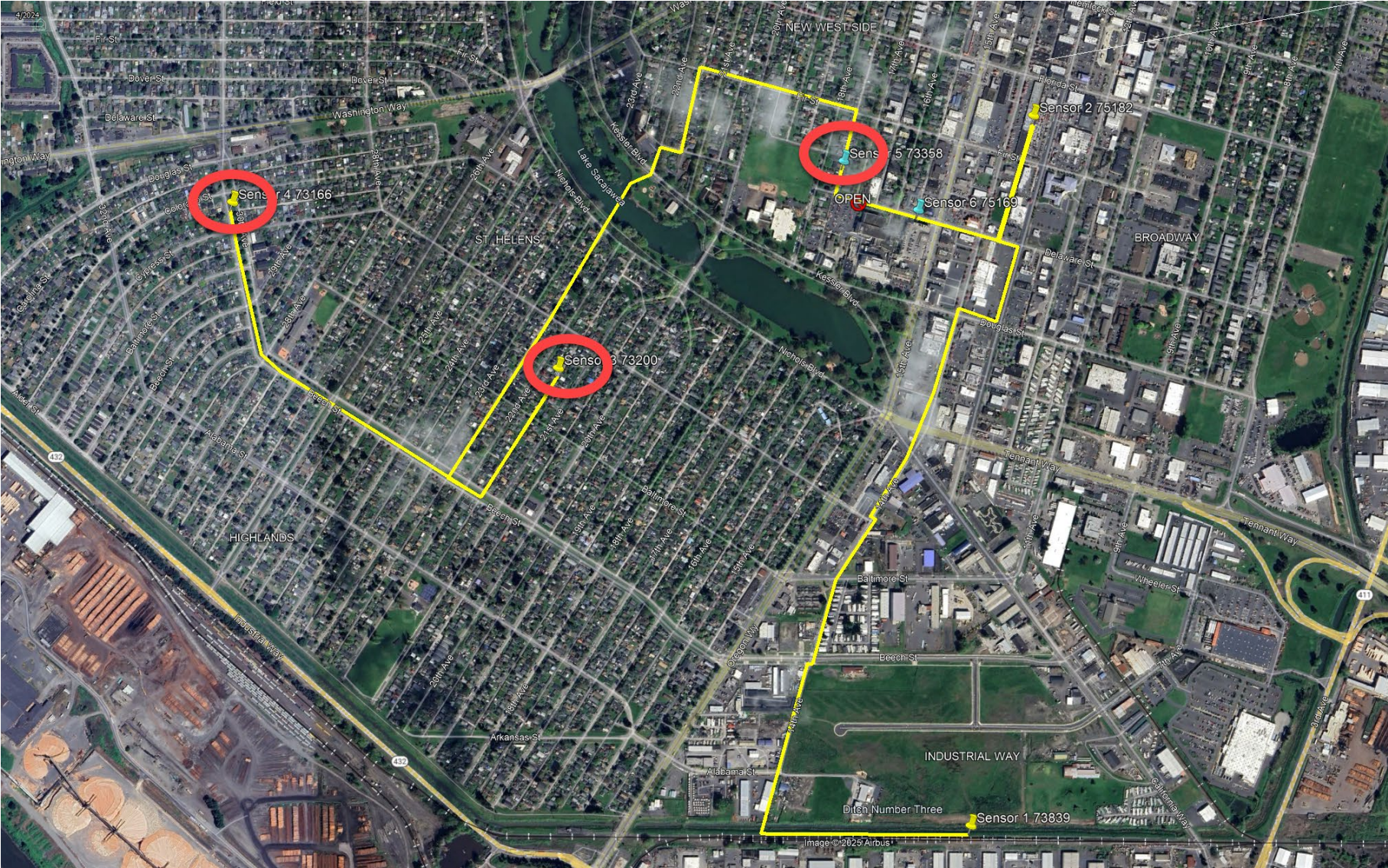
EFD line sensors installed in training yard.

3.4.3 Wildfire Projects



EFD line sensors installed in field on feeder 12W5 out of Washington Way substation.

3.4.4 Wildfire Projects



Location of (3) EFD line sensors on feeder 12W5 out of Washington Way substation.

3.5.1 Pictures



Distribution line rebuild along Industrial Way for PNW Metals new location.

3.5.2 Pictures



Working Foreman
Bradlev Keith



Lineman
Robert Spifler



Lineman
Devin Wannamaker



Apprentice Lineman
Cole Hess



Head Groundman
Class A
Dawson Carr

4. Engineering

4.1 System Metrics

4.2 Underground Primary Outages

4.3 New Service Requests

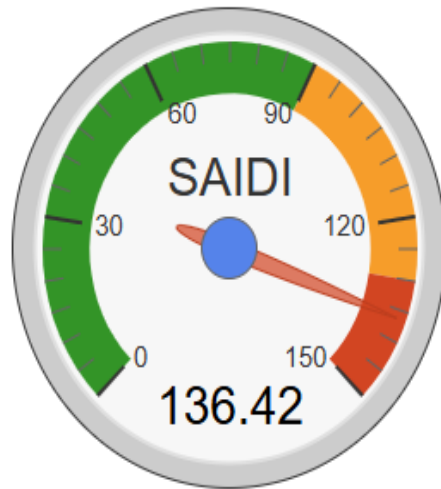
4.4 Locates

4.5 Substation Outages (exclusive of storms)

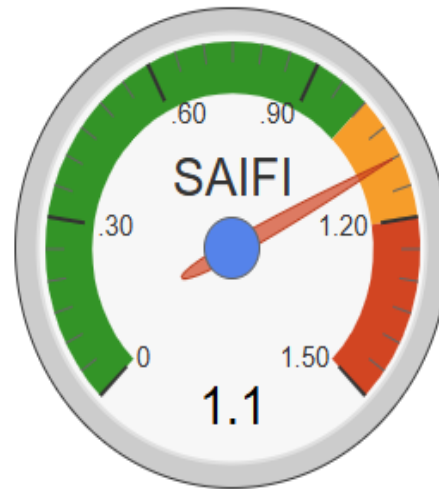
4.6 Feeder Outages and Causes (exclusive of storms)

4.1 System Metrics

Indices (rolling 12 months)



System Average Interruption Duration Index
(Average Outage Duration in Minutes)



System Average Interruption Frequency Index
(Average Customer Interruptions per year)



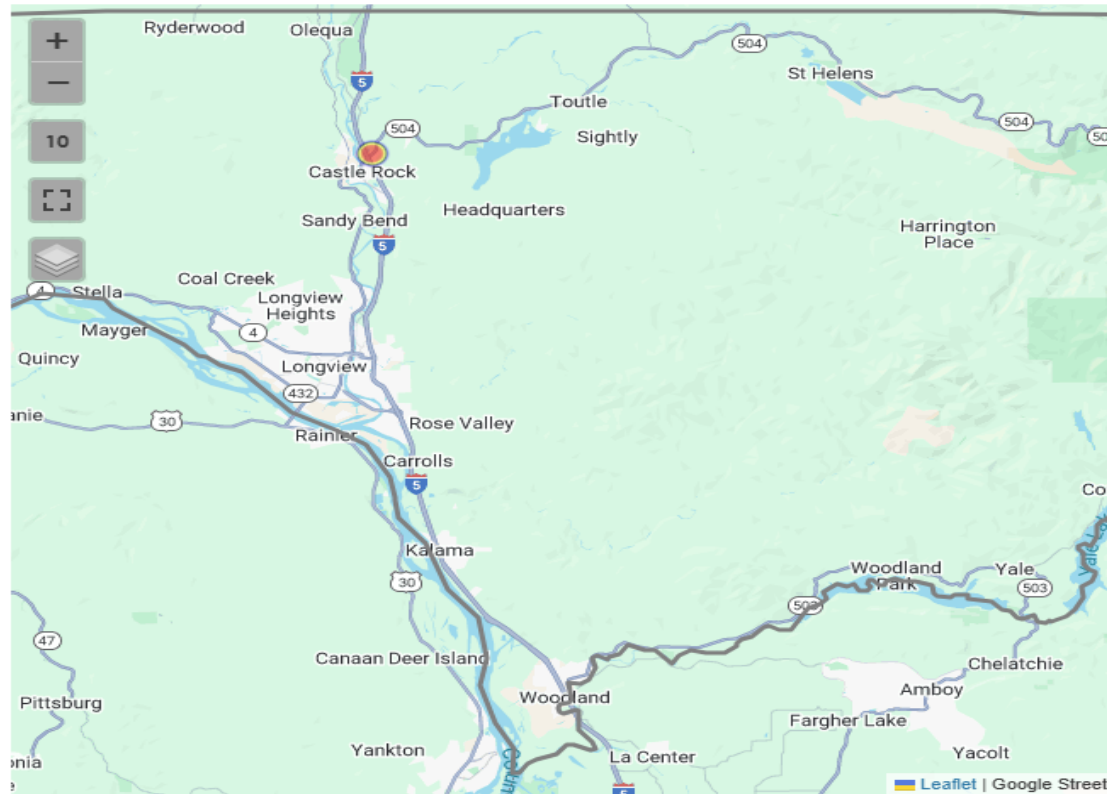
Average Service Availability Index
(Percent of Time Average Customer has Power)

Green indicates system performing within PUD set goals. Total February customer minutes 920,283.
10-year February monthly avg is 444,539 therefore Customer Minutes are 207% of average.

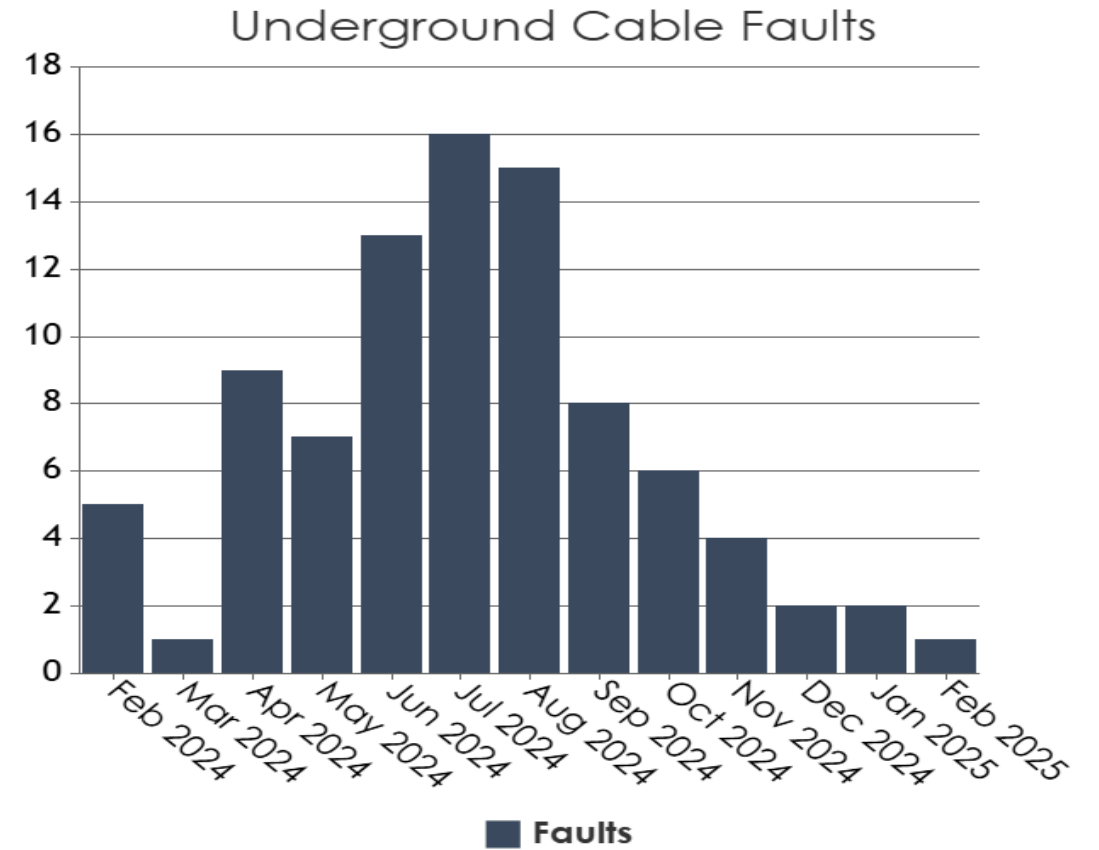
4.2 Underground Primary Outages

Underground Cable Faults

February
Minutes Out: 659 Incidents: 1 Customers: 6



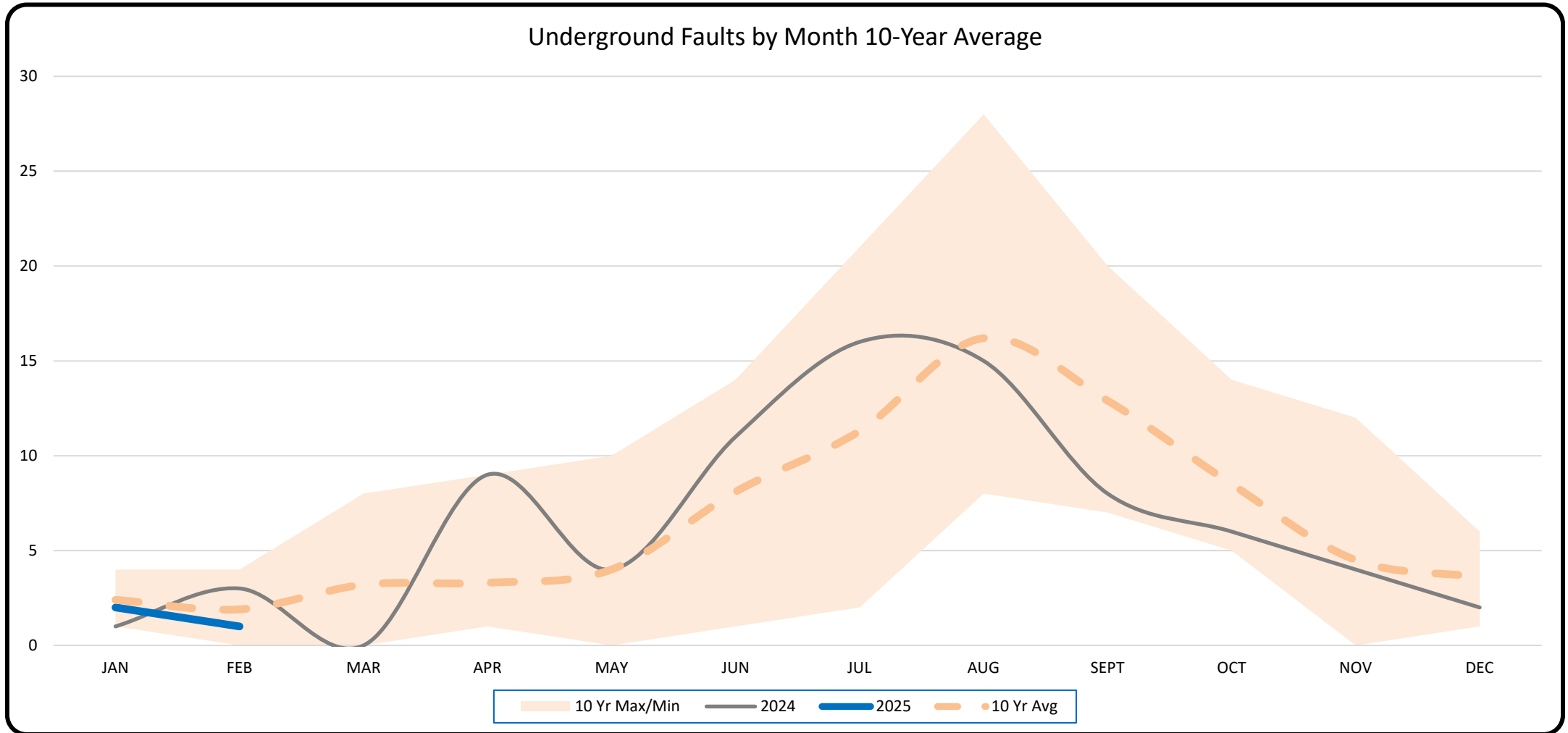
Underground Faults (13 Months)



Cable Faults YTD: 2025 = 3

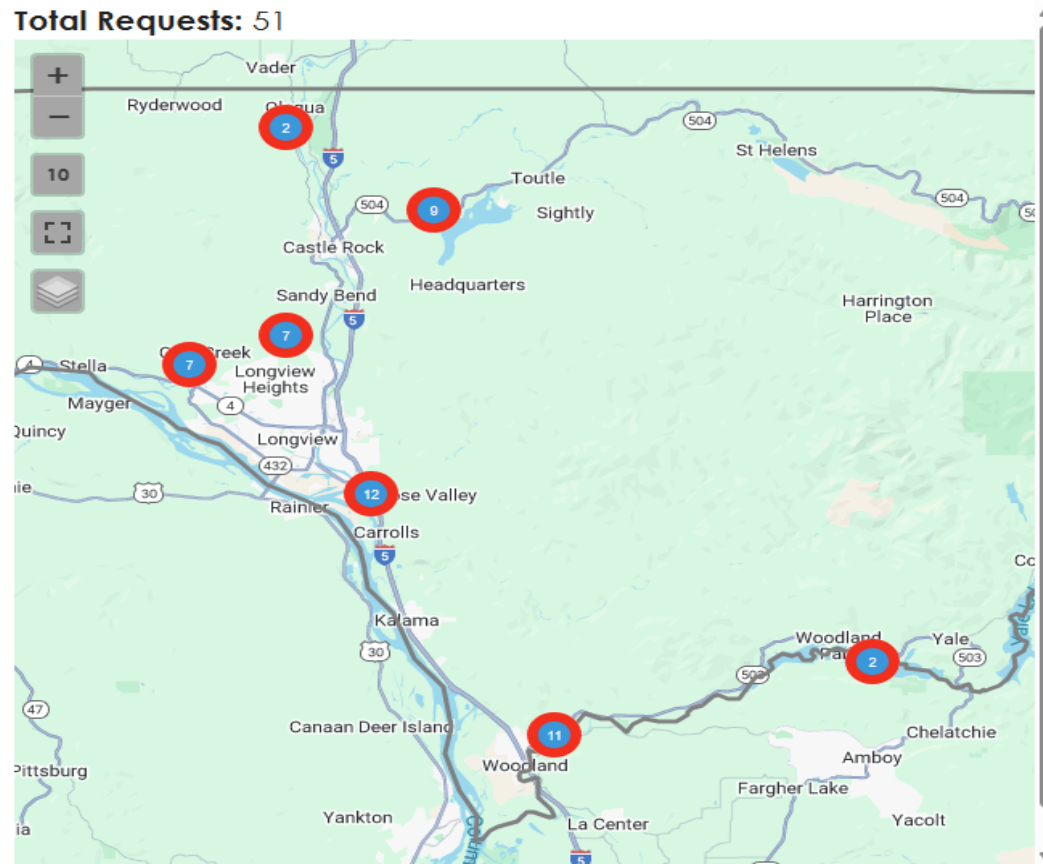
Total Faults YTD are 25% less than the previous year and 30% less than the 10-year average.

4.2 Underground Primary Continued

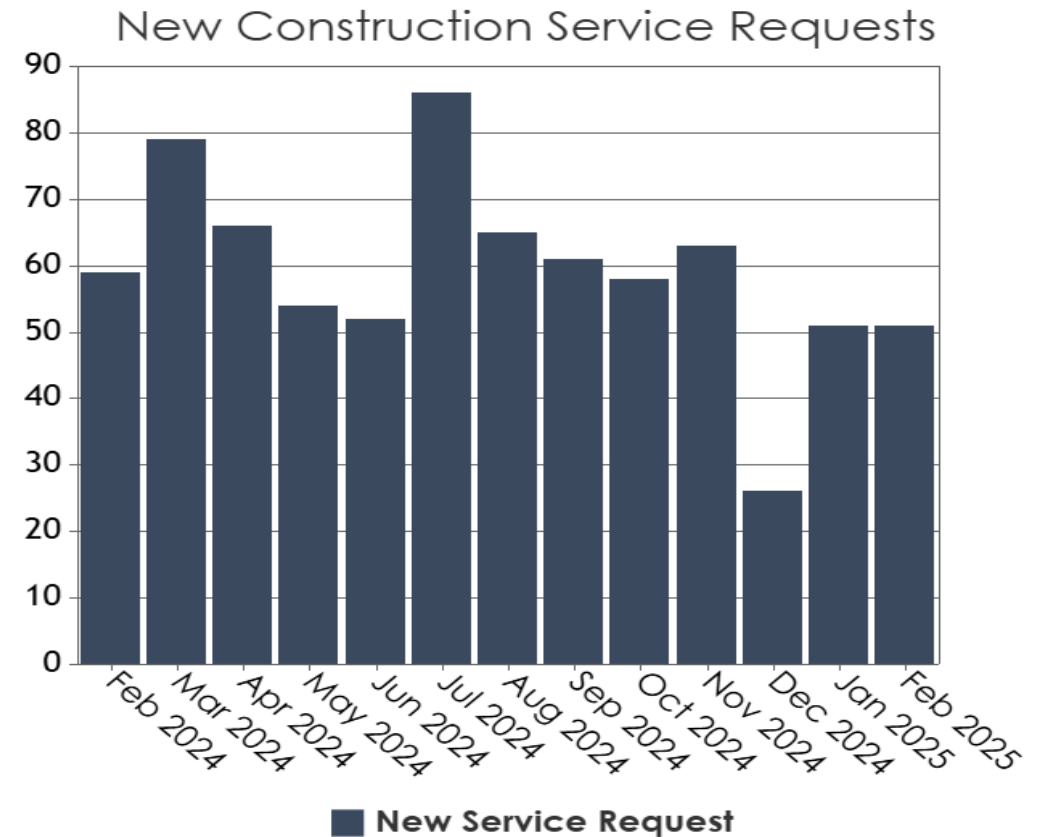


4.3 New Service Requests

New Service Requests



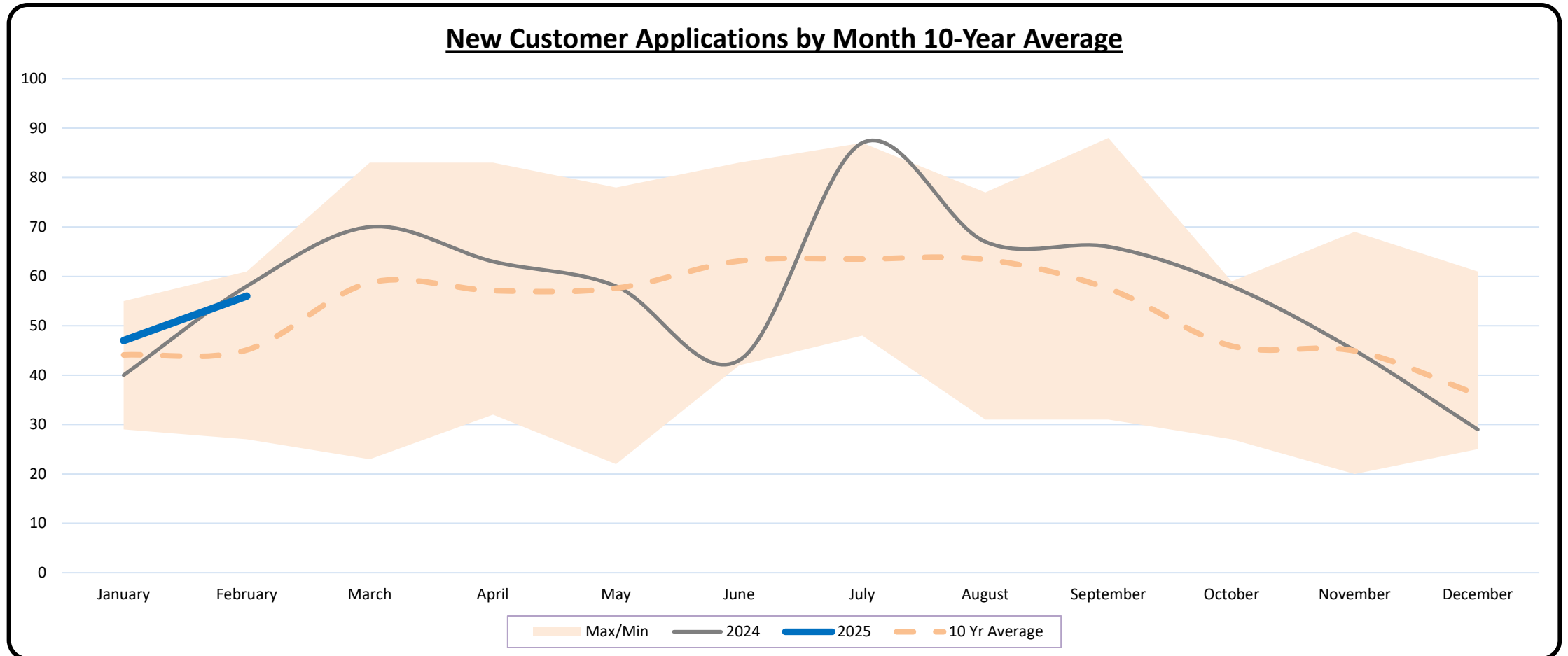
New Constructions



New Service Requests YTD (February): 2025 = 103

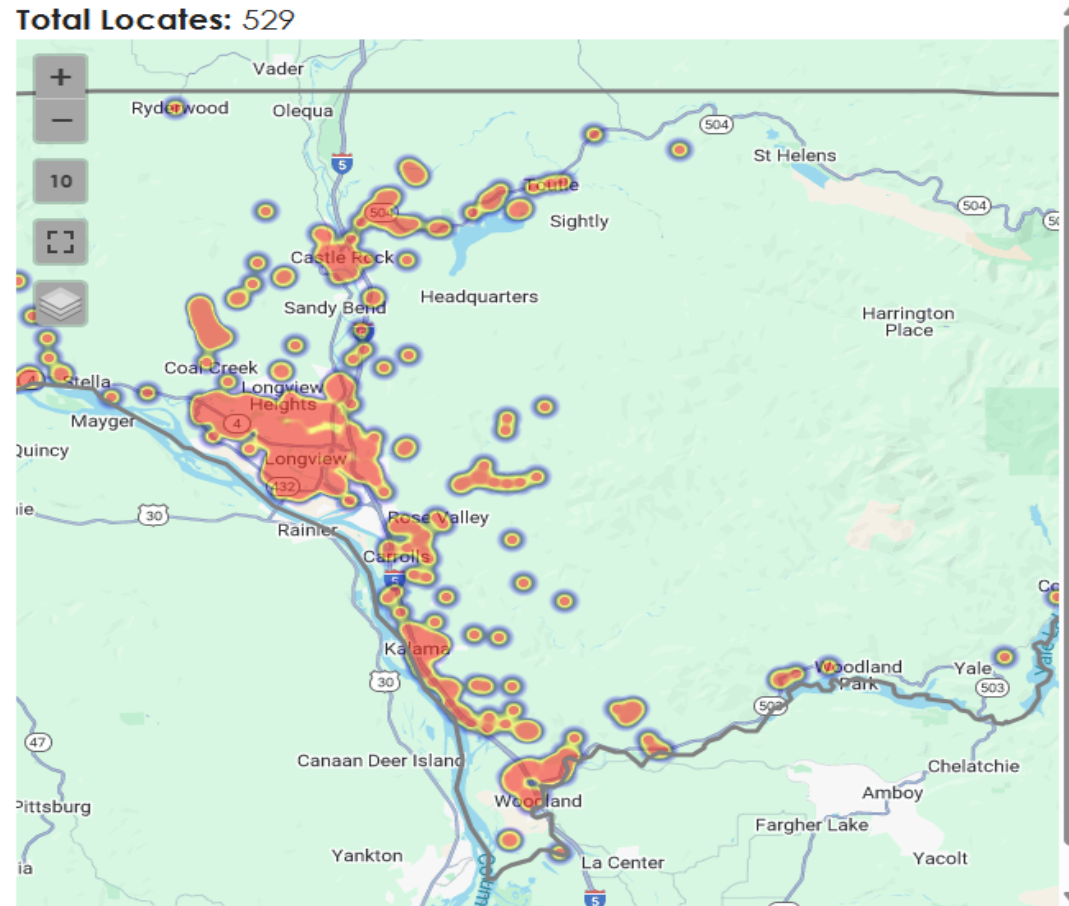
Total New Service Requests YTD are 5% more than the previous year and 15% more than the 10-year average.

4.3 New Service Requests Continued



4.4 Locates

Monthly Locates



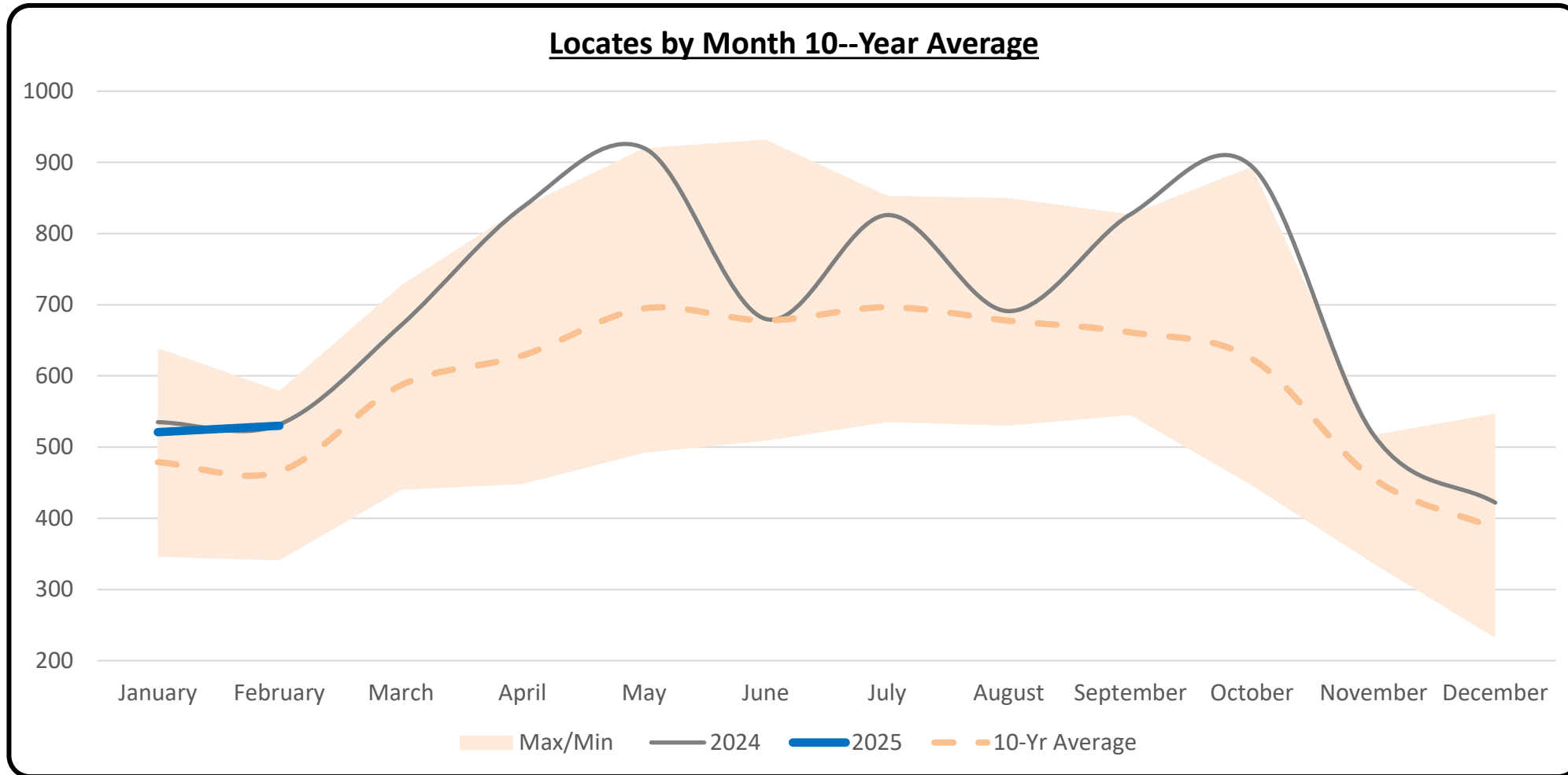
Locates



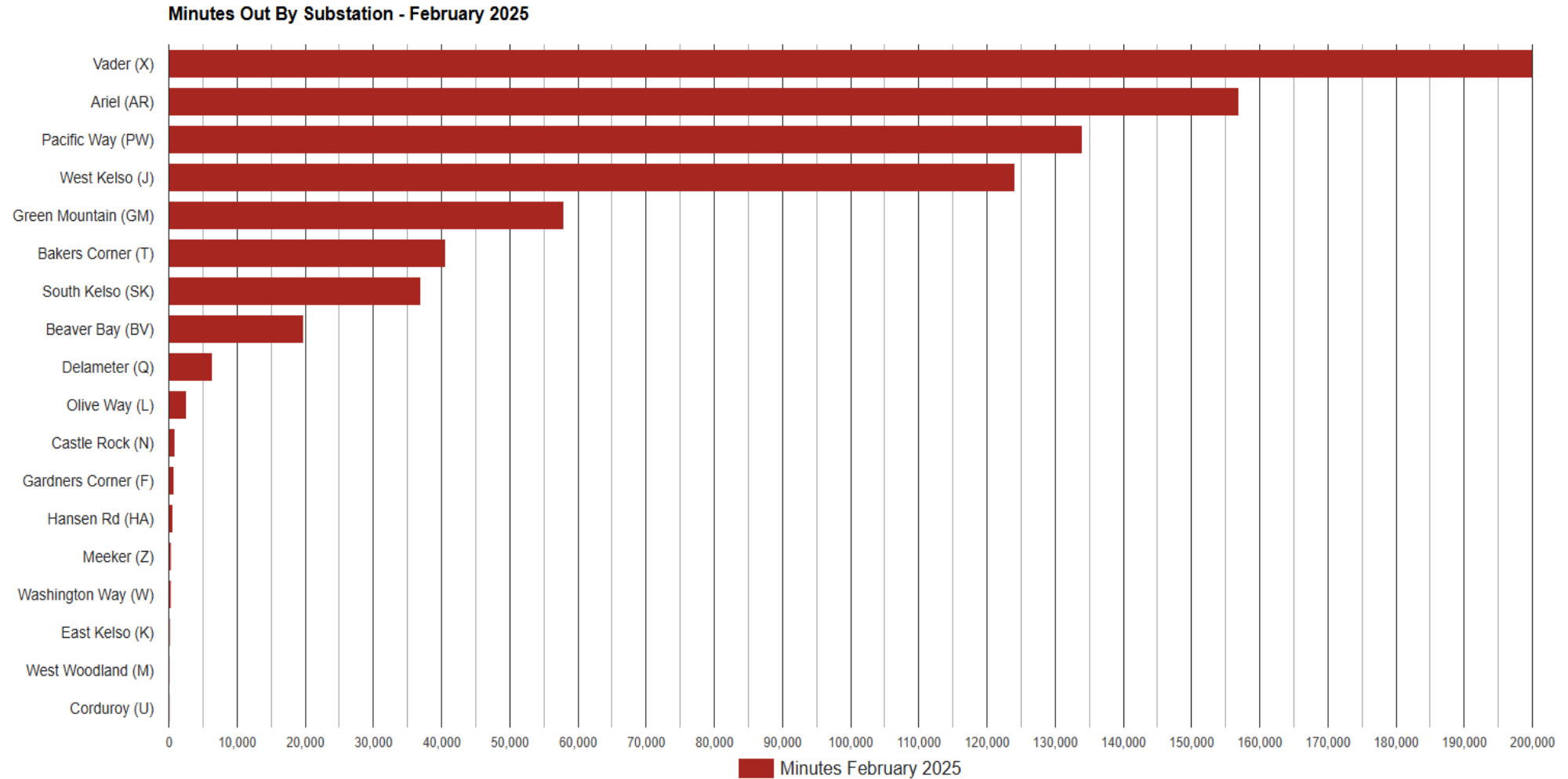
Locate Requests YTD (February): 2025 = 1051

Total Locate Requests YTD are 1% less than the previous year and 11% more than the 10-year average.

4.4 Locates Continued

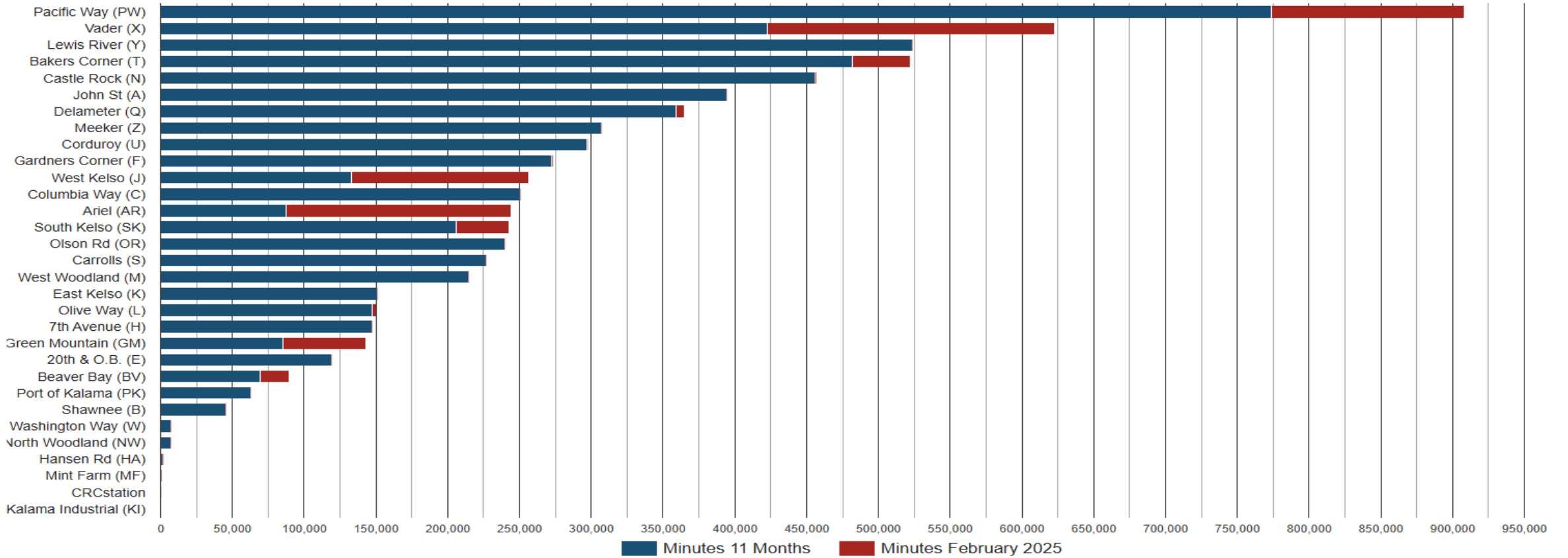


4.5 Substation Outages (exclusive of storms)



4.5 Substation Outages continued

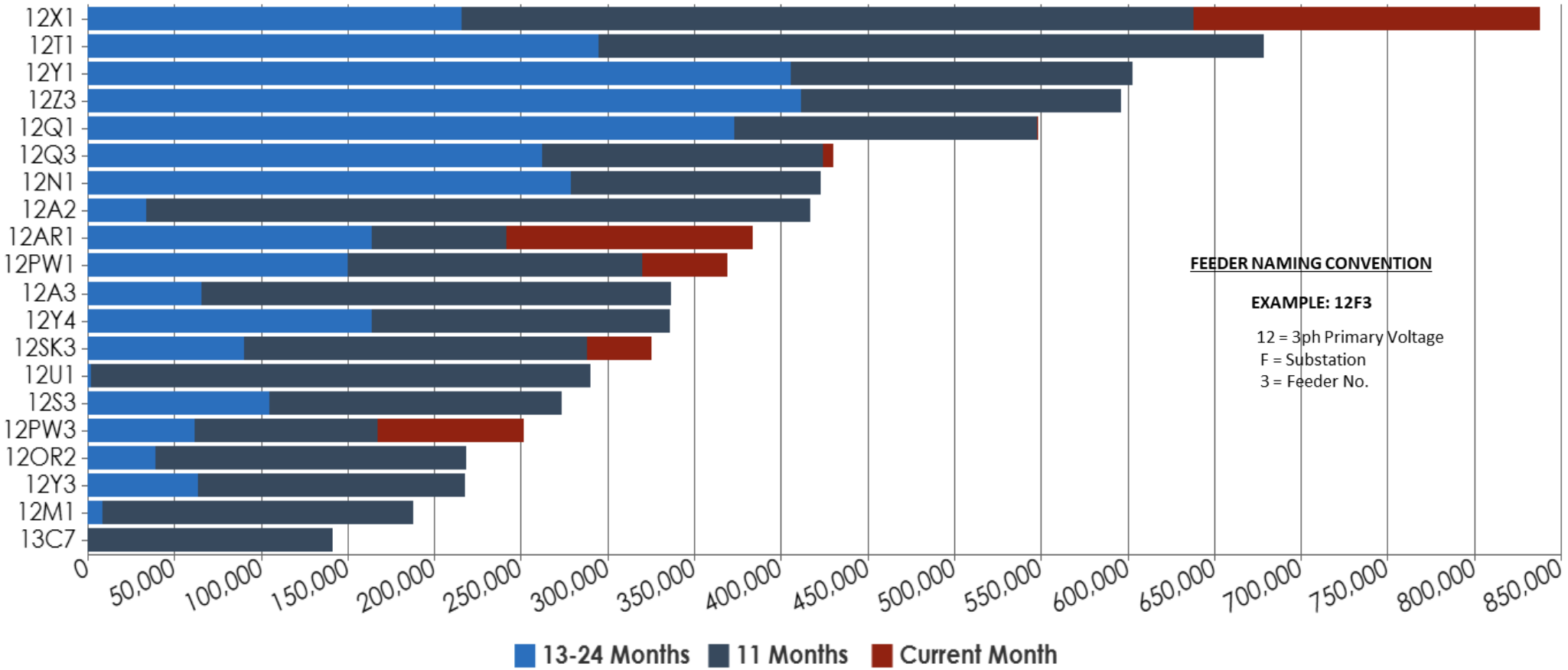
Minutes Out By Substation - Rolling 12 Months



4.6.1 Feeder Outages and Causes (exclusive of storms)

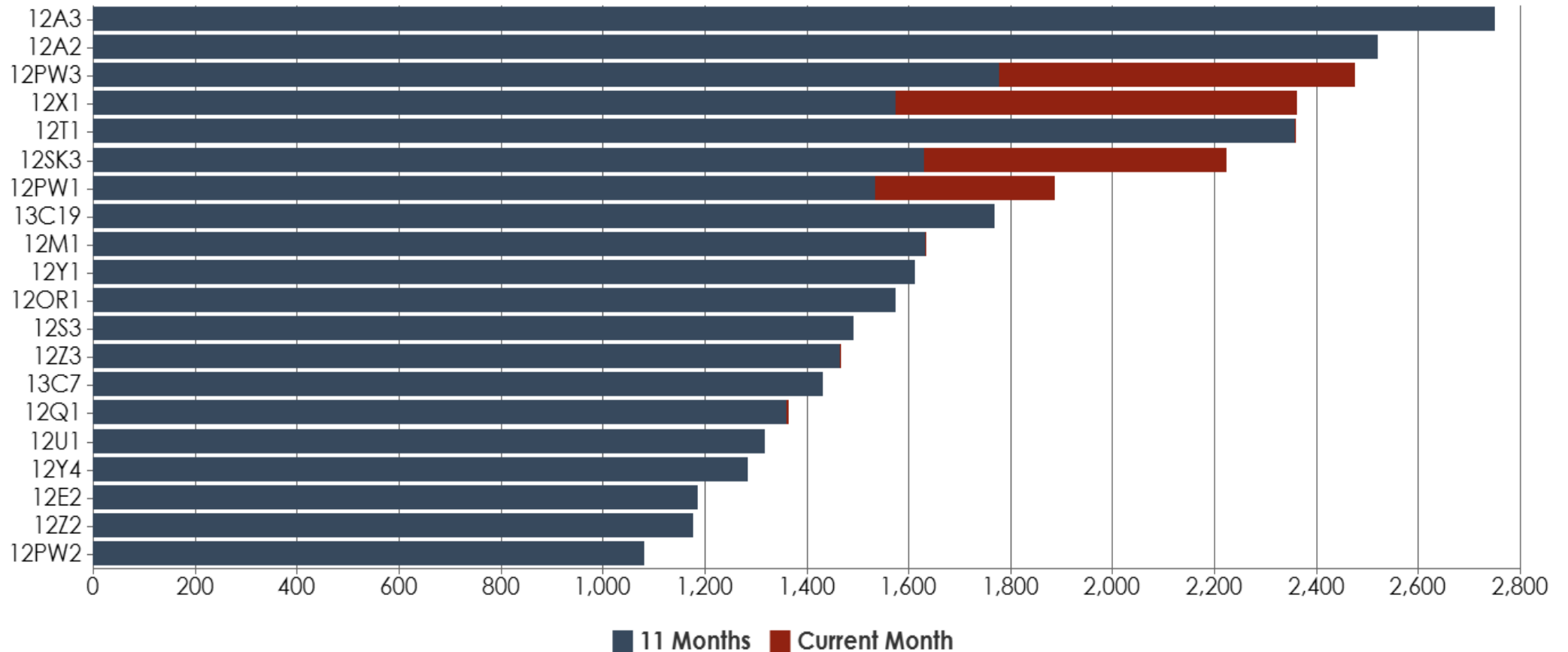
Feeder Outages & Causes - (rolling 12 months)

Top 20 Feeders by CMI



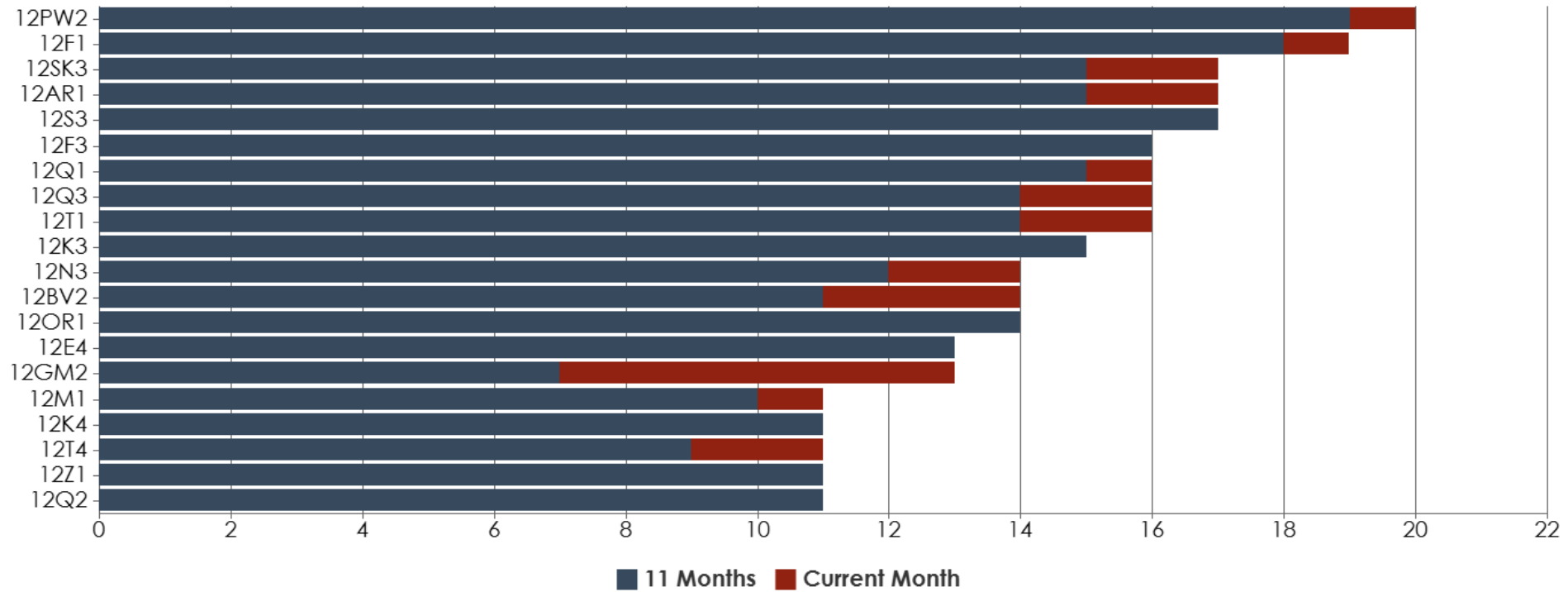
4.6.2 Feeder Outages and Causes continued

Top 20 Feeders by Customer



4.6.3 Feeder Outages and Causes continued

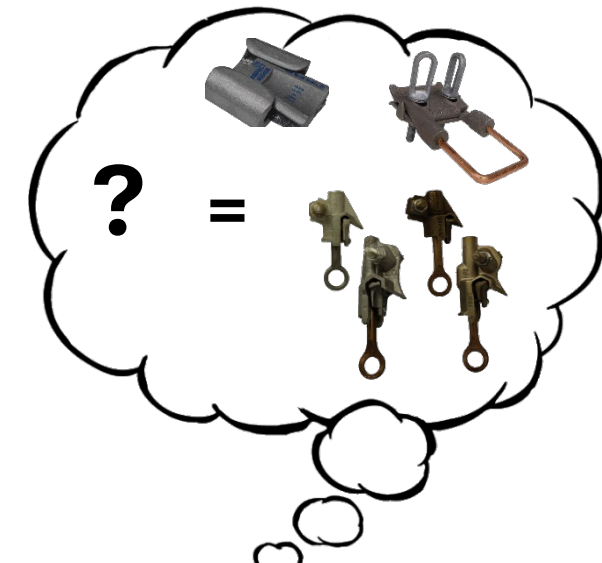
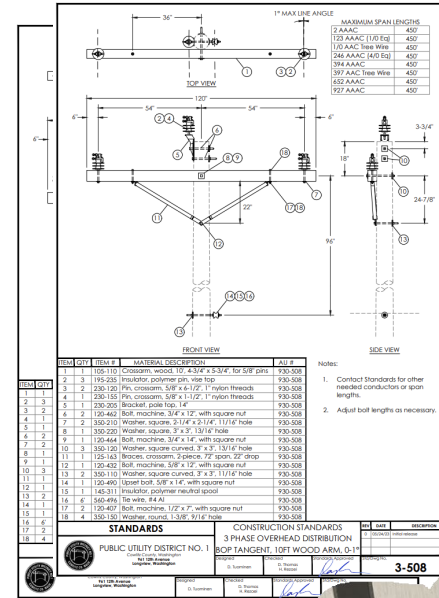
Top 20 Feeders by Incidents



4.7 Pictures & Hi-Lights

Dan Tuominen: Standards Engineer III

- Mentor for the Standards Eng I & 2025 Summer Intern
- Chair for the Standards Committee
- Main Engineering Resource for:
 - Construction Drawings
 - Assembly Units
 - Materials and Construction Standards
 - Product Specification, Review, & Approval
 - Failure Analysis
 - NESC (National Electric Safety Code)
- Software Expert (AutoCAD and PLS-CADD)



5.0 Customer Service



5.1 Customers Served

5.2 Customer Payments

5.3 Customer Disconnects

5.4 Customer Assistance

5.5 Customer Arrearages

5.6 Warm Neighbor Program

5.7 Customer Programs

5.8 Customer Service Levels

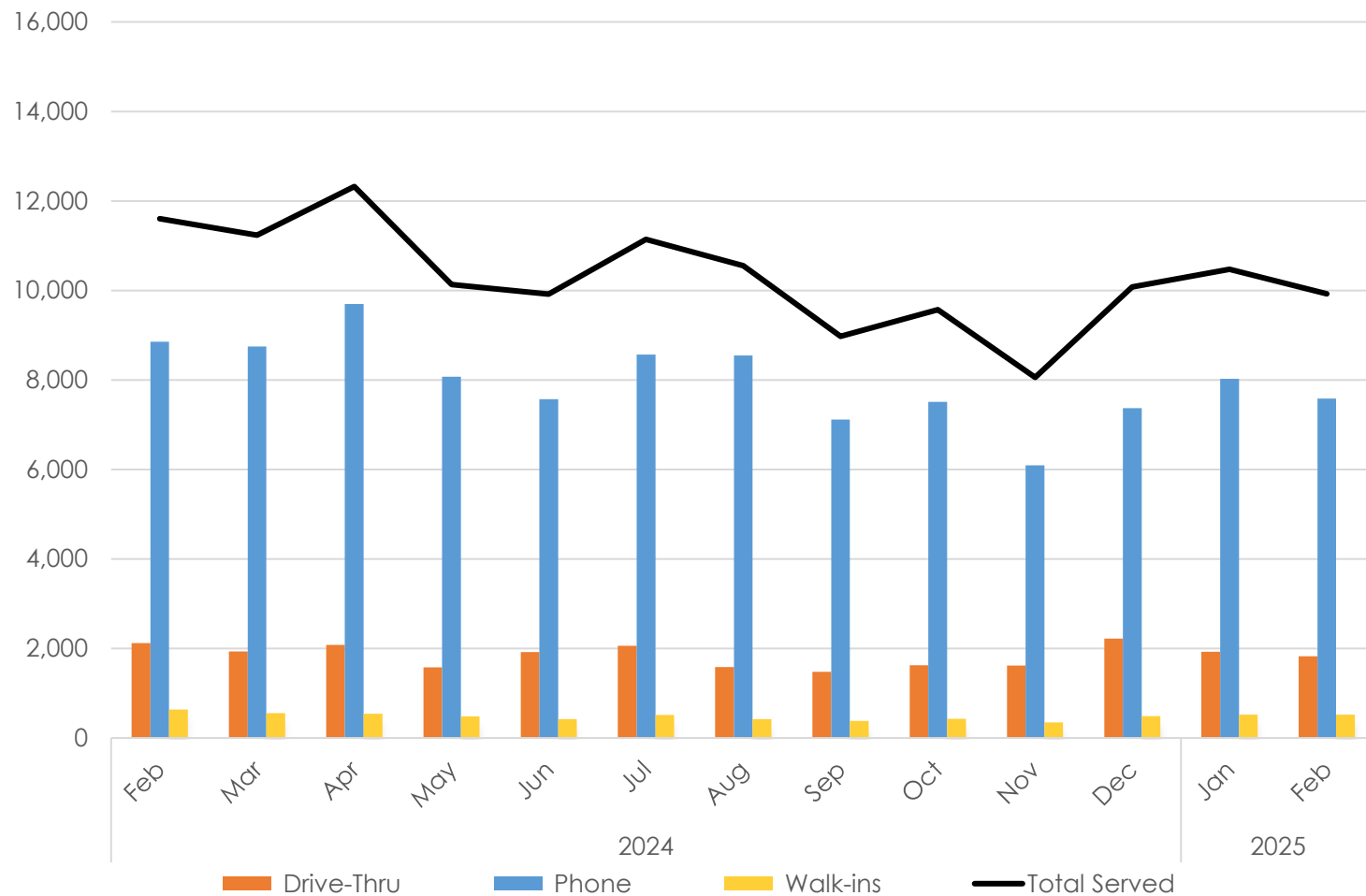
5.1 Customers Served

February Customers Served – 9,927

Drive Thru – 1,827

Phone – 7,581

Walk-Ins – 519



- Total customer contacts decreased slightly for February by approximately 500.
- Overall total customer contacts were down by approximately 1,700 compared to last February.

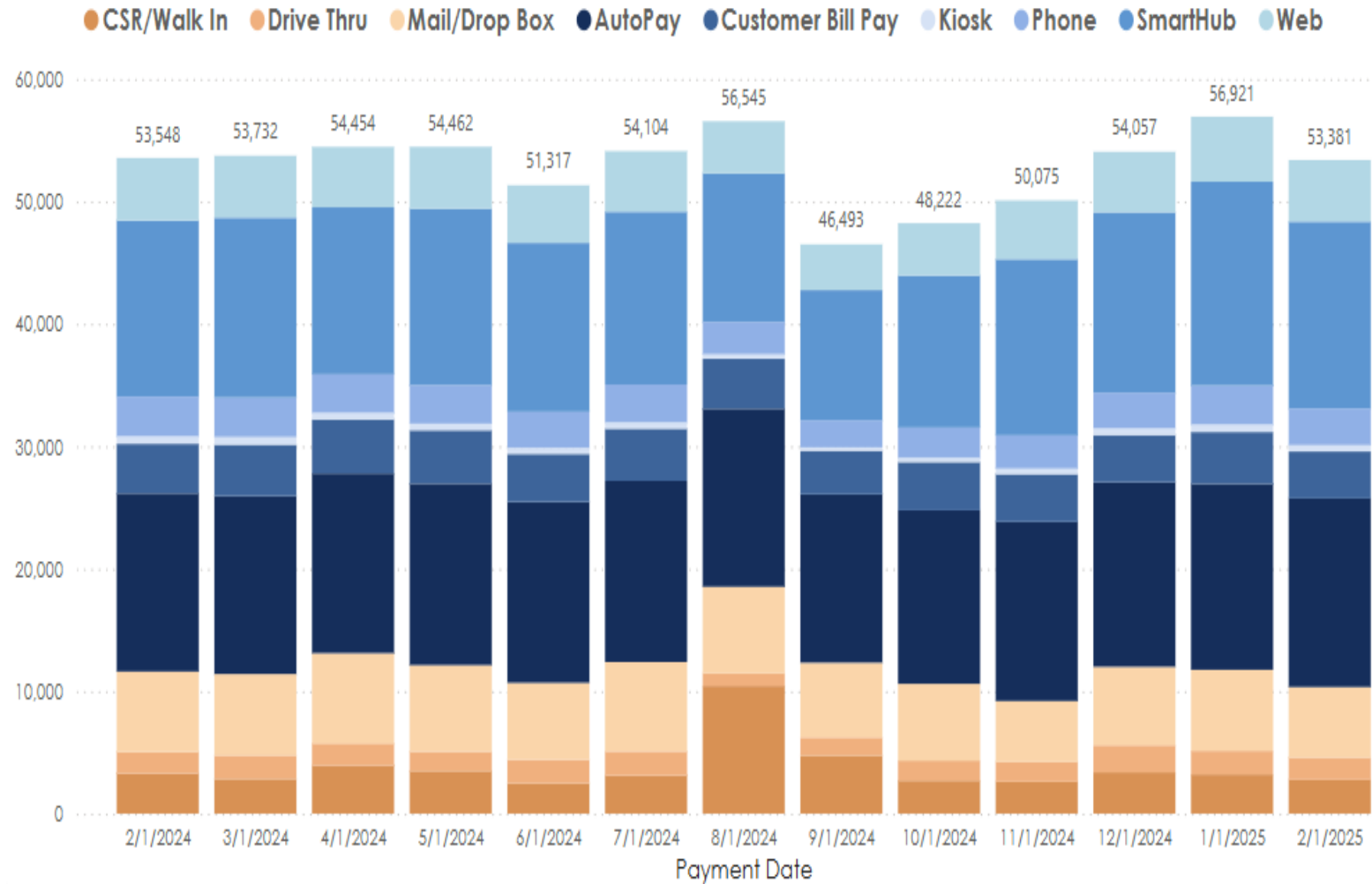


5.2 Customer Payments

February Payments – 53,381

CSR Processed – 10,338

System Processed – 43,043



- Total customer payments decreased by approximately 3.5k from the previous month likely due to being a shorter month.
- CSR processed payments (total orange) decreased by over 1k and system processed payments decreased by over 2k for February.



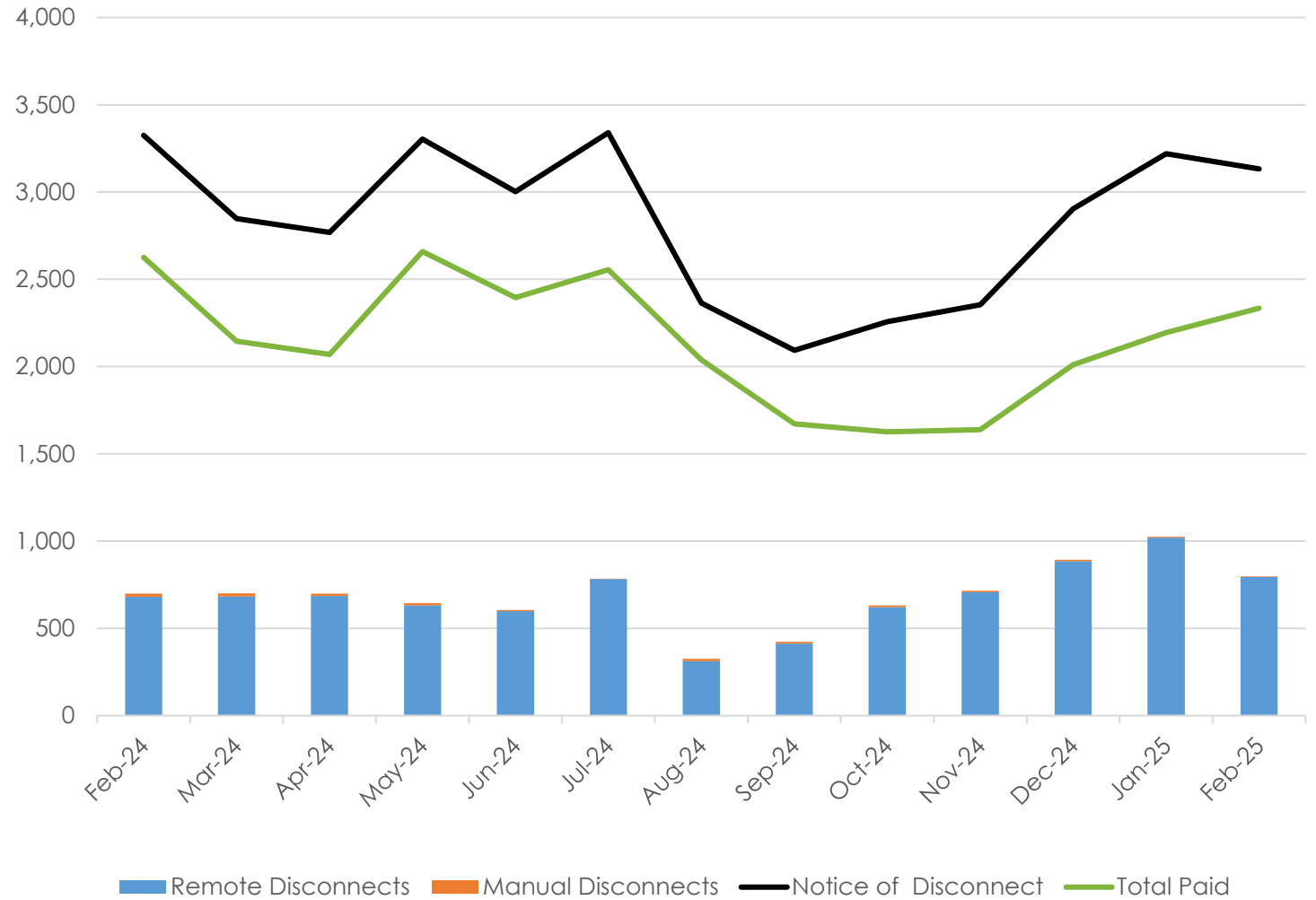
5.3 Customer Disconnects

February Disconnects – 798

Remote – 794
Manual – 4

Traditional – 379
PrePaid – 419

Pending Disconnects – 3,133
Accounts Paid – 2,335



- Disconnects decreased in February but is about average this time of year.
- Increased assistance through CAP and Warm Neighbor has played a key role in decreasing the disconnection numbers

5.4 Customer Assistance

February Assistance - \$184,632

DISCOUNT RATE - \$74,104

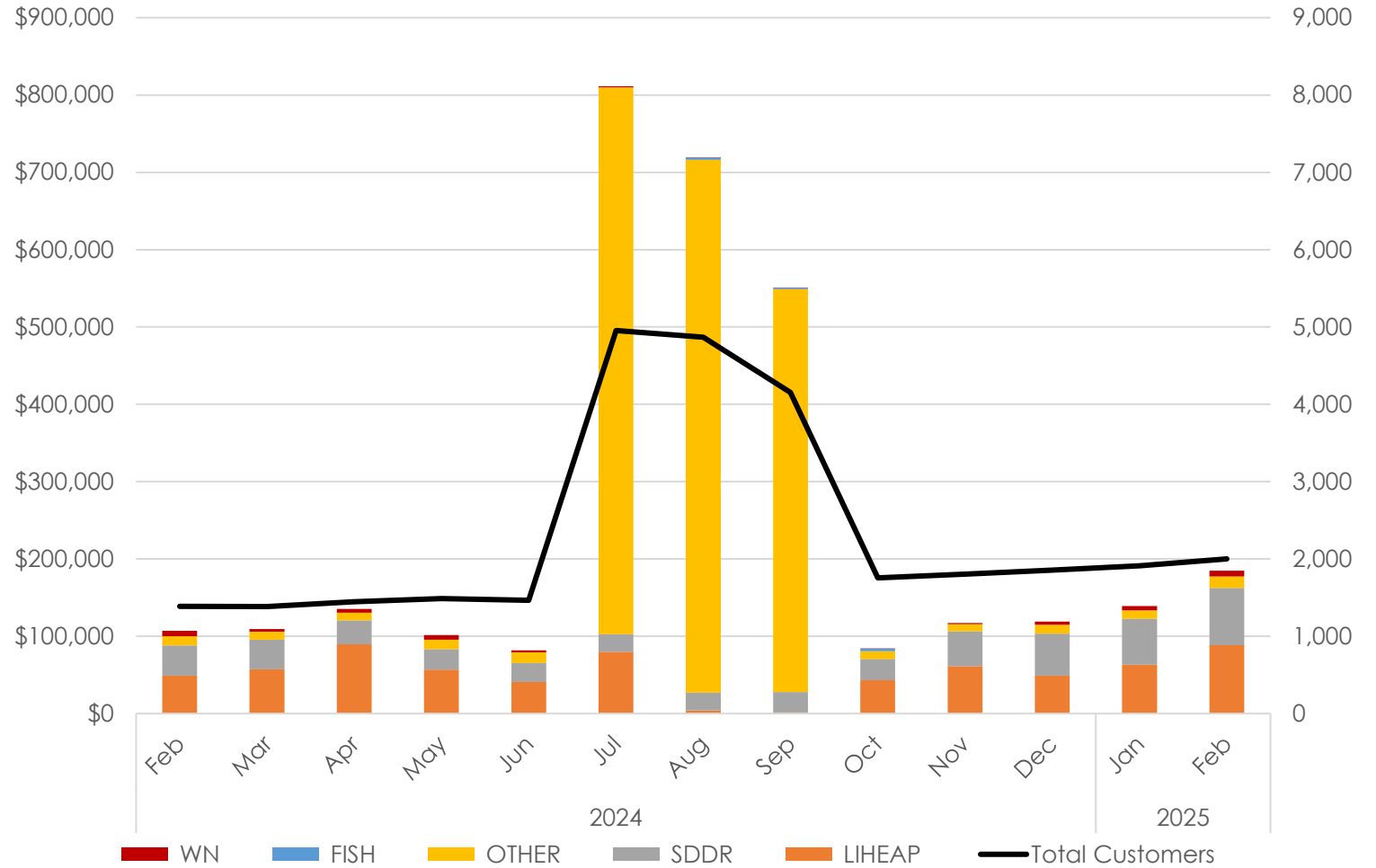
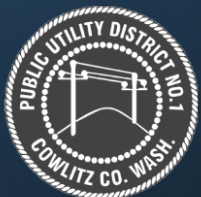
FISH - \$0

LIHEAP - \$88,419

OTHER - \$14,922

WARM NEIGHBOR – \$7,187

TOTAL CUSTOMERS – 2,000



- Assistance increased by over \$45k for the month of February.
- The Discount Rate Program saw a \$14k increase while LIHEAP increased by \$25k.
- Anticipate the increase will continue through March due to the colder weather and additional LIHEAP funds.
- LIHEAP will be providing an additional \$500 to approved applicants for the 2024-2025 funding year.

5.5 Customer Arrearages

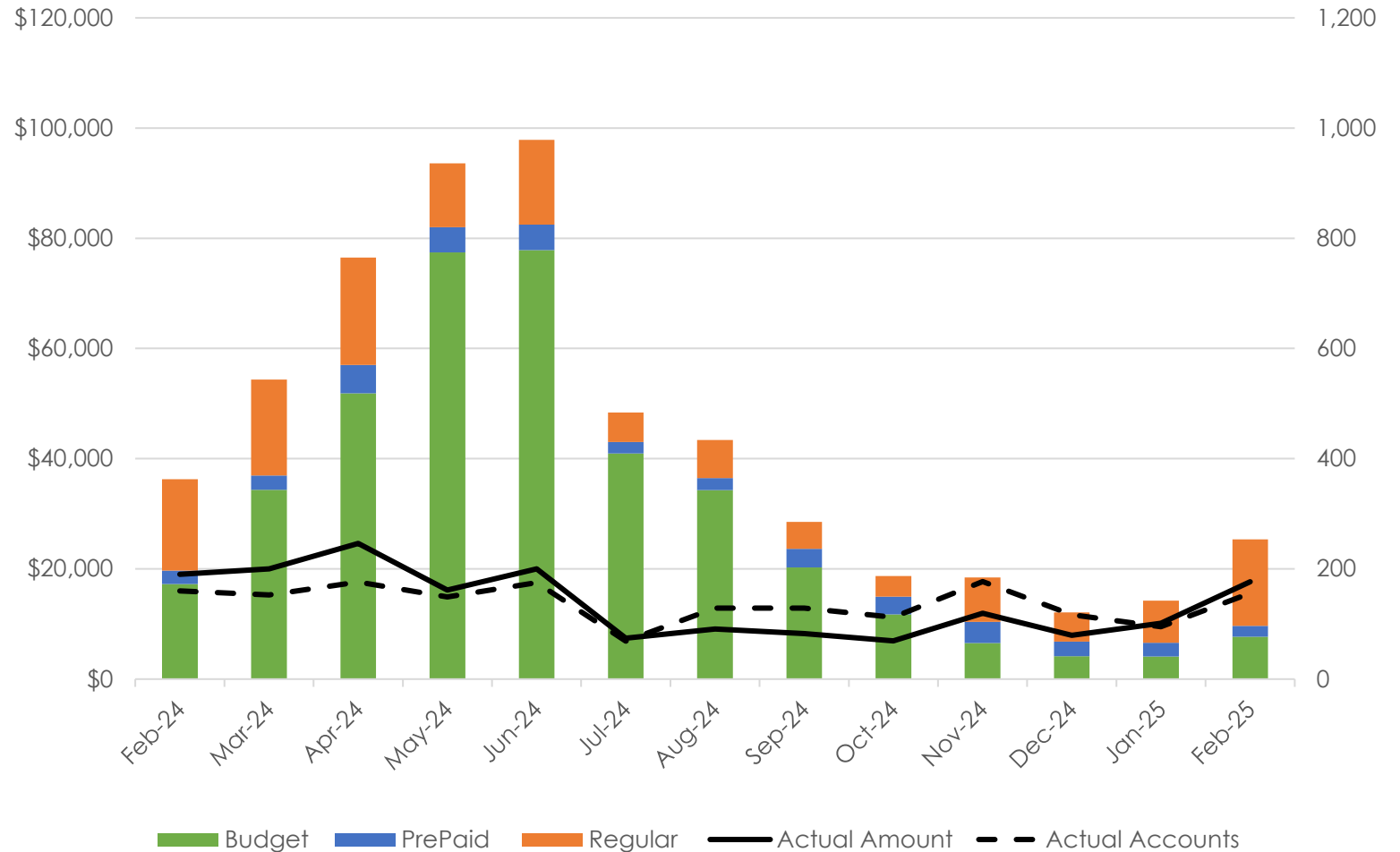
February Arrearages – \$25,356

Total Accounts – 231

Actual Past Due:

Past Due Total - \$17,664

Past Due Accounts - 156



- Total arrearages had over \$11k increase from last month but remain much lower than February of last year.
- Actual Past Due amounts continued to increase due to higher winter bills making it harder to pay off. With the additional CAP funding anticipate this to go down over the next few months.

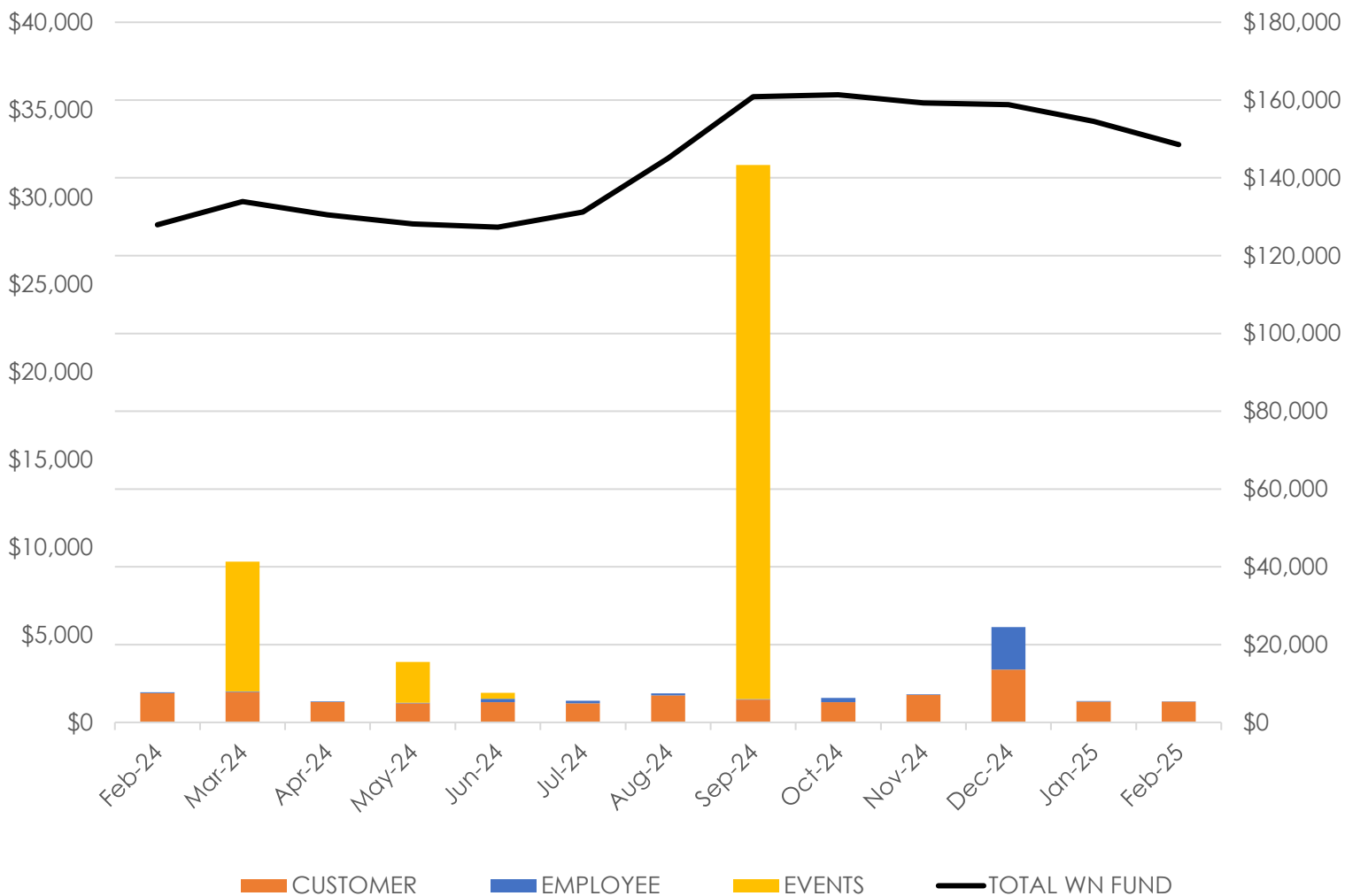
5.6 Warm Neighbor Program

February WN Balance – \$148,535

Customer - \$1,183.32

Employee - \$24

Events – \$0



- Donation amounts continue to remain flat and expect them to increase in the summer and fall.
- Final numbers for the Lights in the Park event will be reported when funds are received



5.7 Customer Programs

February Program Participation

SDDR – 1,761

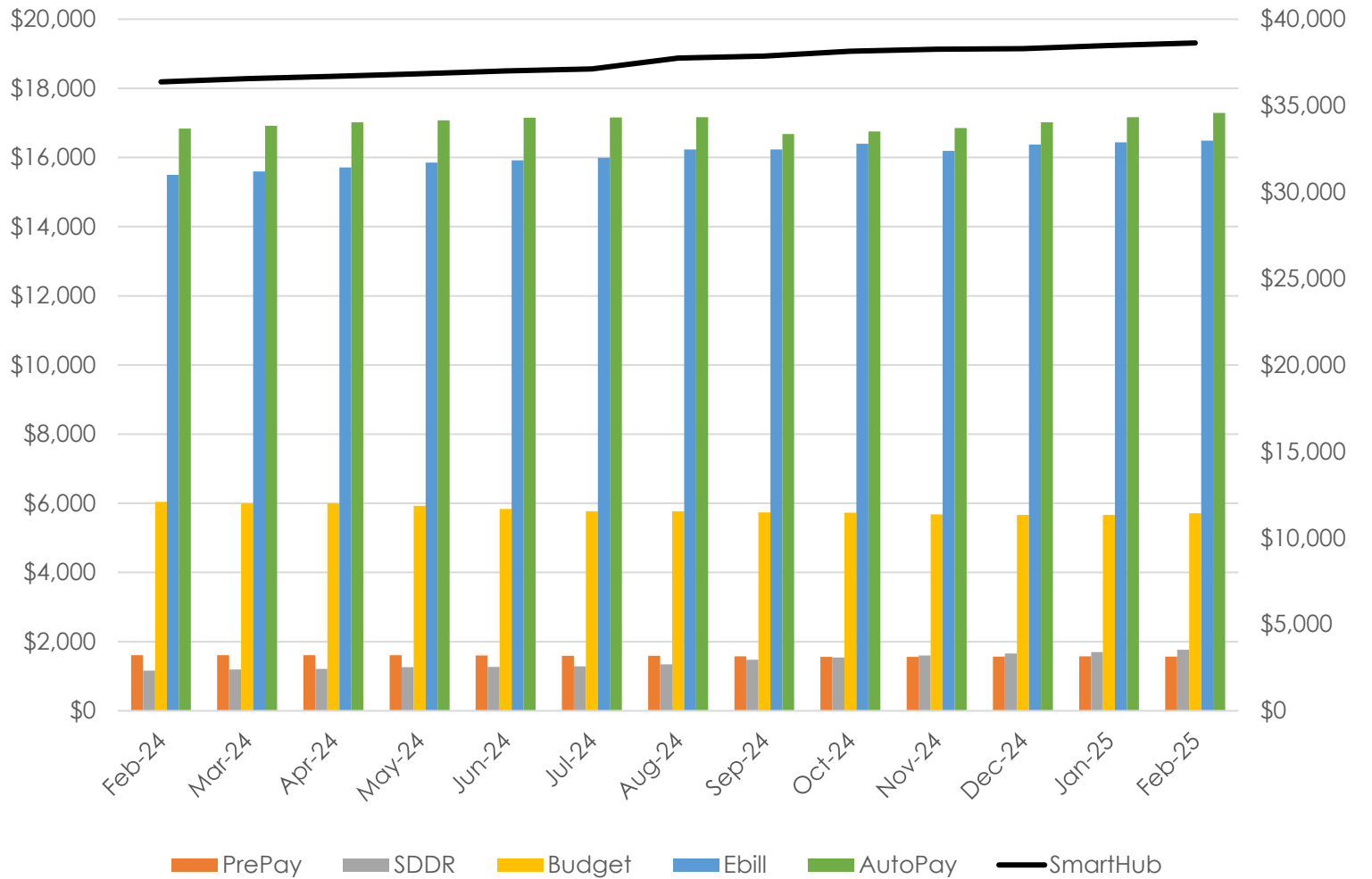
PrePay – 1,563

Budget – 5,712

eBill – 16,492

AutoPay – 17,288

SmartHub – 38,626



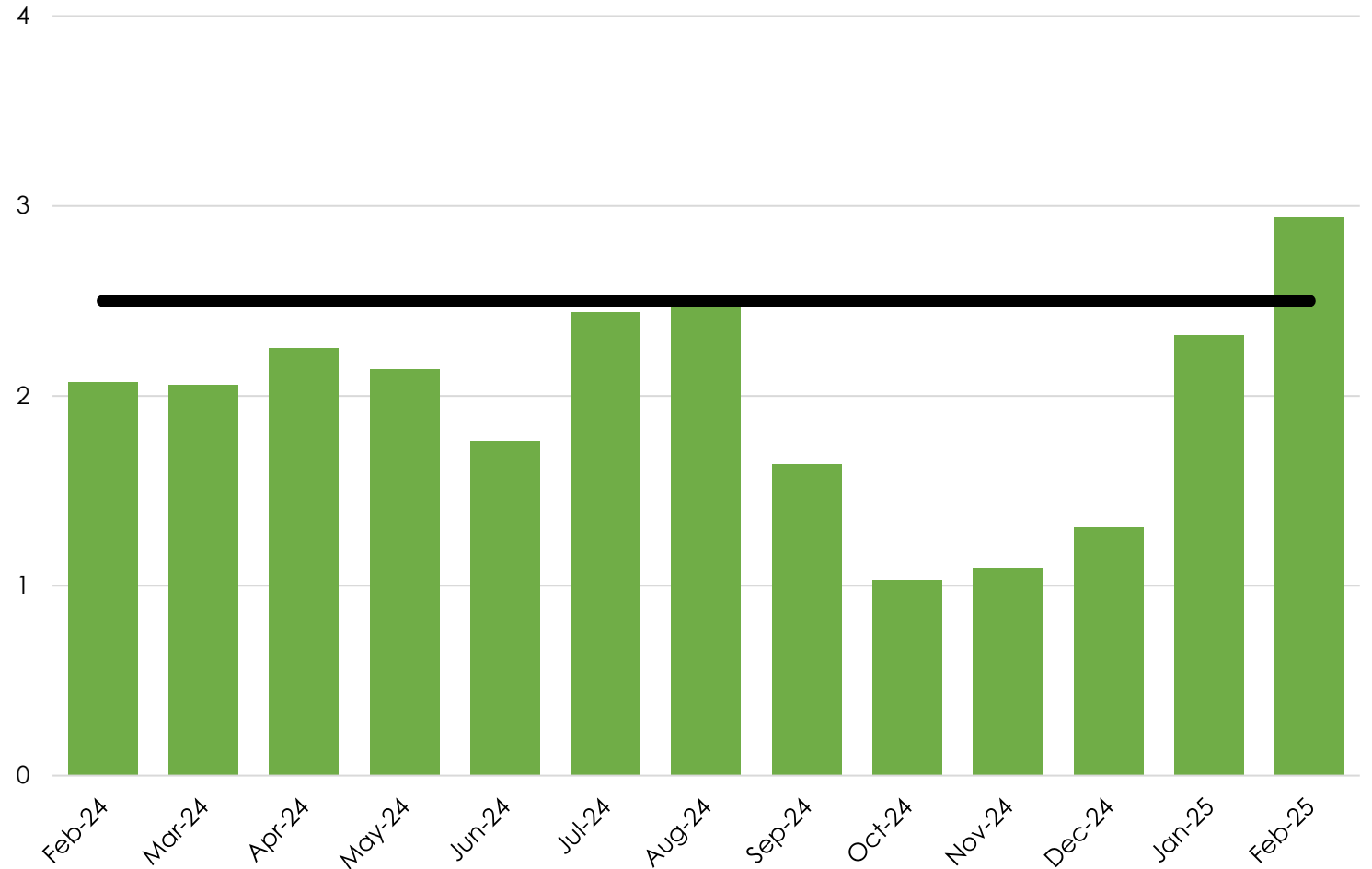
- All programs remain steady for February.
- Customers who meet the age, disability, or veteran requirements are now automatically enrolled in SDDR if they have been approved for LIHEAP. This saves both the customer and the District time in collecting and processing duplicate income information.

5.8 Customer Service Levels

February Call Wait Times

Service Level Goal – 2.5 mins

Current Month – 2.94 mins



- Call wait times increased in February due to lowered staffing levels and high bill calls.

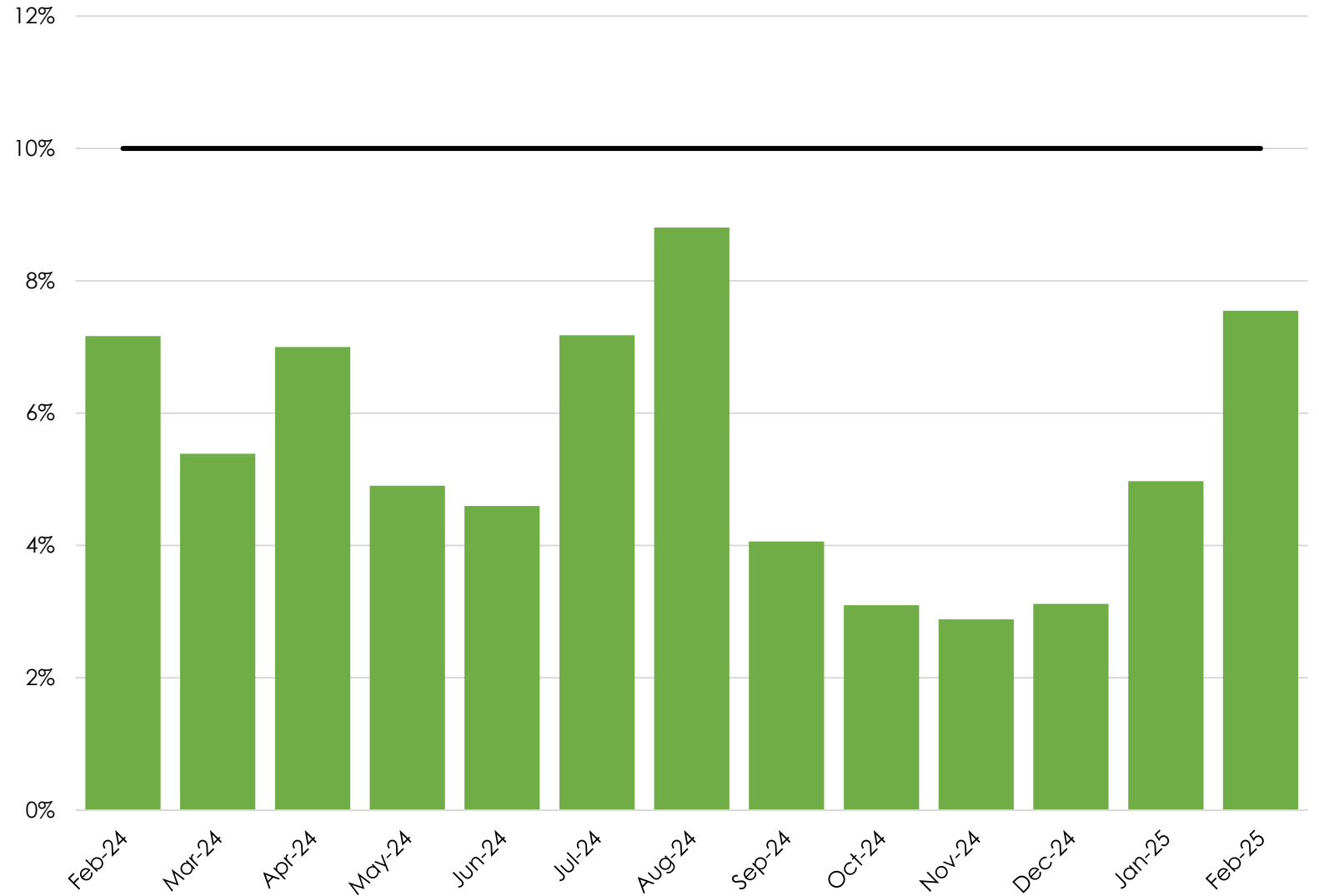


5.8 Customer Service Levels

February Abandoned Calls

Service Level Goal – <10%

Current Month – 7.5%



- Abandoned calls increased for February but is typical this time of year due to high bill calls.
- A total of 619 calls were abandoned out of 7,581 total calls.



6. Employee Services

6.1 Personnel Status

6.2 Current Employee Recruitments

6.3 Career Fair – Public and Student Outreach

6.1 Personnel Status

Current Employee Count:

174 full-time employees

4 part-time employee

New Hires:

- Our new Groundman, Jacob Helton started with the District on Monday, March 24, 2025.

6.2 Current Employee Recruitments

External Recruitments:

- We are currently recruiting to fill the following position:
 - Utility Contracts Coordinator (Joint Use/Right of Way) – this is to replace a vacant position. We currently have this position listed open until filled with our first review of applications, Monday, March 24, 2025.
 - Engineering Interns – we are currently recruiting for two interns in the Transmission and Distribution Engineering department. These positions are open through March 30, 2025.

6.3 Career Fair – Public and Student Outreach

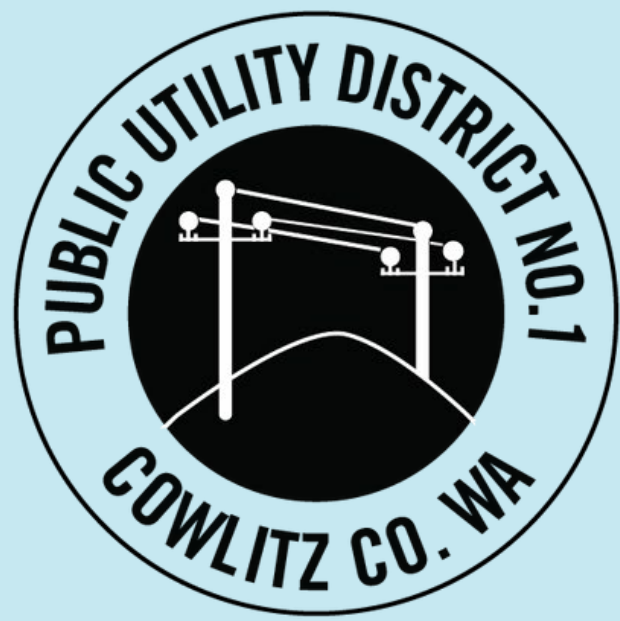
Outreach Events Coming up for 2025:

- **Kalama High School Career Fair – 3/25/2025**
 - This event will take place on March 25th at Kalama High School. We will be talking with students about the different career opportunities at a PUD.
- **WSU Vancouver Engineering and Technology Career Fair – 3/26/2025**
 - This event will take place on March 26th at WSU Vancouver. We will be promoting our internships and open positions to WSU students.
 - The District will have the following Internships open for 2025 – two Transmission & Distribution Engineering internships.
- **Woodland High School Career Fair – 4/18/2025**
 - This event will take place on April 18, 2025 in the Woodland High School gym.
 - Students will have the opportunity to meet with over 40 businesses from Cowlitz and Clark county and learn about what careers they offer.
- **Castle Rock High School Skilled Trades Fair – April 22, 2025**
 - This event will take place on April 22, 2025 in the Castle Rock High School parking lot.
 - This event will be open to not only Castle Rock High School students but from students at different high schools bringing over 600 students to the event.

6.3 Career Fair – Public and Student Outreach

Outreach Events Completed for 2025:

- **Longview High School College & Career Fair Day – 2/27/2025**
 - RA Long and Mark Morris High Schools will be hosting a one-day college and career fair for their students.
 - RA Long will run from 8:30-10:30am
 - Mark Morris will run from 12:30pm – 2:00pm
 - These two career fairs were targeted at Junior and Senior level students to learn about the careers that Cowlitz PUD offers. Cowlitz discussed different job opportunities with the students and the education needs for the careers they were interested in.
- **Carrols Elementary School – Career Week – 3/6/2025**
 - Cowlitz PUD attended the Carrols Elementary school career week and presented to 29, 4th and 5th grade students. During this time, we played a match game where we discussed different careers at Cowlitz PUD and what people in those careers do each day.



Communications Q1 2025

Shedding Light On Insulation

If you are curious what the best energy efficiency project is, look no further than insulation. It's like a giant blanket for your house. Insulation helps to stop the movement of heat into and out of your home. Adequate levels provide stable temperatures throughout the house, while reducing your monthly utility bills.

How much does my home really need?

Home Type	Attic/Ceiling/ Roof	Floor	Wall
Single-Family	R-49	R-30	R-13
Manufactured	R-22	R-22	
Multifamily-Low Rise	R-49	R-19	R-13
Multifamily-Mid/High Rise	R-49		R-13

How do I know if my home needs insulation?

Call Energy Efficiency Services for a free home energy audit. Our Energy Efficiency Specialists will review the level of existing insulation in your attic and crawl spaces. Based on what you do or do not have, they can recommend the level needed to increase your comfort.

Don't forget to ask about available rebates!

Cowlitz PUD offers a variety of rebates for attic, floor, and wall insulation. Once you have a home energy



audit on file with the PUD, request bids from contractors that are licensed and bonded in Washington State. We recommend getting at least two bids. Submit the bids to Energy Efficiency Services to begin the review and pre-approval process before the work is started. Our Energy Efficiency Specialists are here to help you every step of the way. Contact us today to get started! Visit www.cowlitzpud.org for detailed incentive information, call 360.501.9514 (Toll-Free: 800.631.1131), or send an email to eeservices@cowlitzpud.org.

GREEN POWER



New Service Estimator Tool
Looking for new electrical service? The residential estimator provides an estimate of what it may cost to install electric facilities for service to your new home based on the distance you provide.

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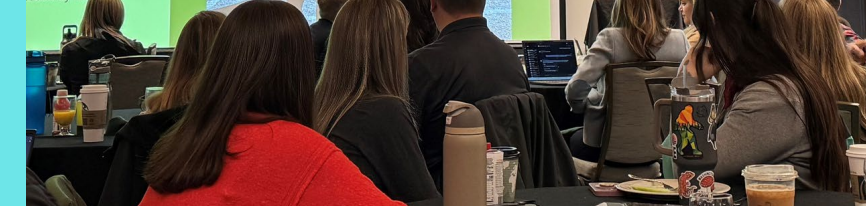
**WARM NEIGHBOR
PROGRAM**



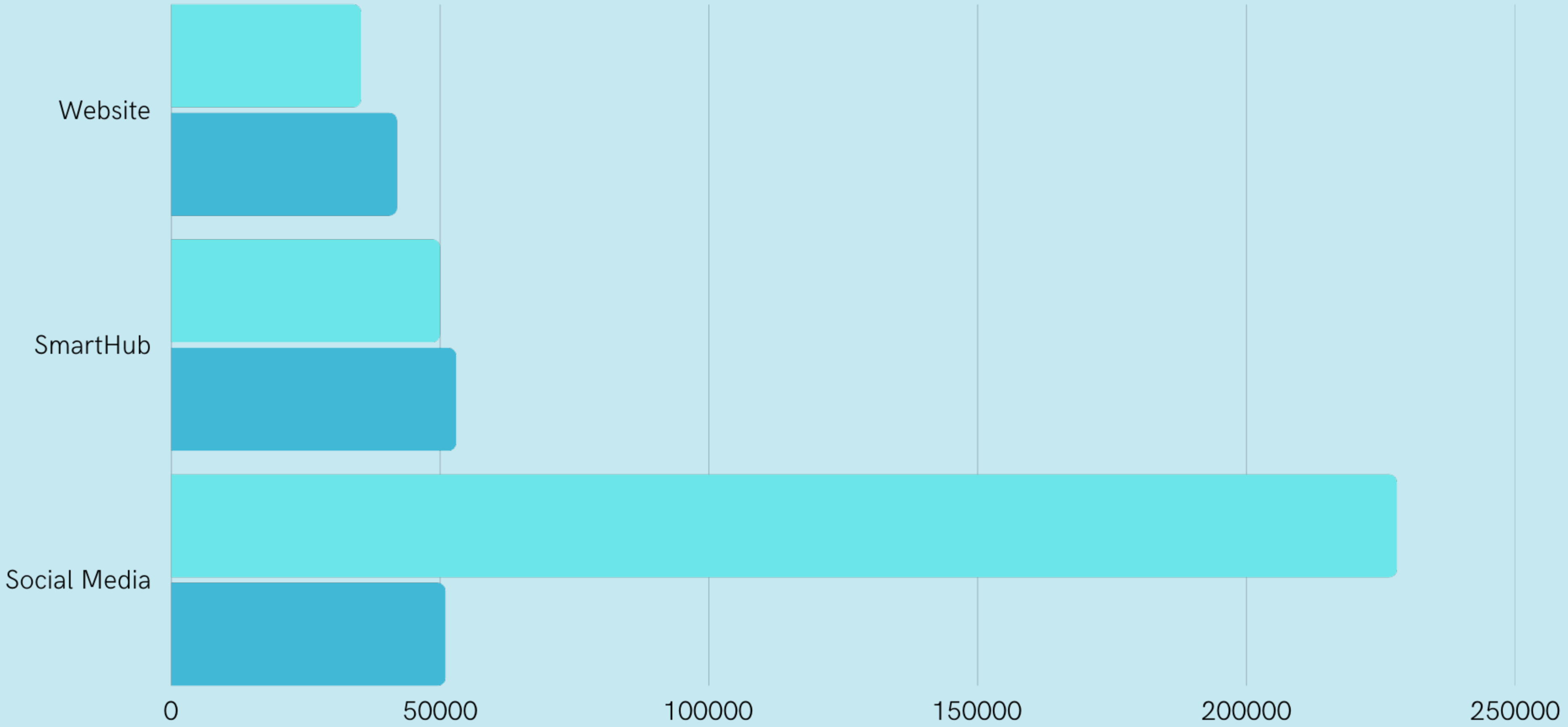
**SMALL CHANGES
MEAN
BIG WINTER
SAVINGS**











LILIE DIETZ
Public Relations and
Communications Manager
Her thoughts about her position:
Spontaneity
Relationship with the
community
Ability to change the
narrative by using words



● Q1 2025 ● Q1 2024



	<p>We have had several instances where customers have moved downed wire! That is neither demure or mindful. Treat all downed wire as though it is energized - it could save your life! - NEVER touch or go near a downed wire, and do not touch anything on which the wire is resting. - Avoid making any physical contact with or approaching anyone...</p> <p>Tue, Jan 7</p>	Views	Reach	Interactions
		55,040	13,813	781
	<p>Our teams have been tirelessly working around the clock to restore power. We are now down to just a few hundred customers without service. We appreciate our customers' understanding as our crews persist in their efforts to bring back your power. For up to date outage information visit: https://www.cowlitzpud.org/outages/outage-map/</p> <p>Dec 26, 2024</p>	Views	Reach	Interactions
		35,045	13,599	514
	<p>Update 2.25.25 07:52 AM: Our teams have been tirelessly working around the clock on restoration efforts. They are focused on restoring power to the last 350 customers who are currently without electricity. Cowlitz PUD will keep a close eye on the weather and remain ready for any further outages that may arise during today's wind advisory. We...</p> <p>Mon, Feb 24</p>	Views	Reach	Interactions
		13,868	6,794	90
	<p>Regularly cleaning filters safeguards your appliances and guarantees they function effectively! 📍 Write the date you replaced the filter on the new cardboard filter frame. This helps you remember when it was last replaced. 📅 Or schedule a reminder in your calendar to check your filters.</p> <p>Wed, Jan 22</p>	Views	Reach	Interactions
		18,432	6,652	208
	<p>Due to the wind advisory, Cowlitz County is facing multiple outages across the region. Our crews are actively deployed throughout the county and will keep working until all power is restored. We appreciate your patience as Cowlitz PUD crews are bringing back your electricity. For up to date outage information visit:...</p> <p>Dec 26, 2024</p>	Views	Reach	Interactions
		10,042	4,744	164
	<p>Thanks to the generous contributions from customers, events, and employee support, Cowlitz PUD's Warm Neighbor Program surpassed \$70,000 in 2024! This initiative directly aids the most vulnerable members of the Cowlitz County community. With customers facing higher winter bills due to the cold snaps in January and February, now is an...</p> <p>Tue, Mar 4</p>	Views	Reach	Interactions
		8,700	3,412	192
	<p>Did you know Cowlitz PUD has a rideshare program available? It won't be here for too much longer so catch a ride while you can! Save your gas and rent our EV!</p> <p>Mon, Jan 6</p>	Views	Reach	Interactions
		5,418	1,588	81
	<p>A heartfelt shout-out goes to Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue, Longview Fire, and Cowlitz PUD Crews. Safety is not just a practice; it's a culture. It represents a partnership between our community and various agencies. Above all, safety remains our highest priority.</p> <p>Thu, Mar 6</p>	Views	Reach	Interactions
		2,003	1,288	27

Q1 Events

Kelso Rotary

Presented on Warm Neighbor

NWPPA Wildfire Conference

Participated in Training

Association of Community College National Legislative Summit

Led a group of Lower Columbia College students in discussions with Senator Cantwell, Senator Murray, and Congresswoman MGP about local career pathways

Mark Morris and RA Long Career Fair

Teedara met with local high school students about career opportunities in the Utility Industry

Foundation for Water & Energy Education

Help plan FWEE Southwest WA Hydropower & STEM Career Academy

NW NISC User Group

Presented to 150 NW utility about Cowlitz PUD's promotions through NISC




Q1 Promotions

platforms:

- PUD Radio Show first and second Saturday with Stacey Ferrell, Jen Langdon, and Alice Dietz
- Radio Advertising
- Social Media Advertising
- Print Advertising
- Streaming

topics:

- Downed Wire Safety
- Cleaning Filters
- RideShare Program
- Round-Up for Warm Neighbor Assistance Programs
- Cold Weather Insulation
- Income Eligible Heat Pump Water Heater
- New Estimator Tool



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PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
COWLITZ CO. WA

What's New?

Streaming Audio



Overview

impressions:

26,344

completions:

25,126

95.38%

Top Creative

Cowlitz PUD Weather Alert Male Vo...

Impressions: 11,368

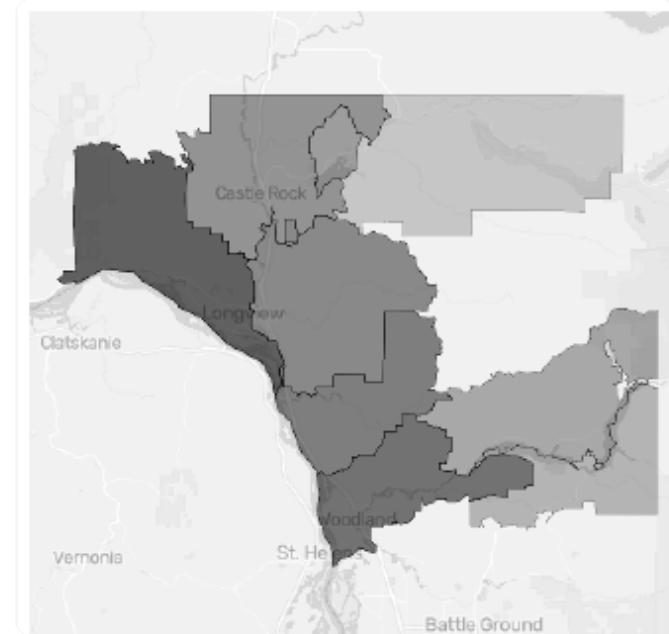
Completion Rate
96.77%

Cowlitz PUD Weather Alert Female ...

Impressions: 9,872

Completion Rate
94.28%

Target Geography



Top Cities

location	impressions
Longview, Washington	17,733
Woodland, Washington	3,774
Kalama, Washington	2,056
Kelso, Washington	1,855
Castle Rock, Washington	522
Silver Lake, Washington	184
Ariel, Washington	138
Amboy, Washington	53
Toutle, Washington	29

Top Placements

website	completion rate
Spotify Music	97.55%
audacy.com	99.16%
iheart.com	99.23%
audioboom.com	97.43%
foxnews.com	79.47%
libsyn.com	100.00%
alphamediausa.com	87.77%
sonos.com	100.00%
bonneville.com	99.19%
nwnewsradio.com	100.00%

2025 Proposed Events

- Earth Day Saturday, April 26th
- Concerts at the Lake, First Thursdays beginning July 10th
- Black Bears Game July 10th
- Community BBQ August 4th
- Weekend for Warm Neighbor September 11th & 12th
- Resource Fair October 9th
- Christmas Parade December 6th



Strategic Planning:

Working on our strategic initiatives

Engagement

Cowlitz PUD will communicate, educate, and engage with its employees, customers, and stakeholders to maintain positive relationships and prepare for future change.

- Empower and Prepare Customers for Their Energy Decisions
 - Establish PUD as the free, number one resource for all questions and concerns regarding electricity.
 - Solar Resource
 - Radio Advertising
 - Consistent Radio Program Messaging
 - Promote clean, renewable hydropower.
 - Messaging on Community Outreach Swag
 - Consistent Radio Program Messaging
 - Service Club Program Topic
 - Kid's Fish In
 - Support and grow customers' understanding of year-round, self-sustaining outage and emergency preparedness.
 - SmartHub Features in Connected Newsletter, Social Media, Radio Programming and Print
 - Consistent Social Media Posts that Align with Self-sustaining Messaging
 - Wildfire Townhall

8. Regulatory and Regional Affairs 3/25/2025

8 – March **Activity**

8.1 – 2025 Legislative Session

8.2 – District Actions on Bills

8.3 – Bill Tracker

8.4 – State

8.5 – Federal



8.1 2025 Legislative Session



- ❖ March 12th House of Origin milestone reached
 - Senate passed 273 bills, while the House passed 262
 - Bills that weren't passed are considered dead unless deemed "Necessary to Implement the Budget"
 - Opposite chamber policy bills must be approved by their assigned committees by April 2nd
- ❖ Governor Ferguson's legislative team resigns as the session enters a critical period, followed by the departure of his Chief Strategy Officer and longtime policy adviser
 - Governor and House/Senate Democrats continue to clash over competing approaches to close the state's budget shortfall
- ❖ District engagement on key legislation:
 - Testified in Senate hearing in favor of Clean Energy Transformation Act amendments relating to wholesale unspecified electricity market purchases
 - Refining and clarifying amendments that modernize the Underground Utilities "Dig" Law
 - Submitted written comments opposing expansive "environmental crimes" legislation that would expose the District and its employees to criminal prosecution for alleged negligence
- ❖ District Commissioners and staff performed direct outreach at WPUA's Day on the Hill and Legislative Reception events in Olympia during February and March

8.2 District Actions on Bills

Bill	Description	Sponsor	Comp. Bill	Priority	PUD Position	PUD Action
1253	Expanding the ability of consumer-owned utilities to enter into joint use agreements.	(Ybarra)		Low	Support	Sign In
1271	Permitting early deployment of state fire service resources.	(Nance)		Low	Support	Sign In
1329	Concerning wholesale power purchases by electric utilities under the Washington clean energy transformation act.	(Hunt)		High	Support	Testified
1409	Concerning the clean fuels program.	(Fitzgibbon)		Watch	Concerns	Monitor, Outreach
1610	Concerning the disclosure of critical energy infrastructure information.	(Hunt)	5582	High	Support	Sign In
1822	Establishing a driver work zone and first responder safety course requirement.	(Low)	5717	Low	Support	Sign In
1842	Allowing public utility districts to form, own, or use captive insurers.	(Steele)		Low	Support	Sign In
1975	Amending the climate commitment act by adjusting auction price containment mechanisms and ceiling prices and providing for market dynamic analysis.	(Fitzgibbon)		Low	Support	Sign In
5036	Strengthening Washington's leadership and accountability on climate policy by transitioning to annual reporting of statewide emissions data.	(Boehnke)		Low	Support	Sign In
5041	Concerning unemployment insurance benefits for striking or lockout workers.	(Riccelli)		Low	Oppose	Sign In
5360	Concerning environmental crimes.	(Trudeau)		Medium	Concerns	Written Testimony
5408	Allowing for corrections to wage and salary disclosures.	(King)	1831	Low	Support	Sign In
5414	Requiring Social equity impact analysis in performance audits and legislative public hearings thereon	(Hasagawa)		Medium	Concerns	Sign In
5445	Encouraging the development of distributed energy resources.	(Boehnke)		Medium	Support	Sign In
5627	Improving safe excavation practices and preventing damage to underground utilities.	(Ramos)		Medium	Other	Sign in, written testimony
5690	Concerning utility relocation.	(MacEwen)		Low	Support	Sign In

8.3 Bill Tracker

Bill No.	Description		Support	Concerns	Monitor
HB 1329 (passed House)	Amending CETA's 2026 Coal-free Standard to accommodate certain wholesale power purchases made by utilities – <i>Ensures utilities' preference power contracts with BPA are considered a "coal-free resource"</i>				
HB 1253 (passed House)	Expanding the ability of consumer-owned utilities to enter into joint use agreements – <i>allows COUs to engage private entities for joint ventures on energy and infrastructure projects</i>				
HB 1847 (Dead)	Distributed Energy Development – initial bill would have required utilities to include new distributed energy resources comprising 10% of CETA clean energy targets by the end of 2029 or face \$60/MWh penalties for non-compliance.				
SB 5041 (passed Senate)	Concerning unemployment insurance benefits for striking or lockout workers – <i>would allow up to 12 weeks of unemployment insurance benefits to striking or locked out workers after initial waiting period</i>				
HB 1903 (Dead)	Establishes Statewide Energy Assistance Program. Commerce would provide funds to utilities to reduce monthly energy bills for low-income customers through universally accessible program. Consumer owned utilities may “opt in” or continue to provide assistance in line with CETA guidelines. Funded through Climate Commitment Act resources				
HB 1702 (Dead)	Public Utility Tax – authorizes counties to impose a 3% excise tax on the gross income of public utilities, including electric service providers				
HB 1303 (Dead)	Increasing environmental justice by improving government decisions – <i>requires SEPA lead agencies to complete an environmental justice impact statement for potentially impactful projects in certain communities</i>				



8.4 State

- ❖ Ecology kicks off development of Columbia & Lower Snake Rivers Temperature Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan
 - Will provide targets to meet river temperature standards; outline subsequent actions to meet the targets
 - EPA, in a 2021 report, listed climate change and hydropower operations as primary causes of rising temperatures in Columbia and Snake Rivers
 - Ecology’s public participation process will include an initial scoping survey and opportunities for comment and direct stakeholder input – utility and hydropower trade groups will be engaged

- ❖ Climate Commitment Act Implementation
 - Cap and Invest Allowance Auction held on March 5th – Auction Settlement price of \$50, compared to previous auction price of \$40.26 in December 2024
 - Ecology receiving input on the future Cap-and-Invest linkage agreement with California and Quebec – goal is to create a larger pool of GHG allowances for enhanced liquidity of the instruments needed for compliance while reducing the price volatility of the allowances
 - Staff participated in Ecology’s CCA EITE Joint Advisory Group listening session and expressed the District’s priorities in ensuring that the viability of our large industries and the regional jobs they support are not placed in jeopardy through the CCA’s implementation.

8.5 Federal



- ❖ Cowlitz PUD advocated for public power priorities with APPA, WPUA and NW River Partners during DC Legislative Rally
 - Pitched the District’s reliability projects and 2025 Federal Agenda with Cong. Perez and staff from Sens. Murray’s and Cantwell’s offices
 - Waved WPUA’s flag and emphasized the value of BPA’s power system to our customers with Senator Murray and newly-elected Rep. Michael Baumgartner
 - Hawked the clean, reliable attributes of hydro on behalf of NW River Partners with Rep. Newhouse, newly-elected Rep. Emily Randall and staff to Oregon Sen. Wyden
 - Advocated for the cessation of Army Corps of Engineers’ Supplemental EIS of the Columbia River System Operations



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8.5 Federal (cont'd)

- ❖ Congress approves new Continuing Resolution to fund the government through September 30th – earmark appropriation requests for FY 2025 not included
 - District will resubmit Ryderwood Electric Distribution Reliability Project to federal offices for FY 2026
 - New project funding request for I-5 Corridor Distribution Improvements to upgrade northern edge of Cowlitz's system from Castle Rock to Exit 52/Barnes Rd interchange
- ❖ H.R. 2160 Maintaining and Enhancing Hydroelectricity and River Restoration Act introduced – bipartisan bill including WA Reps. DelBene and Schrier would allow 30% Investment Tax Credit for hydroelectric investments through FY 2031
- ❖ EPA Administrator Zeldin announced 31 deregulatory actions to advance the goals of Pres. Trump's EO 14154 "Unleashing American Energy" – includes rollback of GHG rule for existing coal and new natural gas power units, GHG Reporting Rule and Social Cost of Carbon rules, among others.
- ❖ APPA sounding the alarm on the upcoming Republican budget reconciliation package's threat to continuation of tax-exempt municipal bond financing and access to direct or "elective" pay of energy tax credits