



**COWLITZ PUD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA
June 24, 2025, 2:00 p.m.
Cowlitz PUD Board Room & 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, June 23, 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 June 10, 2025:
Dave Quinn
5. Public Comment on Agenda Items and Other District Business
6. **Motion to Ratify/Approve** Vouchers & Payroll: Heather Sorensen
7. New Employee Introductions
 - Doug Thomas to introduce Utility Contracts Coordinator Ryan Hennessey

- Lance Larwick to introduce Electrical Engineer Tyler Modin
8. General Manager Report: Gary Huhta
 9. Action Items
 - 9.1 **Motion to Approve** Resolution No. 2827 – Authorizing Notification to BPA of the District’s Provider of Choice Product Selection: Chris Velat
 10. Staff Reports and Presentations
 - 10.1 May 2025 Operational Reports
 - Power Management
 - Accounting & Finance
 - Operations
 - Engineering
 - Customer Service
 - Employee Services
 - Public Relations & Communications
 - Regulatory & Regional Affairs
 11. Commissioner Reports & Upcoming Events
 12. **Executive Session:** If needed, the Presiding Officer will follow the Executive Session Procedure included with this agenda. Following the Executive Session, the Board may take action in public related to the Executive Session.
 13. **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, June 10, 2025

Cowlitz PUD Board Room and Microsoft Teams

Present:**COMMISSIONERS**

Dave Quinn, President

Duane Dalgleish, Vice President

Bruce Pollock, Secretary

STAFF

Alice Dietz, Communication & Public Relations Manager

Chris Velat, Director of Power Management

Dever Haffner-Ratliffe, Regulatory Affairs Coordinator

Gary Huhta, General Manager

Heather Sorensen, Director of Customer Service & Compliance

Jen Langdon, Energy Efficiency Manager

Monica Petterson, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

Richard Hughes, General Counsel

Steve Taylor, Director of Regulatory & Regional Affairs

Tim Kalimanis, Director of Technology

Trent Martin, Director of Accounting/CFO

PUBLIC

Dawn Kourtney

Steve Ferrell

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. 12/6/10 for the Cold Climate Heat Pump Program Contract Award.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Dalgleish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve the June 10, 2025 Board Agenda as amended.

The motion carried 3 to 0

4. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Dalgleish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve the May 27, 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/APPROVE VOUCHERS/PAYROLL

Approval of Vouchers in the amount of \$4,609,223.28. The Board reviewed expenditures of the District as required by RCW 42.24.180 for which payments were issued between May 29, 2025 and June 5, 2025, under the provisions of Resolution No. 2762.

It was moved by Commissioner Dalglish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve the ratification of the vouchers/payroll.

Heather Sorensen, in her role as Auditor for the District, reported the majority of expenses were for customary items such as power supply, taxes, and benefits. Other notable items included gutter repairs, a tractor purchase, and expenses related to the acquisition of Lakeview Green Energy's share of the Harvest Wind Project.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

7. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Safety Trailer Demonstration: General Manager Gary Huhta reported one of our line crews recently conducted a safety trailer demonstration at Robert Gray Elementary School. Alice Dietz noted there were 80 second grade students in attendance who had the opportunity to observe a power outage and power restoration to a nearby home. Ms. Dietz read a small sample of thank you letters we received from the students. She also thanked our Human Resources Generalist Teedara Wolf and our line crew for holding this event.

Property Purchase Update: The purchase of the property at Columbia Boulevard near our Operations Center is now complete following an appraisal and clean environmental review.

BPA Updates: The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is concluding the Public Rate Design Methodology (PRDM) rate case under section 7(i) which is running parallel to the BP-26 rate case. PNGC has expressed dissatisfaction with BPA's PRDM, and a letter signed by members of the Northwest Congressional Delegation resulted and was directed to Department of Energy Secretary Chris Wright highlighting PNGC's concerns. BPA has now scheduled an all-party settlement conference for tomorrow to address PNGC's concerns.

BPA made the decision in May to go with the Markets+ option for its participation in a day ahead market, though some stakeholders had suggested they delay their decision to allow time for CAISO to pass their Regionalization Bill. The Bill recently passed the California Senate, however many are not satisfied with the Bill as it continues with a California-centric approach. There remains much to be done in this process.

PPC FUEL Meeting: The PPC FUEL meeting will be held this Thursday, June 12th at 2:00 p.m.

8. ACTION ITEMS

- 8.1. Motion to Approve Staff Recommendation No. 12/6/10 – Cold Climate Heat Pump Program Contract Award

It was moved by Commissioner Dalglish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve Staff Recommendation No. 12/6/10.

Energy Efficiency Manager Jen Langdon explained the District utilizes a variety of funding sources for installation of cold climate heat pumps for District customers with qualifying household incomes of 80% of the Area Median Income and below. For this program, the District solicited bids through the advertised bid process and received two bids. Staff reviewed the bids and found the low bidder, Denali Heating and Air Conditioning LLC, to be both responsible and responsive and therefore recommends the contract be awarded to Denali Heating and Air Conditioning LLC to install cold climate heat pumps. The contractor will be paid, based on units installed, by Business and Operations tax dollars, BPA Energy Efficiency Improvement dollars, and a potential Washington State Department of Commerce grant.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

9. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Commissioner Dagleish reported he recently presented the KLOG scholarship award to a local student. The scholarship was part of a District advertising package. Upcoming events include the PPC FUEL meeting on Thursday and a Kelso/Longview Chamber meeting tonight.

Commissioner Pollock will attend the PPC FUEL meeting on Thursday, and will visit Ferry County PUD and Pend Oreille PUD next week on behalf of WPUA.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session needed.

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

It was moved by Commissioner Dagleish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 2:25 p.m.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

Attest:

President

Secretary

Vice President

Prepared by Monica Petterson
Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

To: Board of Commissioners

June 24, 2025

From: Chris Velat / Andrew Davis

Subject: BPA Provider of Choice, Twenty-Year Power Sales Contract Offer

BPA is wrapping up its Provider of Choice (PoC) process that began several years ago by offering 20-year power sales agreements (PSA) to its customers. BPA's final contract templates were released June 18th. All such contracts must be executed by the deadline BPA imposed of December 5, 2025. Each PSA is valid for 20-years from the date of execution, and will provide power deliveries between October 1, 2028 and September 30, 2045.

BPA is obligated by statute to provide firm requirements power from the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) if requested by the District, given our preference status as a public, not-for-profit utility. The BPA Regional Dialogue contract we operate under today, Slice/Block, is set to expire on September 30, 2028. The District has advised BPA that it will exercise its rights to the FCRPS.

Over the course of the Provider of Choice process, BPA and customers negotiated a policy to guide how much of the FCRPS each utility customer would be eligible to purchase, development of contracts, and formation of rates. Multiple contract offerings have been prepared, similar to Regional Dialogue, including Load Following, Block with and without shaping capacity, and Slice/Block. Further, the parties developed BPA's Public Rate Design Methodology (PRDM) to replace the Tiered Rate Methodology (TRM) from the Regional Dialogue period.

The PoC contract offerings and the PRDM resemble Regional Dialogue in design and content. BPA did not develop a novel offering but rather adjusted the Regional Dialogue contracts and rate structure to align with changed conditions. Further, BPA and customers recognize additional adjustment to the terms may be necessary. For example, how will the ultimate form of Markets+, currently under development, affect the operation of the contracts? Certain openers are built into the contracts to manage the anticipated change.

Following an initial review of the various contract offerings, District staff focused their attention and evaluation on both the Load Following and Slice/Block options. District staff used the following key considerations to guide its review process:

- **Flexibility**
 - We recognize our future is uncertain;
 - Substantial changes to the Pacific Northwest electricity market are in process - Markets+ and the Western Resource Adequacy Program (WRAP);
 - State Law requires a 100% clean resource portfolio by 2044, hence the District expects to acquire additional resources to meet this requirement; and
 - the District expects to add new load and acquire resources to serve such load.
- **Capacity**
 - We see capacity as a very important firm electricity component;
 - Historically, the Pacific Northwest Region focused almost exclusively on adequacy of firm energy supply as the hydroelectric system provided a surplus of capacity;

- As loads and variable energy resources have increased, the available capacity is fully utilized;
- This condition drove the Region to develop WRAP, which explicitly requires utilities to demonstrate adequacy of capacity; and
- Firm capacity is essential in meeting the District's peak winter and, to a lesser extent, peak summer loads.
- **Economics**
 - District staff observes that BPA was successful in preparing contract offerings and a rate structure that avoids cost shifts;
 - The District's analysis shows the Load Following and Slice/Block products are similarly priced; and
 - In theory, the PRDM should result in the two products producing a similar price result over time. In the case of Load Following BPA absorbs the cost and benefit of long and short positions until its next rate case, whereas a Slice/Block customer will experience such effects immediately. Recognizing the same FCRPS meets the requirements of both products, the resultant price over the long term should be similar.

Like the Regional Dialogue contract, the District will be obligated to procure additional resources above its Federal Base System allocation to meet load growth under the Provider of Choice. The District can choose to have BPA serve its load growth needs or serve the load growth with its own resource acquisition. Through an effort of product evaluation, staff determined the District will be better served by acquiring its own resources. Further, the Energy Independence Act and the Clean Energy Transformation Act continue to obligate the District to secure renewable resources to meet requirements of the law. The Slice/Block contract has inherent flexibility that provides for integration of District resources, which the Load Following contract does not, unless purchased separately from BPA.

District staff have considered multiple issues in evaluating BPA's Provider of Choice contract offering and held discussions with the Board to arrive at its recommendation. Staff also held discussions with its largest industrial customers. With all of this in mind and given the products are similarly priced, District staff determined the decision hinges on the resource flexibility the Slice/Block contract provides.

In conclusion, District staff recommend the Board of Commissioners approve the attached Resolution No. 2827 authorizing the General Manager to complete all necessary steps with BPA to prepare a "signature-ready" Slice/Block Power Sales Agreement. Staff will bring such Agreement to the Board at a later date, prior to the December 5, 2025 contract signing deadline, for the Board's ultimate approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 2827

A RESOLUTION of Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington Authorizing Notification to the Bonneville Power Administration of its Provider of Choice Product Selection.

WHEREAS, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) currently provides Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County (the "District") wholesale electricity under a Slice/Block Regional Dialogue contract, however such contract will expire on its own terms as of September 30, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has an enduring obligation under the Bonneville Project Act of 1937 and the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act of 1980 to provide preference and priority in sales of federally generated power to Pacific Northwest public bodies and cooperatives (BPA's "preference customers") upon request by any such preference entity; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2022, BPA formally initiated its public process to develop BPA's policy to guide its offering of Provider of Choice power sales contracts to its preference customers by releasing its Provider of Choice Concept Paper; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2024, following policy workshops, release of a draft policy, and a public comment period, BPA issued its Record of Decision and Final Policy, completing the policy phase of its Provider of Choice process; and

WHEREAS, in April 2024, BPA commenced development of the various Provider of Choice contracts and eventually released all final contract templates in June 2025; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined a BPA preference power contract is the most economical long-term, firm power option, and the District should exercise one hundred percent of its right to preference power pursuant to one of BPA's Provider of Choice contract offerings; and

WHEREAS, BPA has modified its contract offerings under Provider of Choice, as compared to Regional Dialogue, to recognize limitations of the Federal Columbia River Hydroelectric System, market changes, and preference customers need for both firm energy and firm capacity, yet the District finds the product options satisfactory and in its best interest to pursue; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that it should seek opportunities to independently optimize the flexibility and price of its power portfolio for the benefit of its customers, and, in support of that end, should attempt to access the most cost-effective and flexible electricity products available; and

WHEREAS, the Slice/Block product provides the District with an opportunity to achieve such goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, staff have determined it is in the best interest of the District and its ratepayers, for the District to further consider and develop the Slice/Block Agreement with BPA.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board of Commissioners (the "Board") hereby approves staff's recommendation to notify BPA of the District's intent to exercise its rights to preference power under a Slice/Block contract.
2. The General Manager and/or his designees are hereby authorized to complete all necessary steps and execute all necessary documents with BPA to develop a full and complete "signature-ready" Slice/Block contract for ultimate consideration by the Board.
3. The General Manager and/or his designees are hereby instructed to bring such signature-ready Slice/Block Agreement to the Board for approval on or before BPA's signature deadline of December 5, 2025.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington, this 24th day of June, 2025.

President

Vice President

ATTEST:

Secretary

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

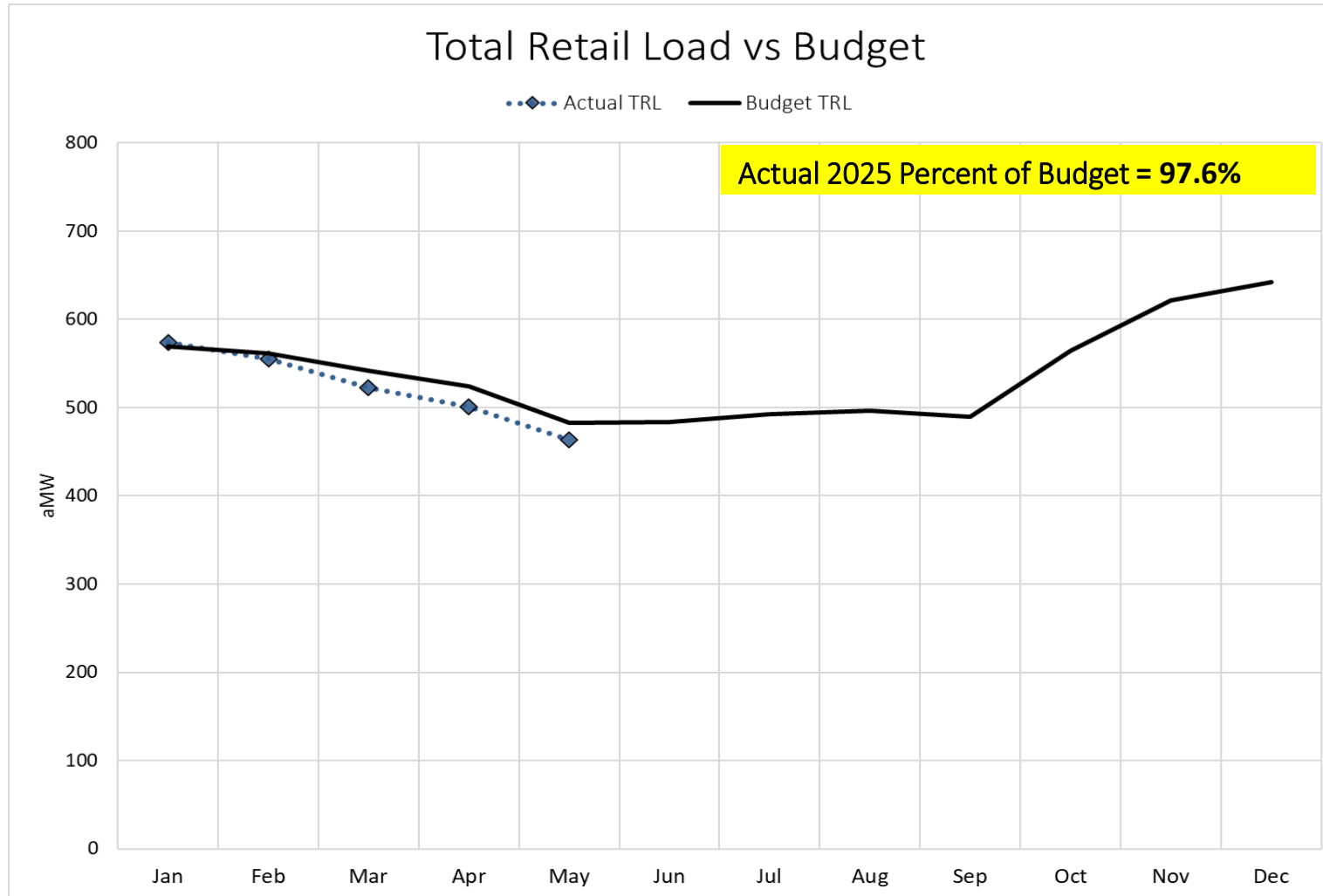
1.6.3 Wind (White Creek and Harvest Wind)

1.7 Wholesale Market Prices (Power & Natural Gas)

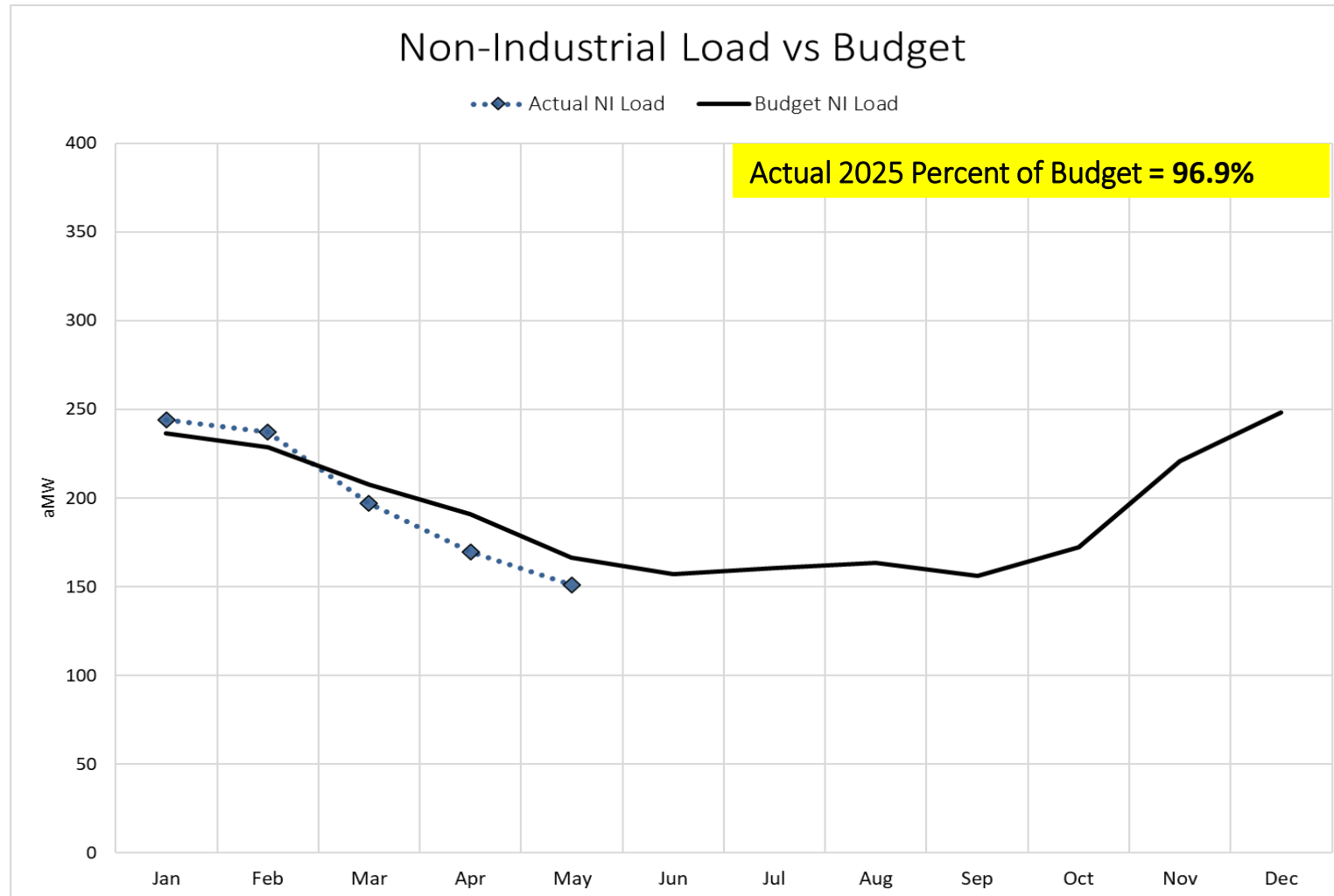
1.8 Net Secondary Sales Revenue

1.9 Net Power Cost – Non-Schedule 50

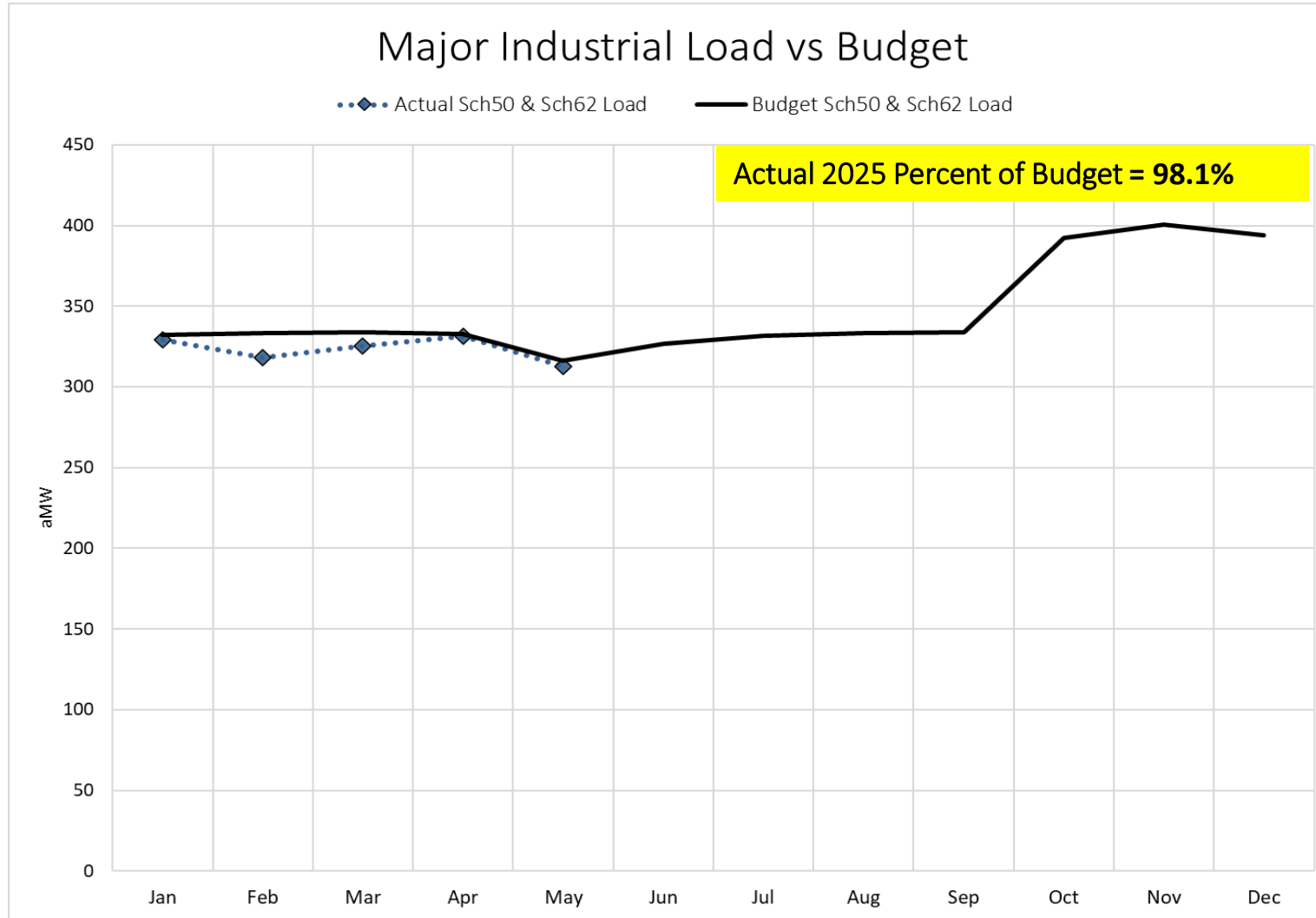
1.1 District Load Summary (Total Retail Load)



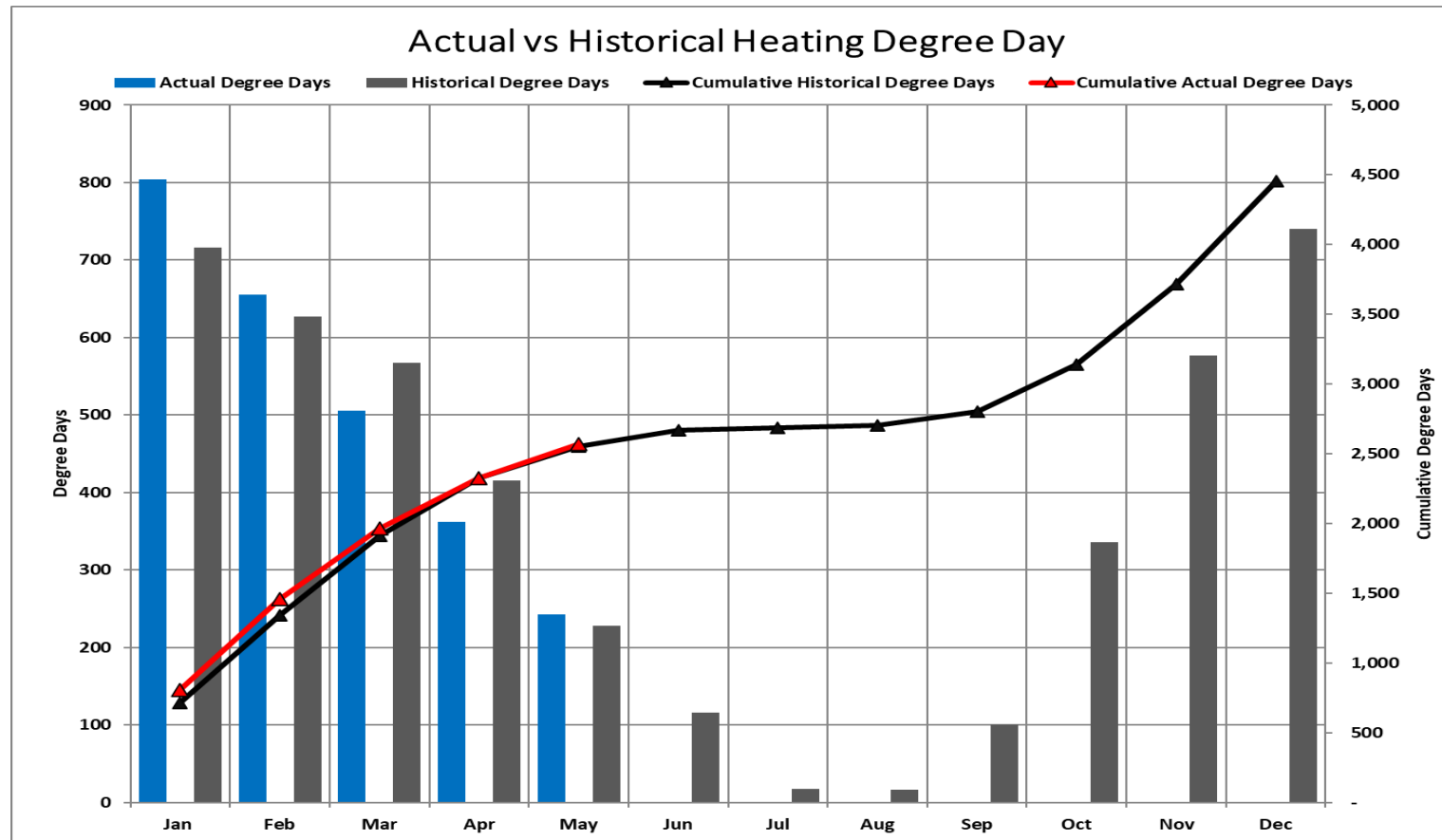
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1.1.2 Major Industrial Load Summary

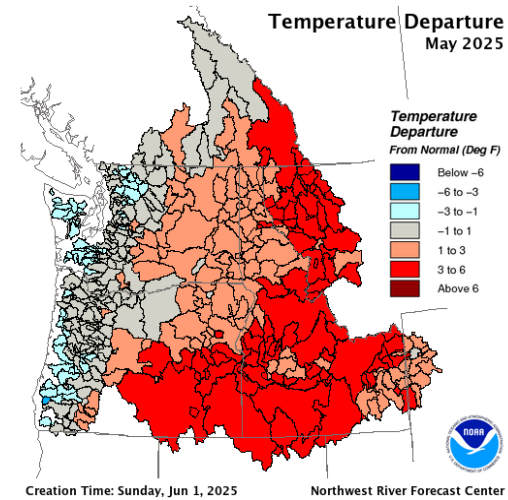
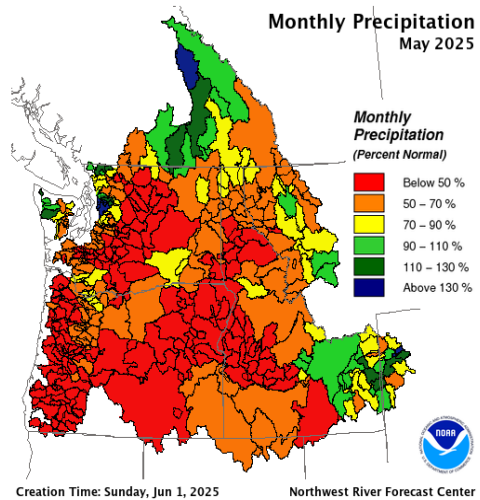
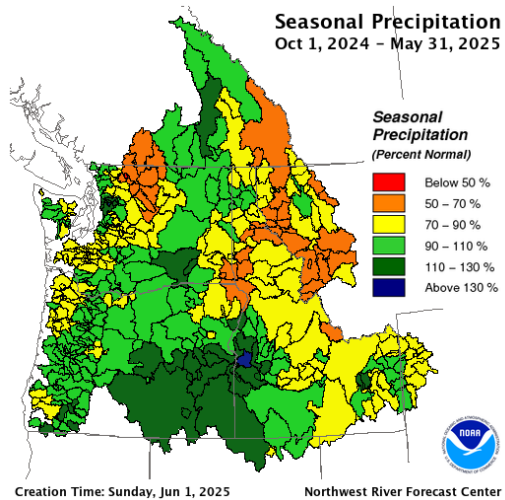


1.2 Heating Degree Days



Temperatures in May were below average, finishing at 106% of the historical average Heating Degree Days (HDD) for the month. The HDD year-to-date is currently 101% of average; a 1% increase from the previous month's report.

1.3 Precipitation & Temperature

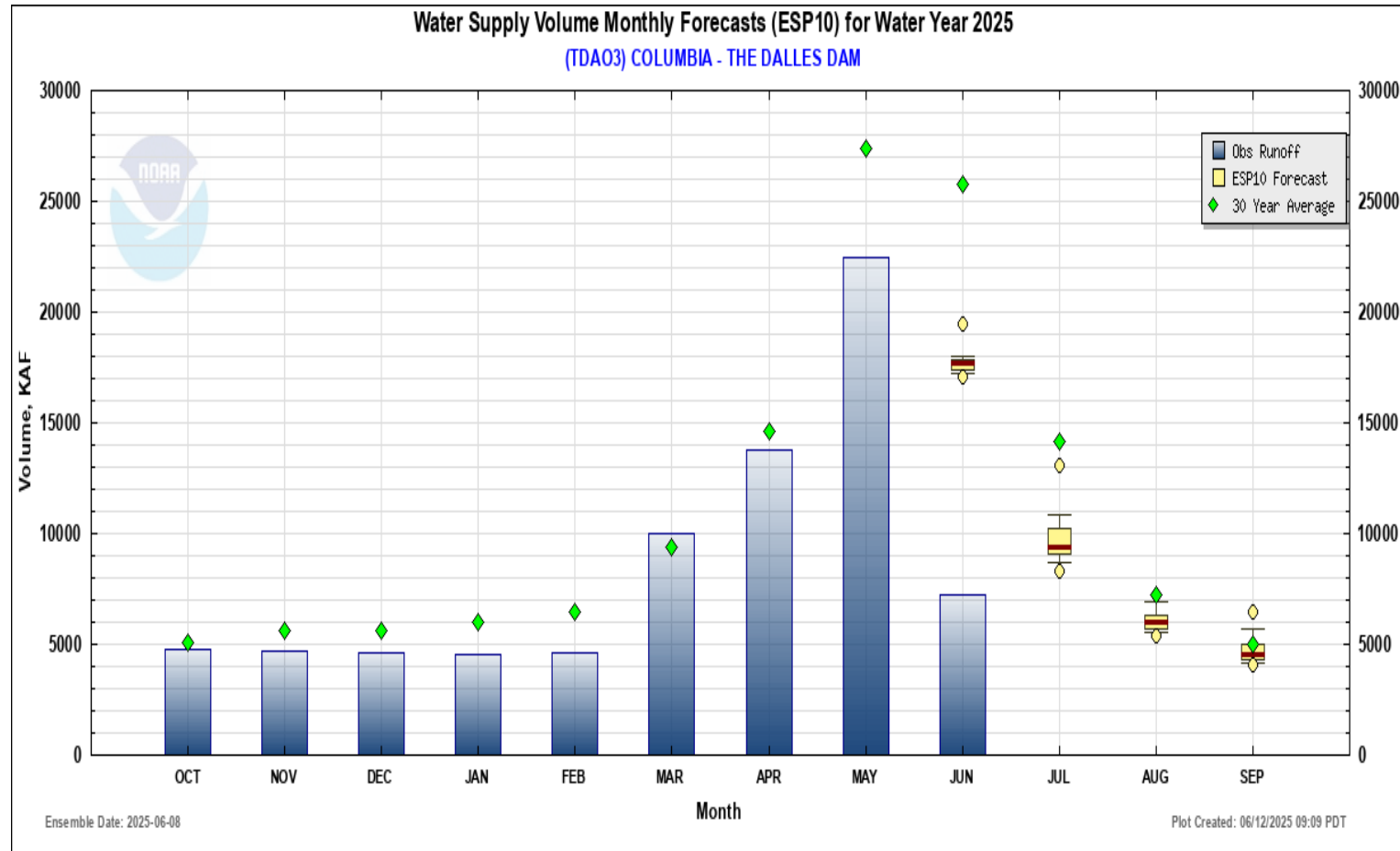


The seasonal precipitation map through May represents a slight decline compared to the previous week. Regional precipitation has been mixed with above average precipitation in the Snake basin, average in the western region, and below average east of the Cascades.

Precipitation for the month of May shows a slight improvement in the Eastern Snake and Northern B.C. regions. The balance of the basin shows little change and continues to be below average.

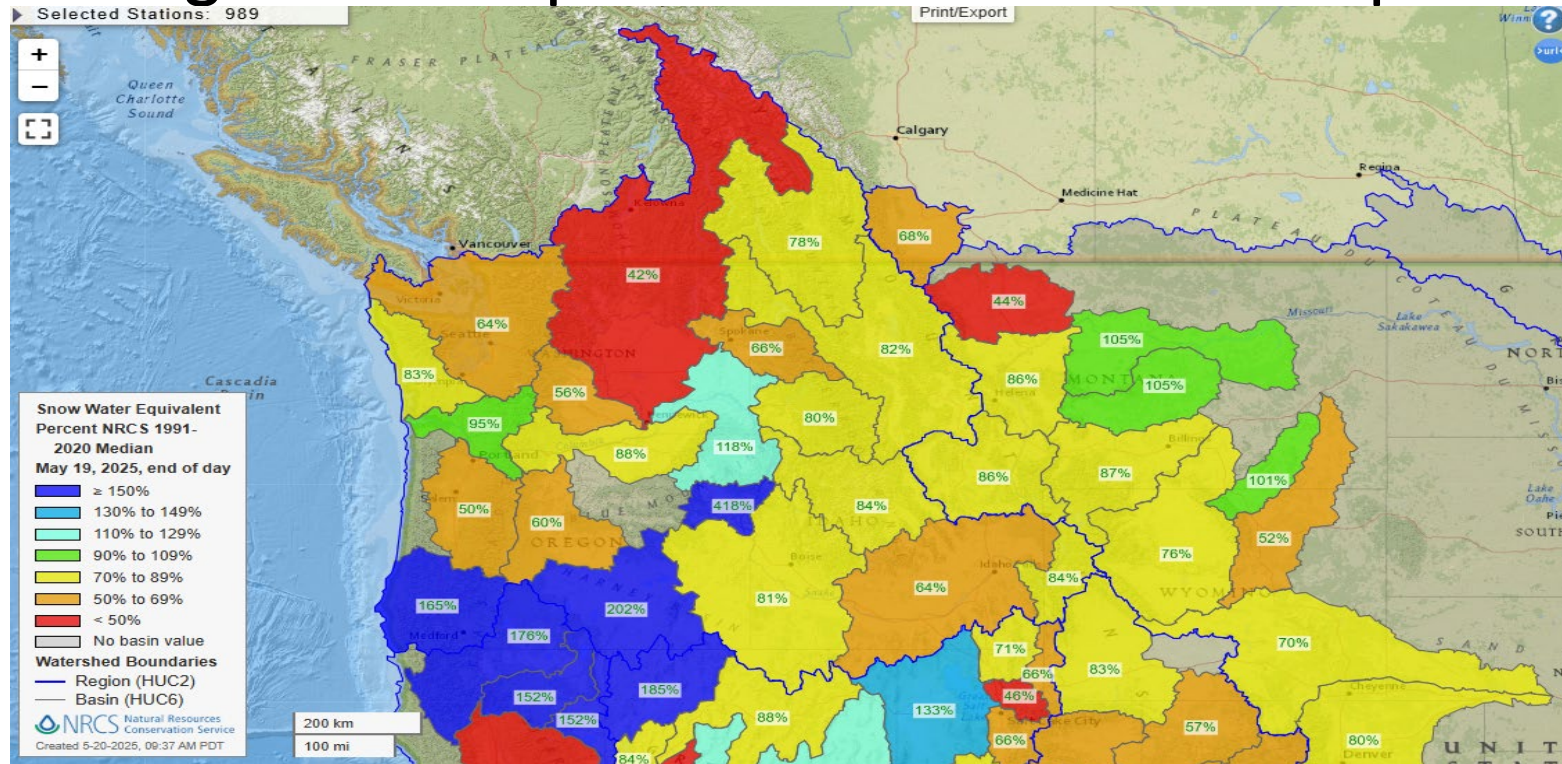
During the month of May, most of the basin experienced above average temperatures, with the exception being the Western and coastal regions, which experienced slightly below average temperatures.

1.4 Runoff Forecast



May's water supply finished at 82% of average. June is forecasted to finish at 69% of average. The Water Supply Forecast at the Dalles for Oct-Sep is forecasted to be 81%, which is a 3% decrease from the previous month.

1.5 Regional Snowpack and ENSO Condition Update



May continued with above average temperatures and below average precipitation which has largely depleted the PNW snowpack across the region. Due to this continued pattern, the anticipated runoff for May also fell short of expectations and contributed towards a further decline in the water supply outlook for the remainder of the year.

The El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) conditions for the 2025 Water Year, forecasted by the NOAA Climate Prediction Center, are now ENSO-neutral conditions and are expected to remain neutral through the summer. Neutral is also the most likely state through the fall (greater than 50% chance).

1.6 Resource Performance

BPA Federal System Power



Annual Resource Projections vs Budget

The BPA Federal System is anticipated to produce 94% of the budgeted expected generation. Down 3% from the previous report.

Swift No. 2



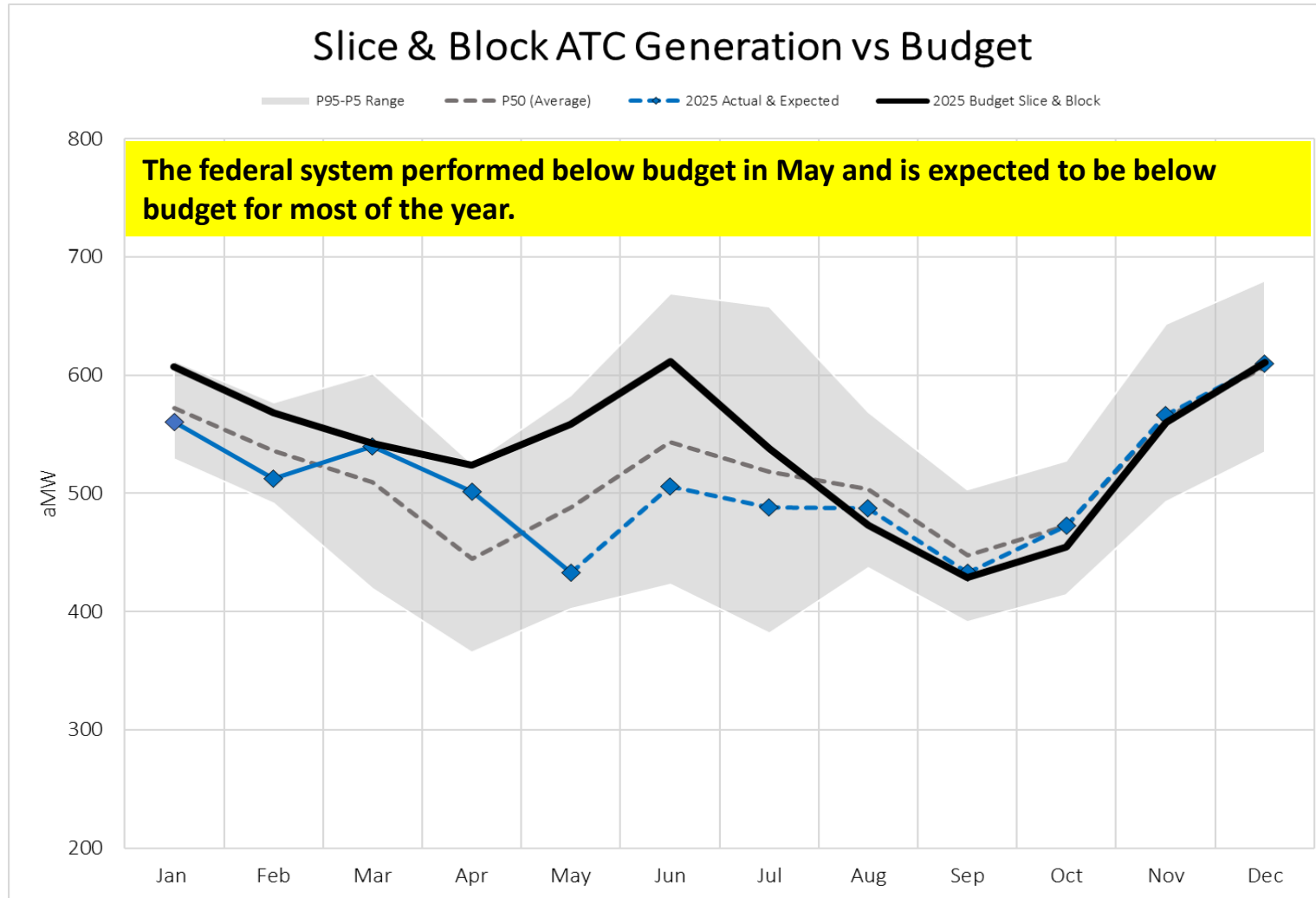
Swift No. 2 is currently anticipated to produce 89% of the budgeted expected ATC generation in 2025. Down 2% from the previous report.

Harvest & White Creek Wind

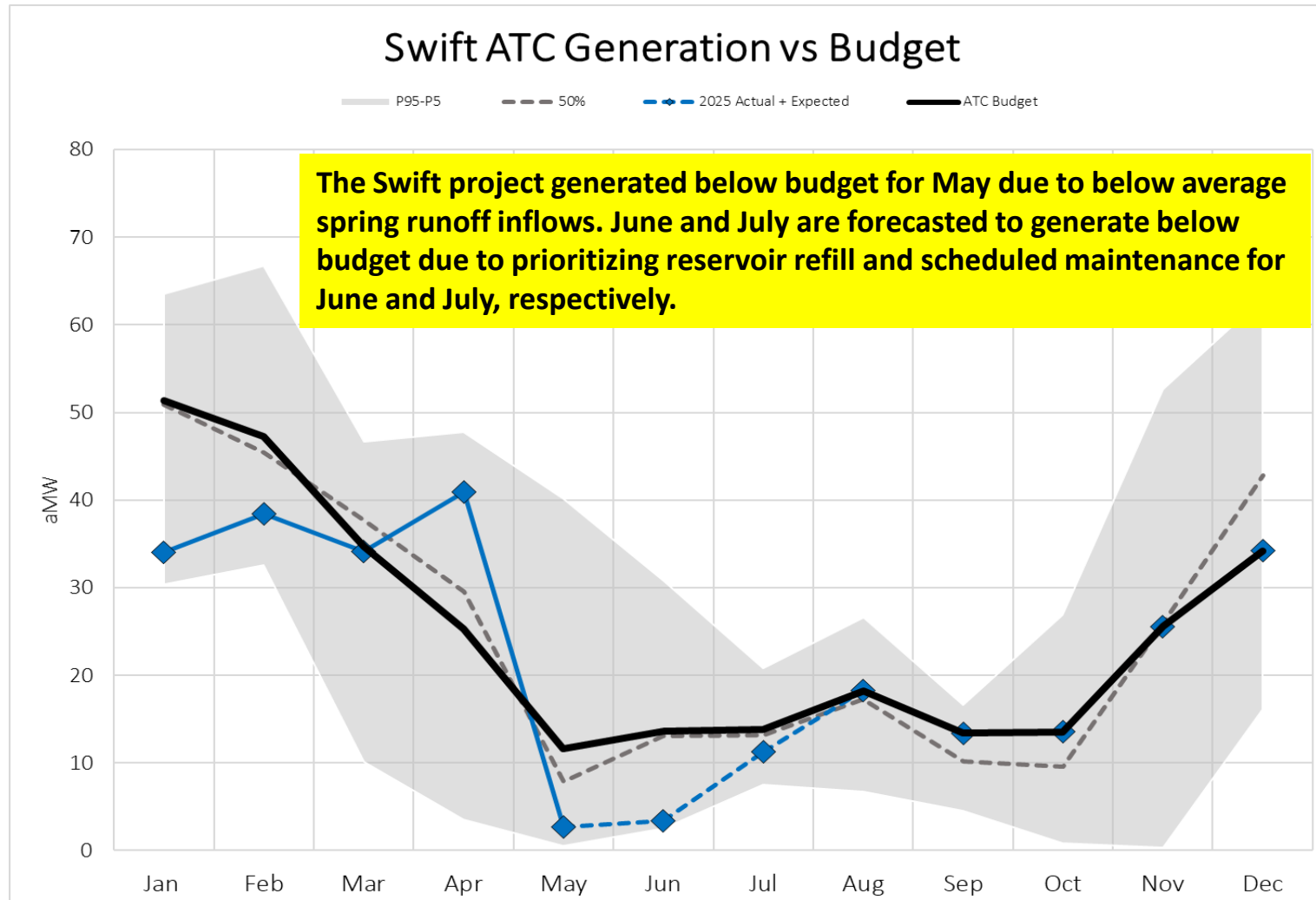


HW & WCW are anticipated to produce 97% of the budgeted expected generation in 2025. Up 4% from the previous report.

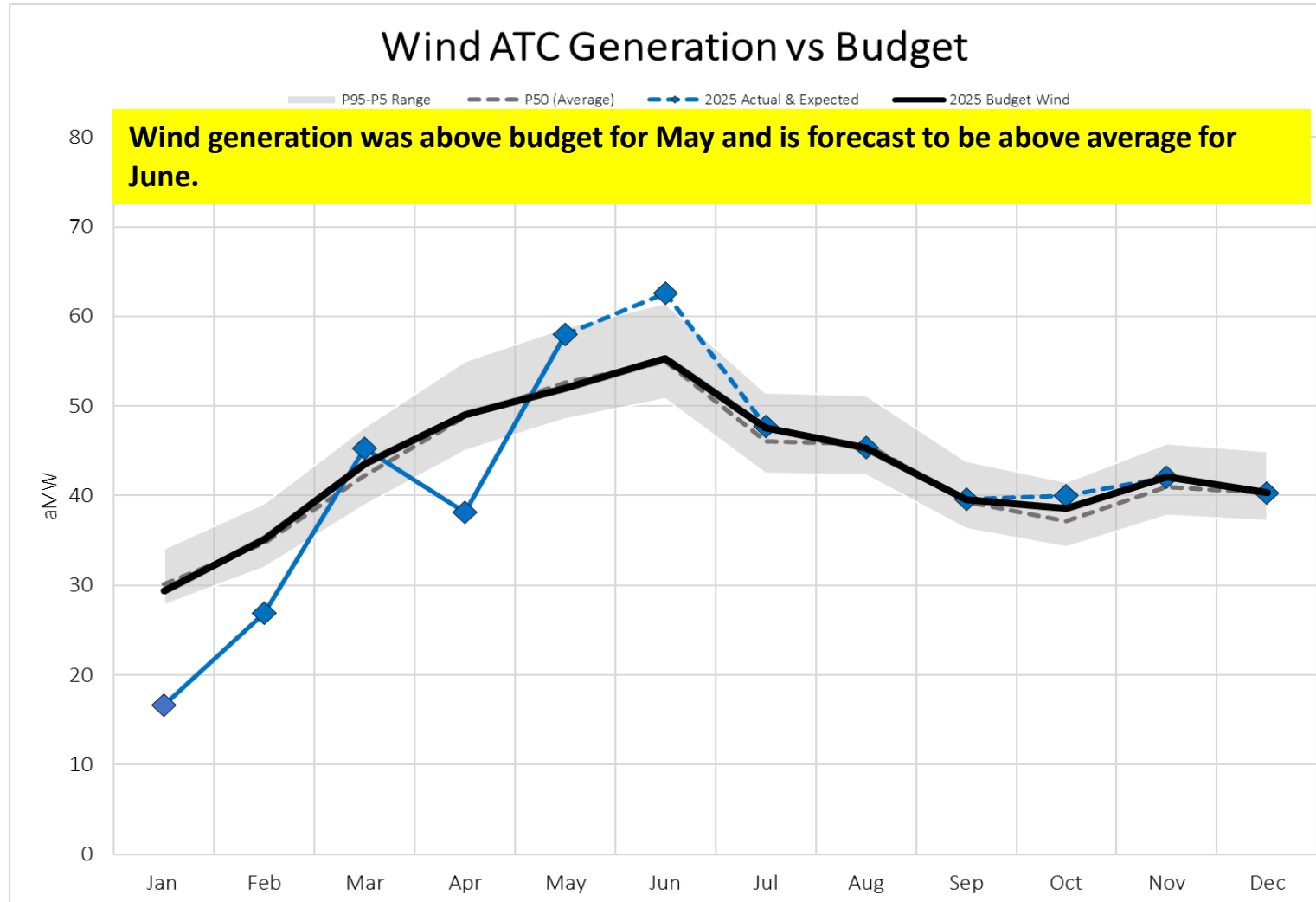
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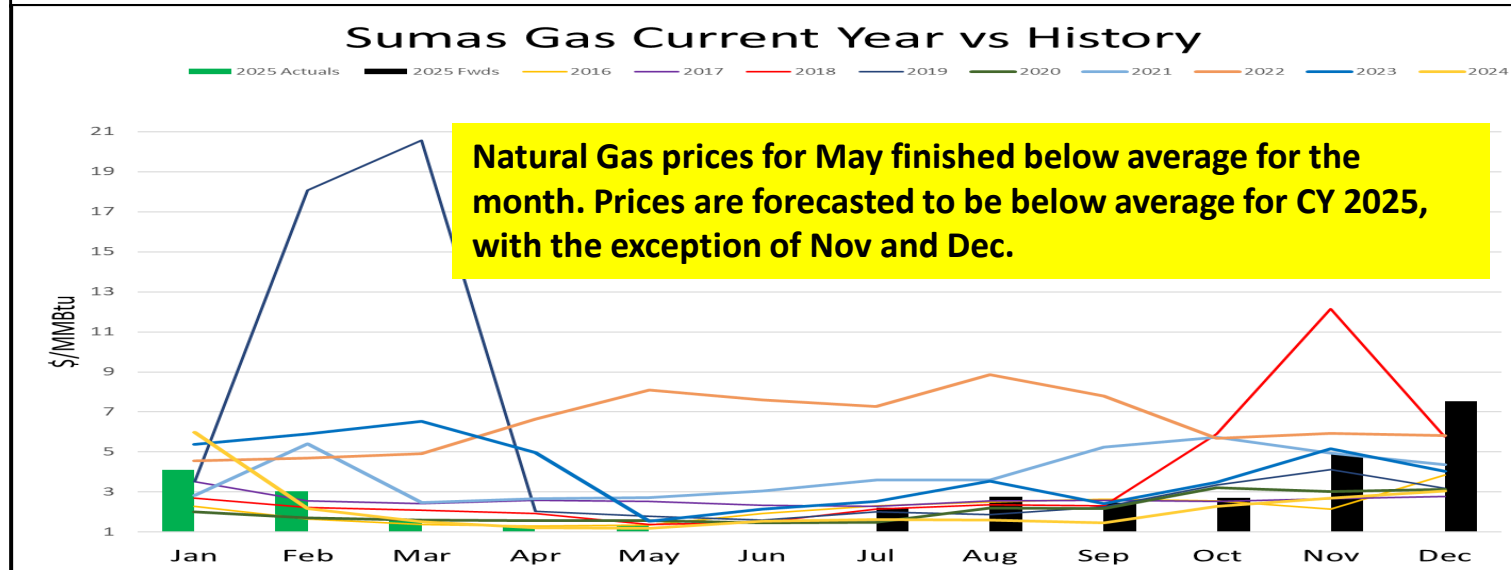
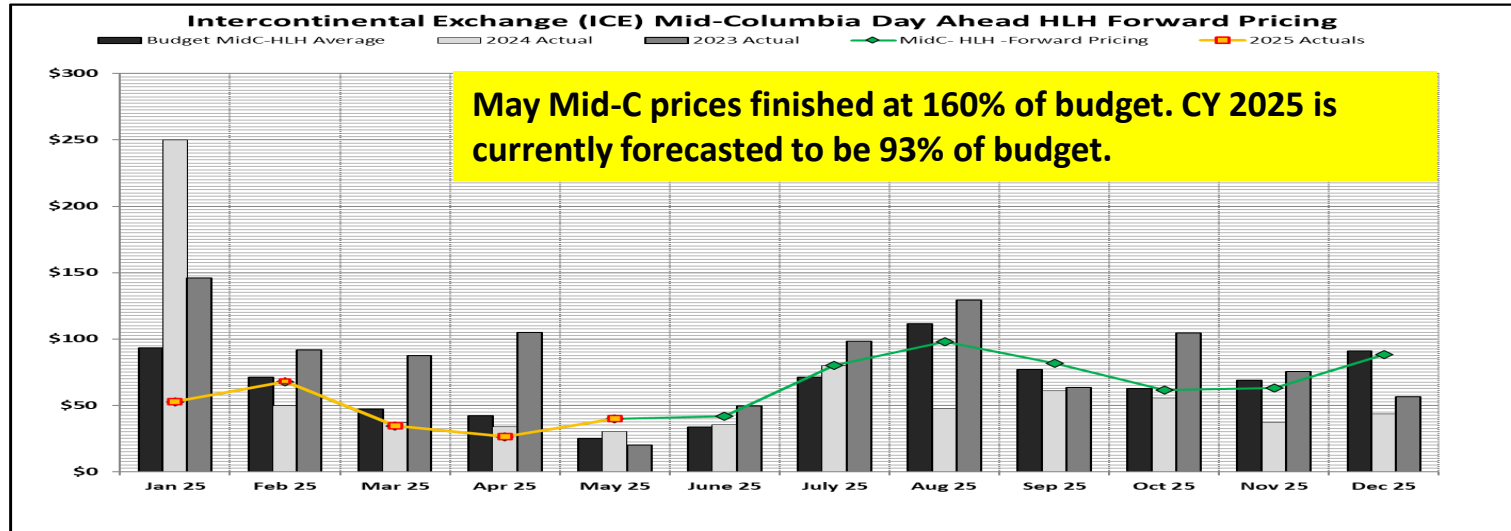
1.6.2 Swift No. 2 Generation



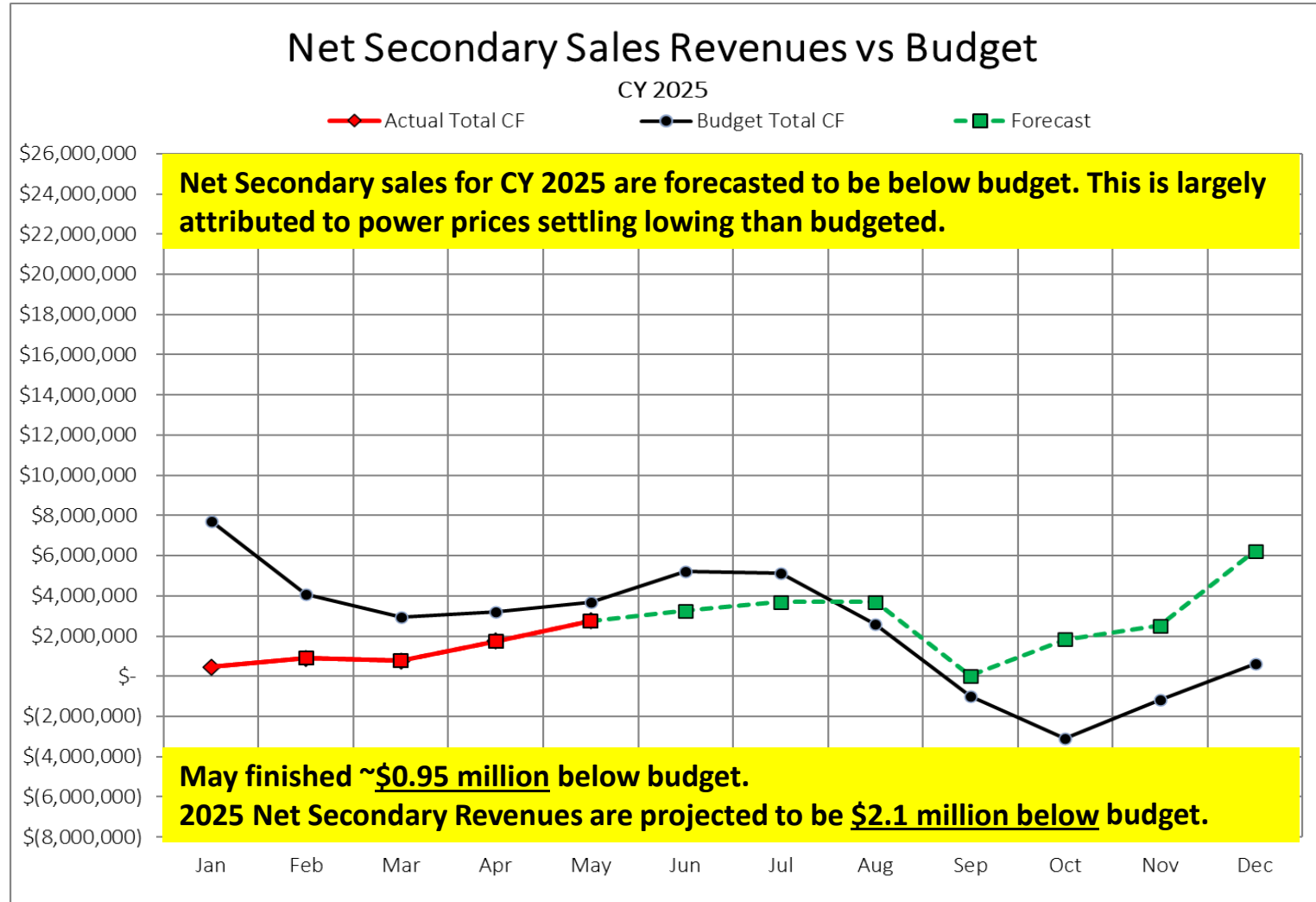
1.6.3 Wind (WC & HW)



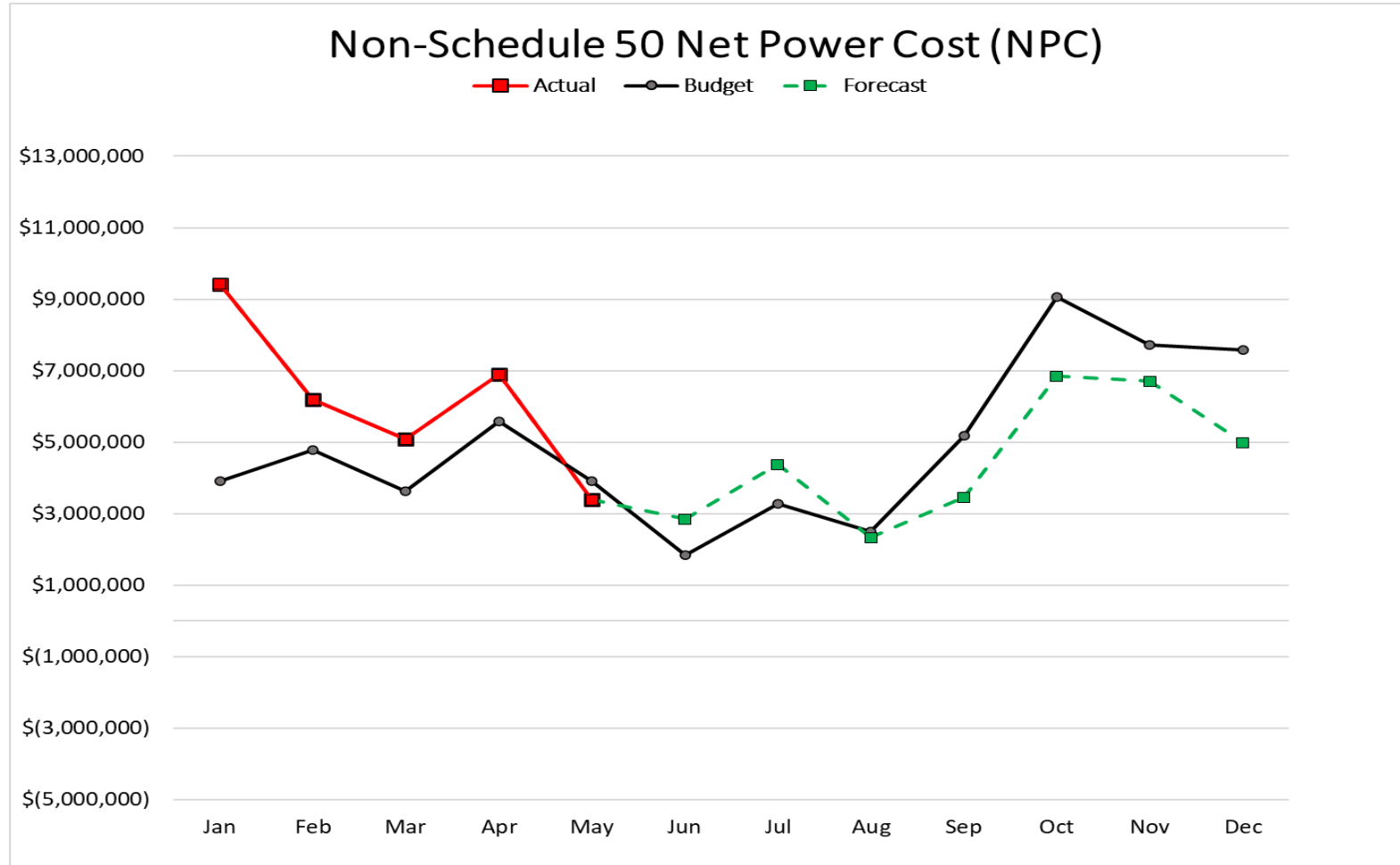
1.7 Wholesale Power Market Prices



1.8 Net Secondary Sales Revenue



1.9 Net Power Cost – Non-Schedule 50



May's actual Non-Sch50 NPC was \$0.5 million below budget.
Annual Non-Schedule 50 NPC is projected to be \$3.6 million above budget,
reflecting an annual Non-Schedule 50 NPC of ~ \$62.5 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 May 2025			
	Actual	Budget	Var \$	Var %
Revenues	\$ 122,822,229	\$ 109,978,127	\$ 12,844,102	11.68%
Expenses	115,468,360	100,701,574	14,766,786	14.66%
Margin	\$ 7,353,869	\$ 9,276,553	\$ (1,922,684)	
Prior Year	\$ 4,749,247			

Actual revenues reduced by CIAC - \$1,738,796

Actual expenses reduced by Harvest Wind distributions - \$975,000

Behind budget due to net power supply costs.

2.2 - Year-to-Date Retail Revenue

Year-to-Date May 2025	Actual	Budget	Var \$	Var %
Non-Major Industrial	\$ 61,398,650	\$ 56,970,394	\$ 4,428,256	7.77%
Major Industrial	57,983,027	50,716,066	7,266,961	14.33%
Total Retail Revenue	119,381,677	107,686,460	11,695,217	10.86%
Other Operating Revenue	3,440,552	2,291,667	1,148,885	50.13%
Total Revenues	\$ 122,822,229	\$ 109,978,127	\$ 12,844,102	11.68%

Non-MI revenue impacted by October 2024 rate increase and billed loads. 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

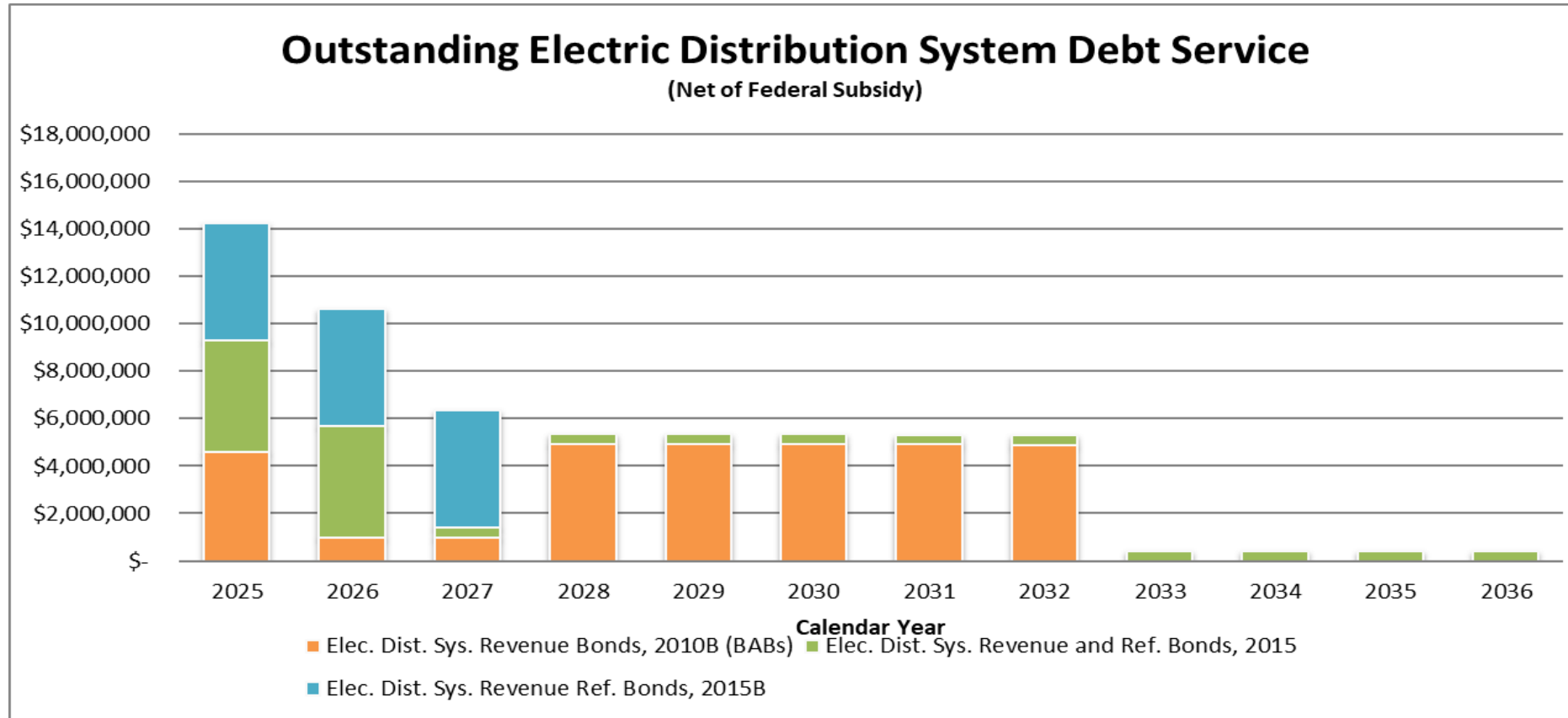
	YTD Actual	Projected	Budget	Var \$	Var %	
Revenues						
Non-MI	\$ 61,398,650	\$ 136,612,602	\$ 128,822,465	\$ 7,790,137	6.05%	October 2024 Rate Increase & Loads Loads and Actual Costs
Major Industrial	57,983,027	138,729,837	146,652,648	(7,922,810)	-5.40%	
Other	3,440,552	6,648,885	5,500,000	1,148,885	20.89%	
	<u>122,822,229</u>	<u>281,991,324</u>	<u>280,975,113</u>	<u>1,016,212</u>	<u>0.36%</u>	
Expenses						
Power Supply	84,613,641	192,835,588	197,064,258	(4,228,670)	-2.15%	Low Generation & Soft Prices
Other Operating	18,160,214	43,876,271	43,876,271	-	0.00%	
Taxes	6,923,993	16,603,822	15,906,821	697,000	4.38%	
Depreciation	4,941,546	12,816,546	13,500,000	(683,454)	-5.06%	
Interest	828,966	2,206,957	2,362,271	(155,314)	-6.57%	
	<u>115,468,360</u>	<u>268,339,184</u>	<u>272,709,622</u>	<u>(4,370,438)</u>	<u>-1.60%</u>	
Margin	<u>\$ 7,353,869</u>	<u>\$ 13,652,140</u>	<u>\$ 8,265,491</u>	<u>\$ 5,386,649</u>	<u>65.17%</u>	

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

2.4 - Year-End Cash Projection - Electric System

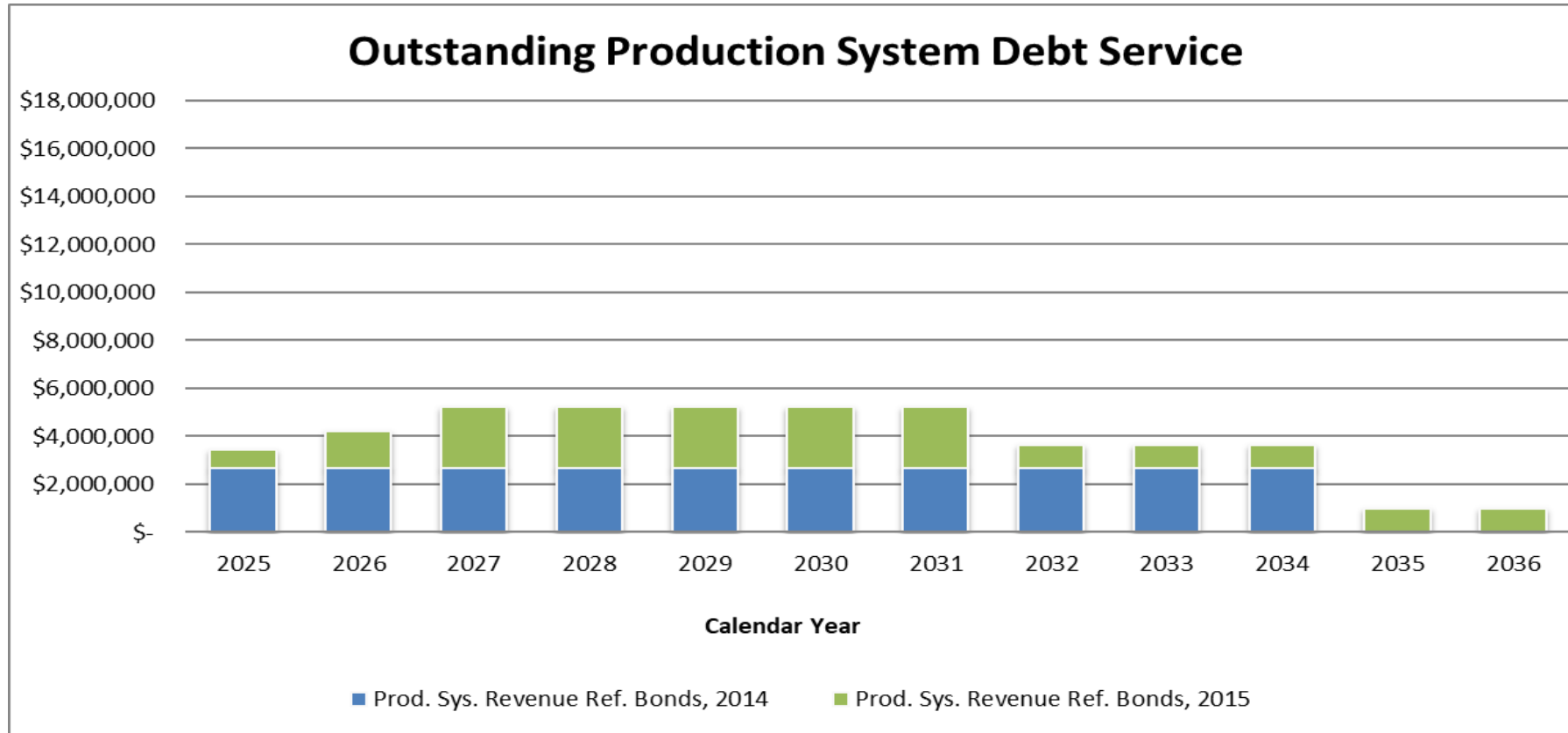
Margin	\$ 13,652,140
Non-Cash Items	17,136,546
Capital	(30,915,528)
Principal Debt	<u>(13,096,538)</u>
Projected Cash Deficit	(13,223,380)
Unrestricted Cash, beginning of year	<u>145,323,050</u>
Unrestricted Cash, end of year	<u><u>\$ 132,099,670</u></u>
Budgeted Deficit	<u><u>\$ (17,926,575)</u></u>

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 - May



Actual (Based on Date Slicer)

Events	Customers Out	SAIDI	Minutes
30	1,568	3	139,214

Previous 6 Periods Avg (Based on Date Slicer)

Events	Avg Cust Out	Avg SAIDI	Avg Minutes
41	2,390	6	297,890

Causes (Non-Storm Related)

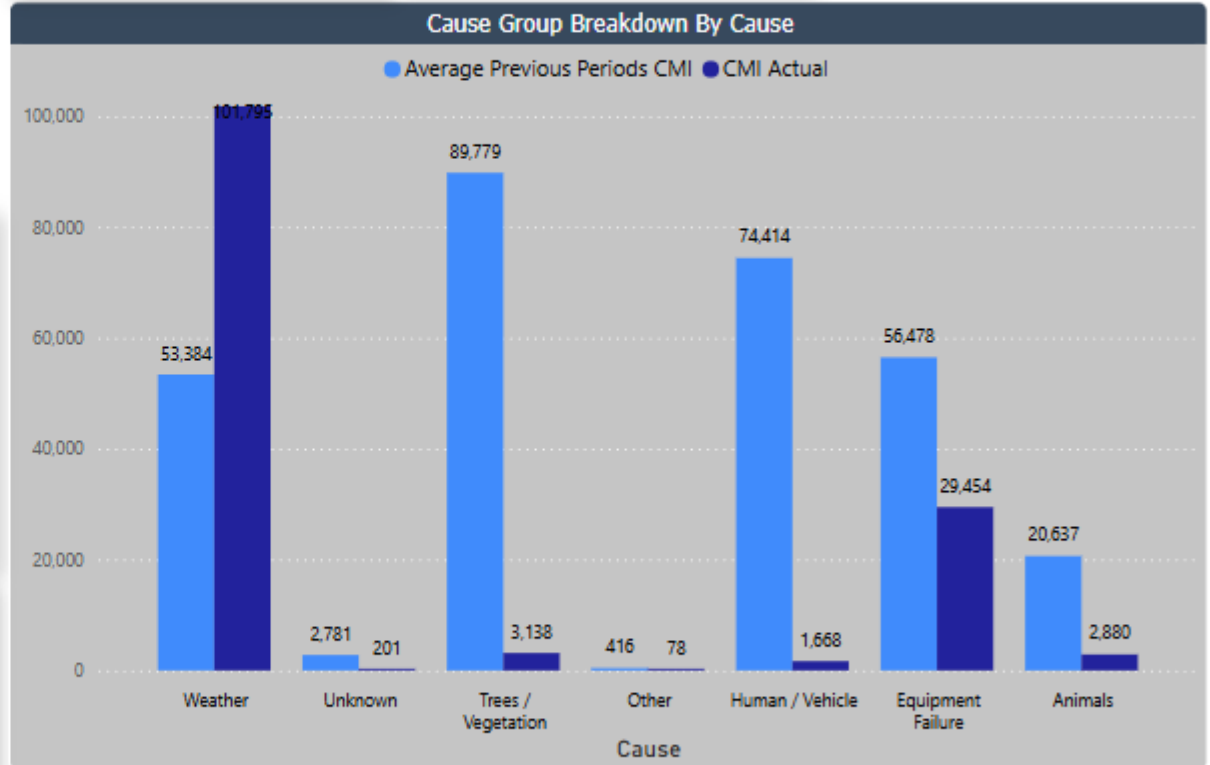
Outage Cause	Events	Customers Out	SAIDI	CMI	% CMI
Weather	1	1,294	2	101,795	73.12%
Equipment Failure	8	187	1	29,454	21.16%
Trees / Vegetation	2	22	0	3,138	2.25%
Animals	7	51	0	2,880	2.07%
Human / Vehicle	7	9	0	1,668	1.20%
Unknown	4	4	0	201	0.14%
Other	1	1	0	78	0.06%
Total	30	1,568	3	139,214	100.00%

Top Events (CMI)

Outage Cause	Feeder	Line Section	CMI	Customers Out	Time Off	First Restore	Longest Duration
Weather: Wind with trees	12PW1	BRK12PW1	101,795	1,294	5/19/25 7:18 AM	5/19/25 8:11 AM	1.3
Equip: U/G Fault	12T1	FUS080N40W 390315	23,395	132	5/2/25 4:43 AM	5/2/25 7:52 AM	7.4
Equip: Material or equipment fault/failure	12K14	FUS060N10W 171109	3,595	35	5/30/25 5:14 AM		1.7
Veg: Tree or Branch - No Wind	12BV2	TRF070N40E3 40153	1,584	4	5/23/25 2:45 AM		6.6

Date: 5/1/2025 to 5/31/2025

Storm Related? Non-Storm Related



CMI
 Customers Out
 Outages
 SAIDI

Good month compared to historical average.

3.1.2 Outage Summary – YTD W/O Storms



Actual (Based on Date Slicer)

Events	Customers Out	SAIDI	Minutes
175	14,920	37	2,024,881

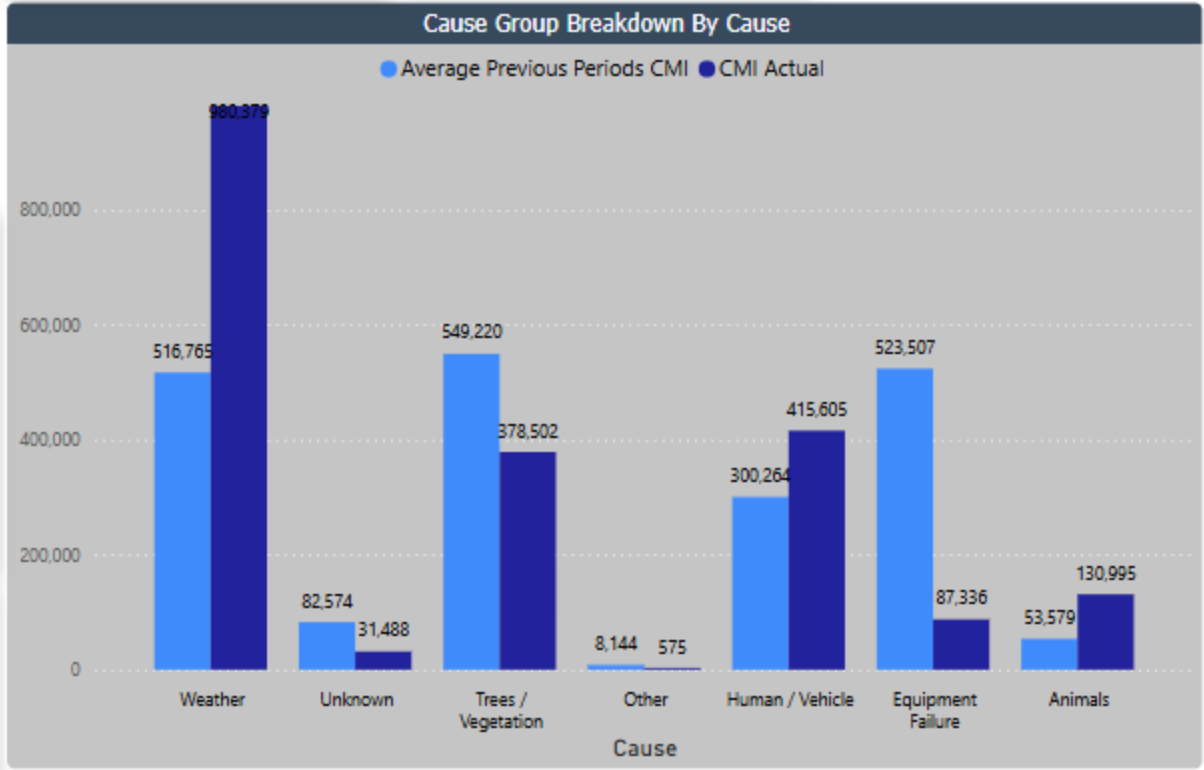
Previous 6 Periods Avg (Based on Date Slicer)

Events	Avg Cust Out	Avg SAIDI	Avg Minutes
186	15,804	39	2,034,052

Date: 1/1/2025 to 5/31/2025

Storm Related?: Non-Storm Related

Causes (Non-Storm Related)					
Outage Cause	Events	Customers Out	SAIDI	CMI	% CMI
Weather	33	7,059	18	980,379	48.42%
Human / Vehicle	23	2,514	8	415,605	20.52%
Trees / Vegetation	18	2,514	7	378,502	18.69%
Animals	19	2,150	2	130,995	6.47%
Equipment Failure	68	537	2	87,336	4.31%
Unknown	11	141	1	31,488	1.56%
Other	3	5	0	575	0.03%
Total	175	14,920	37	2,024,881	100.00%



Top Events (CMI)							
Outage Cause	Feeder	Line Section	CMI	Customers Out	Time Off	First Restore	Longest Duration
Public: Motor vehicle	1253	BRK1253	264,494	882	3/21/25 3:38 AM	3/21/25 3:47 AM	7.6
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

CMI
 Customers Out
 Outages
 SAIDI

6-year avg comparison YTD without storms

3.1.3 Outage Summary – YTD W/Storms

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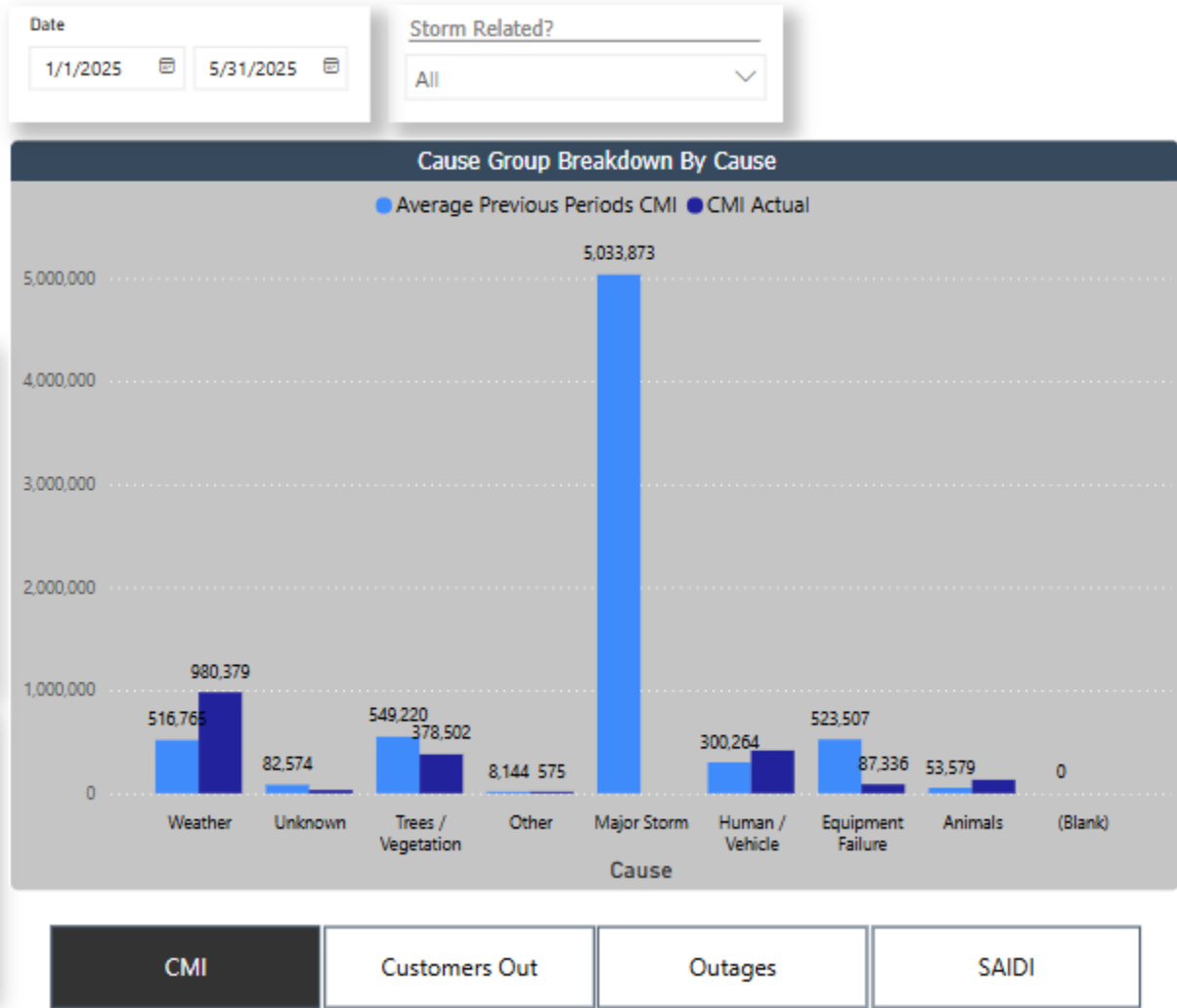
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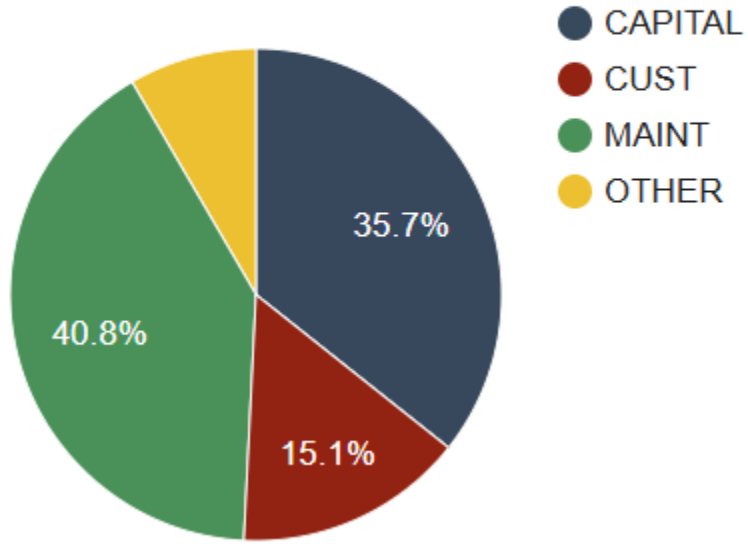
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6-year avg comparison YTD with storms
(No storms 2025 YTD)

Straight Time
3467.5 Hours



3.2.1 Line Crew

LINE CREW SERVICE ORDERS

56	HAZARD/TT/POWER QUALITY
56	DISCONNECT
28	INFO
27	RECONNECT/NEW/TEMP/BACKBONE
21	MISC
18	TRANSFORMERS
17	PERM METER
15	LT EXCHGE
11	FLUP
10	STREET LIGHTS
9	TPERM
7	POLE REPL
6	SPECIAL EQ
6	CUTOFF
1	PUDCAP T&D
288	TOTAL

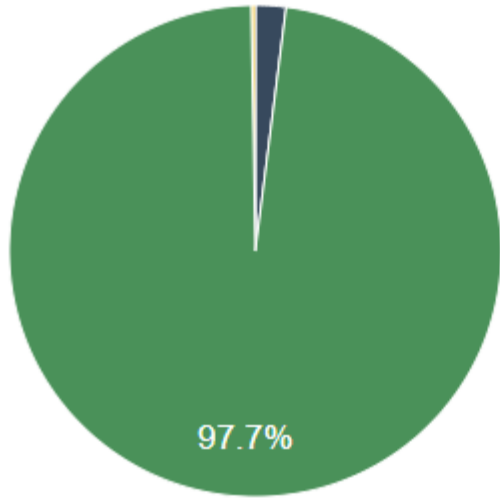
Customer Work

38 WO's completed

3.2.2 Relay/Substation

Straight Time
1 100.5 Hours

- CAPITAL
- MAINT
- OTHER

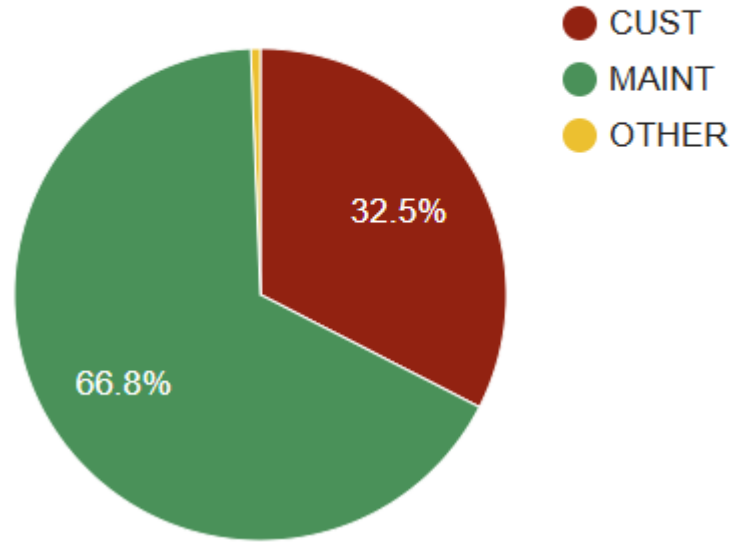


Maintenance Work

Power factor test Bakers Corner and Mint Farm substation power transformers
Substation maintenance Mint Farm
Started substation maintenance at Castle Rock
Relay testing for line reclosers

3.2.3 Meter and FSRs

Straight Time
951 Hours



Service Orders

METER DEPARTMENT

58	METER INVESTIGATION
47	DISCONNECT
26	RECONNECT/NEW/TEMP
22	MTR-CT/PT
16	FIP-METER
7	MISC
6	METER EXCHANGE/REMOVE
4	COMMER CST
3	CUTOFF
2	PERM METER
2	TPERM
1	FIP-LINE
1	TT-LINE
1	POWER QLTY

196 TOTAL

FIELD SERVICE REPS

84	FIP-METER
64	OFFICE
49	METER READ
40	READ OPTOT
7	CUTOFF
2	DISCONNECT
1	MANDISCOTH
1	FIP ACTREQ
1	CUSTMANDIS
249	TOTAL

3.2.4 On-Going District Work

Group	Design	ROPS	Completed	Budget	YTD	YTD/Budget
2.1 - Transmission On-Going Pole Replacement	17	7	5	\$310,000	\$96,838	31%
2.3 - Transmission On-Going System Improvement	1	0	0	\$95,000	\$0	
2.5 - Transmission Unplanned System Improvement	4	2	2	\$410,000	\$409,179	100%
3.1 - Distribution On-Going System Improvement	59	13	37	\$3,950,000	\$492,956	12%
3.11 - Transformer O/H & U/G Failure	2	0	26	\$270,000	\$38,858	14%
3.12 - Dist Line Rebuild	3	0	0	\$220,000	\$1,724	1%
3.18 - Distribution Unplanned System Improvement	12	10	12	\$760,000	\$135,116	18%
3.19 - Distribution On-Going U/G Line Cable Rep	77	48	20	\$8,750,000	\$861,626	10%
3.26 - Transformer PCB Replacement	1	74	30	\$170,000	\$40,391	24%
3.5 - Distribution On-Going Pole Replacement	111	19	29	\$1,690,000	\$387,703	23%
3.52 - Substation Unplanned System Improvement	1	0	2			
3.54 - Substation On-Going System Improvement	1	0	0	\$443,500		
TR2.1 - Small Capital	3	0	0	\$39,000		
TOTAL	292	173	163	\$17,107,500	\$2,464,390	14%

3.2.5 On-Going Customer Work

Group	Design	ROPS	Completed	YTD
3.13 - Cust OnGoin Lighting	6	0	3	\$3,349
3.14 - Cust Secondary Ln Extention	203	10	163	\$175,969
3.16 - Cust Pri Ln Ext. Residential	112	6	94	\$480,749
3.17 - Cust Pri Ln Ext. Commercial	78	1	17	\$284,480
3.29 - Cust Mke Redy for Telco	46	0	15	\$8,658
3.9 - Cust Ln Reloct Dist/TX	15	1	3	\$270,243
3.99 - Cust Solar	9	0	7	\$802
TOTAL	469	18	302	\$1,224,249

3.2.6 Tree-Trimming

Contractor Tree Crew #1

Substation feeders trimmed: Bakers Corner (12T4)

Total line miles trimmed: **1.9**

230 manhours spent on circuit trimming

Trouble Tickets: 178 manhours, 4 completed

Contractor Tree Crew #2

Substation feeders trimmed: Bakers Corner, Bakers Corner (12T1)

Total line miles trimmed: **14.2**

580 manhours spent on circuit trimming

Contractor Tree Crew #3

Substation feeders trimmed: Castle Rock (12N1, 12N2)

Total line miles trimmed: **6.1**

560 manhours spent on circuit trimming

Contractor Tree Crew #4

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

14 Trouble tickets completed

370 manhours

Total miles trimmed: 102.9

Yearly goal ~ 200 miles/year

3.3 Safety



Health & Safety Dashboard

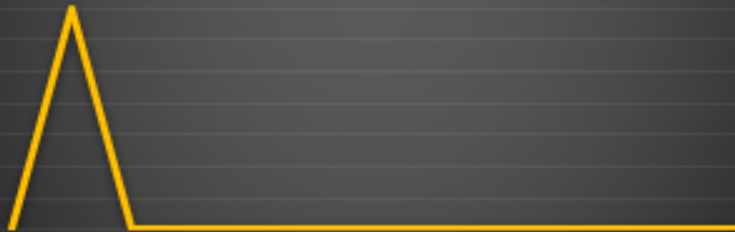
2025

Total Case Incident Rate (TCIR) To Date



DAYS RESTRICTED

14



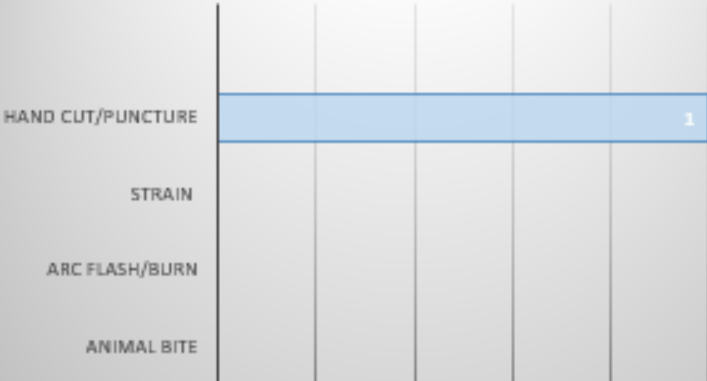
Incidents by Severity



Total # Incidents

1

Injury by Cause



3.4.1 Wildfire Projects

Early Fault Detection (EFD)

Pilot Project

Detect anomalies on overhead lines prior to failure

Line sensors installed on distribution and transmission

Progress

Received final material for installations

(18) locations throughout the county installed

Delay by manufacturer with software release. Expecting an early to mid-July release.

Fire Weather Monitoring and PSPS Software

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

Employee training completed

System is on-line and being used daily

Bi-weekly meetings with manufacturer to assist with monitoring

3.5.1 Pictures



Safety Trailer demonstration Robert Gray
Elementary 05/22

3.5.2 Pictures



Message from school: Thank you so much for bringing the crew out today. The kids absolutely loved it!! I will definitely be reaching out to you again next year to set this up again. Please thank your crew for us as well.

4. Engineering

4.1 System Metrics

4.2 Underground Primary Outages

4.3 New Service Requests

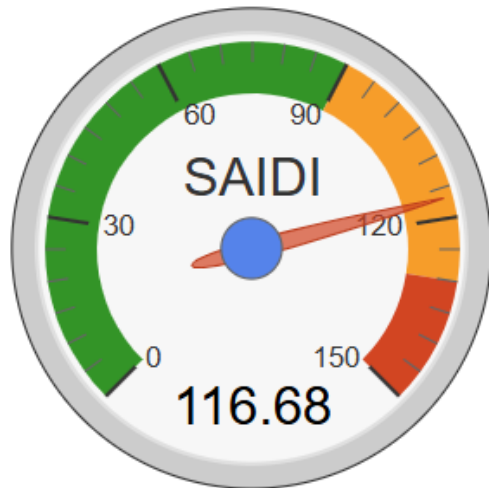
4.4 Locates

4.5 Substation Outages (exclusive of storms)

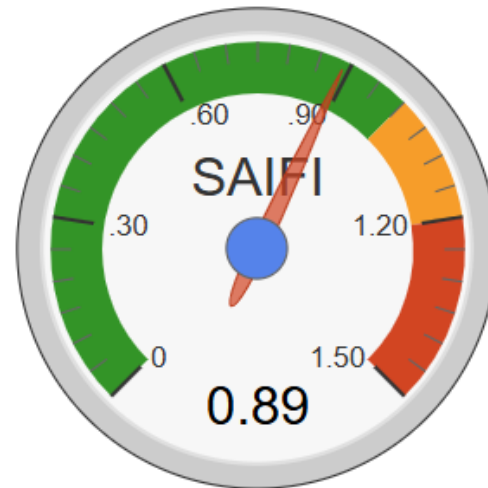
4.6 Feeder Outages and Causes (exclusive of storms)

4.1 System Metrics

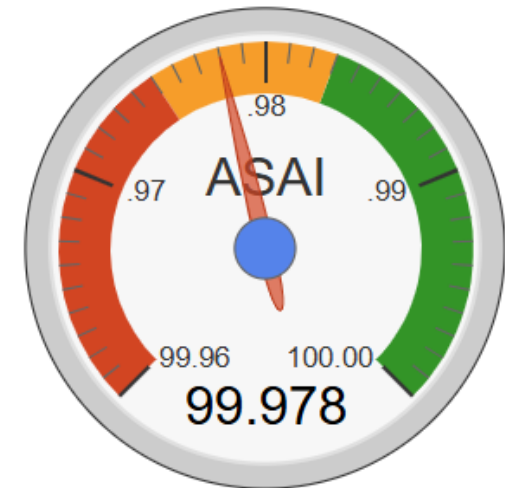
Indices (rolling 12 months)



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



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



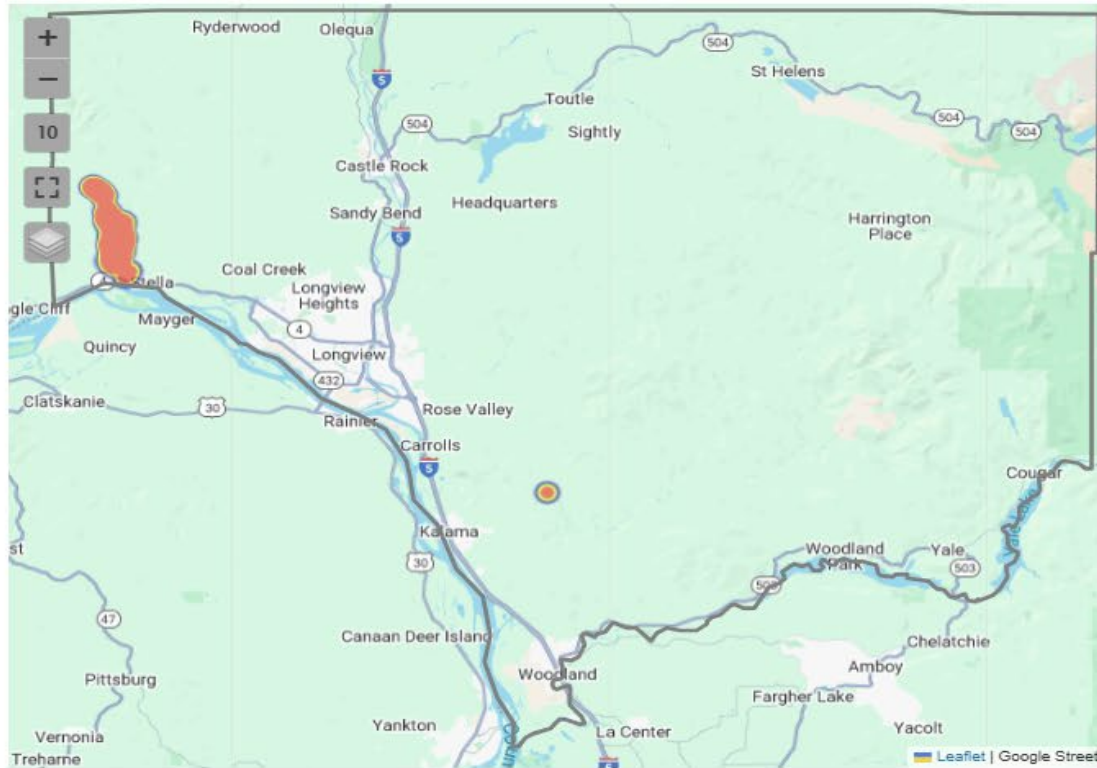
Average Service Availability Index
(Percent of Time Average Customer has Power)

Green indicates system performing within PUD set goals. Total May customer minutes 139,214.
10-year May monthly avg is 233,186 therefore Customer Minutes are 60% of average.

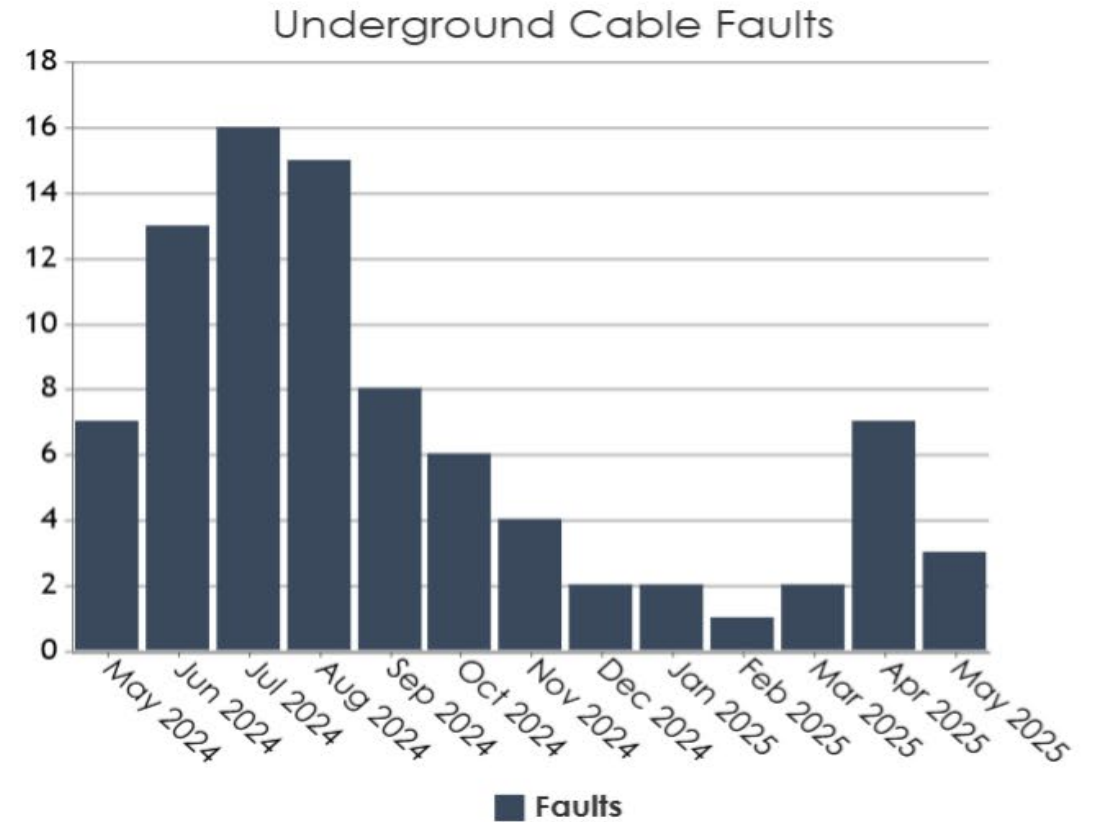
4.2 Underground Primary Outages

Underground Cable Faults

May
Minutes Out: 23940 Incidents: 3 Customers: 134



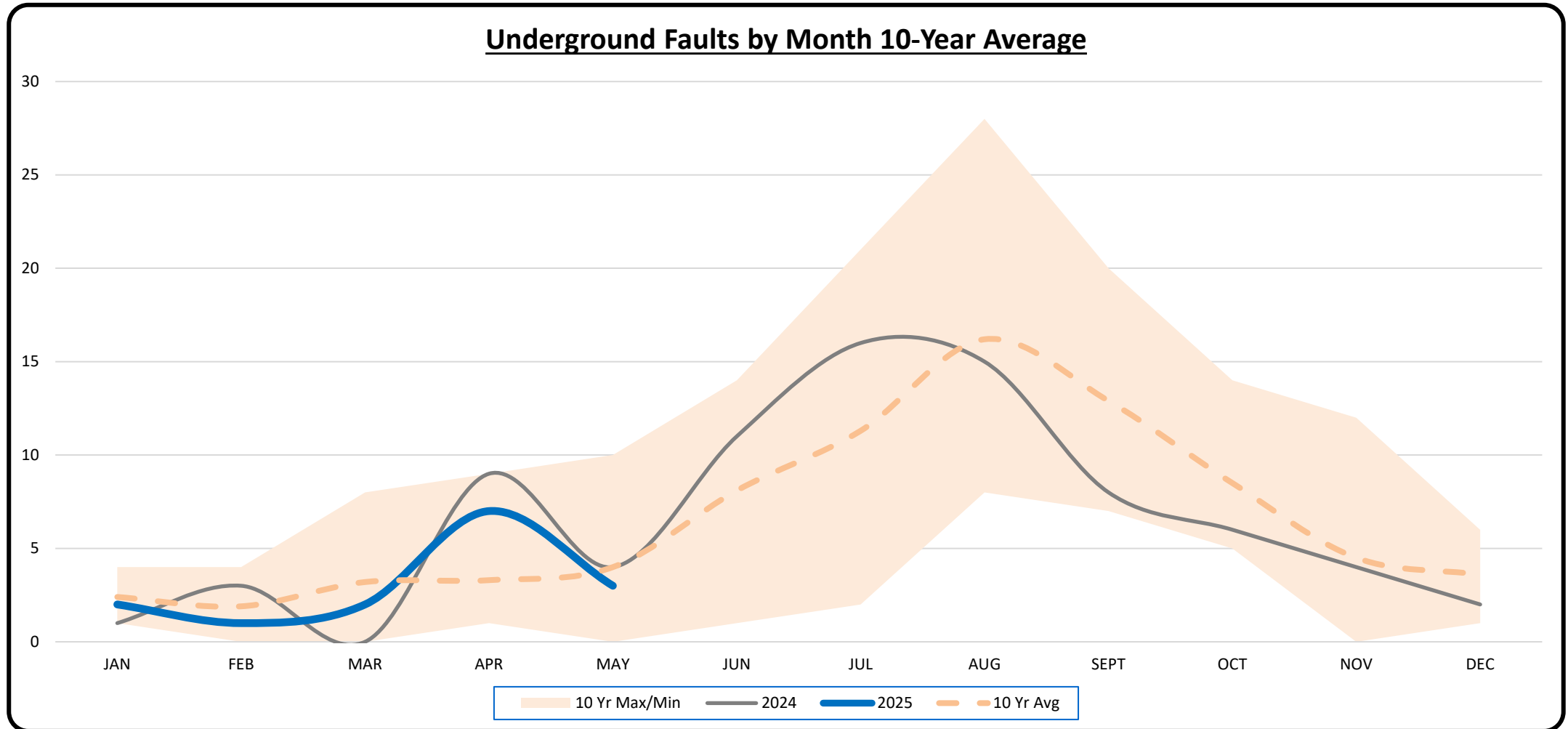
Underground Faults (13 Months)



Cable Faults 2025 YTD: 15

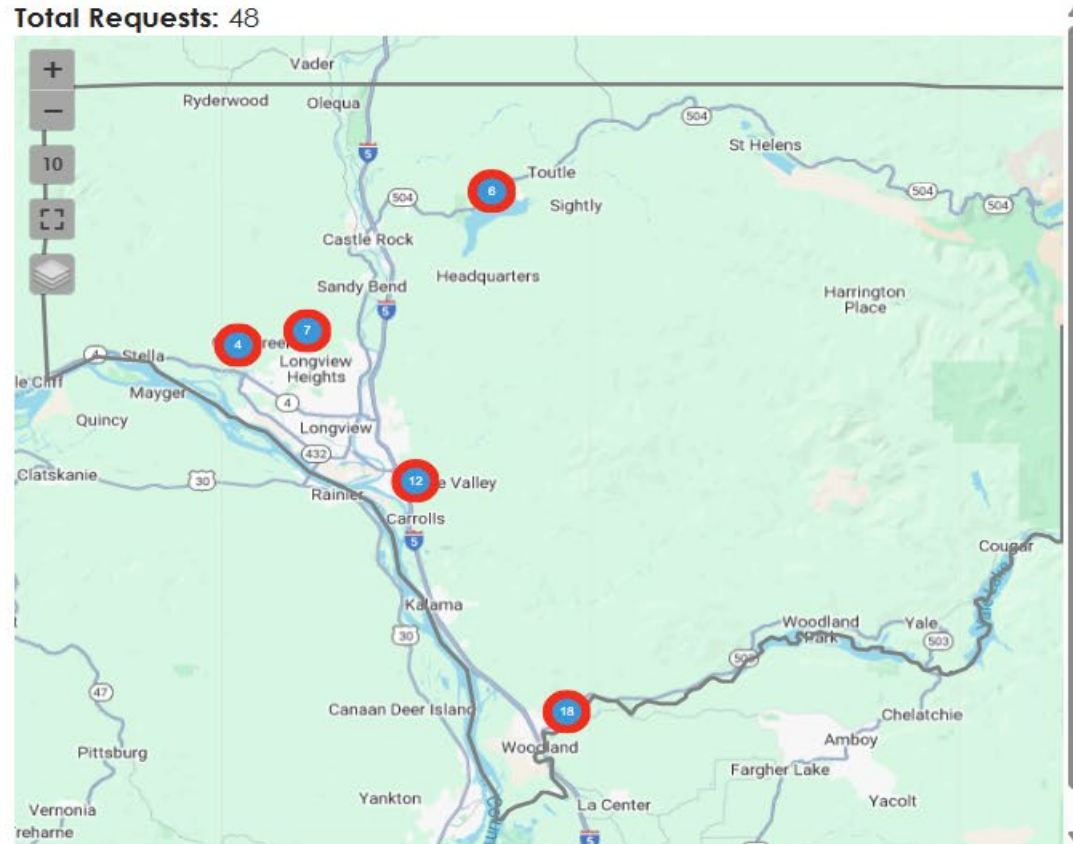
Total Faults YTD are 12% less than the previous year and 1% more than the 10-year average.

4.2 Underground Primary Continued

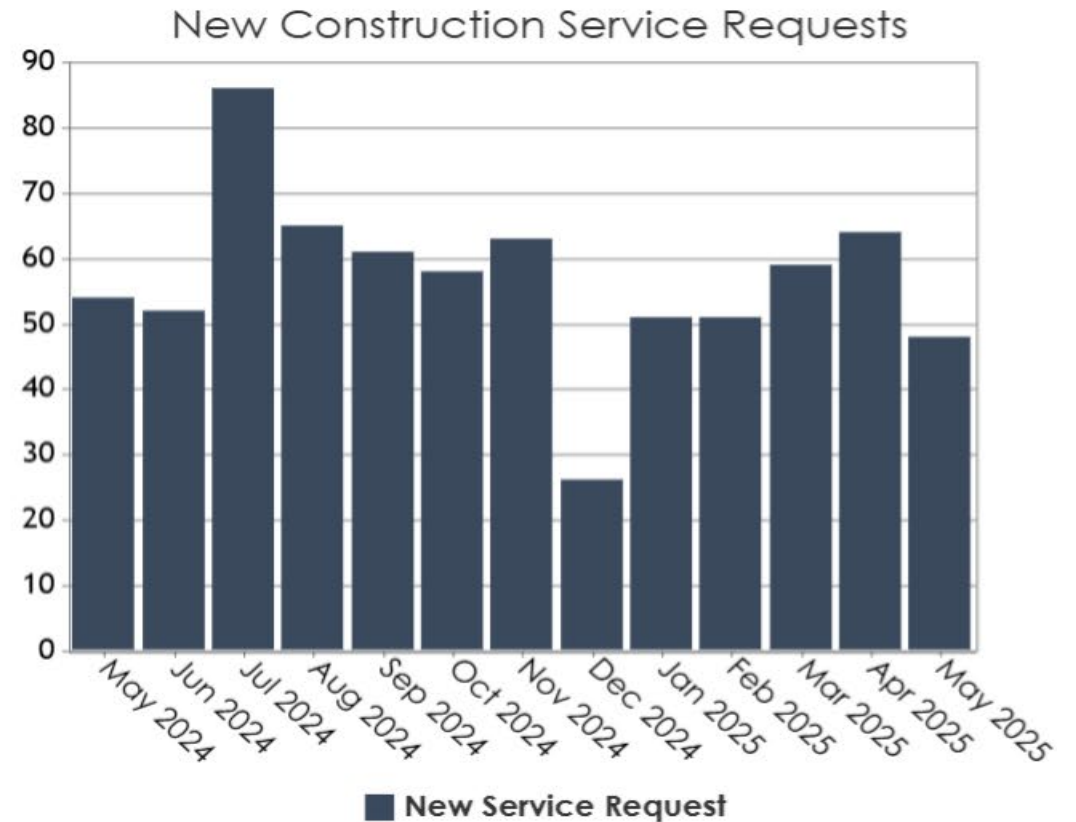


4.3 New Service Requests

New Service Requests



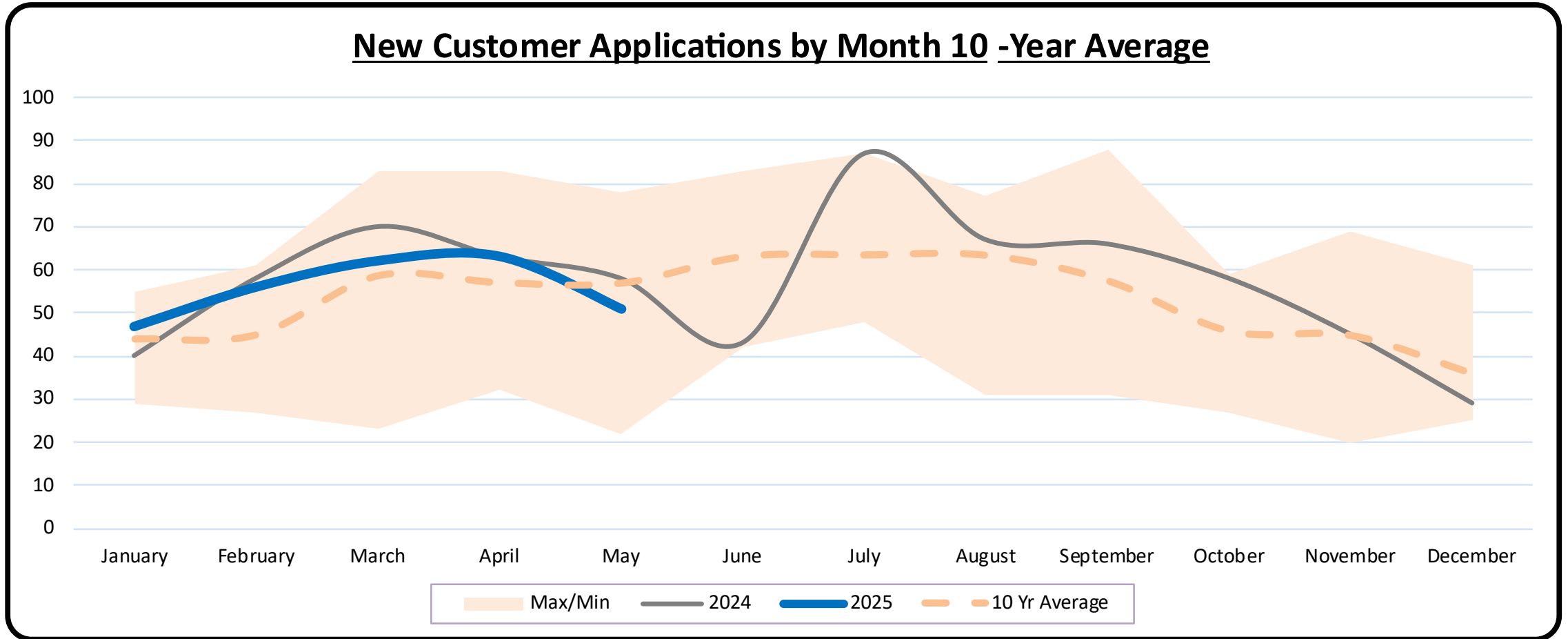
New Constructions



New Service Requests 2025 YTD: 279

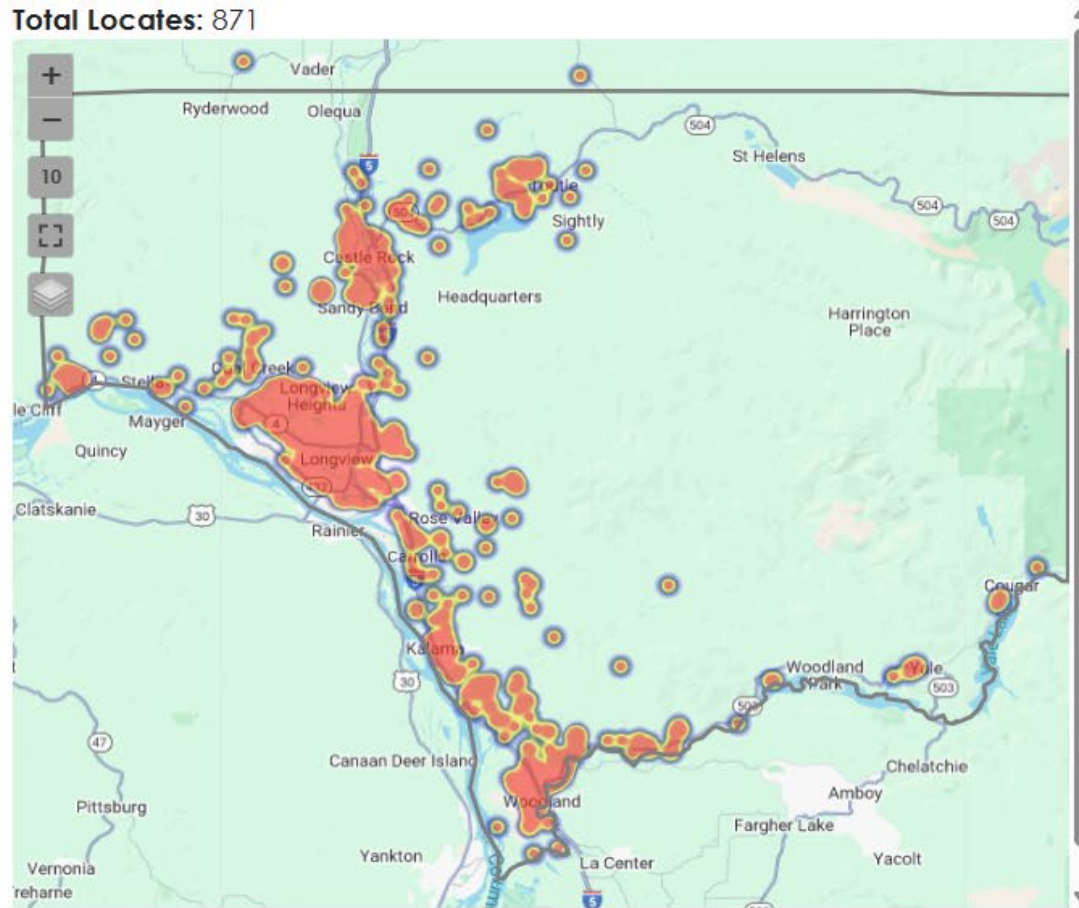
Total New Service Requests YTD are 3% less than the previous year and 6% more than the 10-year average.

4.3 New Service Requests Continued

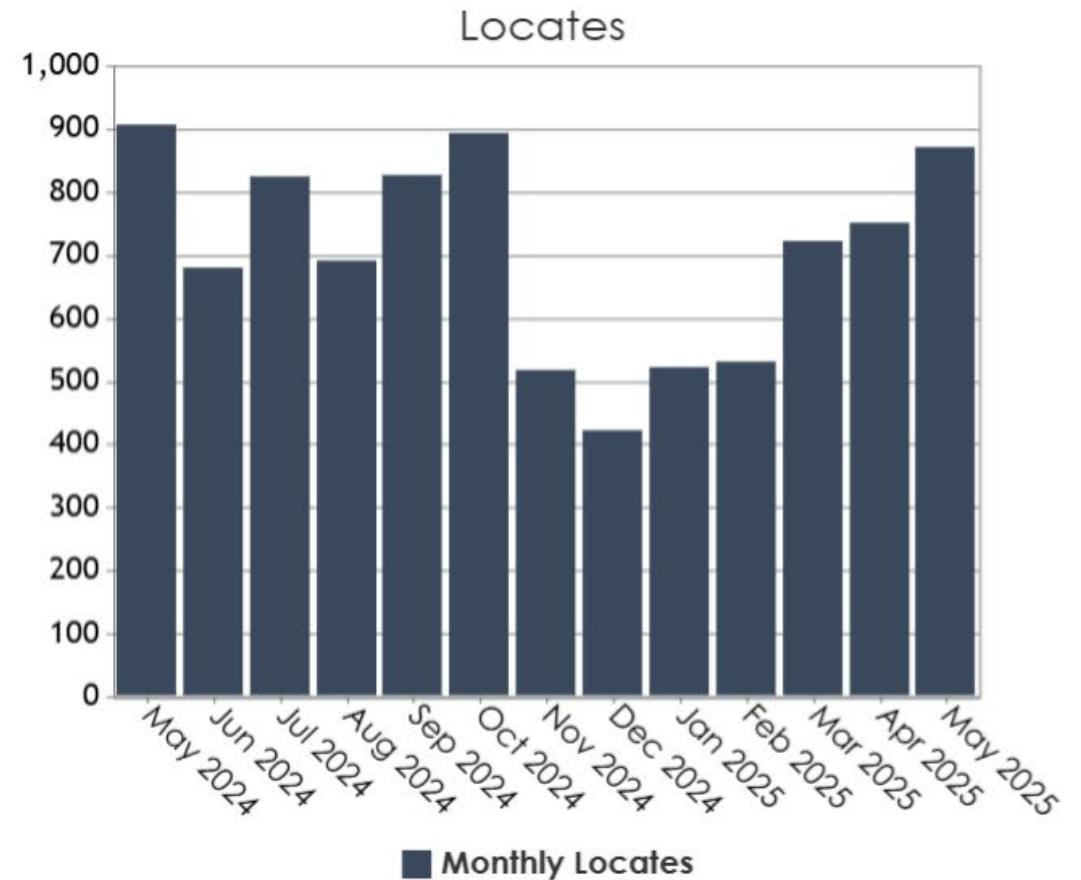


4.4 Locates

Monthly Locates



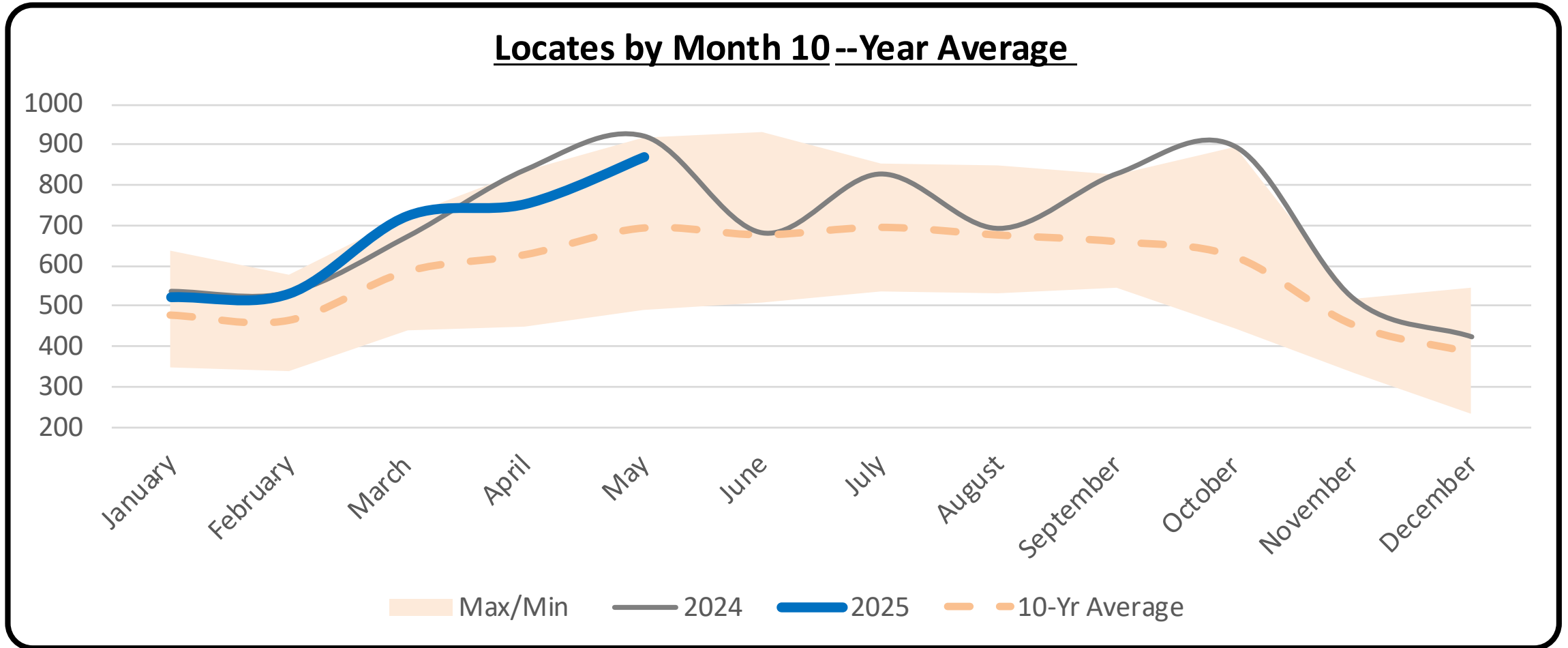
Locates



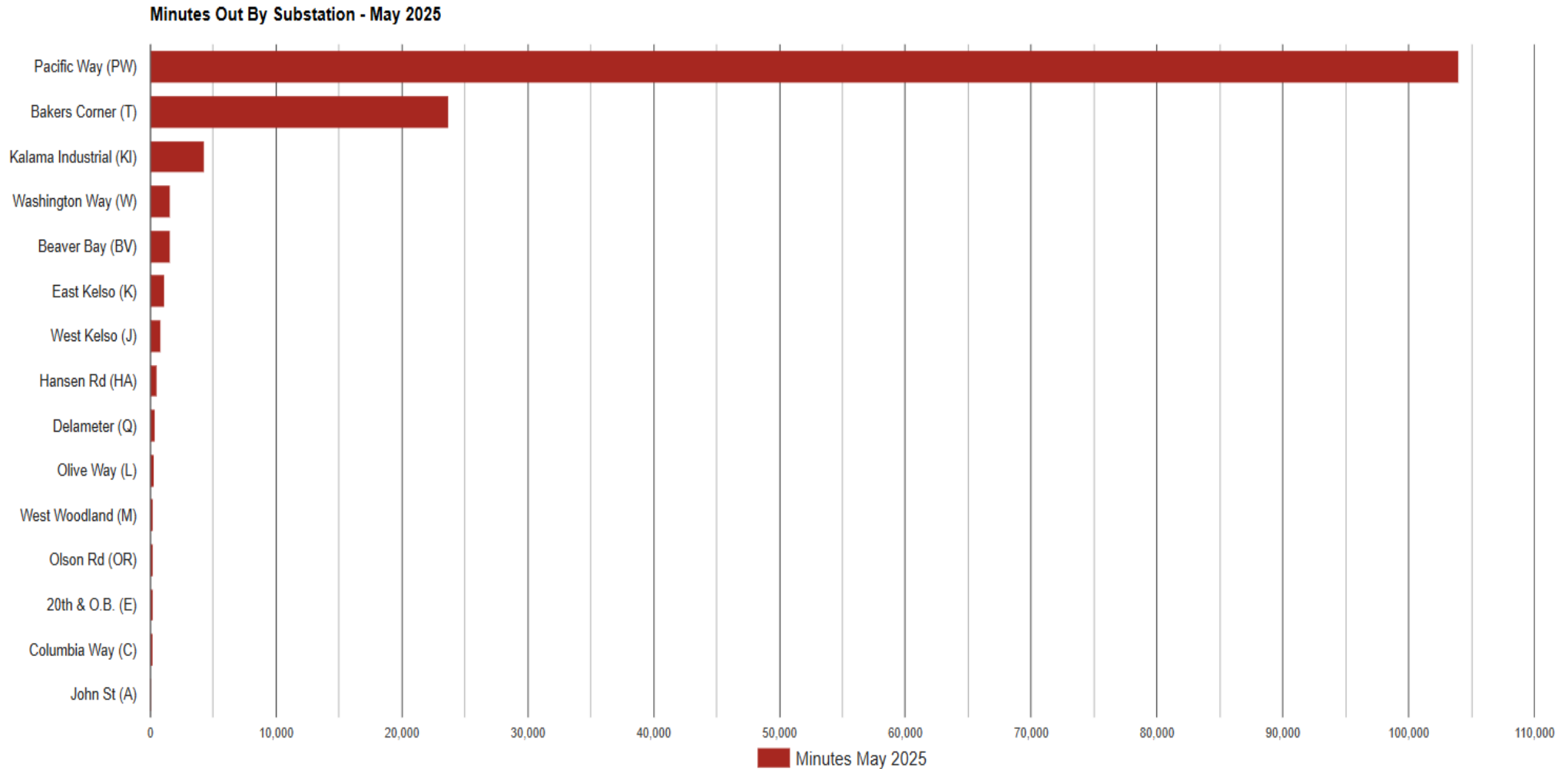
Locate Requests 2025 YTD: 3,400

Total Locate Requests YTD are 3% less than the previous year and 19% more than the 10-year average.

4.4 Locates Continued

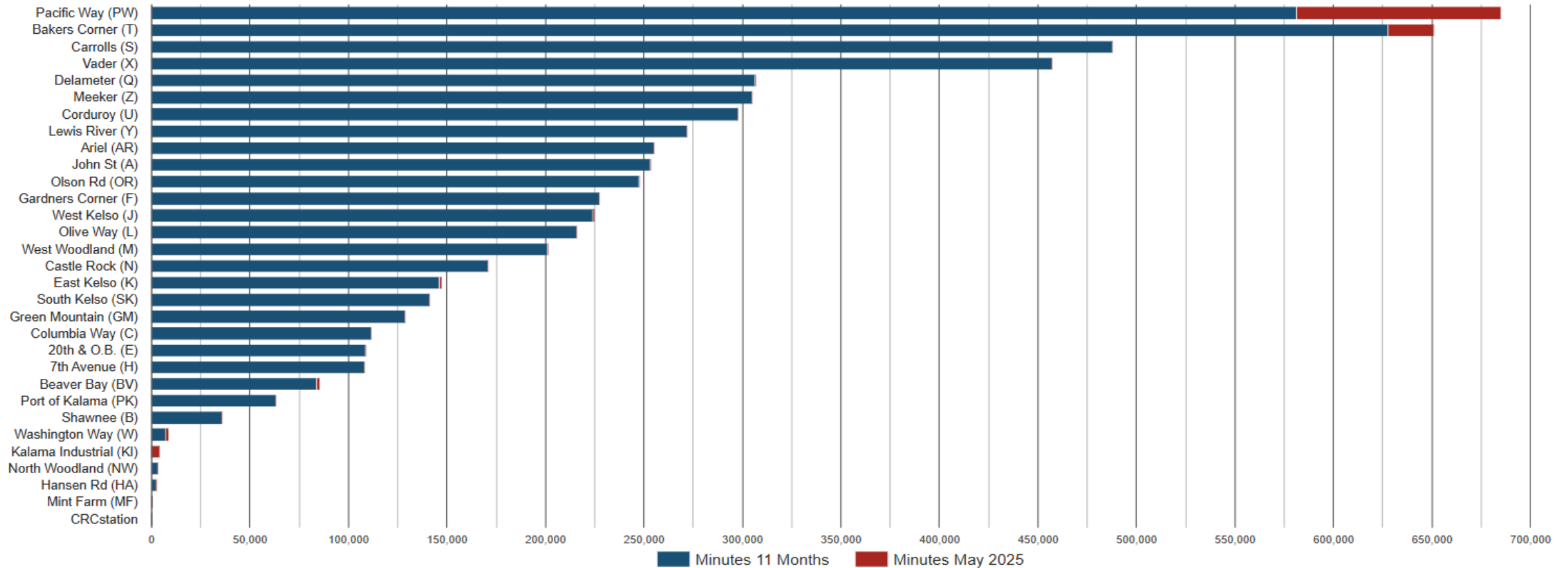


4.5 Substation Outages (exclusive of storms)



4.5 Substation Outages continued

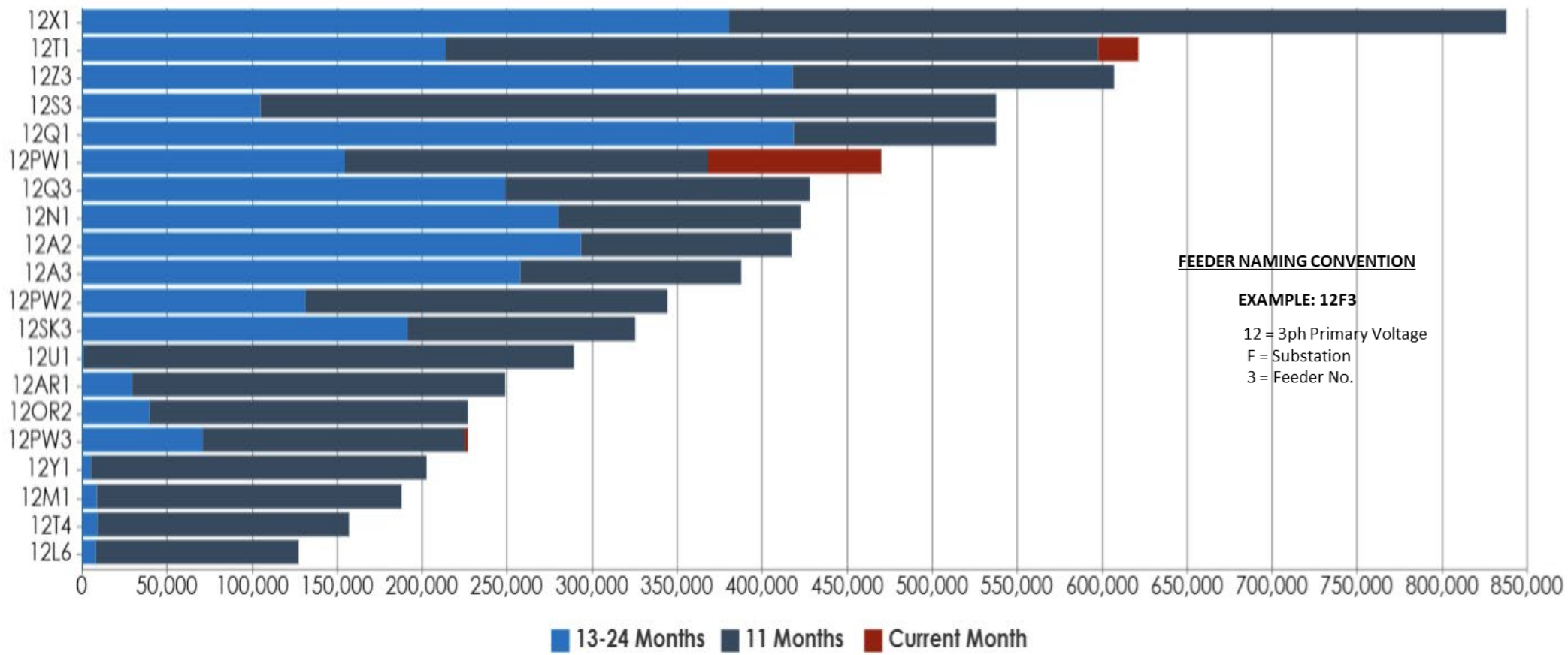
Minutes Out By Substation - Rolling 12 Months



4.6.1 Feeder Outages and Causes (exclusive of storms)

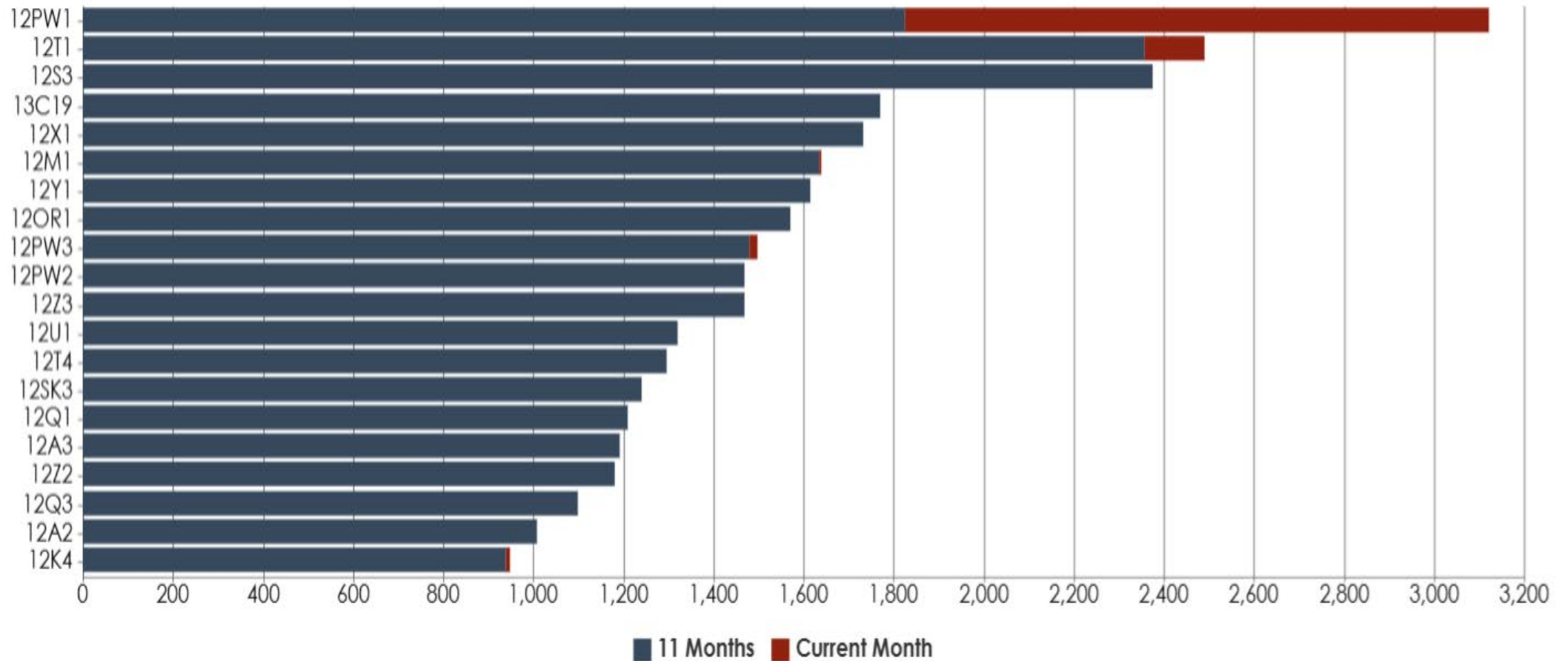
Feeder Outages & Causes - (rolling 12 months)

Top 20 Feeders by CMI



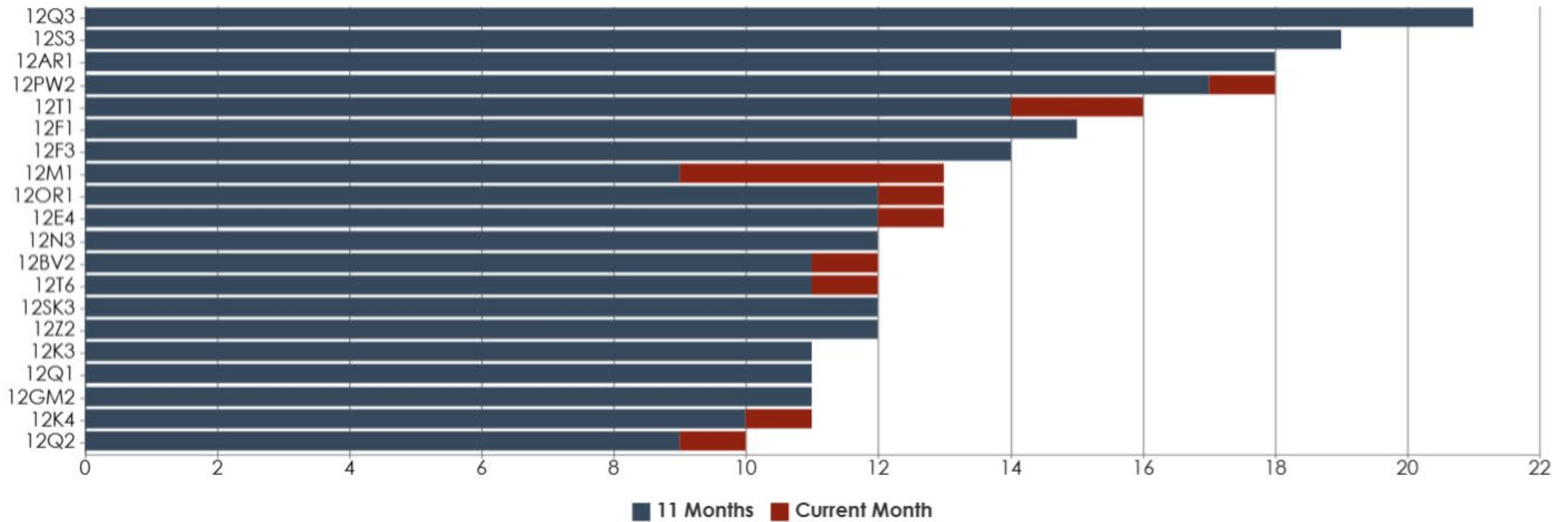
4.6.2 Feeder Outages and Causes continued

Top 20 Feeders by Customer



4.6.3 Feeder Outages and Causes continued

Top 20 Feeders by Incidents



4.7 Pictures & Hi-Lights

Drafting Technicians

- Responsibilities
 - 70% Drafting / 30% Locating
- NISC Drafting (Primary Duty)
 - All work orders flow through drafting
 - Crew maps, callouts, materials, picklists, notes and more
- Locates (Secondary Duty)
 - 2024 was a record year for locates and 2025 is only trending 3% less
 - Backup to the primary locator, daily overflow and coverage



Sean Cory



Alex Waedekin

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

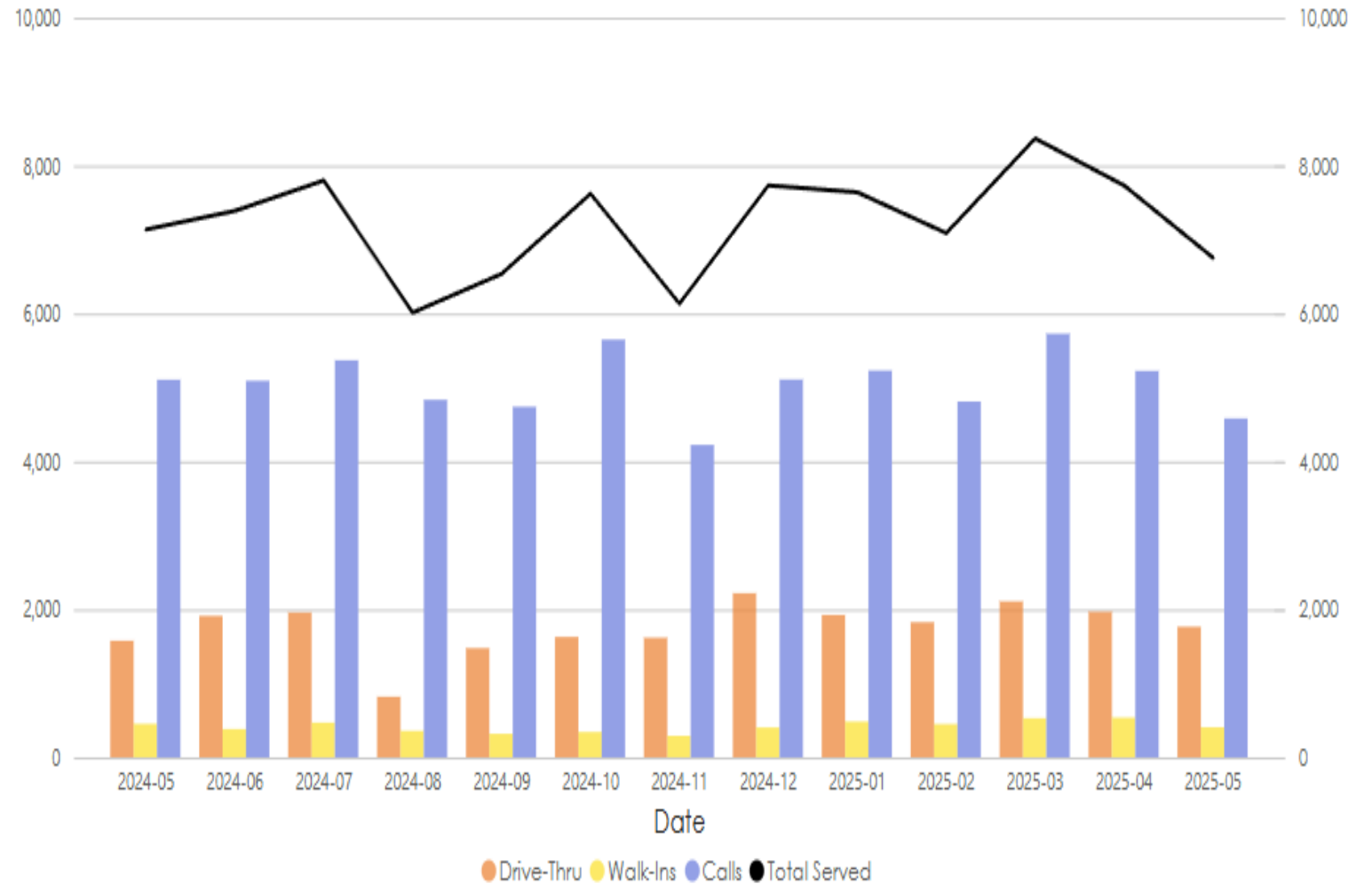
5.1 Customers Served

May Customers Served – 6,754

Drive Thru – 1,766

Phone – 4,583

Walk-Ins – 406



- Total customer contacts decreased for May.
- Warmer temperatures lower bill amounts continue to reduce call volumes.

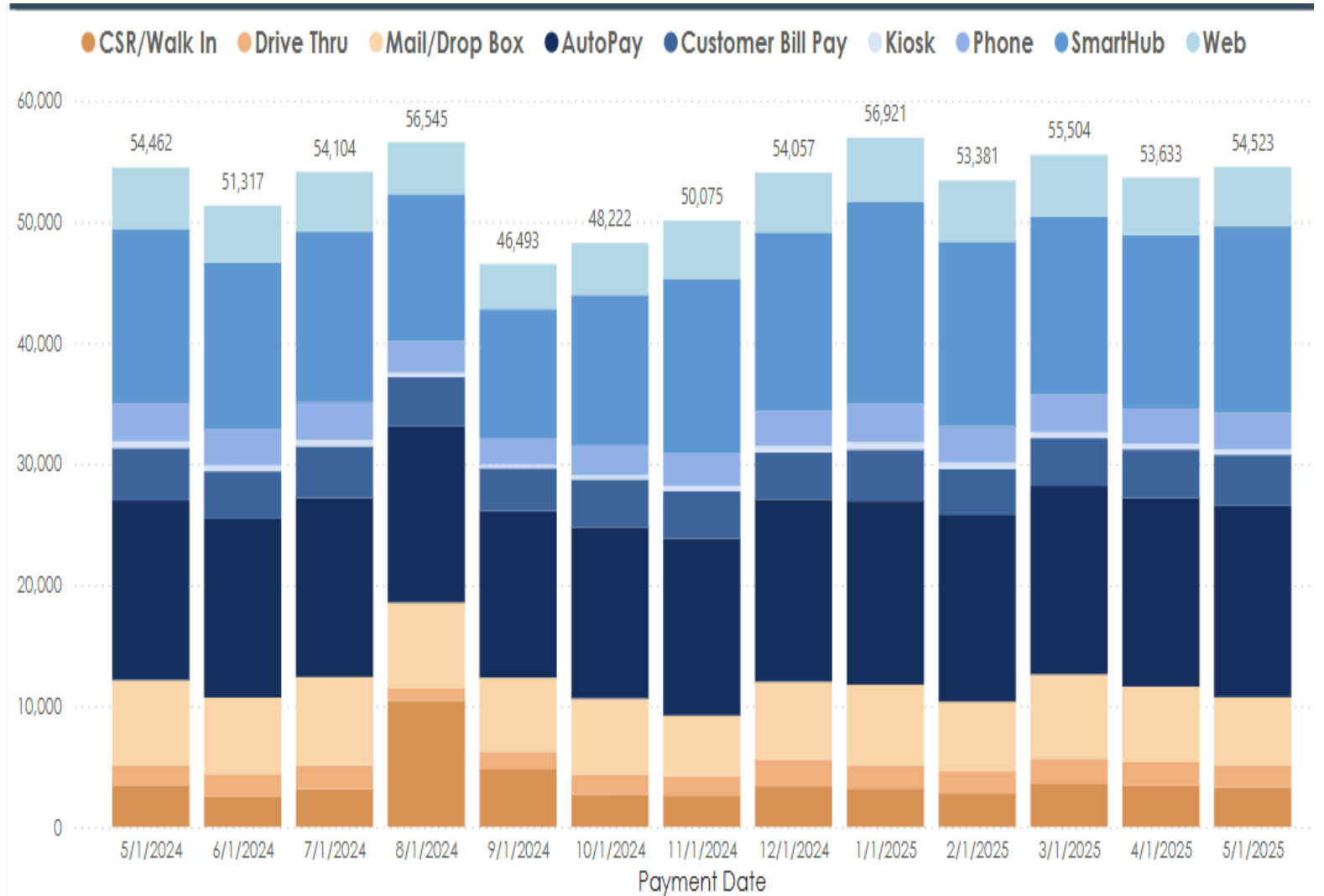


5.2 Customer Payments

May Payments – 54,523

CSR Processed – 10,708

System Processed – 43,815



- Total customer payments increased slightly for May.
- CSR processed payments (total orange) decreased slightly and system processed payments increased over 1.7k.



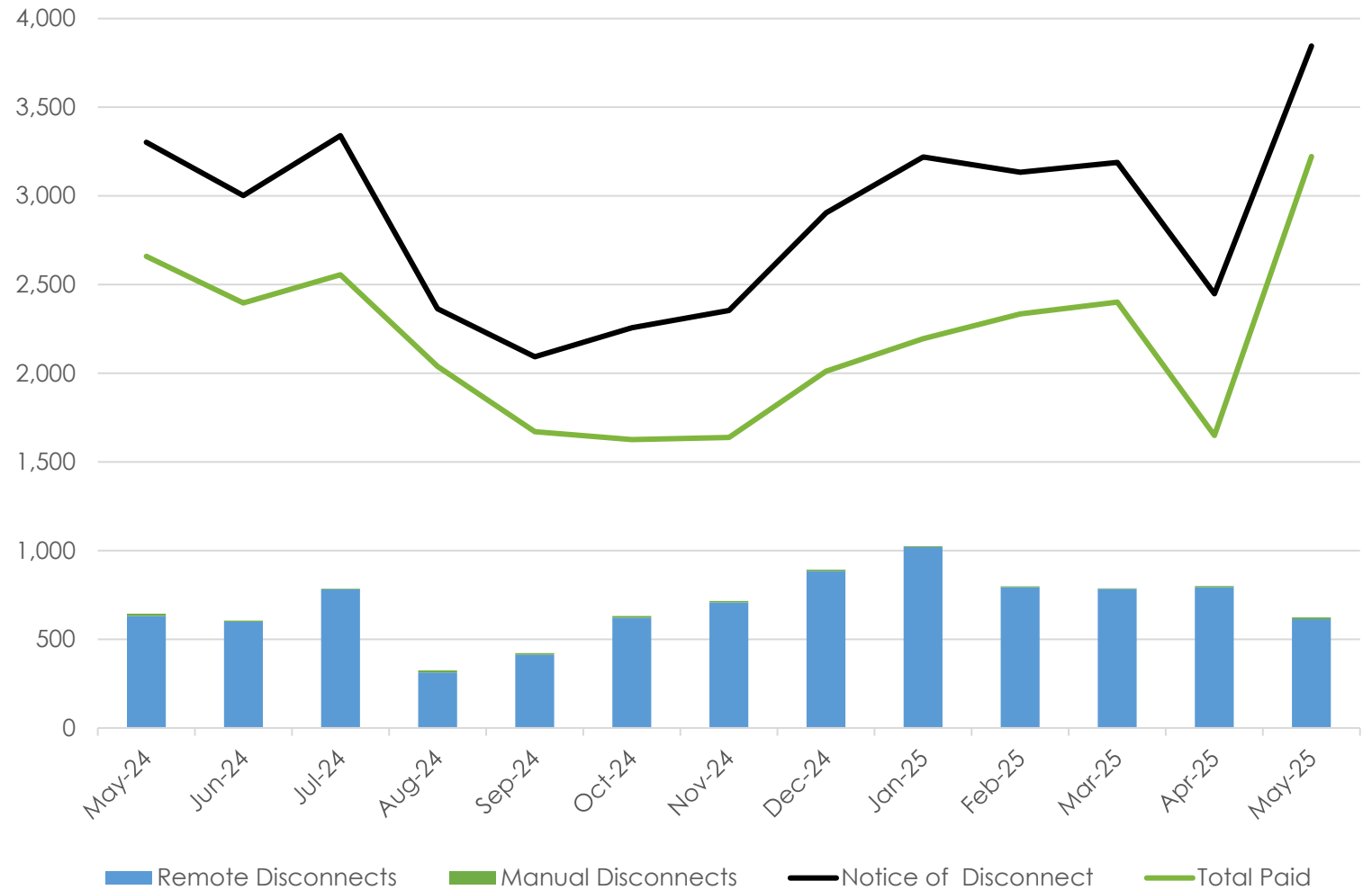
5.3 Customer Disconnects

May Disconnects – 623

Remote – 613
Manual – 10

Traditional – 384
PrePaid – 239

Pending Disconnects – 3,845
Accounts Paid – 3,222



- Disconnects decreased in May and is average for this time of year.
- Continued CAP and Warm Neighbor assistance has helped prevent customer disconnects during high heating months and anticipate the disconnects to continue to lower due to lowering bill amounts.

5.4 Customer Assistance

May Assistance - \$152,235

DISCOUNT RATE - \$42,077

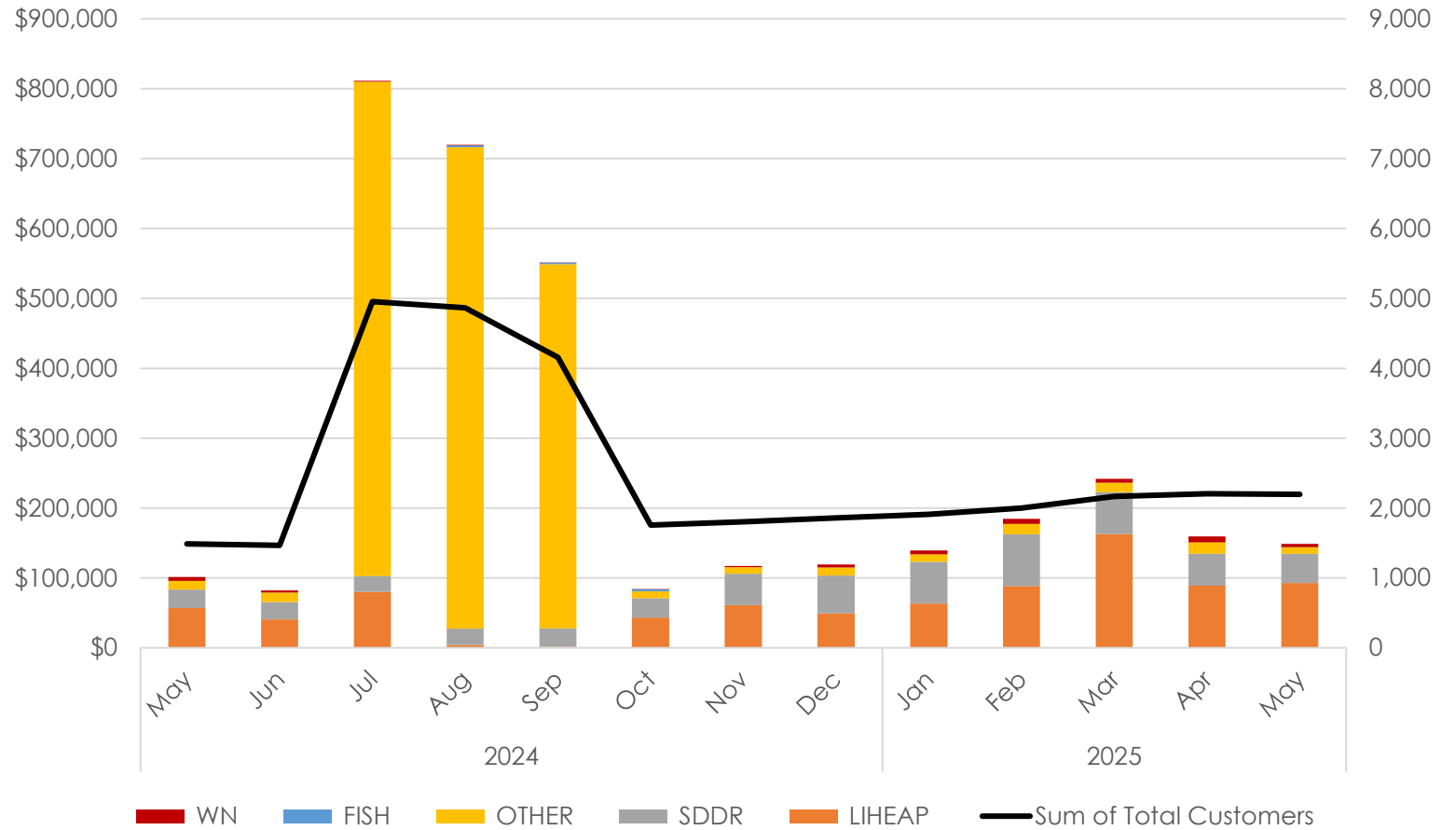
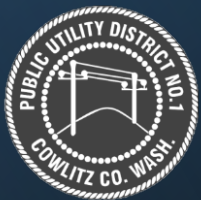
FISH - \$0

LIHEAP - \$92,560

OTHER - \$9,514

WARM NEIGHBOR - \$4,423

TOTAL CUSTOMERS - 2,195



- Assistance had a slight decrease for May.
- Customers can receive up to \$2,500 if owing on the account at time of CAP application. In addition, they will still receive up to \$1,250 based on usage and an additional \$500 through the remainder of the season or until funding has been exhausted. Note these are all LIHEAP funds they are just being designated for specific situations on accounts

5.5 Customer Arrearages

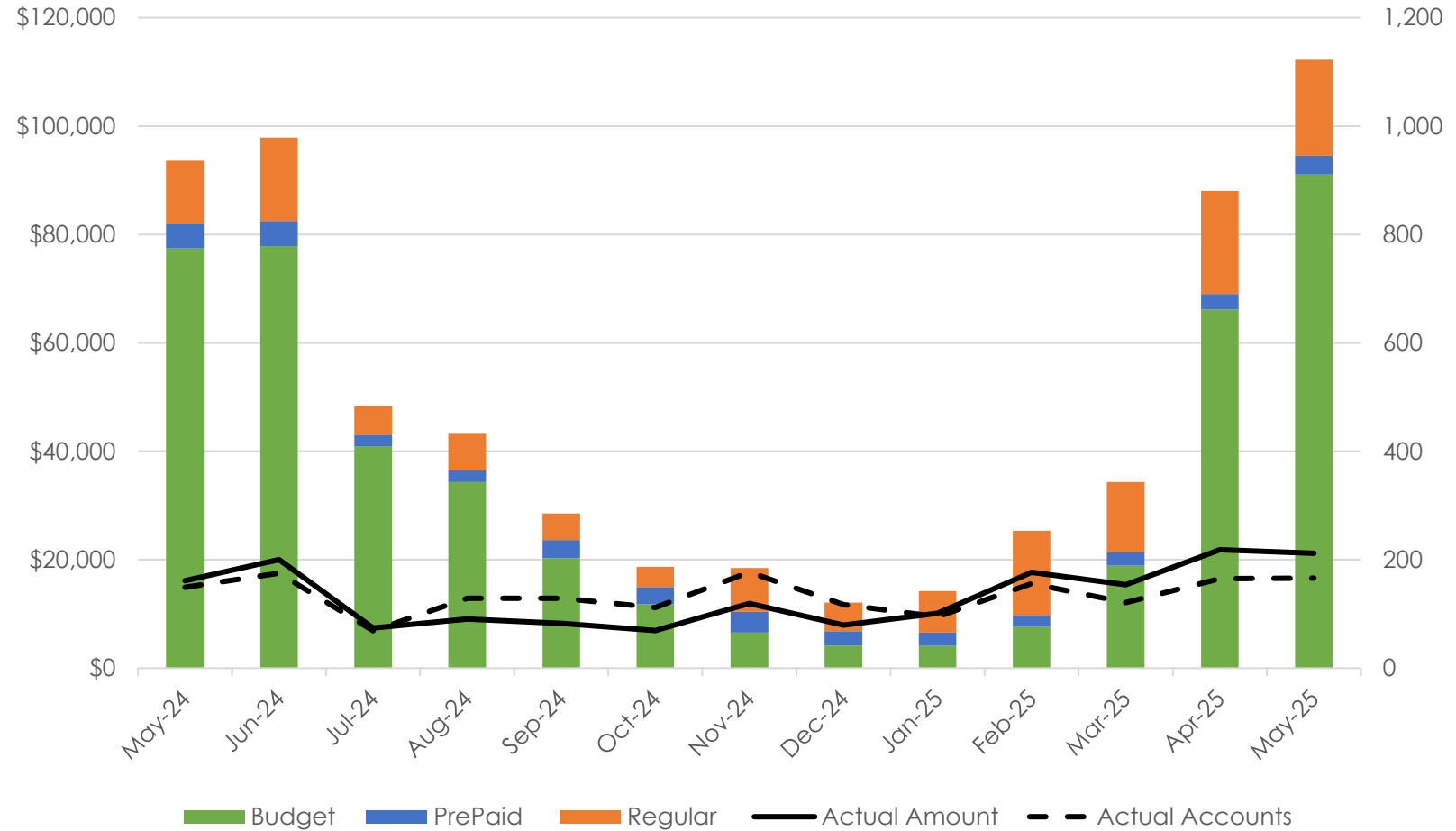
May Arrearages – \$112,233

Total Accounts – 843

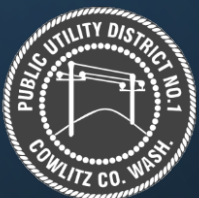
Actual Past Due:

Past Due Total - \$21,171

Past Due Accounts - 166



- Total arrearages had over \$24k increase from last month but are due primarily from the AR budget amounts which are not actually past due.
- Actual Past Due amounts had a slight decrease from last month.



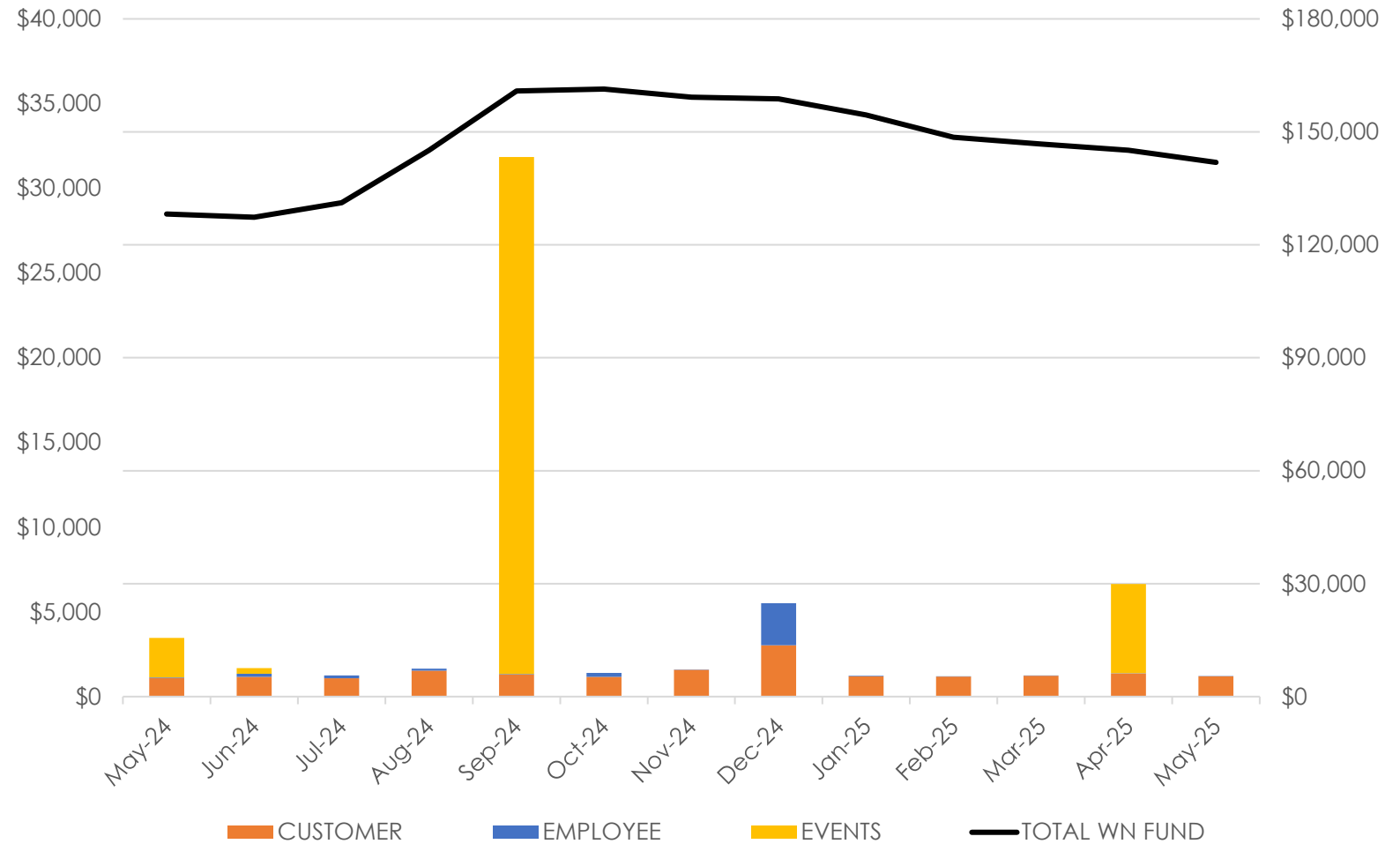
5.6 Warm Neighbor Program

May WN Balance – \$141,899

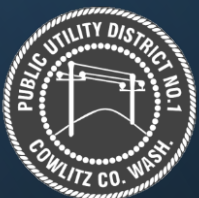
Customer - \$1,193

Employee - \$16

Events – \$0



- Donation amounts continue to remain flat and expect them to increase in the summer and fall.



5.7 Customer Programs

May Program Participation

SDDR – 1,950

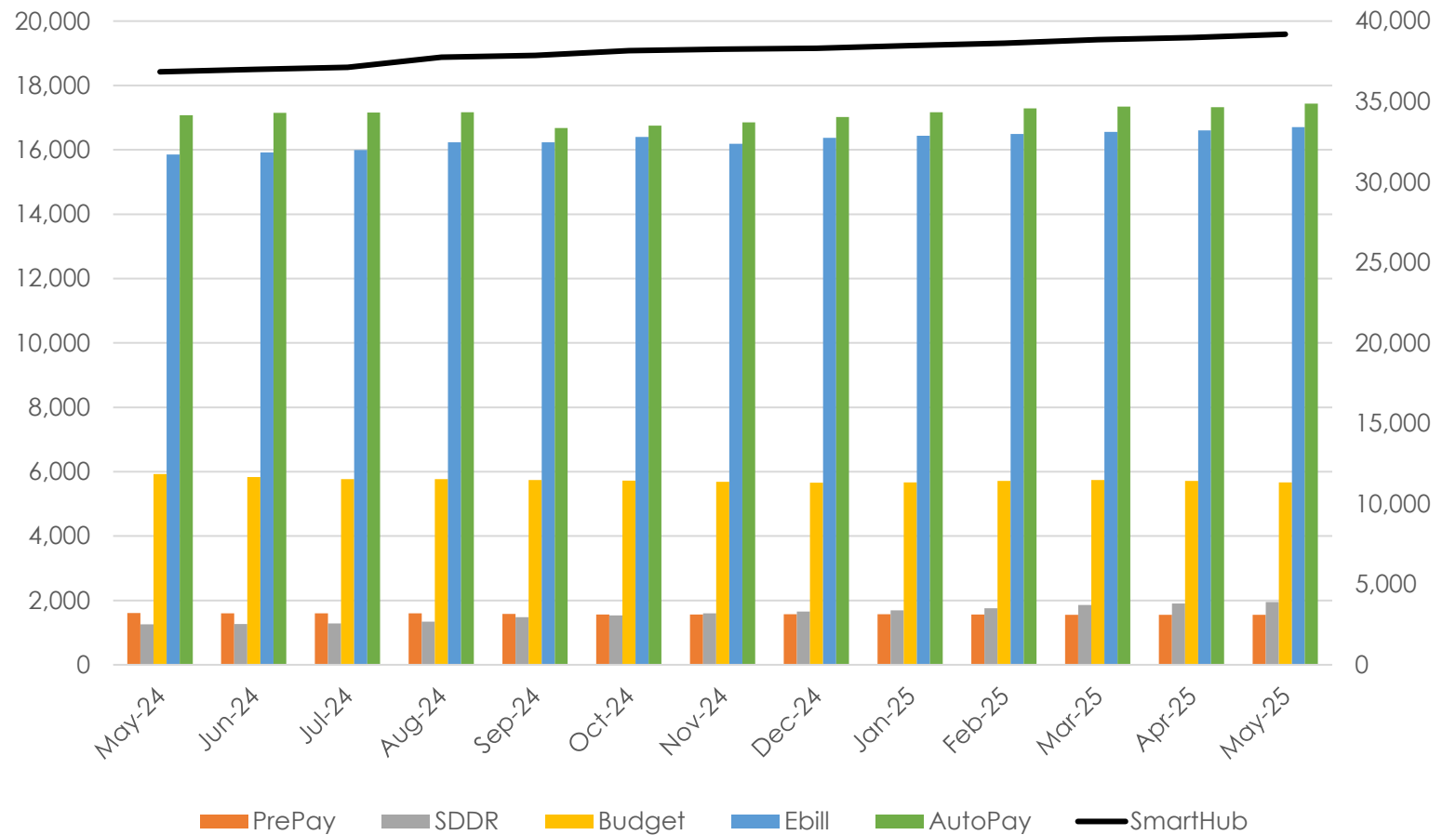
PrePay – 1,549

Budget – 5,666

eBill – 16,706

AutoPay – 17,432

SmartHub – 39,184



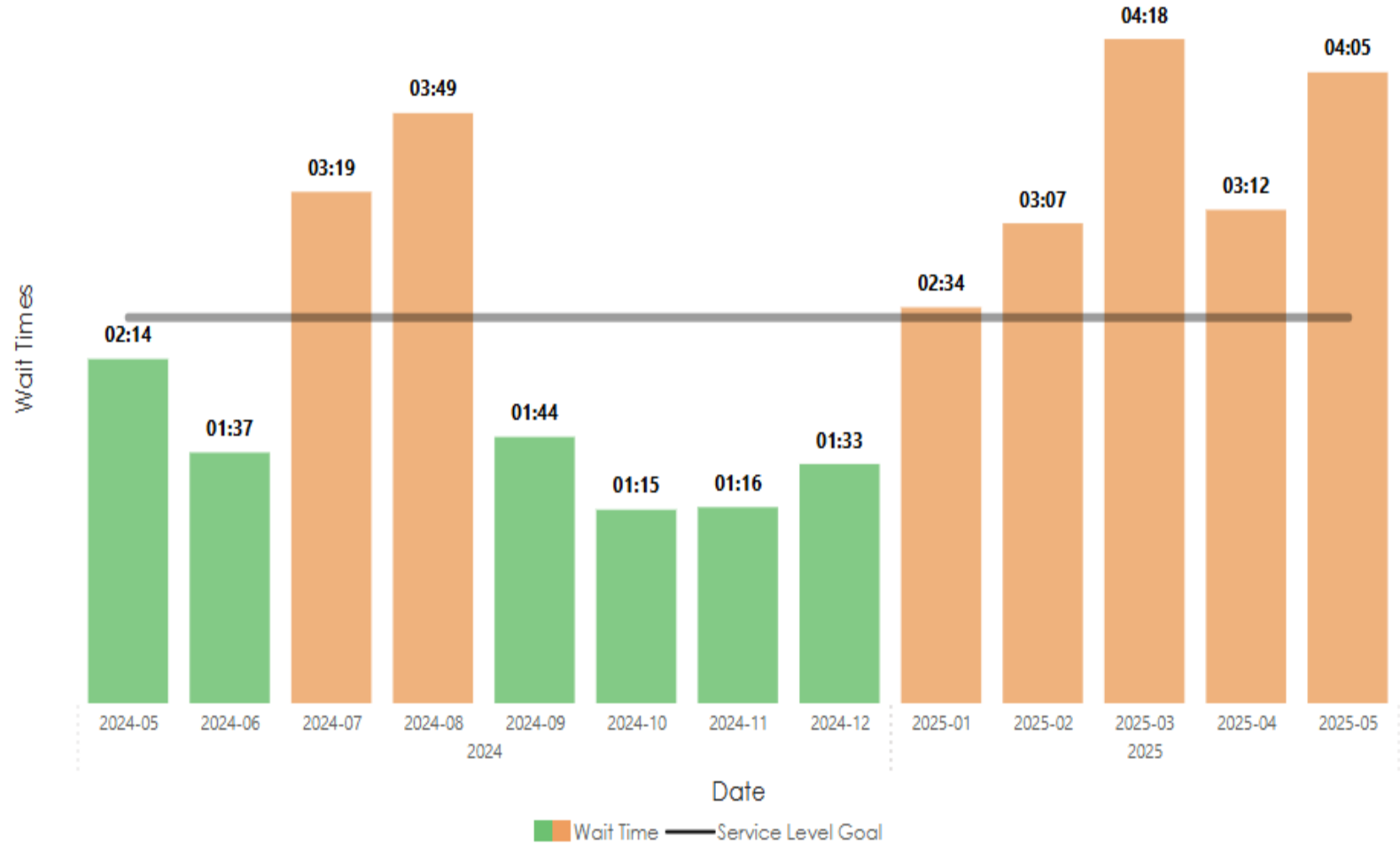
- All programs remain steady for May.
- Customers who meet the age, disability, or veteran requirements are now automatically enrolled in SDDR if they have been approved for LIHEAP. This saves both the customer and the District time in collecting and processing duplicate income information.

5.8 Customer Service Levels

May Call Wait Times

Service Level Goal – 2.5 mins

Current Month – 4.05 mins



- Call wait times increased in May. Additional staffing is coming soon and anticipate will get back to the normal wait time.

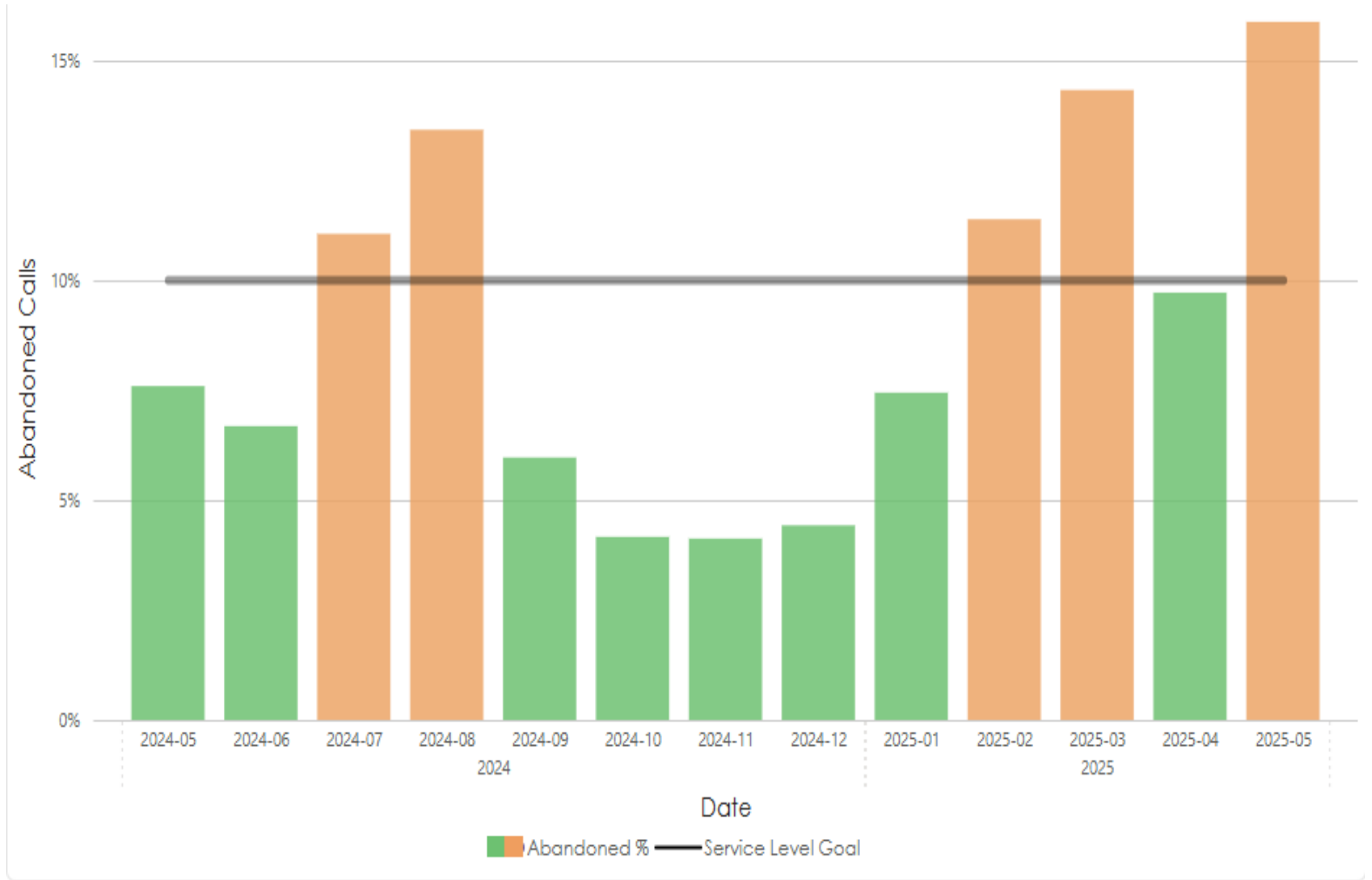


5.8 Customer Service Levels

May Abandoned Calls

Service Level Goal – <10%

Current Month – 15.44%



- Abandoned calls increased for May. With lower staffing call wait times increased forcing customers to hang up.
- A total of 866 calls were abandon.



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

1 part-time employee

3 Interns – T&D Engineering – 2

Electrical Engineering - 1

New Hires:

- Carson Ness started as our Electrical Engineering Intern on June 16, 2025.

Retirement:

- Steve Parker, our Fleet Mechanic General Foreman announced his retirement after 16 years with the District. Steve's last day will be July 3, 2025.

Promotion:

- Jason Dawson, our Lead Fleet Mechanic/Fabricator was promoted to the Fleet Mechanic Foreman to replace Steve Parker on June 17, 2025.

6.2 Current Employee Recruitments

External Recruitments:

- We are currently recruiting to fill the following position:
 - **Electrical Engineer II** – this is a budgeted position that we are currently recruiting for. We will have this position posted through Sunday, June 29, 2025.
 - **Engineering Drafting Technician I** – this is a new position in Customer Engineering that we are currently recruiting for. We will have this position posted through Sunday, June 29, 2025.
 - **GIS Technician** – this is a budgeted position to replace an upcoming vacancy. This position is posted through Sunday, June 29, 2025.
 - **Environmental & Power Resource Analyst** – this is a budgeted position to replace a vacancy in the Power Management department. This position is posted through Sunday, June 29, 2025.
 - **Customer Service Specialist** – this is a budgeted position to replace a vacancy due to personnel moving into a CSR role. We have reviewed the applications and are currently scheduling interviews for the end of June.

6.3 Career Fair – Public and Student Outreach

Outreach Events Coming up for 2025:

- **Kelso/Longview Chambe of Commerce Cowlitz Career Exploration – 10/23/2025**
 - This event will take place at Lower Columbia College in the Myklebust Gymnasium & Fitness Center and will showcase different business throughout Cowlitz and Clark County. This event is targeted to Junior and Senior students in Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties.
- **Cowlitz PUD ½ Day Job Shadow – 11/5/2025**
 - Cowlitz PUD hosts our half day job shadow annually with local Cowlitz and Wahkiakum Junior and Senior high school students. We have already communicated with local high schools regarding our event and we usually have anywhere between 60-80 students attend. We will have short workshops with Cowlitz PUD staff leading the way to introduce students to the different career options we have at the District.

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.
- **Kalama High School Career Fair – 3/25/2025**
 - This event took place on March 25th at Kalama High School. We spoke with over 500 students, grades 6th to 12th grade and gave them information on what a PUD is and the varied careers at a Public Utility.
- **WSU Vancouver Engineering and Technology Career Fair – 3/26/2025**
 - This event took place on March 26th at WSU Vancouver. We promoted our two open Transmission & Distribution internships and the current open positions we have. We educated students on Public Utilities and the different careers offered.

6.3 Career Fair – Public and Student Outreach

Outreach Events Completed for 2025:

- **Woodland High School Career Fair – 4/18/2025**
 - This event will take place on April 18, 2025 in the Woodland High School gym.
 - We talked with over 150 students about what a PUD does and the importance of Public Power along with the different types of positions that we have in the Utility industry.
- **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.
 - Cowlitz PUD brought our Safety Trailer and completed two different demonstrations with students along with showing students how to tie in insulators and having them practice.
 - This event was open to not only Castle Rock High School students but from students at different high schools bringing over 600 students to the event.
- **Robert Gray Elementary School – Safety Trailer Demonstration – 5/22/2025**
 - This event took place on May 22, 2025 at Robert Gray Elementary School with the Second Grade students. Brad Keith's line crew completed a safety trailer demonstration while onsite and even blew a circuit and had to turn the power back on while they were onsite.
- **Kelso/Longview Work Source Career Fair – 5/27/2025**
 - This event took place at the Kelso Work Source office on May 27, 2025 and Teedara spoke with numerous local residents about the current and upcoming job openings we have.

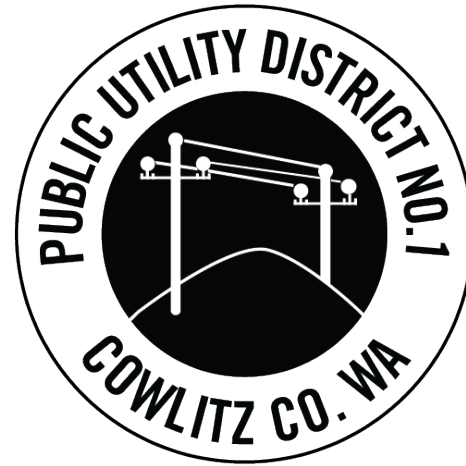


Castle Rock High School Skilled Trades Fair

PUD Employees Participating in this Event:
Teedara Wolf, Alice Dietz, Jeremy Beck, Deanna Killett, Brad Keith, Thomas Gustin, Robert Spitler, Devin Wannamaker and Kevin Wilbur.

7. Public Relations and Communications

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A Message from The Director of Operations



Casey Kalal

Hello Cowlitz PUD Customers, As the Director of Operations, we are constantly assessing our essential infrastructure to ensure cost-effective, reliable, and sustainable power is delivered to your homes and businesses. Over my years with the PUD, we have learned to adapt to a constantly evolving environment to provide the highest quality service to our customers. This dedication is why we have adopted a proactive strategy to prepare for potential wildfire impacts. Although Cowlitz County is considered low-risk, we are committed to preparing and educating ourselves in Wildfire Mitigation. We collaborate with wildfire experts, local fire departments, and industry leaders to ensure our community receives the best service. The most crucial advice we can offer is to have a self-sustaining plan. Just as you ready your homes for storm-related outages, it's equally important to prepare for potential summer outages. Please use the resources listed in this newsletter to help you develop your self-sustaining plans for your home.



COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

Why Wildfire Mitigation Plans?

With the rise of wildfires nationwide and associated legislation and regulations, utilities are actively crafting wildfire mitigation plans. These thorough plans enable utilities to establish operational policies and practices to help prevent, prepare for, and respond to wildfire incidents. While Cowlitz County has been determined low risk for wildfires, it is important for our customers to have a self-sustaining plan in the event of a wildfire.

Cowlitz PUD proactively crafted a comprehensive Wildfire Mitigation Plan in 2021 to bolster community safety and enhance the resilience of the electrical grid. We continuously refine this program as we gain insights into wildfire risks in Cowlitz County and adapt to evolving conditions, including an updated version of the plan published in 2024.

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CYBER SECURITY TIP



Cybercriminals use disasters to prey on compassion and a sense of urgency for help to entice people to click and type without thinking. With wildfire season coming up, remember the following cybersecurity tips:

- No legitimate organizations or governmental agencies should ask you for money, passwords, or account info via text or email.
- Give to legitimate, well-known charities. Verify with well-known agencies if a group claiming to help is authentic. <https://give.org> is one well-known website of many available, for charity research.
- If you receive a text or email asking you to click a link or reply with information, don't respond, ignore it.
- Don't use links or numbers in unsolicited communications to validate. Go to the official website of the group or call them to verify the request.

Why Wildfire Mitigation Plans?

continued

Cowlitz PUD's mitigation strategies encompass design and construction, inspection and maintenance, operational practices, situational and conditional awareness, and response and recovery.

Key components include

- Undergrounding lines where feasible and cost-effective
- System hardening with covered equipment and animal guards
- Avian protection
- Tree trimming and brush removal
- Equipment patrols
- Work procedures and training for employees
- Monitoring of service area weather conditions
- Pre-emptive de-energization of equipment and power lines during extreme risk days
- Coordination with local agencies
- Fire safety outage management

To help you prepare your self-sustaining plan visit: <https://www.cowlitzpud.org/outages/wildfire-mitigation/>



CUSTOMER SERVICE

Have questions about your account? Are you needing assistance with your bills? Our Customer Service Representatives are here to help you!

Contact us at 360.423.2210 or customerservice@cowlitzpud.org

ROUND UP FOR WARM NEIGHBOR

Would you like to help your fellow neighbor in need? Give a little by enrolling in Round Up for Warm Neighbor!



Ways to Donate:

- **SmartHub** – Open Bill & Pay, select Warm Neighbor, and follow prompts. You can choose a one-time round-up, monthly round-up, or a certain dollar amount each month.
- **In-person** – Donate in our office or in the Drive-Thru.
- **Bill Stub** – Mail your payment in with the bill stub marked for Warm Neighbor and a dollar amount.



State Required Clean Energy Plan:

Every four years, Cowlitz PUD is tasked with creating a roadmap for how we will provide our customers with an electric supply free from greenhouse gas emissions by 2045. In 2022, we developed our first roadmap – the Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP).

This plan proposed the steps Cowlitz PUD needs to take to be greenhouse gas neutral by 2030 and have clean energy by 2045. The steps in the plan included energy efficiency, demand response, and renewable energy goals and the actions we needed to take to make sure all Cowlitz PUD customers benefit from the transition to clean energy.

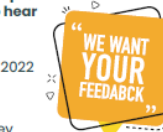
Cowlitz PUD's next four-year roadmap is due January 1, 2026, and we want to hear from you!

- Go to cowlitzpud.org to participate:
- Read more about the CEIP and the 2022 four-year roadmap
- Learn about our Public Process
- Participate in our Community Survey
- Read about our Upcoming Events

We are all in this together and we want to hear from you. Your valuable input will help shape our plan to make certain no one is unintentionally harmed by the clean energy transition.

To get started, please participate in our Community Survey. Your answers will be anonymous and only used to help us develop our 2026 four-year roadmap. The survey should take about five minutes to complete.

To participate, click on the QR code or visit our Main Office 961 12th Ave, Longview where you can access the survey in our lobby.



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Board of Commissioners meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 2pm.

To attend contact mpetterson@cowlitzpud.org



PLUGGED IN TO COWLITZ PUD

By Alice Dietz, Cowlitz PUD
Communications/Public Relations Manager

Cowlitz PUD seeks public input for CETA mandates

Every four years, Cowlitz PUD is required by Washington State's Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) to create a roadmap for how we will provide our customers with an electric supply free from greenhouse gas emissions by 2045. In 2022, we developed our first roadmap, the Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP).

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WITH A HOME ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM

Cowlitz PUD and Fibre Federal Credit Union are offering residential homeowners financing for energy efficient projects such as insulation, windows, ducted and ductless heat pumps, and heat pump water heaters. Loans ranging from \$2,000 to \$12,000 with terms of 24-60 months are available through Fibre.



Radio Messaging

Considering solar, let Cowlitz PUD be your free resource. Before you install solar, our expert engineers can help. Have a great list of questions available to ask yourself and ask your solar installer. Is solar what's best for your home? Cowlitz PUD offers free home energy audits. We'll prioritize your home's energy efficiency first, help your solar install, go further. Contact Cowlitz PUD today at 3604232210.

At Cowlitz PUD, we know life is getting more expensive. Kayaking, camping – even a simple picnic – it all adds up. But powering your home for a day? Still just an average of \$4.39. Clean hydropower from the Columbia River delivers big value at a low cost – every single day. Now, if only we could do something about the price of gas. Cowlitz PUD – supporting our community with energy-saving solutions for electricity and safety. Cowlitz PUD, Your Power.

Website Messaging

The image shows a website header and a newsletter section. The header features a navigation bar with icons for SmartHub, Outages, Efficiency, Careers, and Assistance Programs. A prominent orange button labeled "Make a One-Time Payment" is overlaid on a background image of a power substation. Below the navigation bar, a "Connected Newsletter" section is displayed, featuring three main content blocks: "Clean Energy Implementation Plan" with a landscape image, "LIVE Osprey Cam" with a bird's nest image, "Wildfire Mitigation Plan" with a sunset image, and "Sign-Up for AutoPay and eBill,..." with an image of US dollar bills.

Make a One-Time Payment

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BULLETIN

A potential partnership between fusion company Helion and Chelan PUD (Wenatchee, Wash.) continues to evolve. While Helion is working through a permitting process with Chelan County, Chelan PUD is negotiating a comprehensive lease agreement with Helion.

Helion, based in Everett, Washington, is interested in siting an office building, assembly building, and generator building on a portion of Chelan PUD's 401-acre Rock Island Dam property. Helion applied to Chelan County Community Development for permits to construct its office and assembly buildings. The company plans to apply for a conditional use permit to construct its generator building later.

Chelan PUD is interested in several aspects of a potential partnership with Helion, including the ability to locate near sources of carbon-free energy in a way that preserves local control and serves the growing demand for energy, as well as the long-term potential to diversify its energy portfolio.

After negotiations, Chelan PUD staff will present the proposed terms of a lease agreement to the PUD's board of commissioners for consideration. An agreement intended to secure future access to fusion energy will also be negotiated and brought to commissioners. **nwppa**

Public Power Utilities Invest in Student Success

Multiple utilities recently awarded scholarships to local students pursuing higher education.

Golden Valley Electric Association (Fairbanks, Alaska) awarded a total of \$39,000 to eight students; Bailey Gryga received the top scholarship of \$16,000. Flathead Electric Cooperative (Kalispell, Mont.) announced \$116,500 to be awarded to 34 students, with awards ranging from \$500 to \$6,000. Northern Wasco County PUD (The Dalles, Ore.) awarded Zachariah Banks, Madison Brock, and Benjamin Dahl with \$10,000 scholarships. The Copper Valley Electric Association (Glennallen, Alaska) Community Foundation awarded \$2,000 General Education Scholarships to Kelsey Prax and Joseph Hauptman; \$1,000 General Education Scholarships to Anthony Mann and Andrew Carlson; and Madeline Hamby; \$2,000 Continuing Education Scholarships to Anthony Mann and Andrew Carlson; and Youth Rally Leadership Camp Scholarships to Savannah Barton and Merrick McCumby. Sun River Electric Cooperative (Fairfield, Mont.) awarded \$1,000 scholarships to 23 students and \$5,000 Lucas Fowler Memorial Lineman Scholarships to Jace Brierly and Elijah Warden. Matanuska Electric Association (Palmer, Alaska) awarded a total of \$35,000 to 10 students; Eva Newkirk received the top scholarship of \$8,000. Finally, Yellowstone Valley Electric Cooperative (Huntley, Mont.) awarded \$500 Luck of the Draw Scholarships to 12 students. **nwppa**

Solar Boats in SMUD's Regatta



Students race their solar-powered boats at the Rancho Seco Recreational Area.

During the first weekend of May, high school and college students from California raced full-sized, solar-powered boats they designed and built themselves in SMUD's (Sacramento, Calif.) 12th annual California Solar Regatta at Rancho Seco Recreational Area.

The California Solar Regatta is part of SMUD's longstanding commitment to help local educators connect students with STEM concepts and career pathways, especially as SMUD aims to decarbonize the region's power supply by 2030. Students used renewable energy and technology skills they learned in school and applied them in a practical, hands-on way. This annual event creates a fun, exciting challenge that inspires students to pursue educational and career paths in science, technology, engineering, and math fields.

Sixteen teams of high school students (375 students) and 10 teams of college students (148 students) designed and built 26 solar-powered boats for this event. The high school teams competed on the first day of racing, May 2, while the college students competed on the second day, May 3. All teams competed in a variety of categories, including speed, slalom skill, endurance, and presentation. Winners received a variety of prizes. **nwppa**

Flathead Electric Names Weyerhaeuser Energy Partner of the Year

On April 17, Flathead Electric Cooperative (Kalispell, Mont.) announced Weyerhaeuser, the utility's largest power consumer, as its inaugural Energy Partner of the Year. Weyerhaeuser, which manufactures lumber and plywood in Kalispell and medium-density fiberboard in Columbia Falls, recently completed the energy-smart industrial strategic energy management program offered through the co-op and its wholesale power provider, the Bonneville Power Administration.

When Weyerhaeuser began the program, it set a goal to reach 2% in energy savings per year. Through continued participation—and diligent, hard work—Weyerhaeuser more than doubled this goal, achieving 4.24% in energy savings. That equaled 1,381,850 kWh in the first year. Every kWh Weyerhaeuser saves is one kWh that doesn't need to be generated elsewhere, whether by hydropower, coal, solar, or other generation.

"However impressive Weyerhaeuser's economic impact is on the Flathead Valley, at Flathead Electric, we are humbled by their commitment to partnering with us to manage their energy use in ways that benefit all members," said Flathead Electric CEO and General Manager Mark Johnson. **nwppa**

OPALCO Explores Solar Expansion on Decatur Island

Earlier this year, Orcas Power & Light Cooperative (Eastsound, Wash.) began exploring the siting of additional utility-scale solar on Decatur Island. OPALCO is looking at an area close to OPALCO's substation in partnership with a San Juan County public works site and a 19-acre parcel that surrounds the area. Being close to OPALCO's infrastructure is one of the main benefits of siting this project there. The proposed project will occupy 8 acres of land, allowing for wetland protection that includes the proper buffers needed on the parcels.

The project is in its very early planning stages, and OPALCO is still working through the specifics. If OPALCO can move forward, there is potential for 2.1 MW of solar generation. Additionally, OPALCO could use the Department of Commerce grant funds it received to install approximately 1.2 MW of solar that will directly benefit OPALCO's low-income energy assistance program.

OPALCO has begun early engagement with the Decatur community to get feedback and find ways the project can directly benefit the island's residents. OPALCO held an initial town hall meeting May 10 and will hold a second town hall meeting June 26. **nwppa**

We Remember: Lee Pittman

Retired Vigilante Electric Cooperative employee Leland "Lee" Pittman passed away March 2, 2025, at age 89.



Pittman was born Jan. 1, 1936, in Lame Deer, Montana, to Roy and Myrtle Pittman. He graduated from Colstrip High School. He served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany, where he attended Signal School and became a skilled radio teletype operator.

After returning home, he met Judith Ann Reichle, in Dillon, Montana, and they were married Aug. 25, 1962. The couple settled in Billings, Montana, before returning to Glen, Montana. A few years later, he joined Vigilante Electric in Dillon, spending the rest of his career as the co-op's workorder clerk.

In 1980, Judy passed away, leaving Pittman to raise their three children, Tami, Tater, and Trina, with the support of his in-laws. In 1987, Pittman met Jeannette Stewart. They became a couple and eventually married on June 30, 2001. Pittman welcomed her three daughters, Jamesa, Hilary, and Stephanie, as part of his family.

Pittman is preceded in death by his first wife, son, Jeffrey Robinson; parents; brother, Robert "Bob" Pittman; sister and brother-in-law, June and Jim Dahle; brother-in-law, Alfred Beaine; sister-in-law, Jacki Reed; and parents-in-law.

He is survived by his wife, Jeannette; children; 12 grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; sister, Ruby Beaine; and brother, Bill Pittman. **nwppa**

Jefferson County PUD Completes Phase 1 of Transformer Shuffle

Jefferson County PUD (Port Townsend, Wash.) completed Phase 1 of its transformer shuffle last month with the installation of a new 118,000-pound, 20-MW transformer at the Quilcene Substation.



Jefferson County PUD's Quilcene Substation.

The upgrade replaces the previous 5-MW transformer, which served much of the southern part of Jefferson County, from Quilcene to Coyle and north to Washington State Route 104.

The swap is all about proper load distribution. Peak loads, which occur during high usage in the winter months, can place excessive strain on a transformer, potentially leading to voltage issues and the need to redistribute load to other substations. This was the case with the smaller Quilcene Substation transformer. With continued growth in the area, the new transformer will provide four times the capacity. Phase 2 will begin in June, when the 5-MW transformer from Quilcene will be installed at the Discovery Bay Substation, replacing the current 20-MW unit. In Phase 3, the 20-MW transformer from Discovery Bay will be relocated to the Dana Roberts Substation. This move will coincide with the completion of a second transformer bay. **nwppa**

We Remember: Ron Worthington

Ron Worthington, retired director of customer service for Cowlitz PUD, passed away April 9, 2025, at age 79.



Born May 24, 1945, in Oakland, California, to Dewey and Loneta Worthington, he grew up on a small farm in Ridgefield, Washington, with his two older sisters.

He graduated from Ridgefield High School in 1963 and married Sherry Johnson in 1965. After Worthington completed his bachelor's degree at the University of Washington, he and Sherry moved to Longview, Washington, where they raised their two sons.

Helping his father to farm as a child gave Worthington a strong work ethic that he demonstrated until the day he passed. Worthington was hired at Cowlitz PUD in 1968 and worked his way up to director of customer services, a position he held until he retired in 2005.

During his time at the Swift No. 2 Hydroelectric Project, the restoration of the project was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Janice Fish. He is survived by his wife, Sherry; sons, Marry (and Melodie) and Mark (and Christina); grandchildren, Tyler, Rachael, Ryan, and Geoffrey; eight great-grandchildren; and sister, Joyce Hollad. **nwppa**

June 12th, 2025

Watt's Up



Take Teladoc with you wherever summer takes you!

Whether you're traveling or just enjoying the sunshine, Teladoc is available 24/7/365 to support your health—at no cost to you. Connect with licensed doctors anytime for help with common issues like **colds, flu, allergies**, and more. Need a prescription? They can send it straight to your preferred pharmacy—no waiting rooms, no hassle. Make your summer stress-free with Teladoc.

Hurry, these limited-time deals are available from 6/2 through 6/16.

Members can shop 24/7 at: www.dell.com/top/cowlitzpu

Prevention is key to health, especially during June's preventive care awareness month. Early detection and proactive management can enhance well-being, improve health outcomes, and reduce medical costs. To learn about your medical, dental, vision, and voluntary benefits for preventive care, check the attached reports. Schedule your annual check-up and discuss screenings with your doctor. Remember, prevention starts with you. Use the **INGAGED** Benefits App for easy access to your benefits (company code: cowlitz).



Wildfire Lunch and Learn Alert!
Spice up your day with Casey Kalaf's sizzling take on Cowlitz PUD's Wildfire Preparedness!
Feast on Hot Wings (mild options available for the faint of heart)
June 18th, 12:00, Main Office
RSVP by June 17th to tw@cowlitzpu.org

Dell's Summer Tech Upgrade Sale

We're excited to announce Dell's Summer Tech Upgrade Sale. Enjoy incredible savings on our top tech, designed to enhance your productivity. Plus, get an extra 5% off with your member discount.

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1. Request your exclusive coupon at: www.dell.com/top/cowlitzpu
2. Verify work email through "Employee Discount" button.
3. Copy & paste coupon in checkout. Exclusions may apply.

June 5th, 2025

Watt's Up



Congratulations, Graduates!

As summer unfolds, life seems to become even busier with graduations, the end of the school year, sports events, and more. Does it feel like everything gets a bit hectic this time of year? Take a moment to enjoy what this season brings, and let's celebrate the graduating class of 2025!

Be sure to check out the slide presentation featuring the PUD's graduates. If you forgot to submit your information, don't worry—there's still time! Please send me the details below to include in our annual graduation announcements:

- A photo of your graduate
- Their name and school
- Achievements (extra-curricular activities, athletics, academics, scholarships, etc.)
- Future plans
- Any additional information you'd like to share

<http://my.pud/documents/Graduates2025.pdf>

PUD FAMILY BBQ
JUNE 25TH 11AM-1PM MAIN OFFICE
JUNE 26TH 10:30AM-12:30PM OPS

FAMILY INVITED!
Join Us for National Safety Month!
Please invite your family, children, and grandchildren to celebrate National Safety Month as we launch our "We Above Me" campaign!

The "We Above Me" campaign emphasizes the importance of safety, not only in the workplace but also at home, for yourself, your family, and your coworkers.

- Event Details**
- **Photographer Onsite:** We will have a photographer available to capture candid moments for our internal campaign, offering a fantastic opportunity to get free photos with your coworkers and loved ones.
 - **Lunch Provided:** Enjoy complimentary lunch as you join in celebrating our culture of safety.

We look forward to seeing you there!
RSVP WITH THE NUMBER IN YOUR PARTY BY 6.19.25
adlet@cowlitzpu.org



LifeBalance Summer

Guides: Sunshiners, savings and summer fun! The 2025 Summer Guide is here - full of exclusive discounts to help you make the most of summer. From road trips and backyard science projects to camping and family getaways, summer is packed with possibilities.

Explore activities, experiences, and gear to bring on the fun - without breaking the bank.

Check it out: <https://canopy.lifebalance.org/program/cowlitzsummer25c>

Father's Day is Coming!

Don't forget about your Columbia Store Pass. Your Columbia Employee Store Pass has arrived. Cowlitz PUD Pass Details:

- **Valid Dates:** May 30th - June 22nd



May 29th, 2025

Watt's Up



Columbia Store Pass

Your Columbia Employee Store Pass has arrived. Cowlitz PUD Pass Details:

- **Valid Dates:** May 30th - June 22nd
- **Brands:** Enjoy new arrivals from Columbia, SOREL, Mountain Hardware, and prAna
- **Discount:** 40% off storewide
- **How to Use:** Show the digital pass on your phone or bring a printed copy + proof of affiliation
- **Guest Policy:** Bring up to four guests per visit
- **Note:** For Employee Store access only (not valid online)

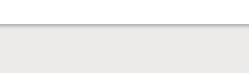
Here are tips for managing workplace stress:
Be Respectful: Check on coworkers with simple questions like "How's it going?" Respect their need for space if they don't want to talk. Ask about their feelings or support systems.
Listen Compassionately: Offer undivided attention when someone wants to talk. Avoid distractions, make eye contact, and listen without judgment.

Determine Need for Assistance: Recognize signs of distress (e.g., changes in energy, withdrawal, or substance use) and suggest resources for further help without giving advice.
Check Back Later: Balance checking in with giving space. Genuine concern is usually appreciated, fostering a supportive environment.

For more support: <https://www.osha.gov/workplace-stress>

Chillin' and Grillin'

We've set up the BBQ outside the main office kitchen in Outlook. When booking it out, you'll need to treat it as a required resource - main office BBQ. We felt that with the summer months approaching us that more people will be utilizing it and this way we can "serve it".



LifeBalance: A FREE program available to all Cowlitz PUD employees and family members through our EAP program with Canopy. Get access to thousands of exclusive discounts to help you stretch your budget.

- Travel
- Disneyland
- Lodging
- Rental Cars
- Retailers
- Sporting Events
- Electronics
- So much more!

Wellness: Last day to turn in your hiking photos and be entered to win either a 25.00 Bob's gift card or a Fire Maple portable kitchen.

May 22nd, 2025

Watt's Up



Wellness

Get out and do some hiking this holiday weekend. Turn in your hiking photos to Teedara by May 29th to be entered to win a prize.

Anxiety? Calm can help you.
We live in a world of constant stimulation and different things competing for our attention. All that life requires can cause us to feel worried and overwhelmed. We're sharing Calm's resources to help you feel better daily.

- **Ground Yourself in the Body:** Try this 3-minute grounding exercise to recenter yourself whenever you feel anxious.
- **Smile Relax:** In this guided session, practice saying positive affirmations to let go of your anxiety and settle into a relaxed state.

The Anxiety Spiral: Try body movements and a guided meditation to release anxiety from your body and mind.
Alpha Waves and Binaural Beats for Deep Relaxation: Listen to alpha waves and rain sounds to soothe your anxious mind and return to calm. Join an upcoming **Calm** webinar to learn how to personalize your app experience. Learn new mindfulness techniques or strategies with special monthly themed webinars.

Safety

- Tips for a safer holiday weekend:
1. Drive defensively: Buckle up, designate a sober driver, get enough sleep and avoid distractions.
 2. Prepare your vehicle: Check tires, oil and repair any open recalls at Check24Direct.org.
 3. Avoid impairment: Remember both alcohol and drugs, including prescription medications, can impair driving ability.
 4. Monitor speed: Drive at or below posted limits and adjust for weather and traffic conditions.
 5. Stay focused: Put phones away and minimize distractions while driving.
 6. Check back seats: Always look before locking your vehicle to ensure no children or pets remain inside.

Notes

- **Deanna Killeit:** Deanna set a personal goal to achieve a Public Records Officer certification, which extends beyond her current duties. Her dedication and perseverance paid off as she successfully completed the certification process, proving invaluable during extended coverages.
- **Chase Baker:** Chase stepped up to cover for Doug Thomas during a hectic period with the onboarding of three new employees.
- **Amanda Ferrar and Andres Perez:** Acknowledging their commitment to completing after-hours work at Swift.

Weekly All Employee Updates

8. Regulatory and Regional Affairs 6/24/2025

8 – June Activity

8.1 – State

8.2 – Local

8.3 – Federal

8.4 – Other



8.1 State

- ❖ CETA Clean Energy Implementation Plan
 - 8 attendees at workshop
 - 93 Survey Responses as of 6/16
- ❖ Held internal legislative session debrief meeting for process improvement
- ❖ Hosted Legislative Session Lunch & Learn for District staff
 - 25 Attendees
- ❖ Resource Adequacy Meeting
 - Required by state law – first of three briefings in 2025 held by Commerce and the UTC
 - Presentations from various organizations, including BPA, Western Power Pool, PSE and PGP
- ❖ Participating in Clean Vehicles Rule Making
 - Reviewing proposed changes for impact on District
- ❖ Ecology hosting CCA Cap & Invest session focused on electric sector.

8.2 Local

- ❖ Met with City of Woodland Planning Department to discuss permitting improvements for installation of energy-efficient HVAC units in multi-family dwellings
- ❖ Assisted Operations and Communications with Wildfire Mitigation Outreach Meeting
 - 7 Fire District Representatives Attended
 - Coordinating on emergency and fire training for District Staff
- ❖ Finalized draft right-of-way franchise agreement language with City of Kelso
 - Participated in franchise agreement discussions with Cowlitz County
 - Submitted request for franchise renewal with Lewis County

8.3 Federal



- ❖ Trump Administration ends 12/14 (2023) Resilient Columbia Basin Agreement and MOU with Six Sovereigns
 - Redirects federal agencies to implement the preferred option of the 2020 Columbia River System Operations EIS, which includes retention of the Lower Snake River Dams
 - Agencies will coordinate with the White House Council on Environmental Quality to review and revise environmental review processes
- ❖ IRA Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Electric Vehicle Tax Credits are on Congress' chopping block as One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBB) advances to the Senate
- ❖ EPA proposes to repeal greenhouse gas standards for power plants
 - Repeal of all greenhouse gas standards
 - Roll back limits on mercury and soot from coal plants
- ❖ Ended California's air pollution and heavy-duty trucks standards
 - Basis for Washington State Standards
 - California filing lawsuit



8.4 Other

❖ Lower Columbia CAP Community Solar Project

- WSU approved funding applications
- Continuing to work with Engineering, Customer Service, Billing, and Accounting on next steps
- BEF Considering Upfront Funding

❖ Working with Engineering to update interconnection standards policy

- More flexibility for solar project ownership and crediting options