



**COWLITZ PUD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA
February 24, 2026, 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, with the exception of holidays and other conflicts. 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, February 23, 2026. To attend by phone, please call 1-323-484-8960 (Conference ID: 490 131 405#) at the time of the meeting. If you require reasonable accommodation while attending 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 February 10, 2026: Dave Quinn
5. Public Comment on Agenda Items and Other District Business
6. **Motion to Ratify/Approve** Vouchers & Payroll in the amount of \$27,971,013.78: Heather Sorensen
7. General Manager Report: Gary Huhta

8. Action Items

8.1 Public Hearing for the Surplus of Property: Heather Sorensen

The Commission has set the Regular meeting of February 24, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cowlitz PUD Board Room and remotely via Microsoft Teams as the time and place to hold a Public Hearing to take public comment regarding the surplus of property.

Open Public Hearing

Receive Public Comment

Close Public Hearing

8.2 **Motion to Approve** Staff Recommendation No. 5/2/24 – Surplus of Property: Heather Sorensen

9. Staff Reports and Presentations

9.1 Major Industrial Delivery Charge Rates: Trent Martin

9.2 January 2026 Operational Reports

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

10. **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.

11. **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, February 10, 2026

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

Doug Thomas, Manager of Transmission & Distribution

Gary Huhta, General Manager

Grant Keirnan, Utility Contracts Coordinator

Heather Sorensen, Director of Customer Service & Compliance

Lance Larwick, Director of Engineering

Monica Petterson, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

Richard Hughes, General Counsel

Steve Taylor, Director of Regulatory & Regional Affairs

Tim Kalimanis, Director of Technology

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

There were no changes to the meeting agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Dalgleish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve the February 10, 2026 Board Agenda.

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 January 27, 2026 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 \$2,129,191.64. The Board reviewed expenditures of the District as required by RCW 42.24.180 for which payments were issued between January 29, 2026 and February 5, 2026, under the provisions of Resolution No. 2762.

It was moved by Commissioner Dalgleish 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 disbursements and payroll included in this report have been reviewed and approved in accordance with RCW 42.24.180. Invoices have been authorized by management, verified against supporting documentation, and pre-audited by designated staff for accuracy, proper coding, and compliance with the District's policies. Staff requests the Board approve the ratification of the vouchers and payroll as presented.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

7. NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION

Doug Thomas introduced Utility Contracts Coordinator Grant Keirnan.

8. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

February Outage Data: General Manager Gary Huhta reported February outage data is currently trending 10% above average. An outage in the Coal Creek area last week affected about 1,000 customers for 2.4 hours.

Snowpack Update: The Lewis River Basin is currently 36% of normal, not a good outcome so far into February. The Dalles January through July runoff forecast is at 92%, primarily due to stronger snowpack conditions in the British Columbia Rockies. Meteorologist Cliff Mass is forecasting a low-pressure trough that could result in some snowpack for Oregon and Northern California.

BPA Administrator Change: With the departure of BPA Administrator John Hairston, it is expected that Suzanne Cooper will be named the Acting Administrator. The Department of Energy and the Northwest Delegation will work together to appoint a permanent administrator.

Columbia River Systems Operations Litigation: A hearing was held last Friday in Portland District Court and litigants were instructed by the judge to pursue negotiated settlements within the next two weeks. He will then issue a ruling on February 23rd.

Washington State Legislation Update: Director of Regulatory and Regional Affairs Steve Taylor reported Representative Sharlett Mena of Tacoma is the primary sponsor of a bill to establish a statewide low-income energy assistance program to be administered by the Department of Commerce. House Bill 2373 would clarify CETA requirements where utilities would offer direct bill assistance programs. Most utilities oppose this bill as the assistance would come from utility operating funds. WPUDA has engaged with Representative Mena and received an invitation to participate in a stakeholder meeting in Olympia to

discuss the bill and related concerns. Utilities are in support of establishing some type of program but would like to see funding come from the state. The bill is ready for a floor vote in the House, then will go to the Senate.

Upcoming Board Workshops: A Board workshop will be held on March 10th to discuss the BPA Provider of Choice Contract High Water Mark and Tier 2 election, updates to the New Large Single Load policy, and a facilities update regarding the operations campus and future board meeting space. We also have a Strategic Planning workshop scheduled for March 26th.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session needed.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

It was moved by Commissioner Dalgleish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 2:46 p.m.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

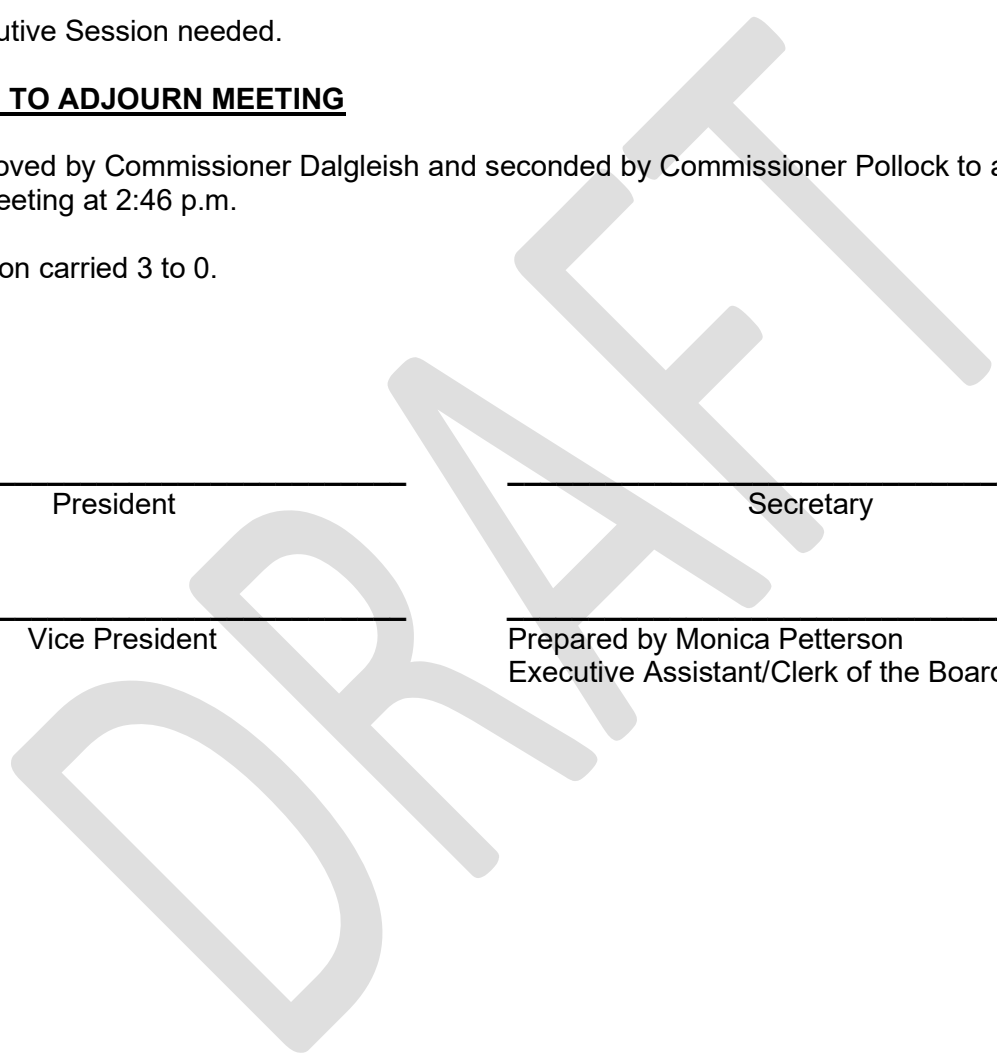
Attest:

President

Secretary

Vice President

Prepared by Monica Petterson
Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board



Date: February 24, 2026
To: Board of Commissioners
Gary Huhta, General Manager
From: Heather Sorensen, Auditor
Subject: **Recommendation for Surplus of Equipment**

Overview

The District's Surplus Policy provides for the responsible and lawful disposal of property that is no longer useful or cost-effective, in compliance with RCW 54.16.180.

Criteria for Surplus

Items may be declared surplus if they are:

- Unserviceable or worn out
- Obsolete or inadequate for current operations
- Unfit for safe or effective use
- No longer necessary for District operations

Disposal Methods

Surplus property may be disposed of by:

- Public auction or sealed bids
- Sale or lease to other utilities or government agencies
- Consignment or broker sale
- Donation to a nonprofit organization
- Scrapping or discarding if beyond repair or without value

Recommendation

The Surplus Committee has reviewed staff requests and recommends declaring the following items surplus:

- **230kV GSU High Bushings** – October 30, 2025
- **Fleet Vehicles** – January 13, 2026
- **Fleet Trailer** – January 29, 2026

Staff requests Board approval to designate these items as surplus and authorize disposal in accordance with RCW 54.16.180.

Respectfully,



Heather Sorensen
Auditor

To: Heather Sorensen

01/29/2026

From: Surplus Committee

Subject: **Surplus Items for Current Quarter**

In accordance with Cowlitz PUD's Surplus Policy, the Surplus Committee has reviewed the requests received from staff and recommends that the items detailed in the attached memo(s), be declared surplus to the needs of the District:

- Power Resources Materials dated 10/30/2025
- Fleet Equipment – Vehicles dated 01/13/2026
- Fleet Equipment – Vehicles dated 01/29/2026

These items will be disposed of in consideration of the best interest of Cowlitz PUD and its rate payers, and in the most cost effective manner.

Committee:

Purchasing Manager

Tami Ingalls

Director of Operations

Casey Kalal
Casey Kalal (Feb 2, 2026 11:46:11 PST)

Director of Engineering

Lance Larwick

Auditor

Heather Sorensen
Heather Sorensen (Feb 2, 2026 13:05:22 PST)

Purchasing Dept. Surplus Items for Current Period 01-29-2026

cc: Accounting (Original)
Heather Sorensen
Lance Larwick
Casey Kalal
Purchasing Department
Amanda Farrar
Cliff Hammons

DATE: October 30, 2025

TO: Surplus Committee

FROM: John Muir
Chris Velat

SUBJECT: Quarterly Surplus – 230 kV GSU Bushings

In accordance with the District's Surplus Policy, the following equipment is no longer suitable for further District use:

| ASSET NUMBER | DESCRIPTION | REASON FOR SURPLUS | ESTIMATED VALUE | METHOD OF DISPOSAL |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| GSU21 Bushing 1 | 230 kV GSU High Bushing | End of Useful Life | \$0.00 | Recycle |
| GSU21 Bushing 2 | 230 kV GSU High Bushing | End of Useful Life | \$0.00 | Recycle |
| GSU21 Bushing 3 | 230 kV GSU High Bushing | End of Useful Life | \$0.00 | Recycle |
| GSU22 Bushing 1 | 230 kV GSU High Bushing | End of Useful Life | \$0.00 | Recycle |
| GSU22 Bushing 2 | 230 kV GSU High Bushing | End of Useful Life | \$0.00 | Recycle |
| GSU22 Bushing 3 | 230 kV GSU High Bushing | End of Useful Life | \$0.00 | Recycle |

I recommend that these items be declared surplus to the needs of the District and disposed in the interest thereof.

Sincerely,

John Muir

John Muir
Project Engineer

I concur with this recommendation,

Chris Velat

Chris Velat
Director of Power Management



PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington

Bill of Sale

On _____ Cowlitz PUD Board of Commissioners authorized the surplus and disposal of 6 230kV breakers from the Swift No. 2 Hydroelectric Project. PacifiCorp will take ownership of three of the bushings identified as Ser#04F0270-40 A, Ser#04F0270-29 A, and Ser#04F0270-38 A.

In consideration of PacifiCorp taking on the removal of the bushings from the Swift No. 2 site and transportation of the bushings to their desired location, total payment to Cowlitz PUD for the bushings is \$0.00.

These bushings are being sold as is, with no guarantees stated or implied as to their condition. PacifiCorp acknowledges and agrees to fully and forever waive any right to warranty of fitness for particular purpose, or any other warranty under the Uniform Commercial Code or otherwise imposed or implied by law. PacifiCorp expressly waives any cause of action whether in statute, case law or equity, or any other claim or right to redress that may be afforded under federal, state or local law in connection with the purchase and subsequent use of the bushings, as may exist against the Cowlitz PUD, its officials, employees, contractors or agents.

This sale is final as of the date last signed below.

Public Utility District No 1.
Of Cowlitz County (Seller)

PacifiCorp (Buyer)

Authorized Representative

Authorized Representative

Printed Name

Printed Name

Title

Title

Date

Date

DATE: 1/13/2026

TO: Surplus Committee

FROM: Joseph Furer

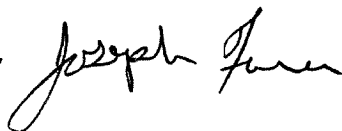
SUBJECT: Quarterly Surplus – Fleet Equipment – Vehicles

In accordance with the District's Surplus Policy, the following equipment is no longer suitable for further District use:

| ASSET NUMBER | DESCRIPTION | REASON FOR SURPLUS | ESTIMATED VALUE | METHOD OF DISPOSAL |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 249 | 2015 Ford F-150 | Age | \$8,000 | Auction |
| 251 | 2015 Ford F-150 | Age | \$8,000 | Auction |
| 252 | 2015 Ford Explorer | Age | \$3500 | Auction |
| 254 | 2015 Ford Explorer | Age | \$3500 | Auction |
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I recommend that this item be declared surplus to the needs of the District and disposed of in the interest thereof.

Sincerely,



Joseph Furer
Operations Superintendent

I concur with this recommendation,



Casey Kalal
Director of Operations

DATE: 1-29-2026

TO: Surplus Committee

FROM: Joseph Furer

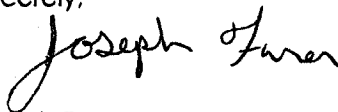
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In accordance with the District's Surplus Policy, the following equipment is no longer suitable for further District use:

| ASSET NUMBER | DESCRIPTION | REASON FOR SURPLUS | ESTIMATED VALUE | METHOD OF DISPOSAL |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 346 | Flatbed trailer | Catastrophic frame failure | Scrap metal | Scrap metal |
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I recommend that this item be declared surplus to the needs of the District and disposed in the interest thereof.

Sincerely,



Joseph Furer
Operations Superintendent

I concur with this recommendation,

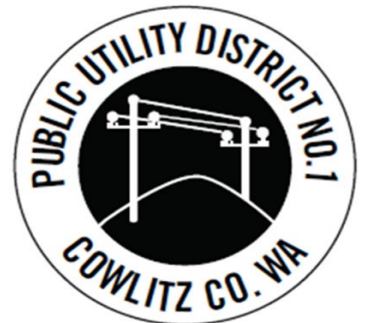


Casey Kalal
Director of Operations

Cowlitz PUD

Major Industrial Delivery Charge Rates

February 24, 2026



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 District costs
- The District evaluates rates annually

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 (COSA) 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 recent COSA model update and 2026 approved budgeted costs.
- RPS costs are impacted by wind project costs and variable wholesale power market prices.

Major Industrial Delivery Charges

- Preliminary Delivery Charge Increases
 - Schedule 50 – 3% ~ \$100,000 (3 Customers)
 - Schedule 62 – 21% ~ \$255,000 (1 Customer)

Questions from the Board and Public

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

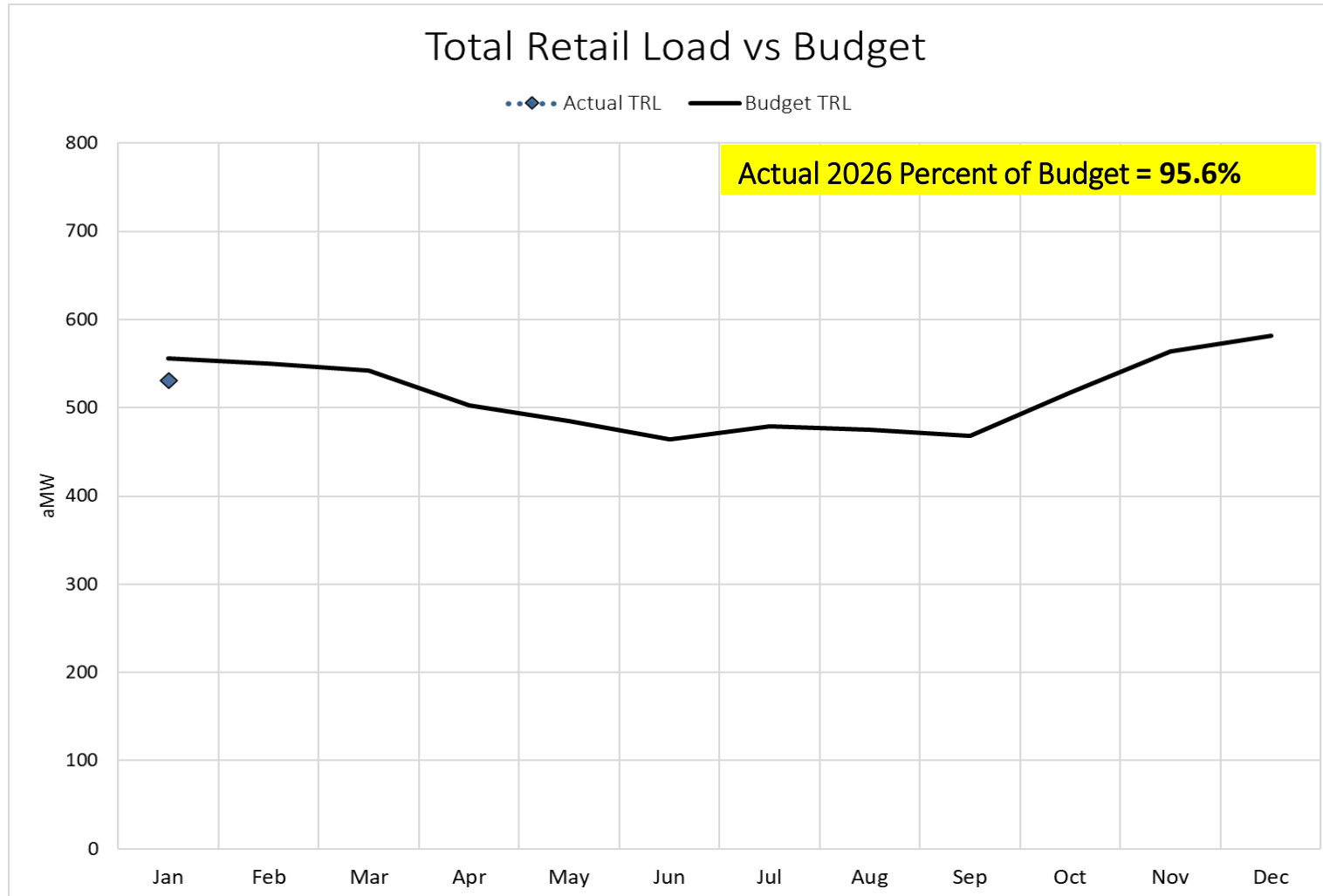
1.6.3 Wind (White Creek and Harvest Wind)

1.7 Wholesale Market Prices (Power & Natural Gas)

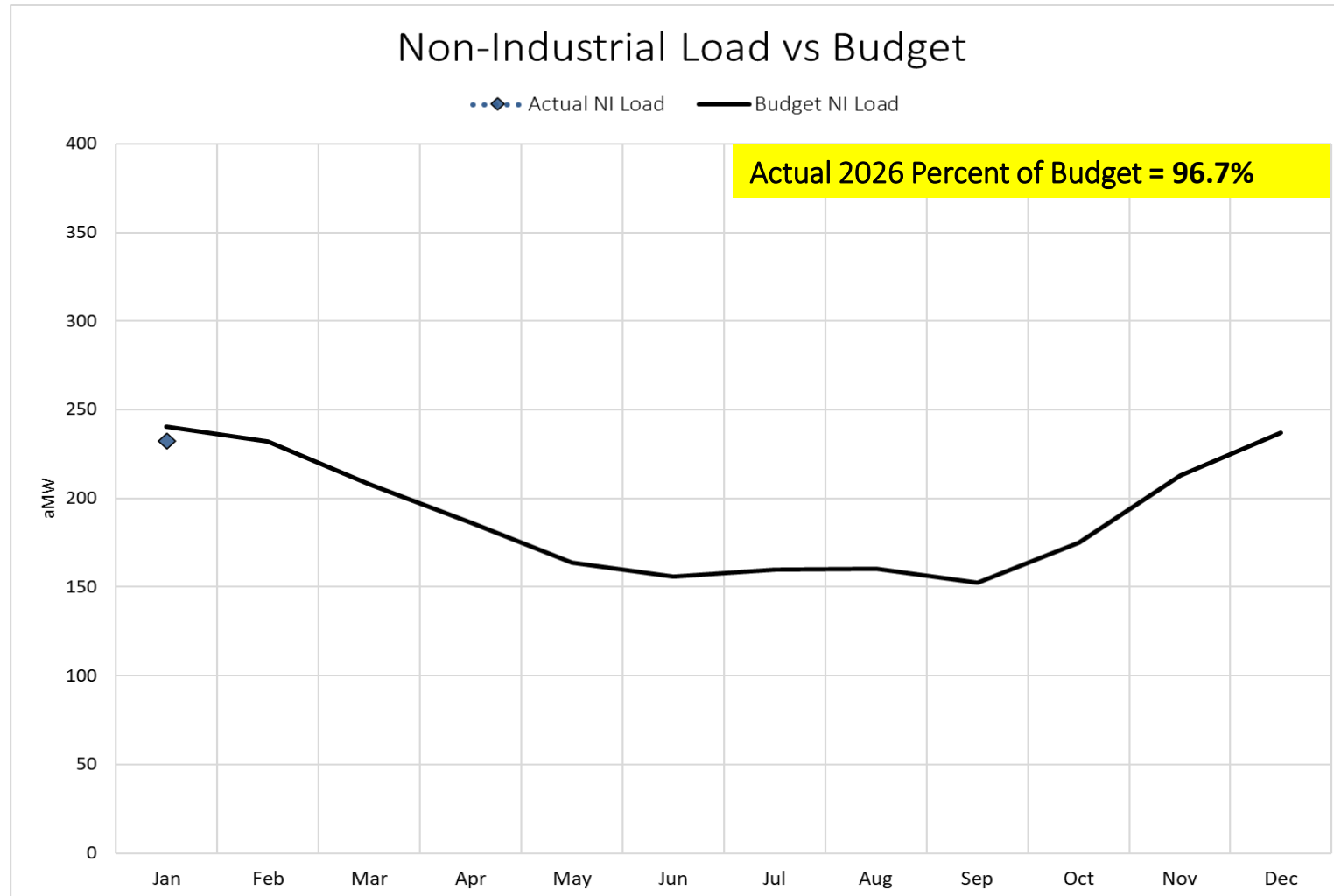
1.8 Net Secondary Sales Revenue

1.9 Net Power Cost – Non-Schedule 50

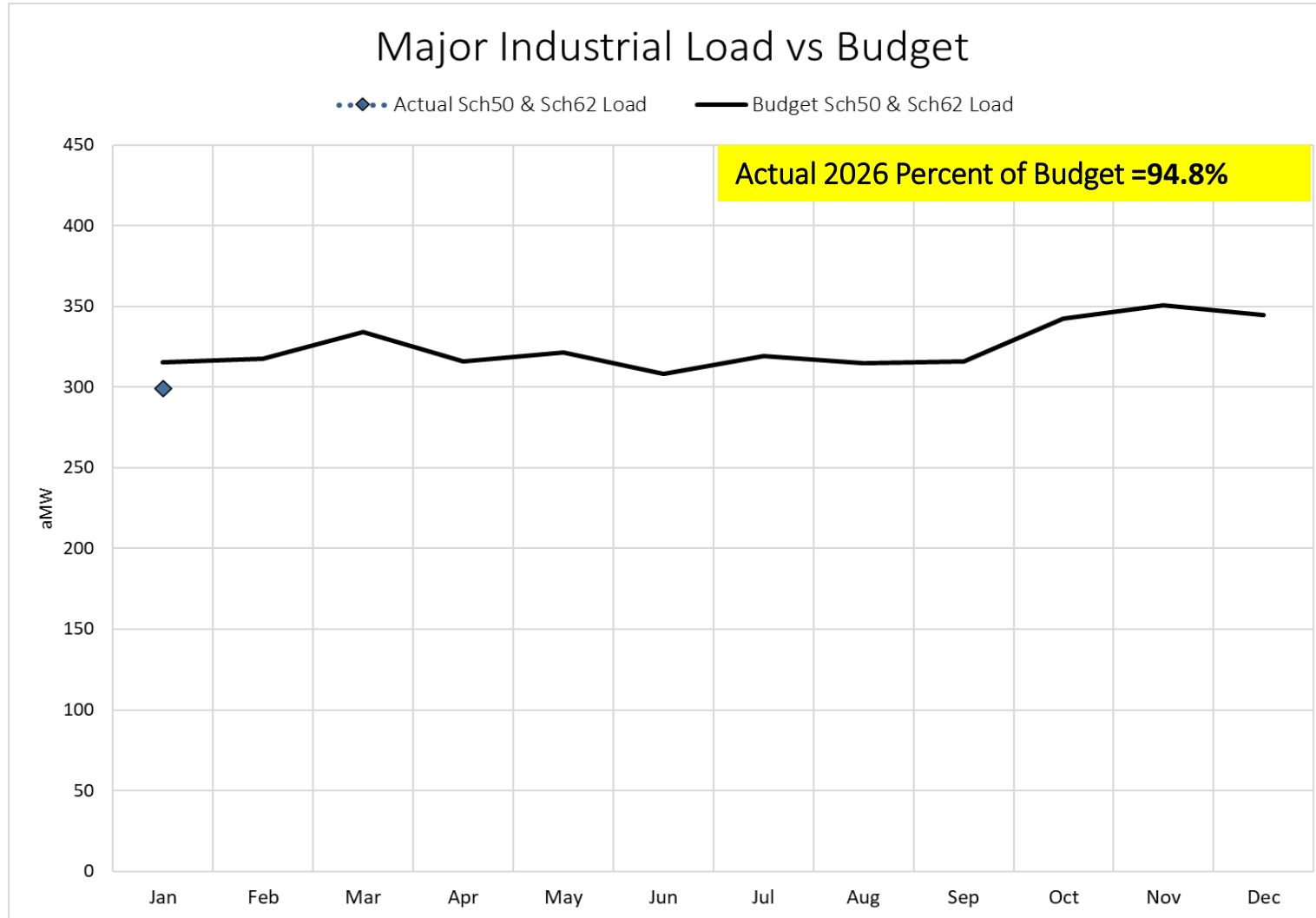
1.1 District Load Summary (Total Retail Load)



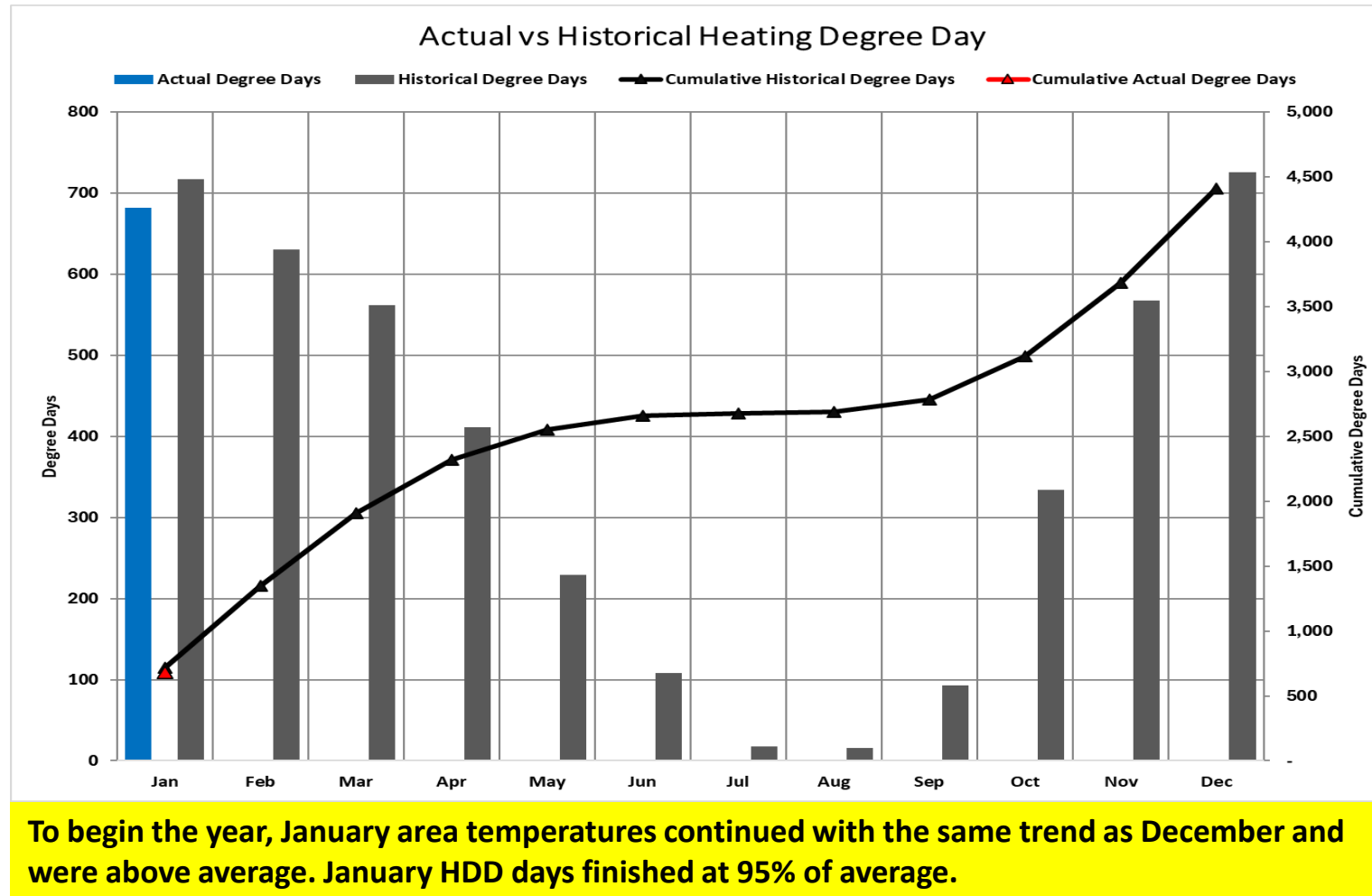
1.1.1 Non-Industrial Load Summary



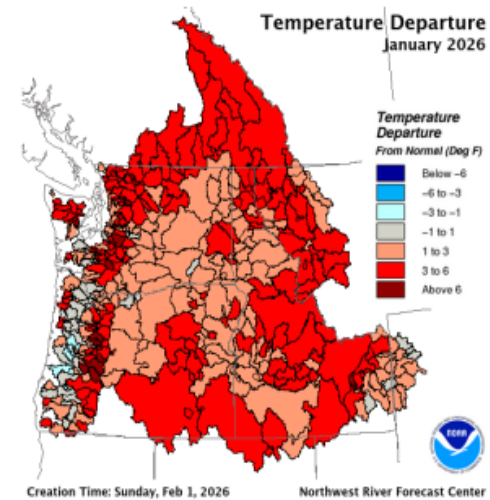
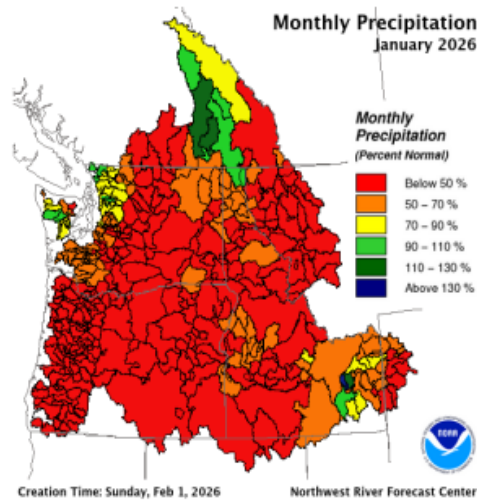
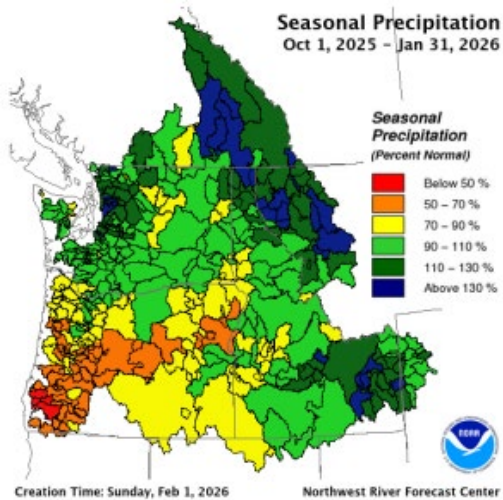
1.1.2 Major Industrial Load Summary



1.2 Heating Degree Days



1.3 Precipitation & Temperature

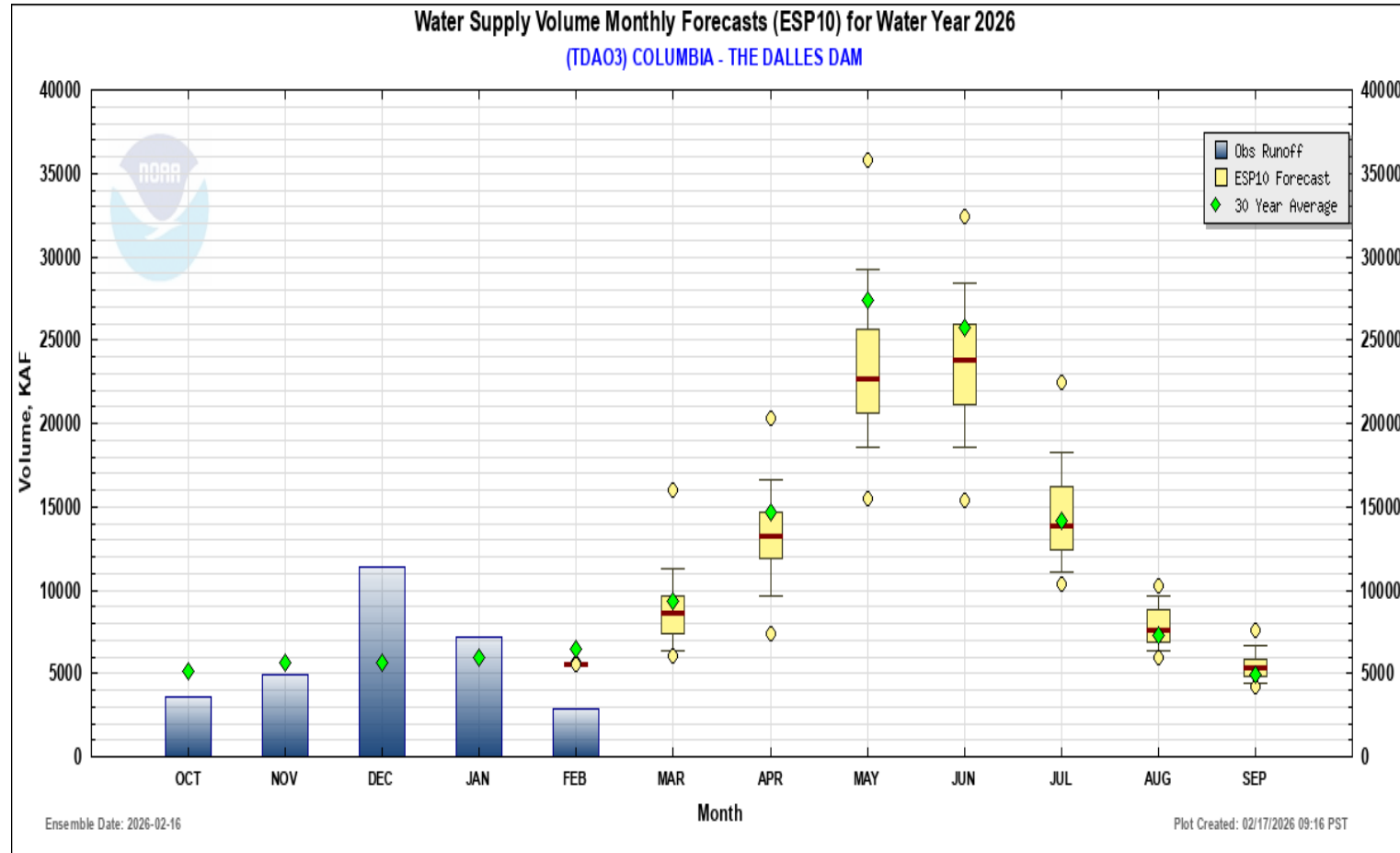


Seasonal precipitation from October 2025 through January 2026 was mixed for the region with the northern areas witnessing above average precipitation (lingering from December) and below average for the southwestern region.

Monthly precipitation was well below average for the entire region which was a major shift from the previous month. This has resulted in below average snowpack for majority of the PNW.

Temperatures in January continued to be above average for the entire region.

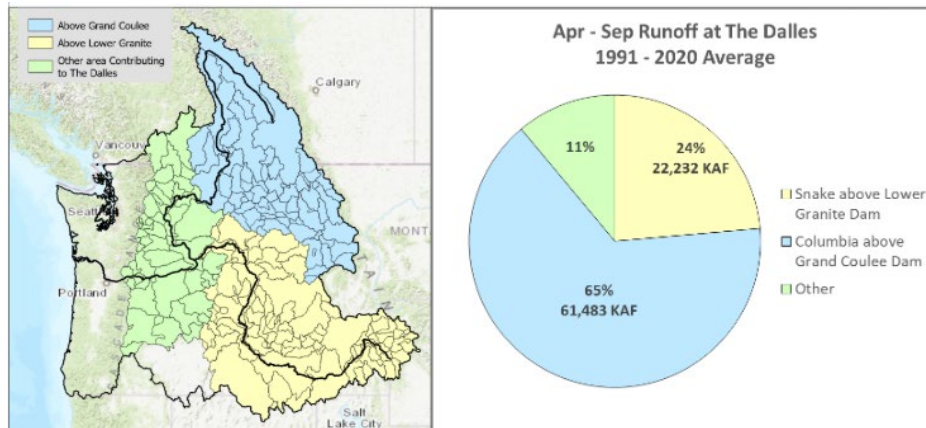
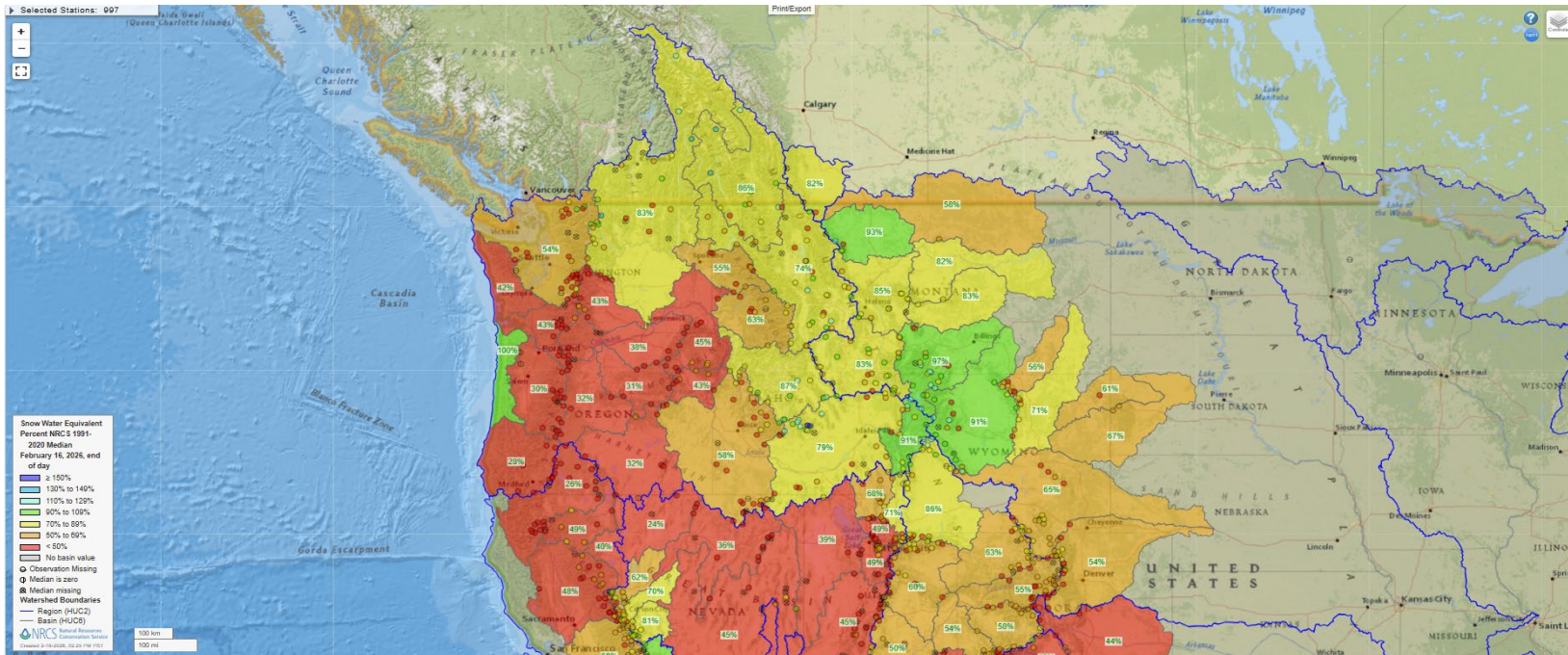
1.4 Runoff Forecast



January's water supply finished at 120% of average. February is forecasted to finish at 86% of average. The Jan-Jul forecast at The Dalles is current sitting at 93% of average.

1.5 Regional Snowpack and ENSO Condition Update

With the dry spell observed in January and above average temperatures, much of the snowpack in the upper most (above Grand Coulee) basins has decreased. Both the Upper Columbia and Kootenai basin saw decreases from last months report, 20% and 28%, respectively. The graph below provided by the Northwest River Forecast Center provides some context on how much runoff is provided to The Dalles during Spring Runoff from the each of the three identified regions.



1.6 Resource Performance

BPA Federal System Power



Annual Resource Projections vs Budget

The BPA Federal System is currently projected to be **105%** of the budgeted expected generation.

Swift No. 2



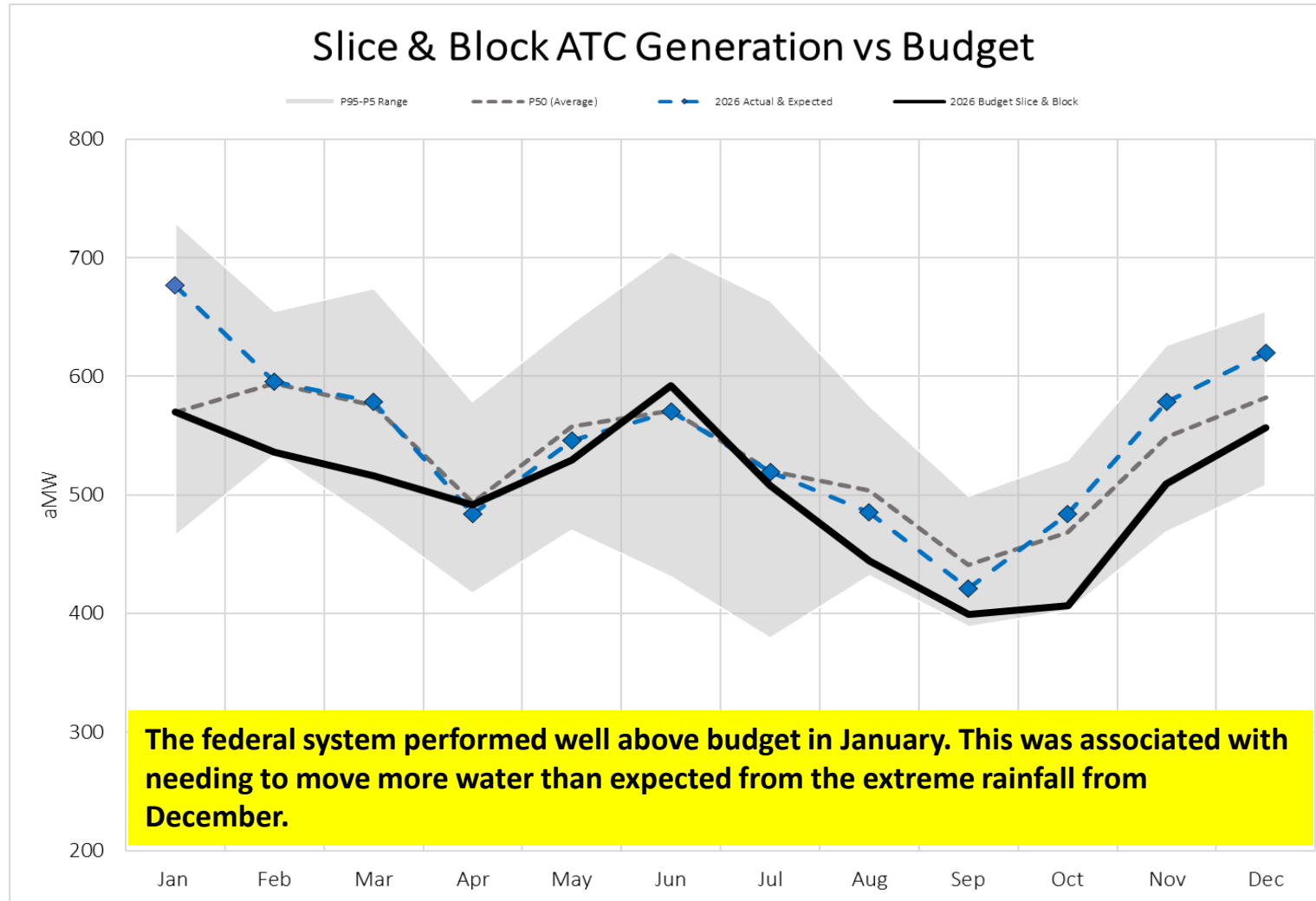
Swift No. 2 is currently expected to produce **104%** of the budgeted expected generation.

Harvest & White Creek Wind

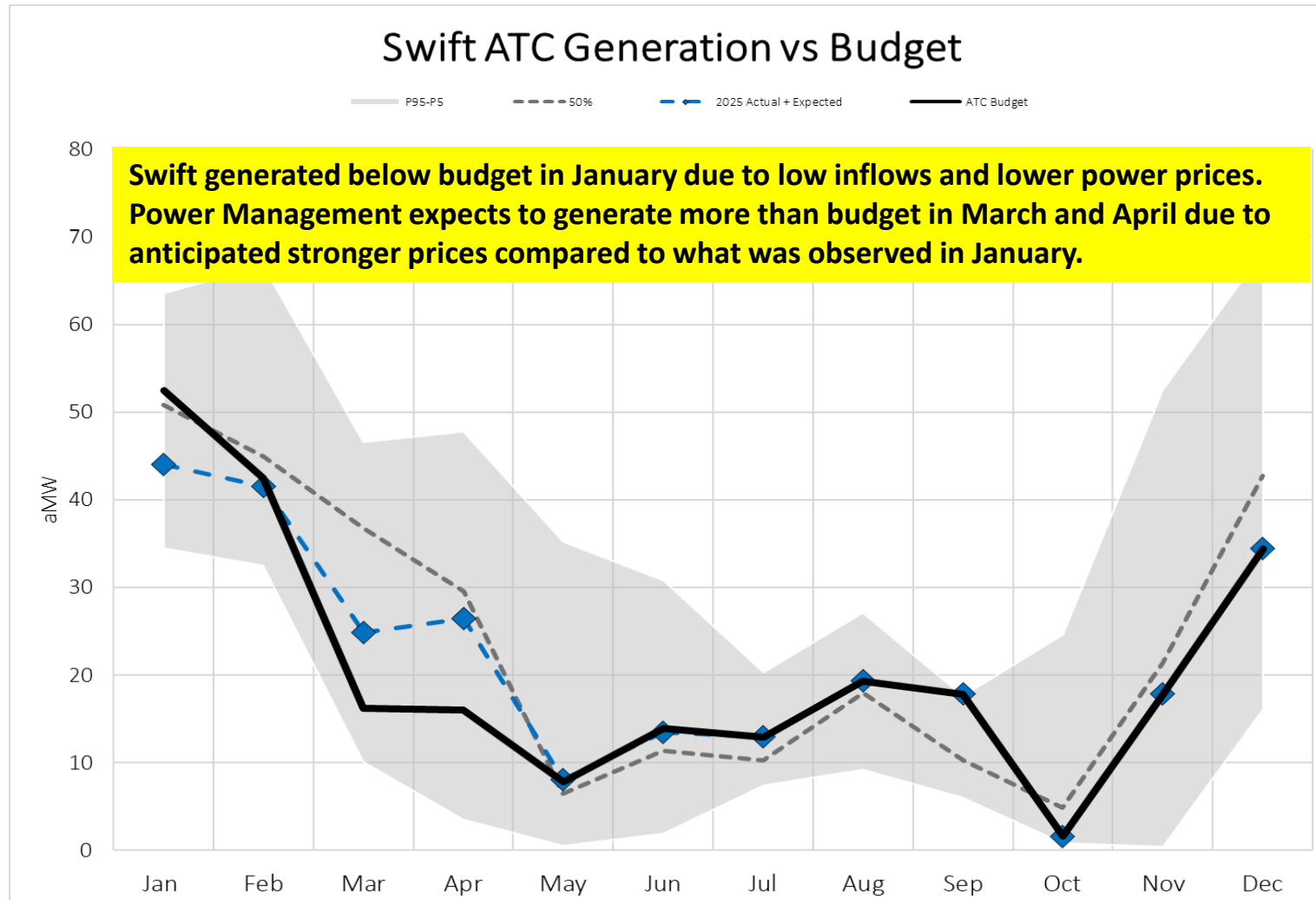


HW & WCW are expected to produce **97%** of the budgeted expected generation.

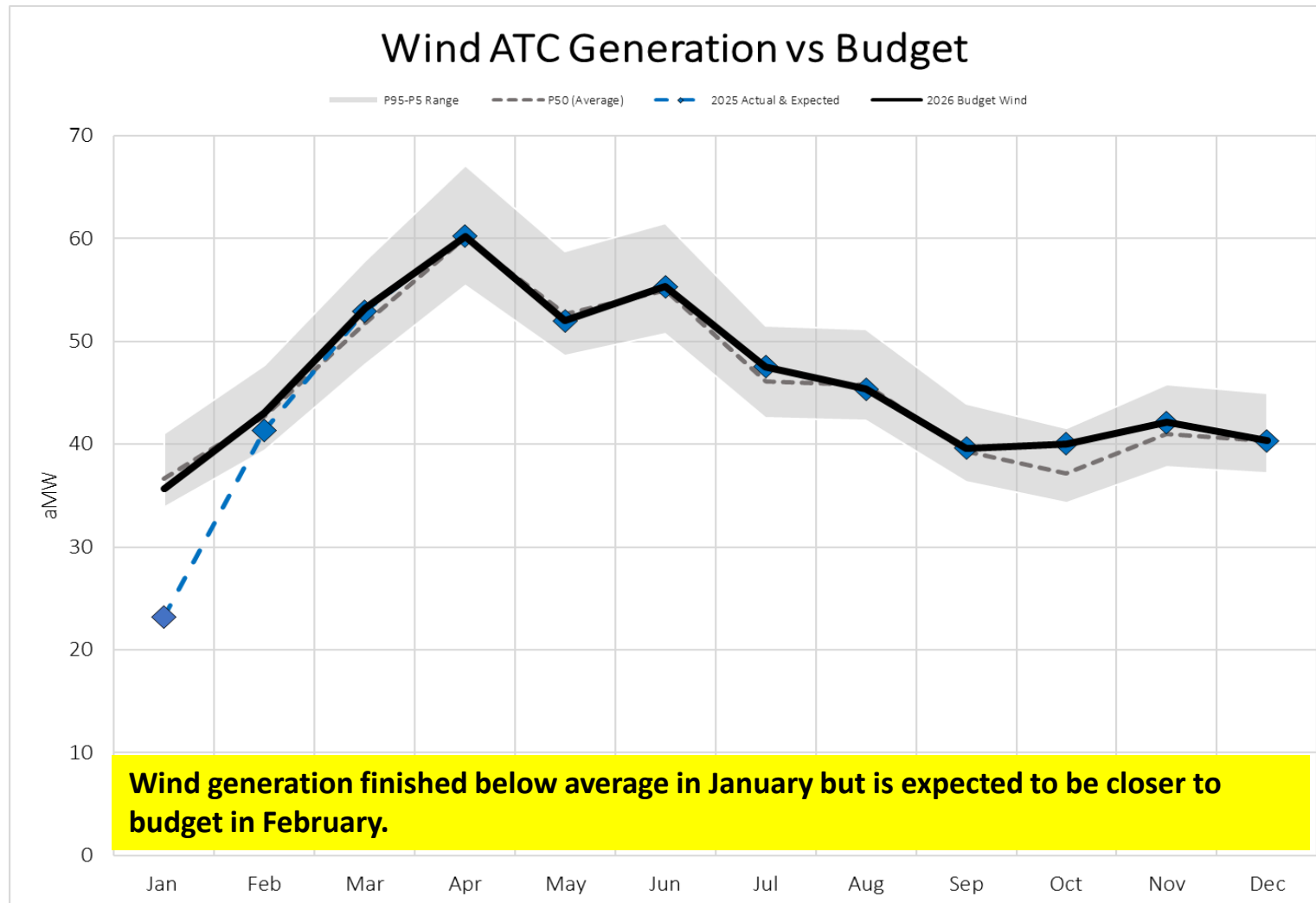
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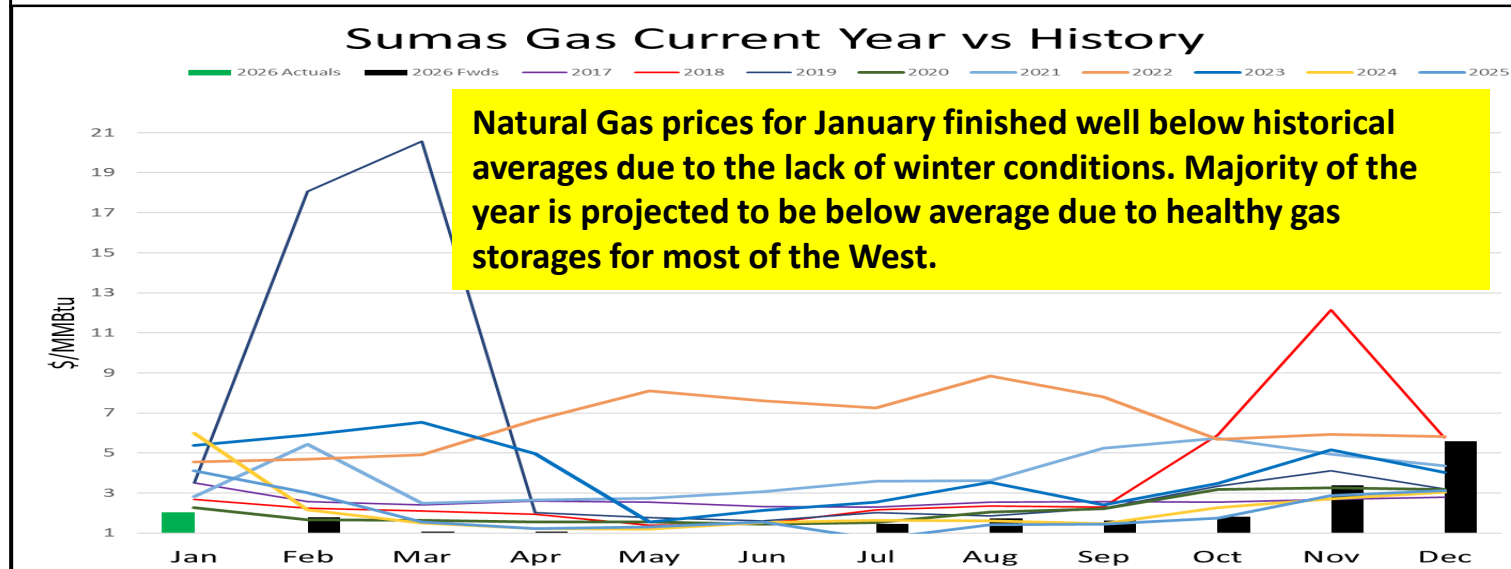
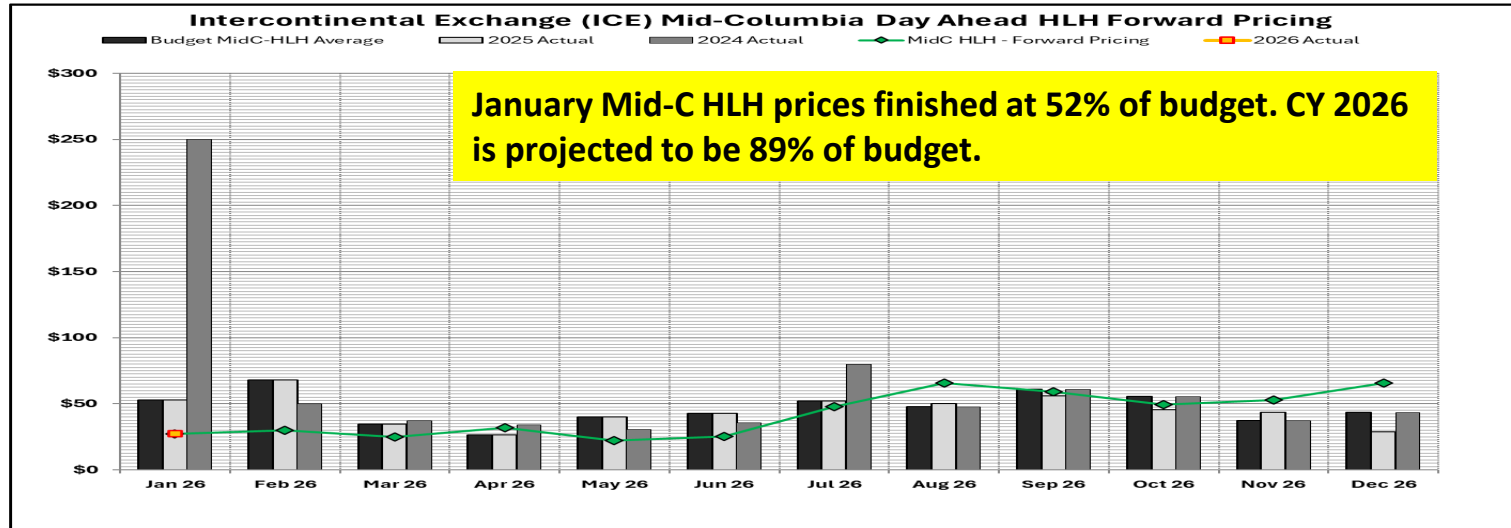
1.6.2 Swift No. 2 Generation



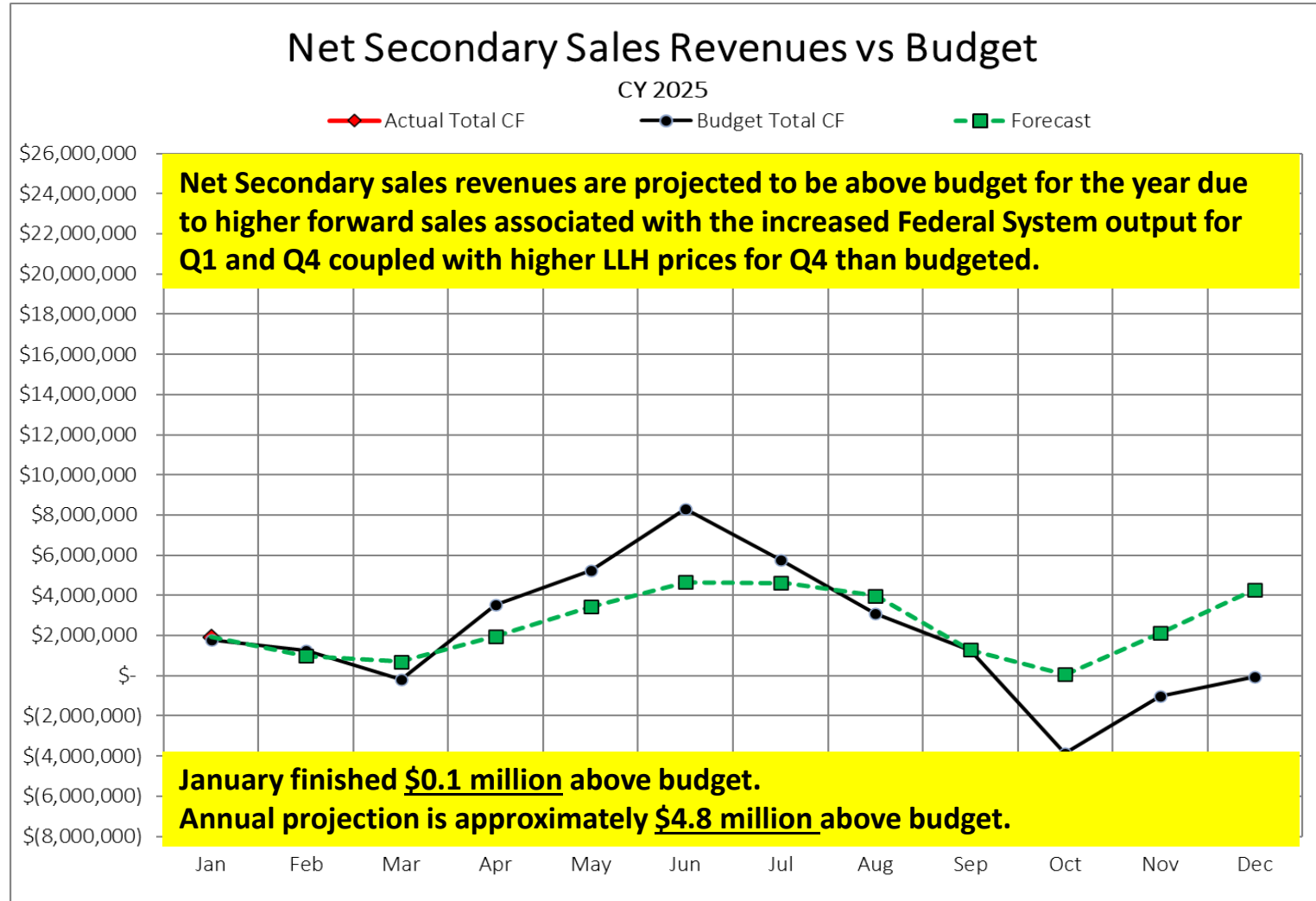
1.6.3 Wind (WC & HW)



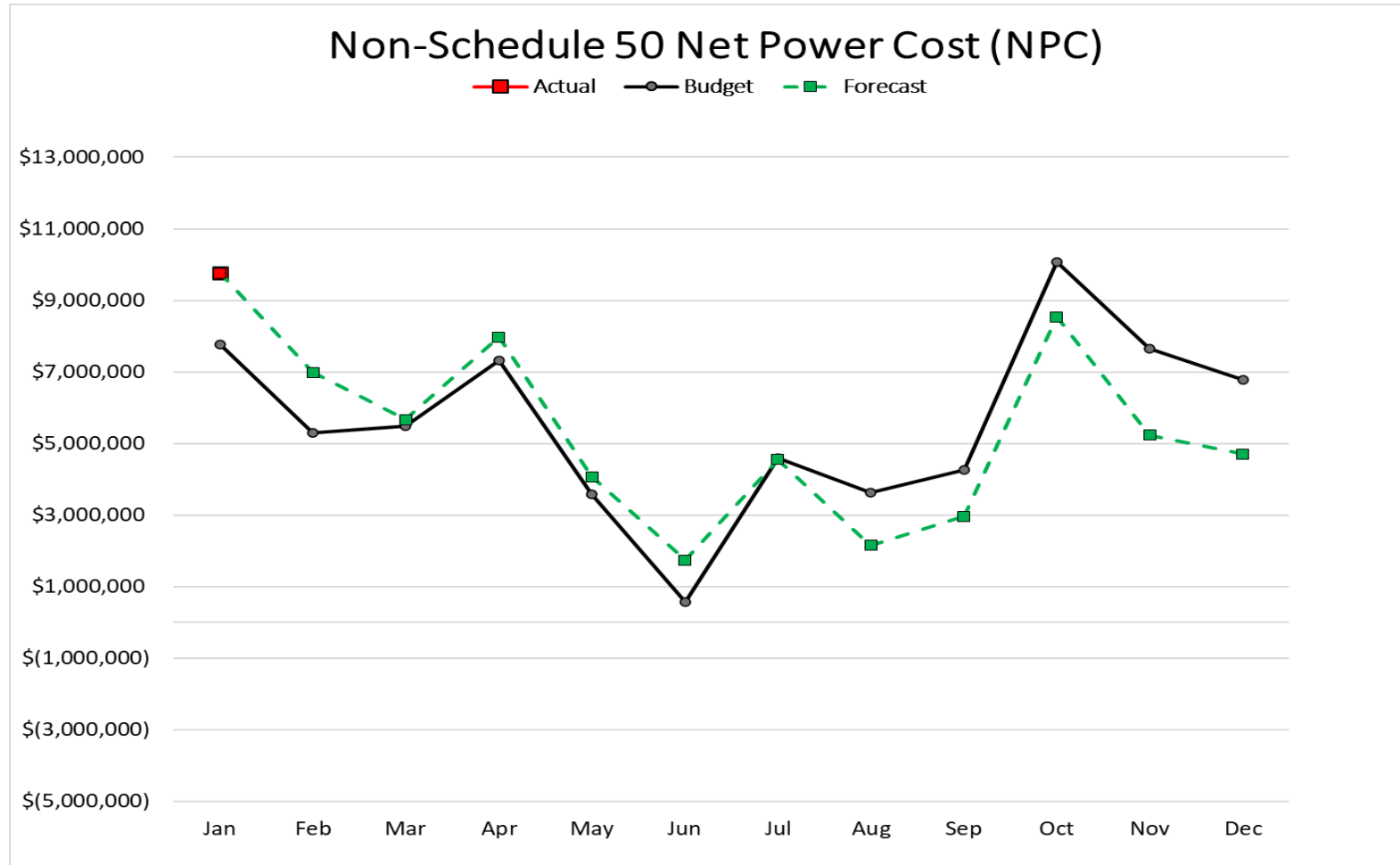
1.7 Wholesale Power Market Prices



1.8 Net Secondary Sales Revenue



1.9 Net Power Cost – Non-Schedule 50



January actual Non-Sch50 NPC was \$2 million above budget
Annual Non-Schedule 50 projection is approximately \$2.6 million below budget.

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 January 2026 | | | |
|------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| | Actual | Budget | Var \$ | Var % |
| Revenues | \$ 21,612,506 | \$ 24,127,850 | \$ (2,515,344) | -10.43% |
| Expenses | 21,088,711 | 20,915,284 | 173,427 | 0.83% |
| Margin | <u>\$ 523,795</u> | <u>\$ 3,212,566</u> | <u>\$ (2,688,771)</u> | |
| Prior Year | \$ 1,495,140 | | | |

Actual revenues reduced by CIAC - \$493,378

Behind budget due to lower billed loads, partially offset by October 2025 rate action, and higher net non-major industrial (Non-MI) power supply costs.

2.2 - Year-to-Date Retail Revenue

| <u>Year-to-Date January 2026</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Var \$</u> | <u>Var %</u> |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Non-Major Industrial | \$ 12,968,038 | \$ 13,938,823 | \$ (970,785) | -6.96% |
| Major Industrial | <u>7,917,491</u> | <u>9,580,693</u> | <u>(1,663,202)</u> | -17.36% |
| Total Retail Revenue | <u>20,885,529</u> | <u>23,519,517</u> | <u>(2,633,988)</u> | -11.20% |
| Other Operating Revenue | <u>726,977</u> | <u>608,333</u> | <u>118,644</u> | 19.50% |
| Total Revenues | <u>\$ 21,612,506</u> | <u>\$ 24,127,850</u> | <u>\$ (2,515,344)</u> | -10.43% |

Non-MI revenue impacted by October 2025 rate action 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

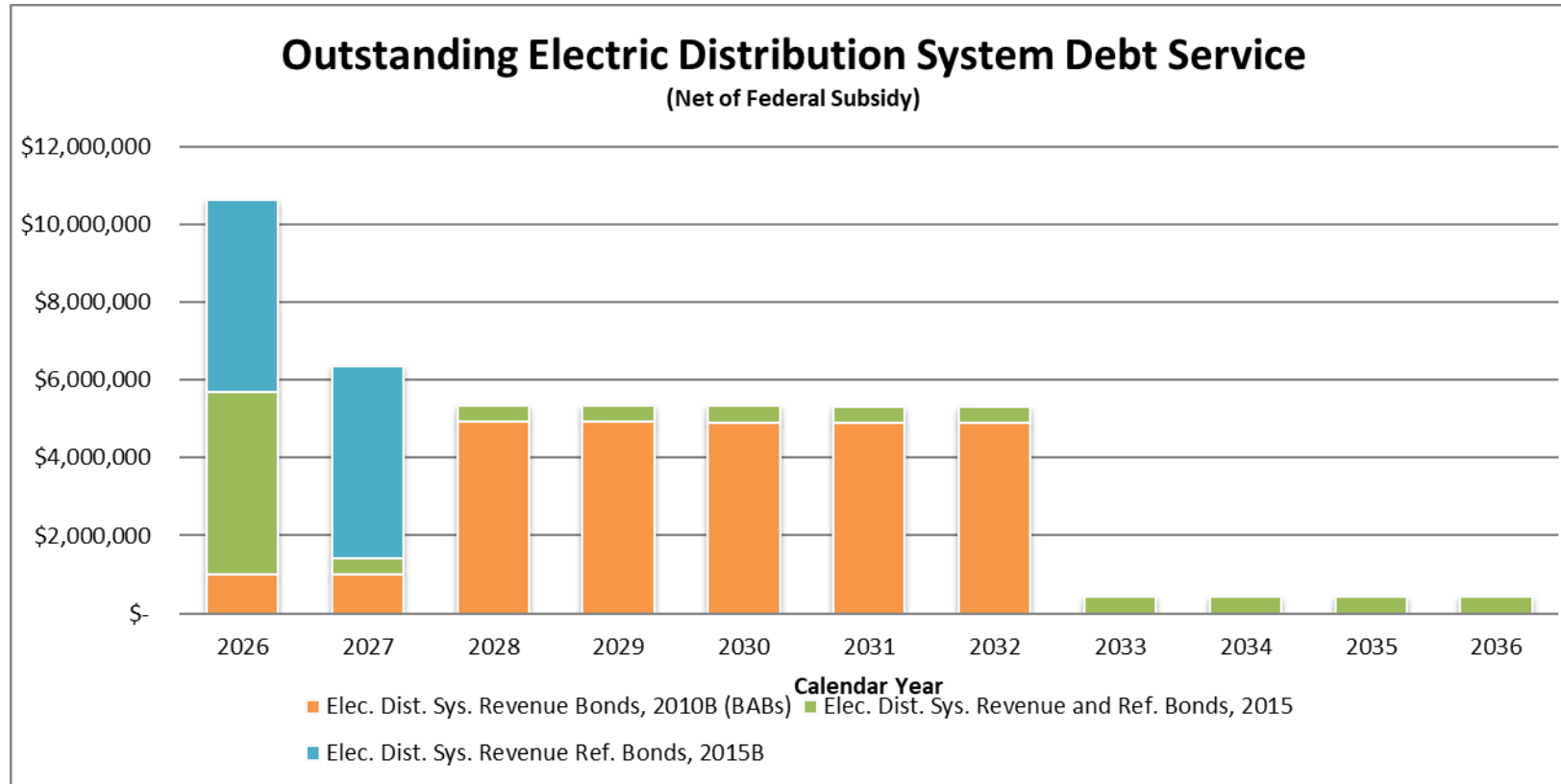
| | YTD Actual | Projected | Budget | Var \$ | Var % | |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|---|
| Revenues | | | | | | |
| Non-MI | \$ 12,968,038 | \$ 135,252,388 | \$ 133,291,326 | \$ 1,961,062 | 1.47% | October 2025 Rate Action & Lower Loads |
| Major Industrial | 7,917,491 | 135,245,331 | 144,304,314 | (9,058,982) | -6.28% | Lower Loads & Actual Costs |
| Other | 726,977 | 7,418,644 | 7,300,000 | 118,644 | 1.63% | Mostly Higher Investment Earnings |
| | <u>21,612,506</u> | <u>277,916,363</u> | <u>284,895,640</u> | <u>(6,979,277)</u> | <u>-2.45%</u> | |
| Expenses | | | | | | |
| Power Supply | 14,339,204 | 189,792,364 | 201,752,393 | (11,960,029) | -5.93% | Non-MI portion expected to be \$2.6M below budget |
| Other Operating | 4,367,540 | 45,677,342 | 45,677,342 | - | 0.00% | |
| Taxes | 1,234,928 | 16,003,416 | 16,122,368 | (118,952) | -0.74% | |
| Depreciation | 994,651 | 12,452,984 | 12,500,000 | (47,016) | -0.38% | |
| Interest | 152,388 | 1,818,311 | 1,817,371 | 940 | 0.05% | |
| | <u>21,088,711</u> | <u>265,744,418</u> | <u>277,869,474</u> | <u>(12,125,056)</u> | <u>-4.36%</u> | |
| Margin | <u>\$ 523,795</u> | <u>\$ 12,171,945</u> | <u>\$ 7,026,166</u> | <u>\$ 5,145,779</u> | <u>73.24%</u> | |

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

2.4 - Year-End Cash Projection - Electric System

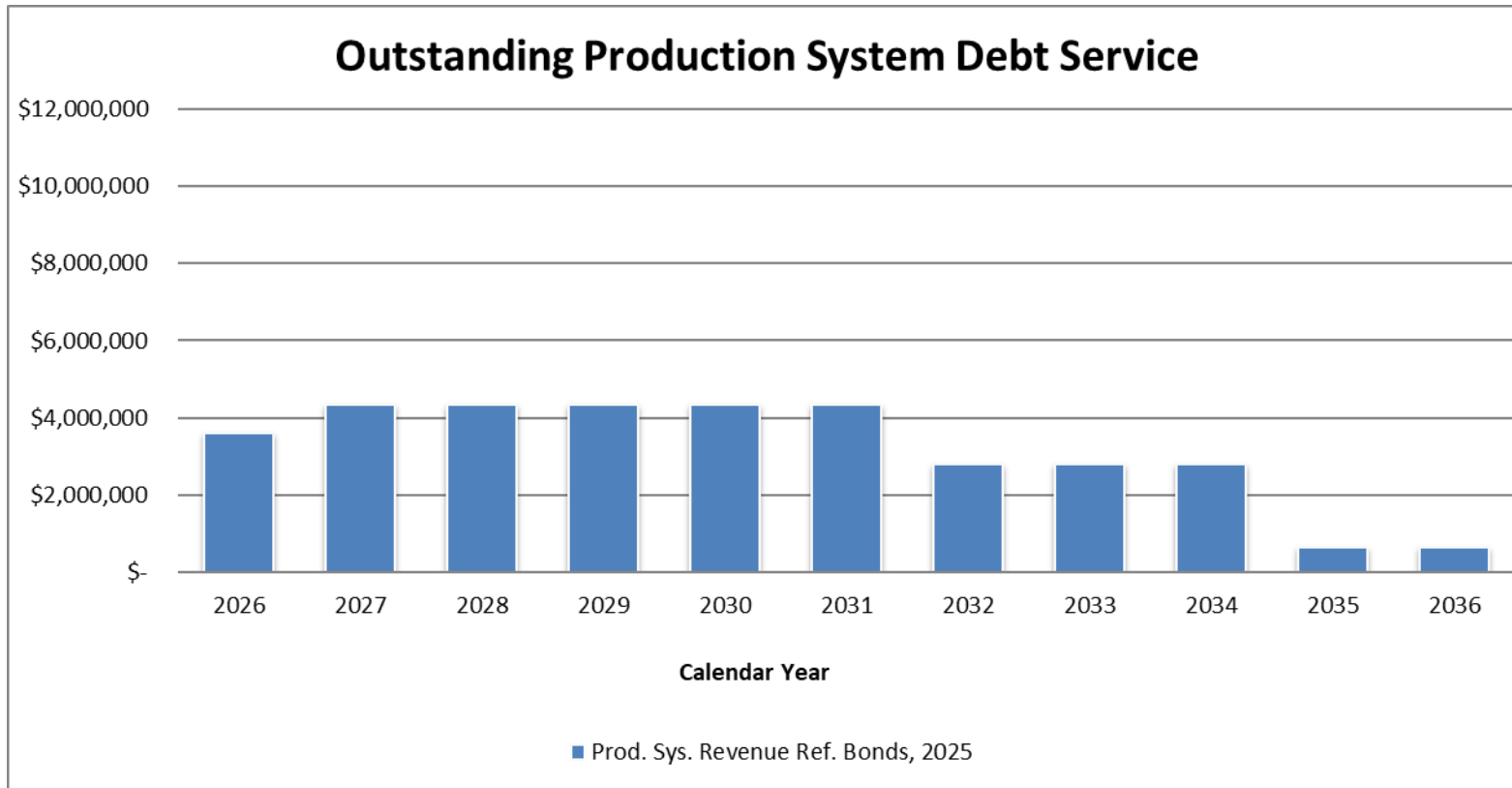
| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Margin | \$ 12,171,945 |
| Non-Cash Items | 16,772,984 |
| Capital | (20,616,120) |
| Principal Debt | <u>(10,034,704)</u> |
| Projected Cash Deficit | <u><u>\$ (1,705,895)</u></u> |
| Budgeted Deficit | <u><u>\$ (6,804,657)</u></u> |

2.5 – Electric System Debt Service



**The above represents principal and interest.
Total principal for the Electric System -
\$38,510,000**

2.6 – Production System Debt Service



**The above represents principal and interest.
Total principal for the Production System -
\$28,195,000**

3. Operations

3.1 Outage Reports

3.2 Department Monthly Summaries

3.3 Safety

3.4 Pictures

3.1.1 Outage Summary - YTD W/O Storms

Actual (Based on Date Slicer)

| Events | Customers Out | SAIDI | Minutes |
|--------|---------------|-------|---------|
| 43 | 3,982 | 10 | 525,441 |

Previous 6 Periods Ava (Based on Date Slicer)

| Events | Avg Cust Out | Avg SAIDI | Avg Minutes |
|--------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| 38 | 4,002 | 10 | 504,947 |

Causes (Non-Storm Related)

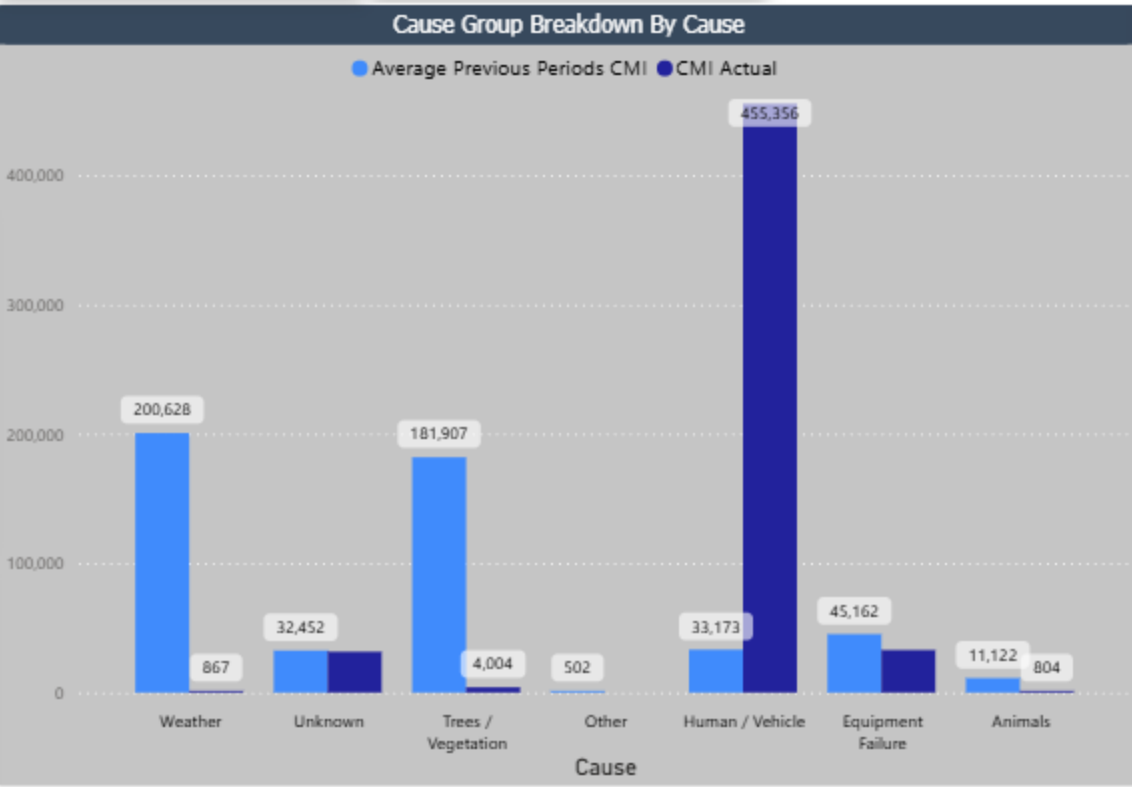
| Outage Cause | Events | Customers Out | SAIDI | CMI | % CMI |
|--------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| Human / Vehicle | 7 | 3,543 | 8 | 455,356 | 86.66% |
| Equipment Failure | 21 | 235 | 1 | 32,852 | 6.25% |
| Unknown | 3 | 157 | 1 | 31,557 | 6.01% |
| Trees / Vegetation | 5 | 23 | 0 | 4,004 | 0.76% |
| Weather | 3 | 8 | 0 | 867 | 0.16% |
| Animals | 4 | 16 | 0 | 804 | 0.15% |
| Other | 0 | | | | |
| Total | 43 | 3,982 | 10 | 525,441 | 100.00% |

Top Events (CMI)

| Outage Cause | Feeder | Line Section | CMI | Customers Out | Time Off | First Restore | Longest Duration |
|-----------------------|--------|--------------|---------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Public: Motor vehicle | 12F1 | BRK12F1 | 155,905 | 908 | 1/23/26 9:01 PM | 1/23/26 11:53 PM | 12.8 |
| Public: Motor vehicle | 12F3 | BRK12F3 | 97,211 | 429 | 1/23/26 9:01 PM | | 3.8 |
| Public: Motor vehicle | 12T4 | Recloser707 | 82,981 | 622 | 1/31/26 2:51 PM | 1/31/26 4:25 PM | 6.0 |
| Public: Motor vehicle | 12F2 | BRK12F2 | 73,384 | 747 | 1/23/26 9:01 PM | 1/24/26 12:48 AM | 3.8 |
| Public: Motor vehicle | 12F1 | span_5480 | 45,606 | 834 | 1/23/26 10:59 PM | | 0.9 |

Date: 1/1/2026 to 1/31/2026

Storm Related?: Non-Storm Related



CMI
 Customers Out
 Outages
 SAIDI

Average month of outages compared to historical average.

3.1.2 Outage Summary – Human/ Vehicle

Actual (Based on Date Slicer)

| Events | Customers Out | SAIDI | Minutes |
|--------|---------------|-------|---------|
| 7 | 3,543 | 8 | 455,356 |

Previous 6 Periods Avg (Based on Date Slicer)

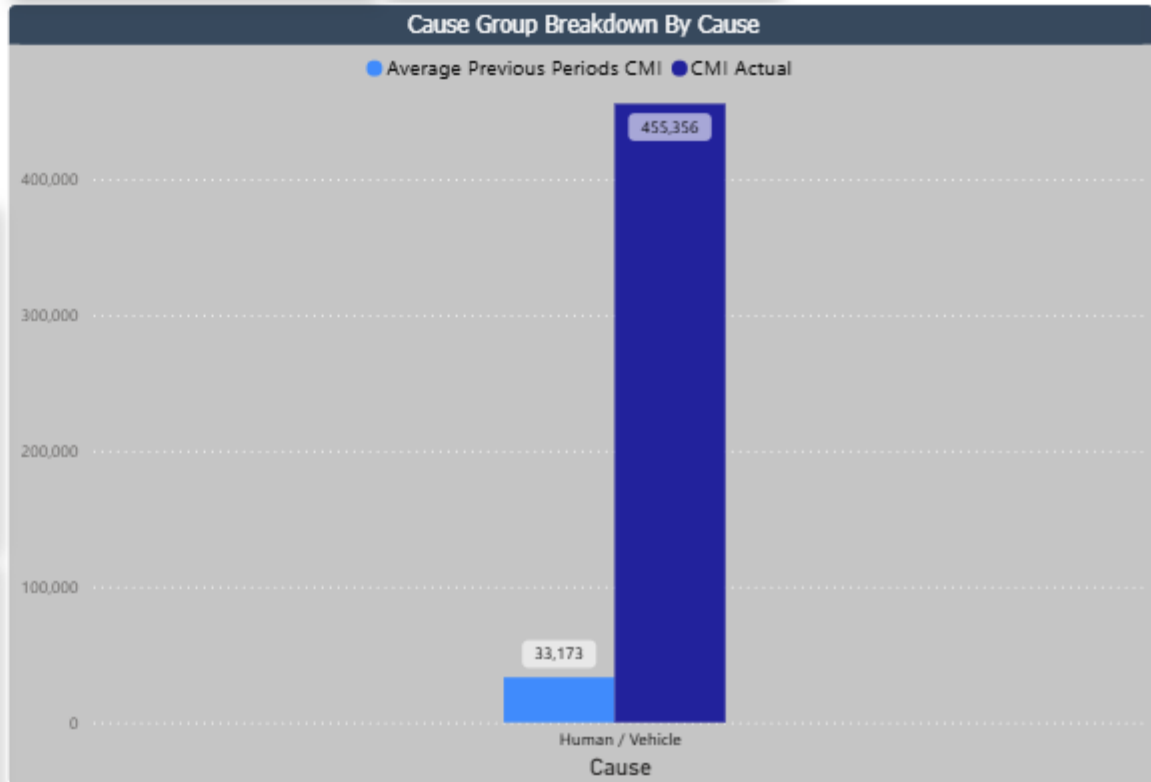
| Events | Avg Cust Out | Avg SAIDI | Avg Minutes |
|--------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| 3 | 231 | 1 | 33,173 |

| Outage Cause | Events | Customers Out | SAIDI | CMI | % CMI |
|--------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| Human / Vehicle | 7 | 3,543 | 8 | 455,356 | 86.66% |
| Equipment Failure | 21 | 235 | 1 | 32,852 | 6.25% |
| Unknown | 3 | 157 | 1 | 31,557 | 6.01% |
| Trees / Vegetation | 5 | 23 | 0 | 4,004 | 0.76% |
| Weather | 3 | 8 | 0 | 867 | 0.16% |
| Animals | 4 | 16 | 0 | 804 | 0.15% |
| Other | 0 | | | | |
| Total | 43 | 3,982 | 10 | 525,441 | 100.00% |

| Outage Cause | Feeder | Line Section | CMI | Customers Out | Time Off | First Restore | Longest Duration |
|-----------------------|--------|--------------|---------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Public: Motor vehicle | 12F1 | BRK12F1 | 155,905 | 908 | 1/23/26 9:01 PM | 1/23/26 11:53 PM | 12.8 |
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| Public: Motor vehicle | 12F1 | span_5480 | 45,606 | 834 | 1/23/26 10:59 PM | | 0.9 |

Date: 1/1/2026 to 1/31/2026

Storm Related?: All



| | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------|-------|
| CMI | Customers Out | Outages | SAIDI |
|-----|---------------|---------|-------|

Car-Pole accident on 01/23 accounted for 372k CMI (71% of total)
 Car-Pole accidents for entire month totaled 455k CMI (87% of total)

3.1.3 Outage Summary – YTD W/Storms



Actual (Based on Date Slicer)

| Events | Customers Out | SAIDI | Minutes |
|--------|---------------|-------|---------|
| 43 | 3,982 | 10 | 525,441 |

Previous 6 Periods Avg (Based on Date Slicer)

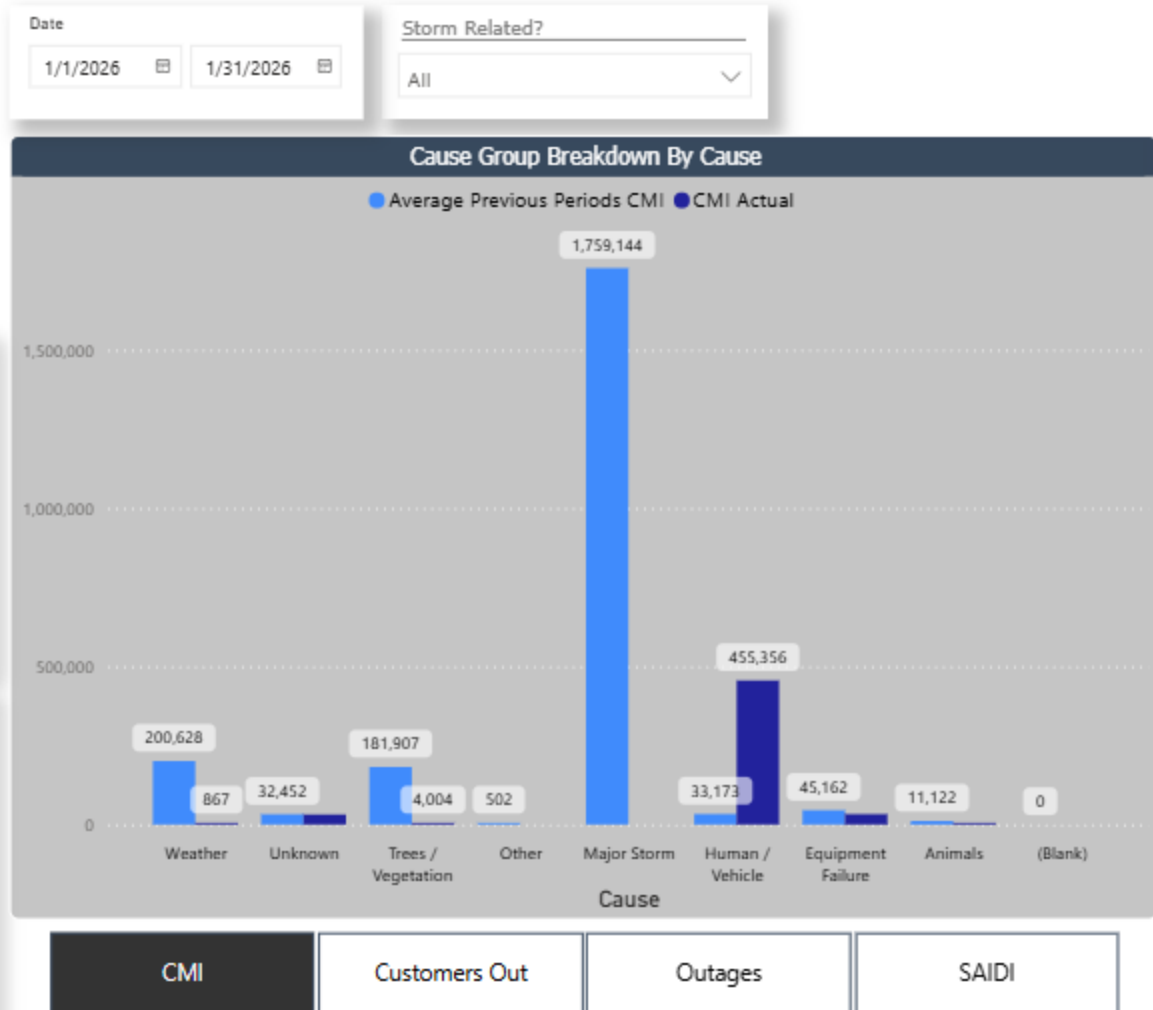
| Events | Avg Cust Out | Avg SAIDI | Avg Minutes |
|--------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| 74 | 9,384 | 43 | 2,264,091 |

Causes (Non-Storm Related)

| Outage Cause | Events | Customers Out | SAIDI | CMI | % CMI |
|--------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| Human / Vehicle | 7 | 3,543 | 8 | 455,356 | 86.66% |
| Equipment Failure | 21 | 235 | 1 | 32,852 | 6.25% |
| Unknown | 3 | 157 | 1 | 31,557 | 6.01% |
| Trees / Vegetation | 5 | 23 | 0 | 4,004 | 0.76% |
| Weather | 3 | 8 | 0 | 867 | 0.16% |
| Animals | 4 | 16 | 0 | 804 | 0.15% |
| Other | 0 | | | | |
| Other | 0 | | | | |
| Total | 43 | 3,982 | 10 | 525,441 | 100.00% |

Top Events (CMI)

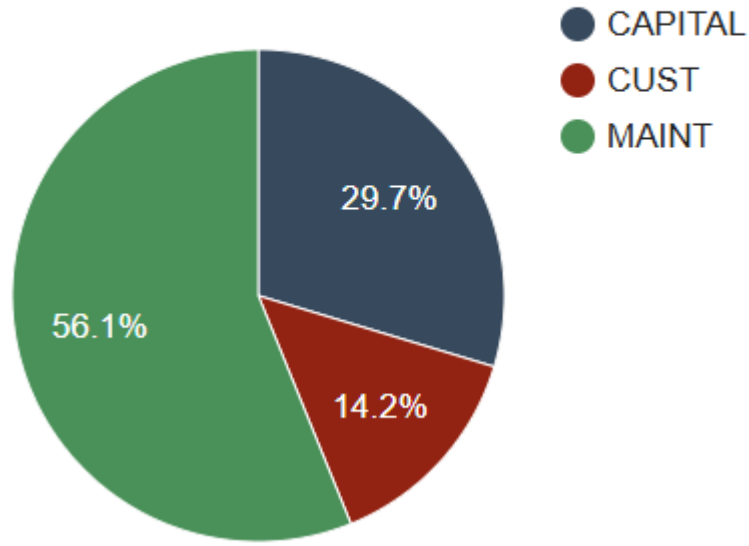
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6-year avg comparison YTD with storms
(No storms 2026 YTD)

3.2.1 Line Crew

Straight Time
3889.2 Hours



LINE CREW SERVICE ORDERS

| | |
|----|-----------------------------|
| 98 | HAZARD/TT/POWER QUALITY |
| 54 | LT EXCHGE |
| 54 | DISCONNECT |
| 47 | TRANSFORMERS |
| 30 | POLE REPL |
| 29 | INFO |
| 24 | MISC |
| 23 | STREET LIGHTS |
| 20 | PERM METER |
| 18 | FLUP |
| 17 | RECONNECT/NEW/TEMP/BACKBONE |
| 11 | MREADY-MNT |
| 7 | CUTOFF |
| 5 | TPERM |
| 3 | BACKBONEV2 |
| 2 | FIP-LINE |
| 2 | DVCDISC |
| 1 | TELE POLE |
| 1 | APP TTLINE |
| 1 | OFFICE |

447 TOTAL

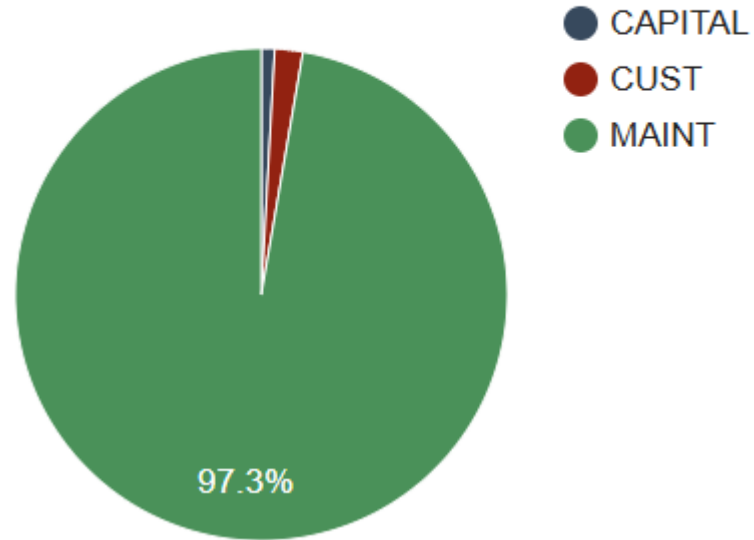
Customer Work

59 WO's completed

3.2.2 Relay/Substation

Straight Time

1033.5 Hours

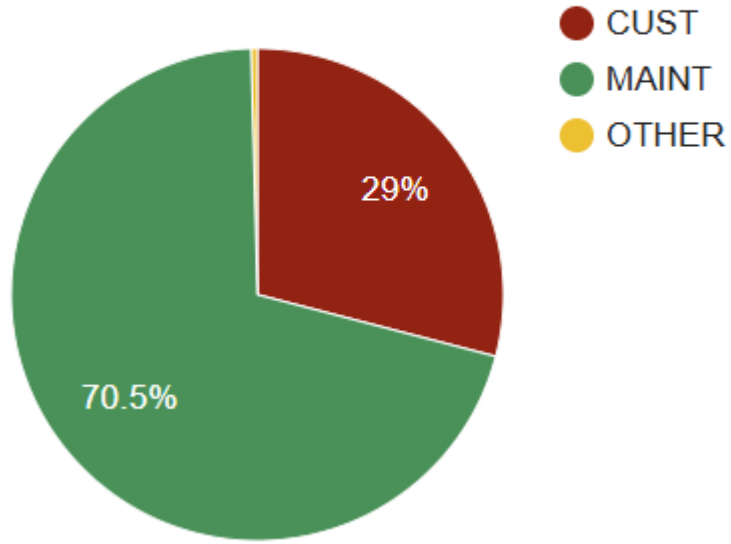


Maintenance Work

North Woodlan substation power transformer power factor test
Personal protective ground inspection and refurbishment
Nitrogen leaks on Hansen and North Woodland
Annual relay testing

3.2.3 Meter and FSRs

Straight Time
966 Hours



Service Orders

METER DEPARTMENT

| | |
|-------|-----------------------|
| 49 | DISCONNECT |
| 33 | MTR-CT/PT |
| 31 | METER INVESTIGATION |
| 9 | RECONNECT/NEW/TEMP |
| 8 | METER EXCHANGE/REMOVE |
| 6 | MISC |
| 5 | COMMER CST |
| 3 | PERM METER |
| 2 | MTR>1 |
| 1 | FIP-METER |
| <hr/> | |
| 147 | TOTAL |

FIELD SERVICE REPS

| | |
|-------|------------|
| 40 | OFFICE |
| 39 | READ OPTOT |
| 8 | LT-INFO |
| 5 | METER READ |
| 3 | CUTOFF |
| 1 | LT-REMOVE |
| <hr/> | |
| 96 | TOTAL |

3.2.4 On-Going District Work

| Group | Design | ROPS | Completed | Budget | YTD | YTD/Budget |
|---|------------|------------|-----------|---------------------|------------------|------------|
| 2.1 - Transmission On-Going Pole Replacement | 29 | 5 | | \$250,000 | \$774 | 0% |
| 2.3 - Transmission On-Going System Improvement | 2 | 1 | | \$87,000 | | |
| 2.5 - Transmission Unplanned System Improvemen | 2 | 0 | | \$31,000 | \$53,764 | 173% |
| 3.1 - Distribution On-Going System Improvement | 198 | 21 | | \$850,000 | \$47,231 | 6% |
| 3.11 - Transformer O/H & U/G Failure | 3 | 6 | | \$398,000 | \$40,752 | 10% |
| 3.12 - Dist Line Rebuild | 11 | 0 | | \$2,470,000 | \$5,121 | 0% |
| 3.18 - Distribution Unplanned System Improvemen | 9 | 2 | | \$430,000 | \$8,594 | 2% |
| 3.19 - Distribution On-Going U/G Line Cable Rep | 65 | 63 | | \$4,412,000 | \$456,844 | 10% |
| 3.26 - Transformer PCB Replacement | 0 | 47 | | \$247,000 | \$6,862 | 3% |
| 3.5 - Distribution On-Going Pole Replacement | 154 | 36 | | \$1,510,000 | \$248,013 | 16% |
| 3.52 - Substation Unplanned System Improvement | 1 | 0 | | | | |
| 3.54 - Substation On-Going System Improvement | 1 | 0 | | \$813,000 | | |
| TR2.1 - Small Capital | 1 | 0 | | \$92,500 | | |
| TOTAL | 476 | 181 | | \$11,590,500 | \$867,955 | 7% |

3.2.5 On-Going Customer Work

| Group | Design | ROPS | Completed | YTD |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| 3.13 - Cust OnGoin Lighting | 7 | 15 | 27 | \$12,575 |
| 3.14 - Cust Secondary Ln Extention | 166 | 8 | 40 | \$49,725 |
| 3.16 - Cust Pri Ln Ext. Residential | 123 | 8 | 20 | \$153,637 |
| 3.17 - Cust Pri Ln Ext. Commercial | 68 | 5 | 5 | \$67,729 |
| 3.29 - Cust Mke Redy for Telco | 27 | 0 | 3 | \$-122,075 |
| 3.9 - Cust Ln Reloct Dist/TX | 9 | 1 | 0 | \$1,355 |
| 3.99 - Cust Solar | 7 | 1 | 3 | \$923 |
| TOTAL | 407 | 38 | 98 | \$163,868 |

3.2.6 Tree-Trimming



Month/Year

Jan-26

Year To Date

6

Trimming Miles

1,075

Total Hours

979

Trimming Hours

96

Tickets Hours

0

WO/Storm Hours

9

Trouble Tickets

0.9

Completed Miles

326

Total Hours

326

Trimming Hours

0

Tickets Hours

0

WO/Storm Hours

2.4

Completed Miles

260

Total Hours

260

Trimming Hours

0

Tickets Hours

0

WO/Storm Hours

Central

| Substation | Feeder | Completed Miles |
|--------------|--------|-----------------|
| Olson Rd | OR1 | 0.6 |
| Olson Rd | OR3 | 0.3 |
| Total | | 0.9 |

1.8

Completed Miles

279

Total Hours

279

Trimming Hours

0

Tickets Hours

0

WO/Storm Hours

0.6

Completed Miles

210

Total Hours

114

Trimming Hours

96

Tickets Hours

0

WO/Storm Hours

South

| Substation | Feeder | Completed Miles |
|--------------|--------|-----------------|
| Lewis River | Y2 | 0.6 |
| Lewis River | Y3 | 0.6 |
| Lewis River | Y4 | 0.4 |
| Lewis River | Y1 | 0.2 |
| Total | | 1.8 |

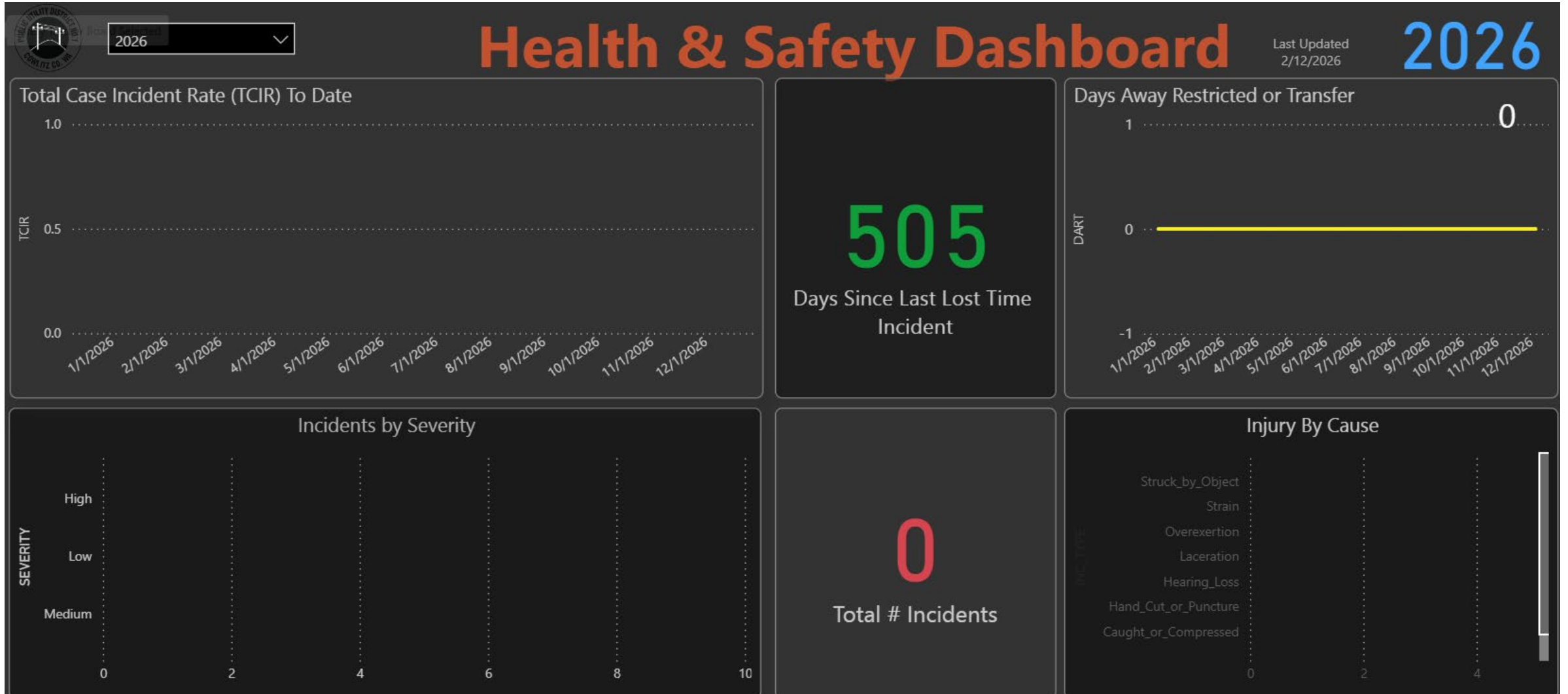
North

| Substation | Feeder | Completed Miles |
|--------------|--------|-----------------|
| Delameter | Q1 | 1.6 |
| Delameter | Q3 | 0.8 |
| Total | | 2.4 |

Climb

| Substation | Feeder | Completed Miles |
|--------------|--------|-----------------|
| Olson Rd | OR2 | 0.6 |
| Meeker | Z3 | 0.0 |
| Total | | 0.6 |

3.3 Safety



3.4.1 Pictures



Line crew replacing transmission pole along Spirit Lake Hwy destroyed by car 01/23.

3.4.2 Pictures



Line crew replacing transmission pole along Spirit Lake Hwy destroyed by car 01/23.

3.4.3 Pictures



Line crew replacing transmission pole along Spirit Lake Hwy destroyed by car 01/23.

4. Engineering

4.1 System Metrics

4.2 Underground Primary Outages

4.3 New Service Requests

4.4 Locates

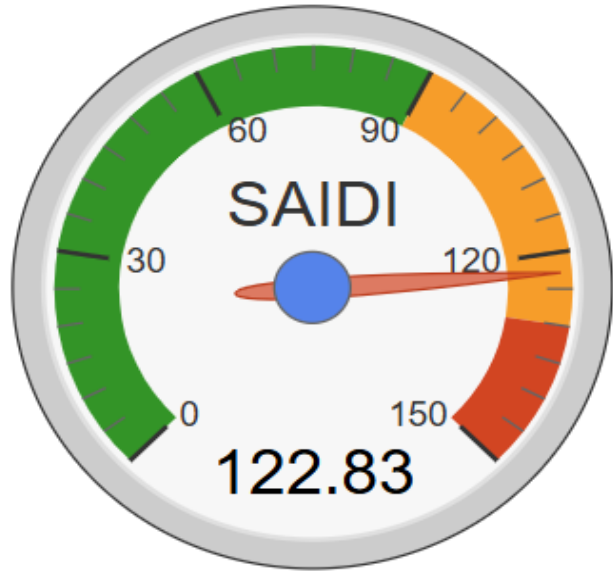
4.5 Substation Outages (exclusive of storms)

4.6 Feeder Outages and Causes (exclusive of storms)

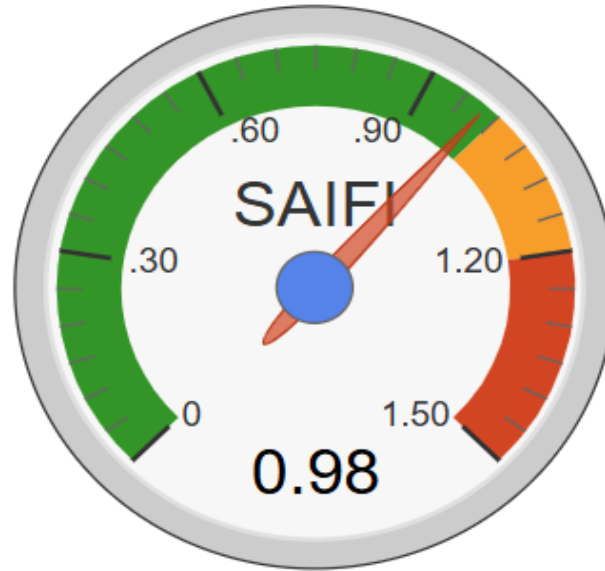
4.7 Pictures and Hi-Lights

4.1 System Metrics

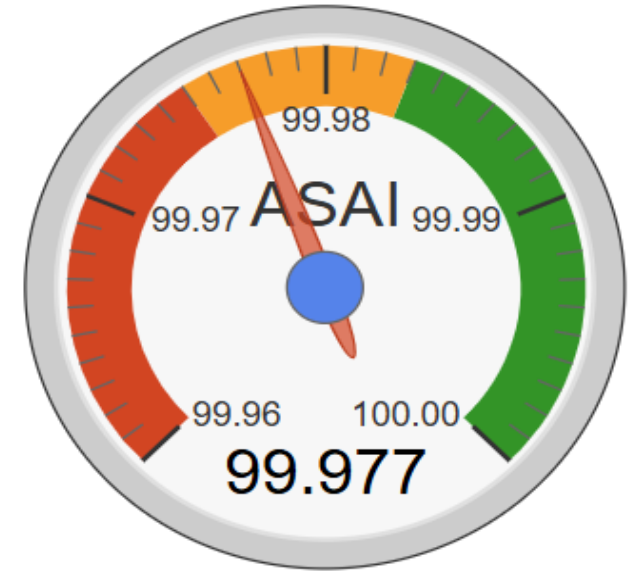
Indices (rolling 12 months)



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



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

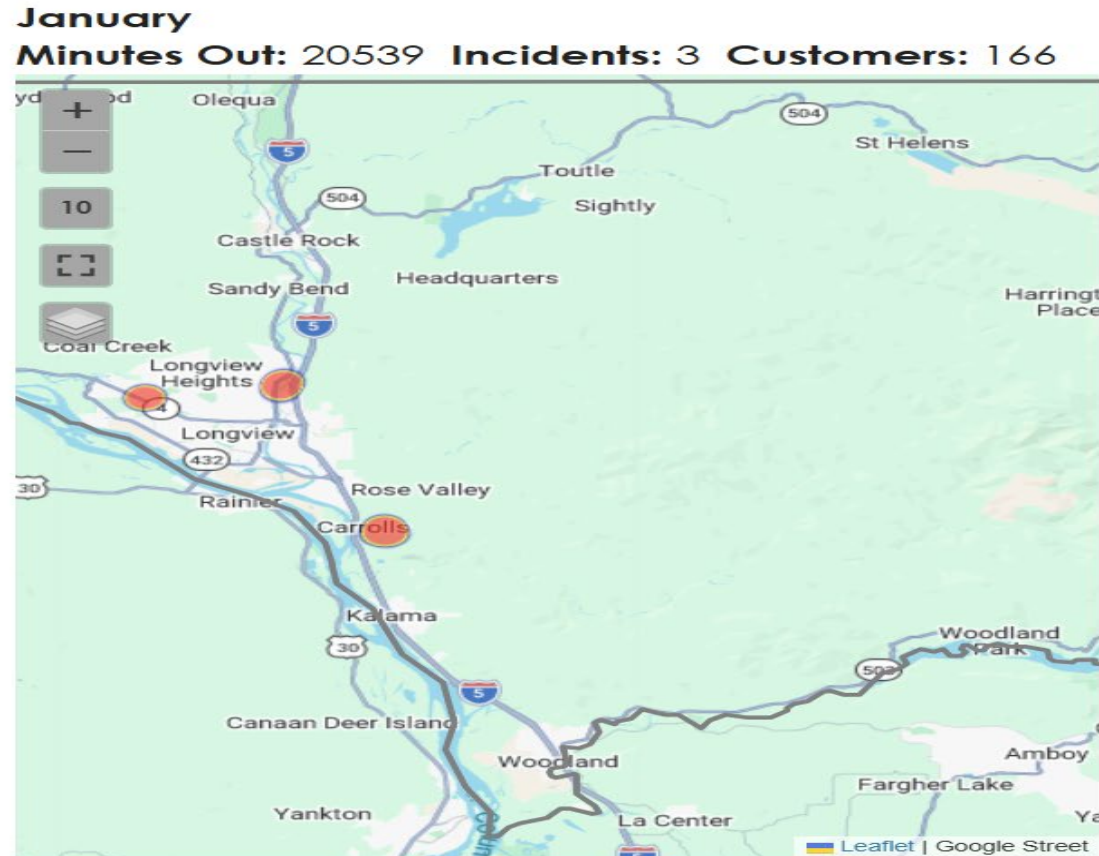


Average Service Availability Index
(Percent of Time Average Customer has Power)

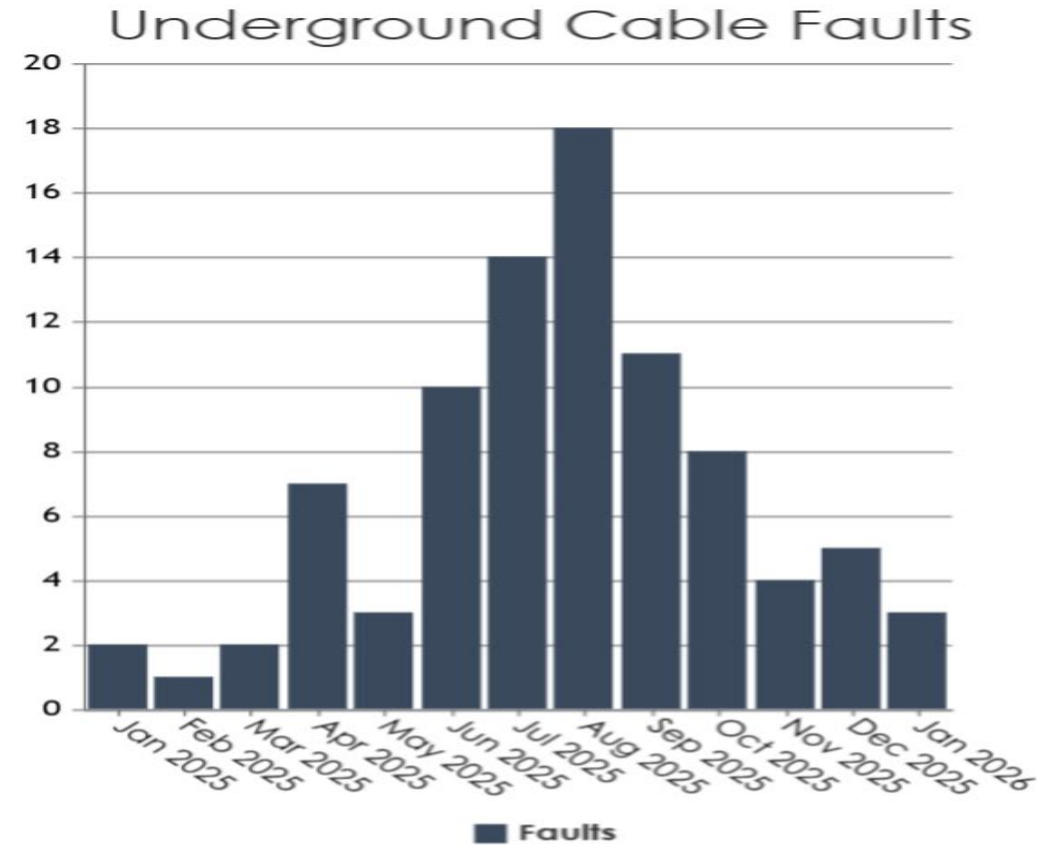
Total January customer minutes 525,441.
Total customer minutes for January are 12% more than the 10-year average.

4.2 Underground Primary Outages

Underground Cable Faults



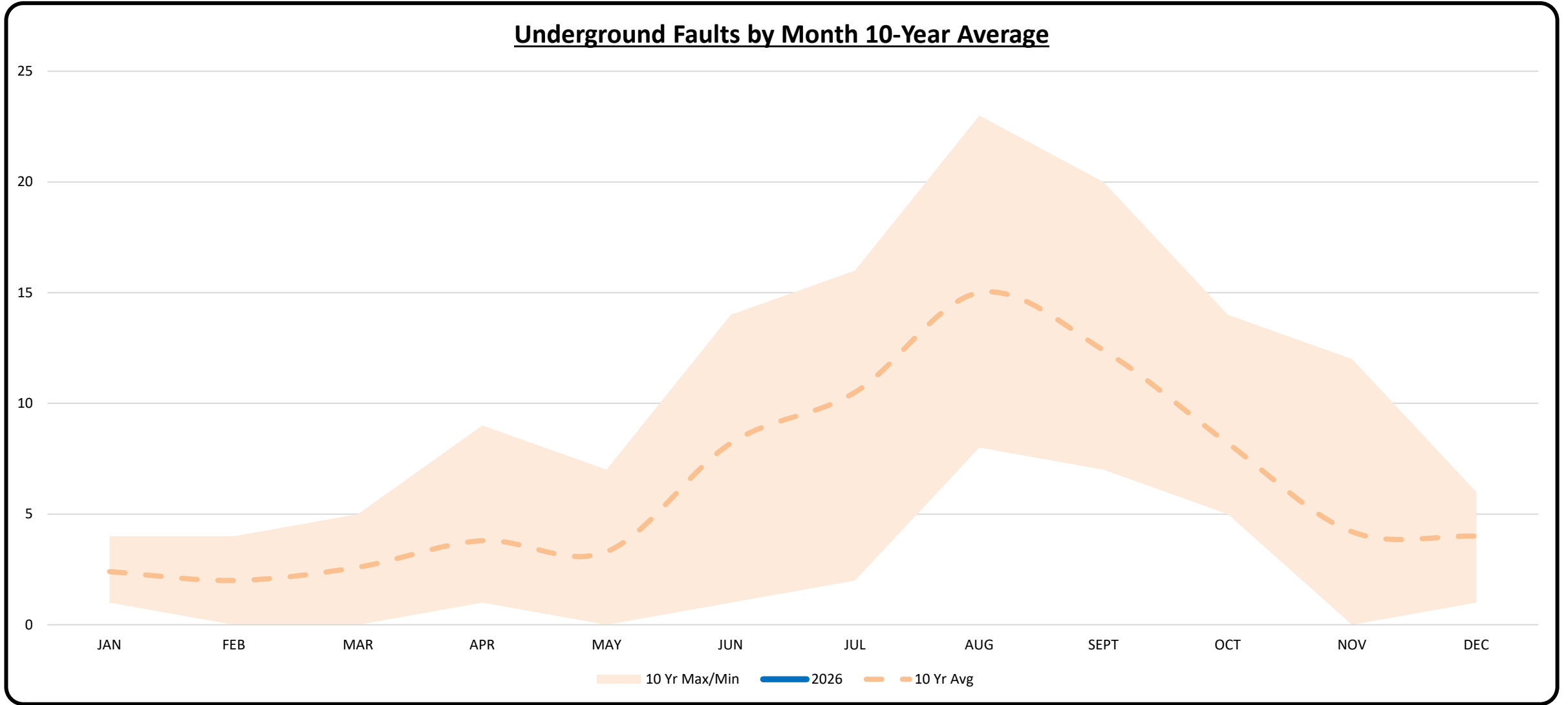
Underground Faults (13 Months)



Cable Faults 2026: 3

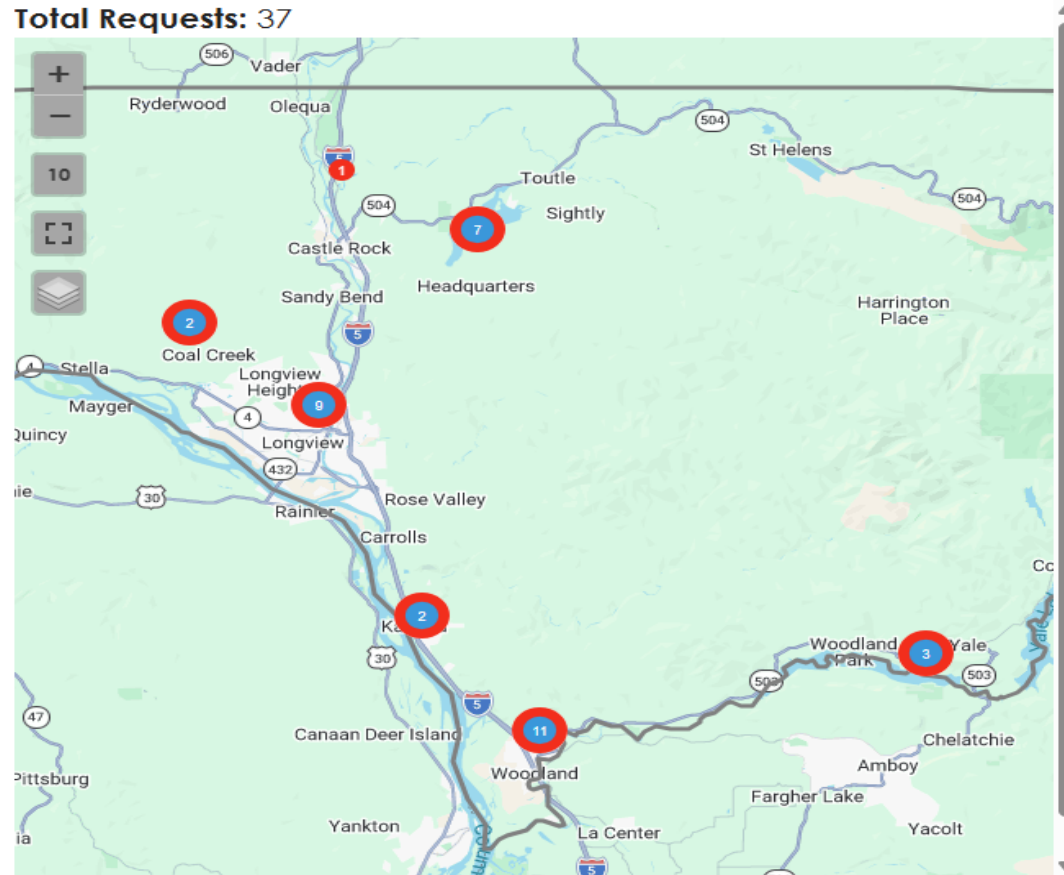
Total Faults 2026 are 30% more than the 10-year average.

4.2 Underground Primary Outages Continued

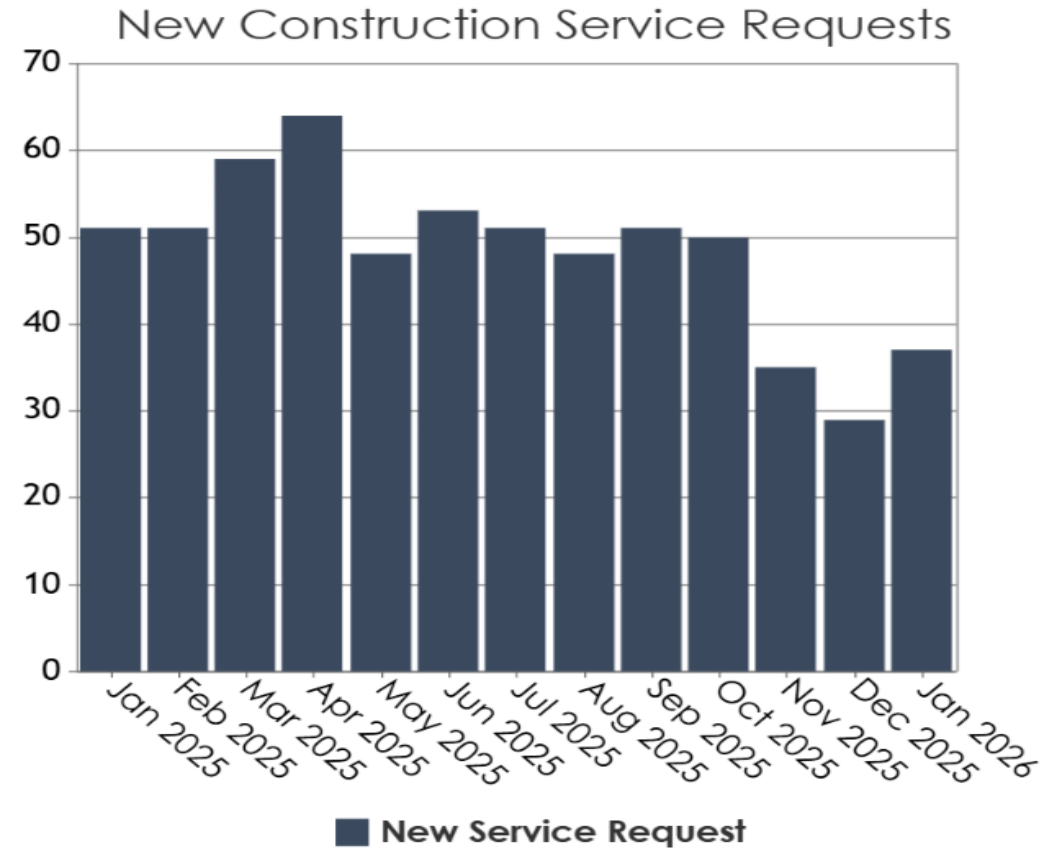


4.3 New Service Requests

New Service Requests



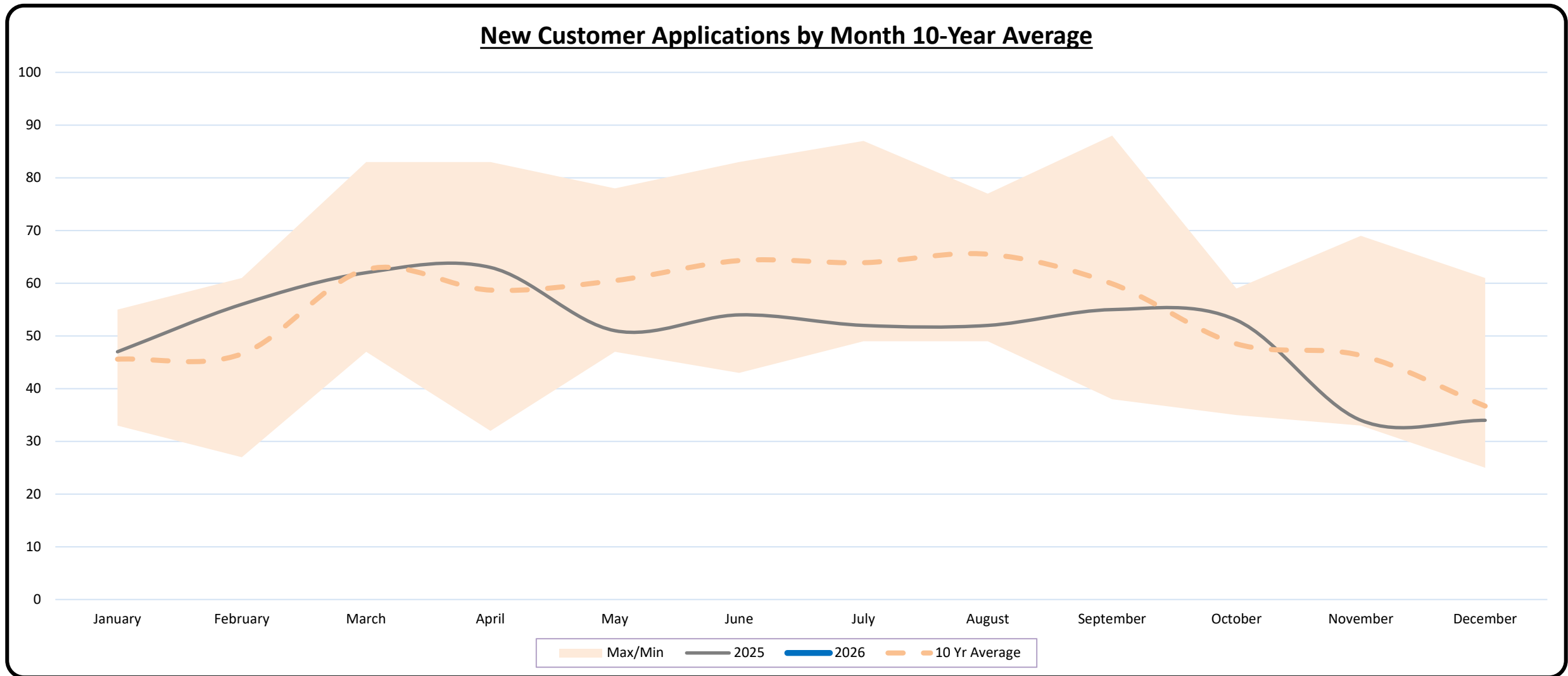
New Constructions



New Service Requests 2026: 37

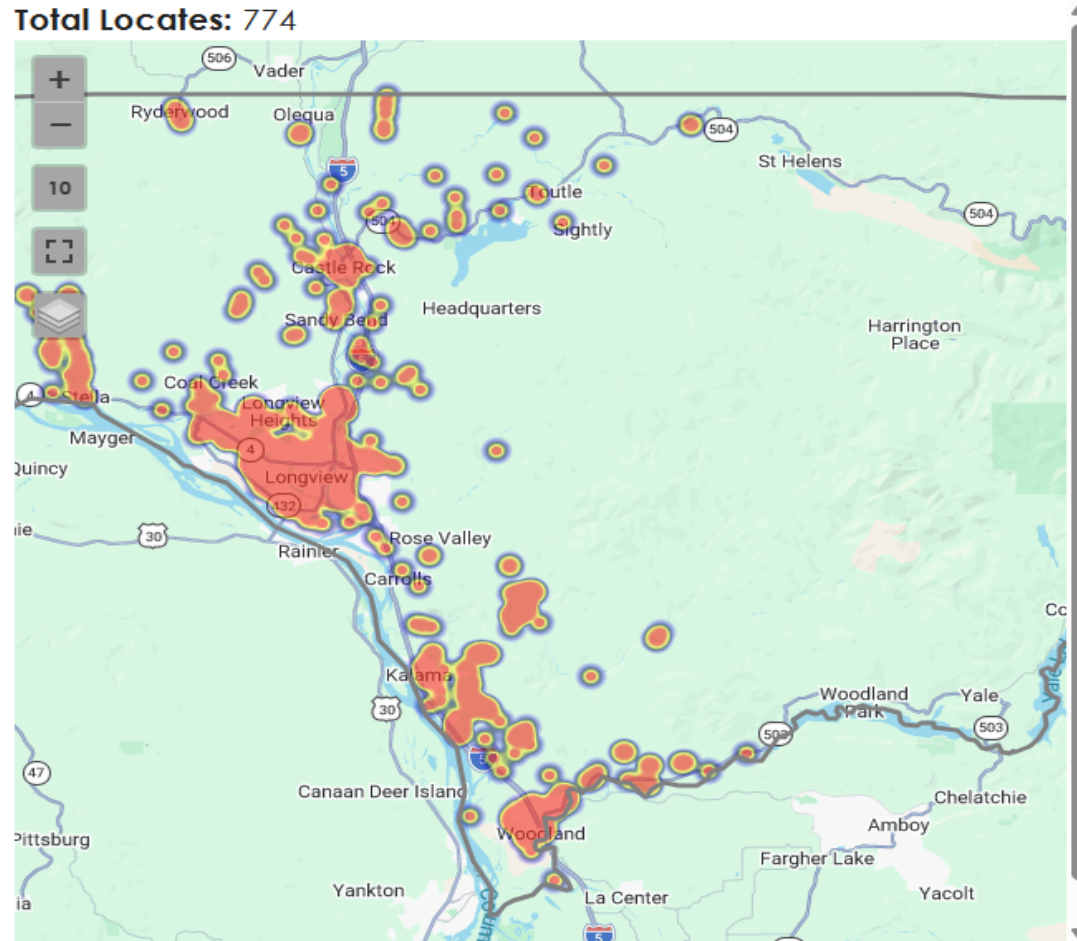
Total New Service Requests 2026 are 19% less than the 10-year average.

4.3 New Service Requests Continued

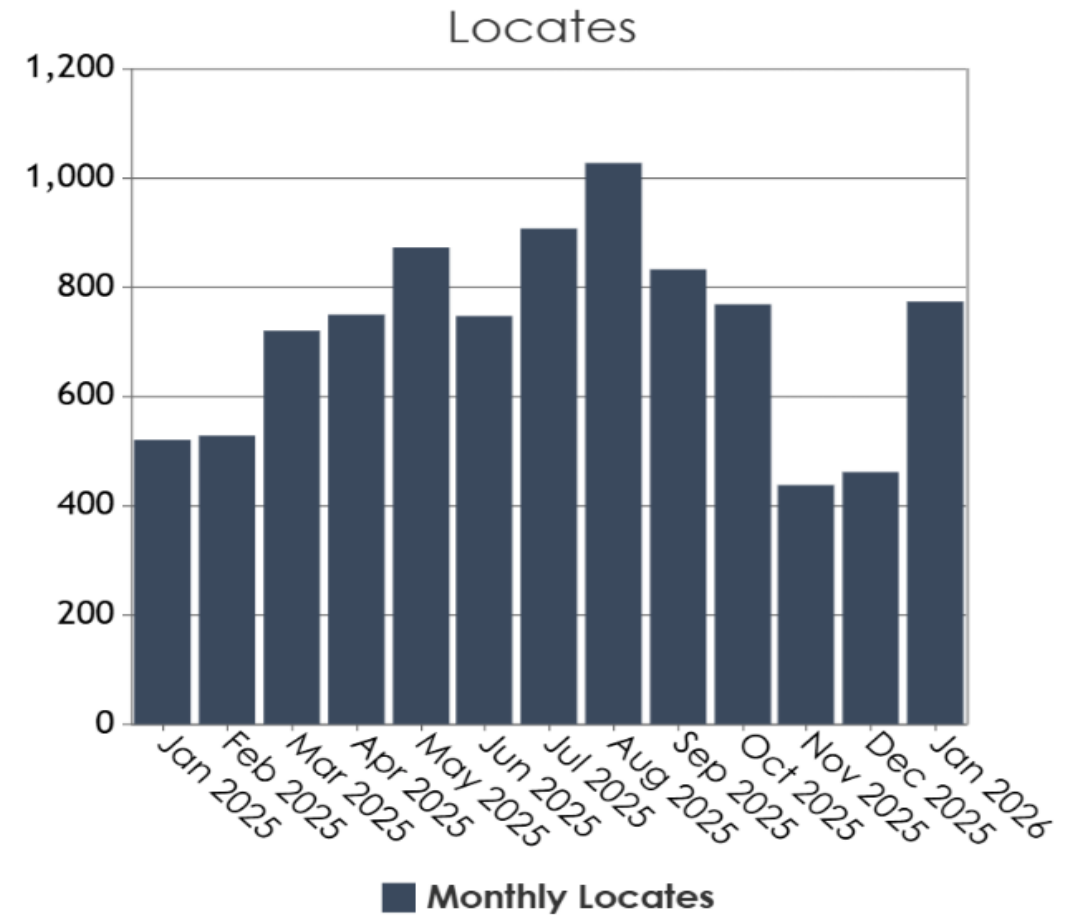


4.4 Locates

Monthly Locates



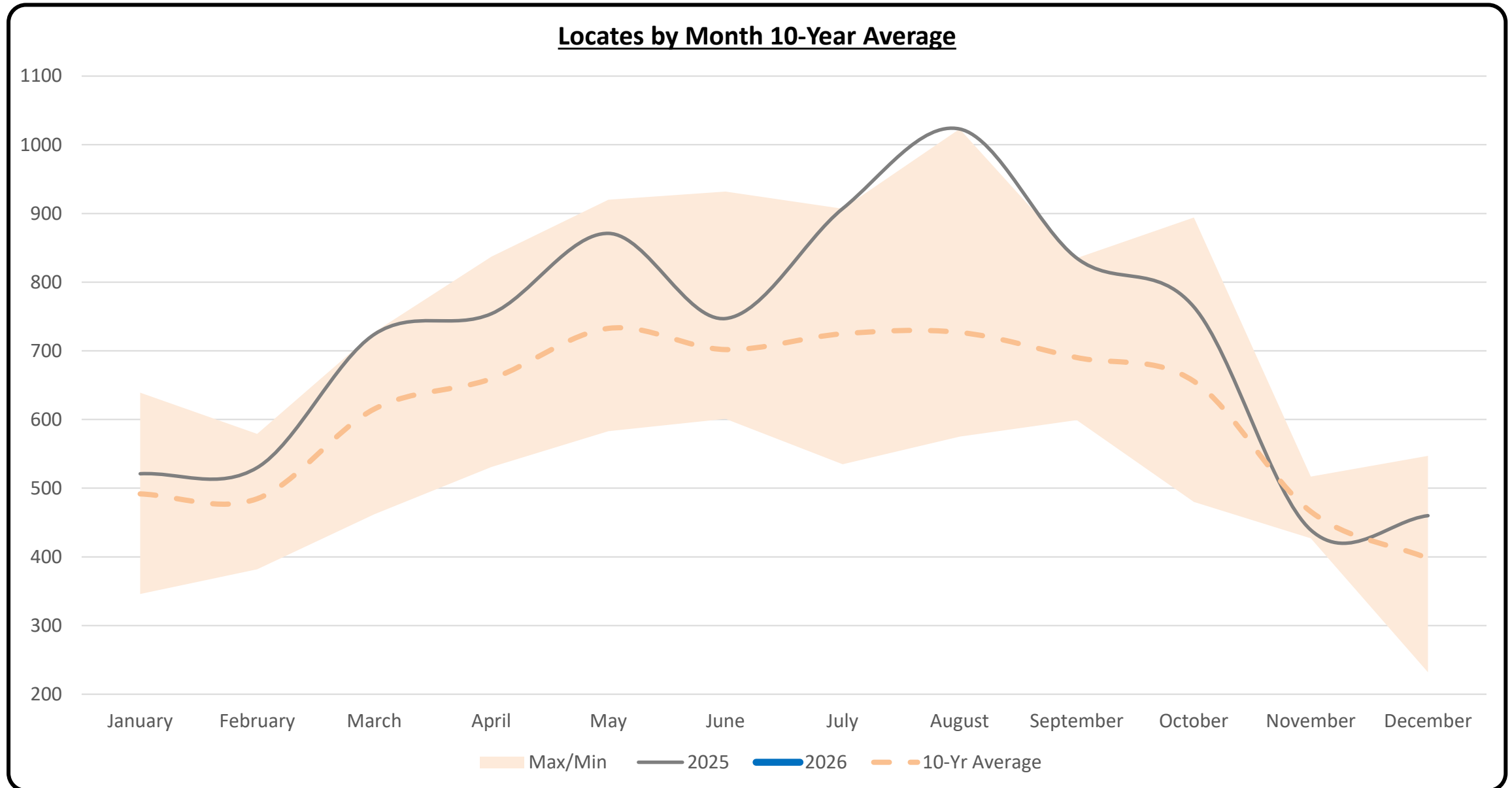
Locates



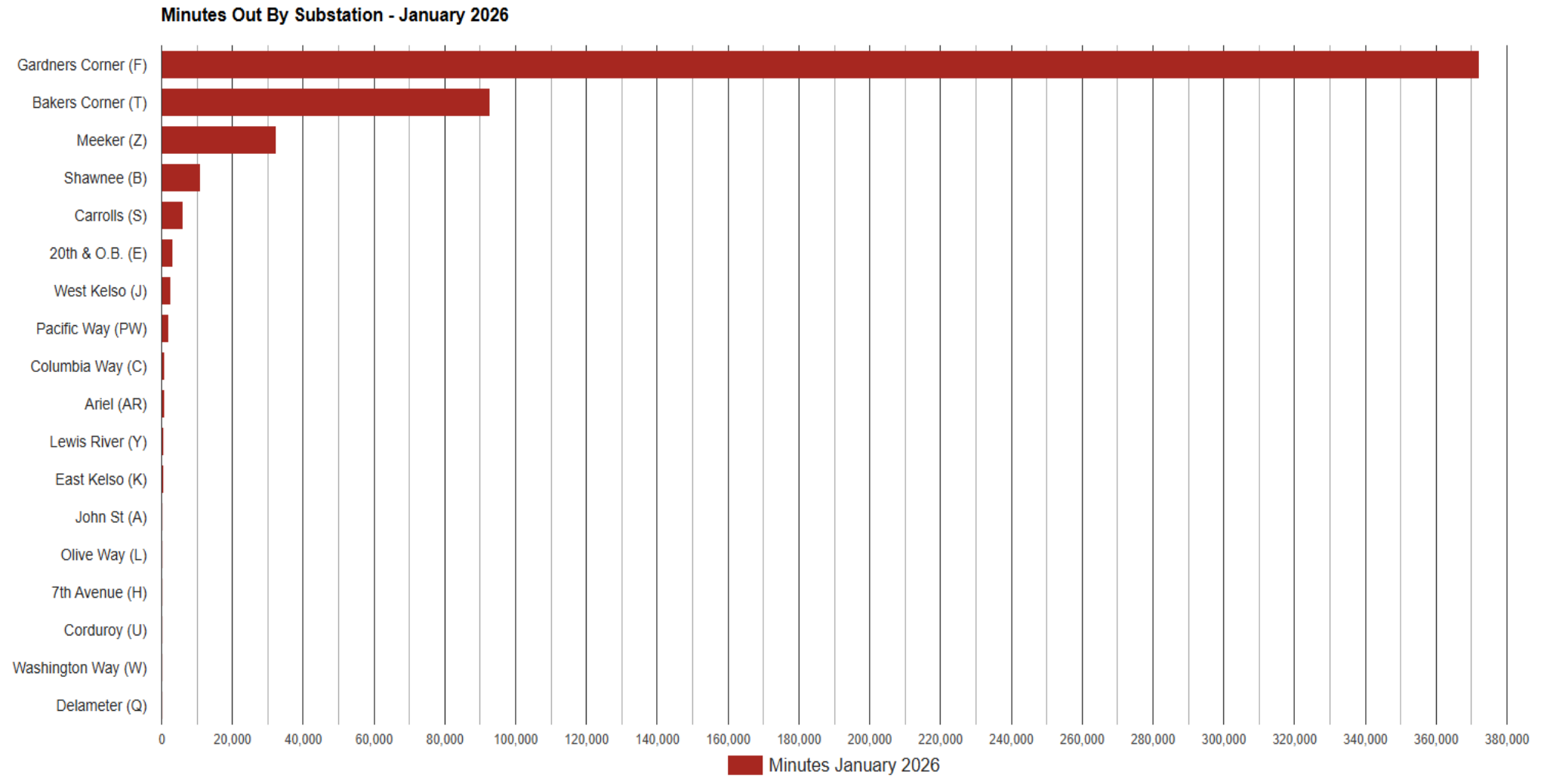
Locate Requests 2026: 773

Total Locate Requests YTD are 57% more than the 10-year average.

4.4 Locates Continued

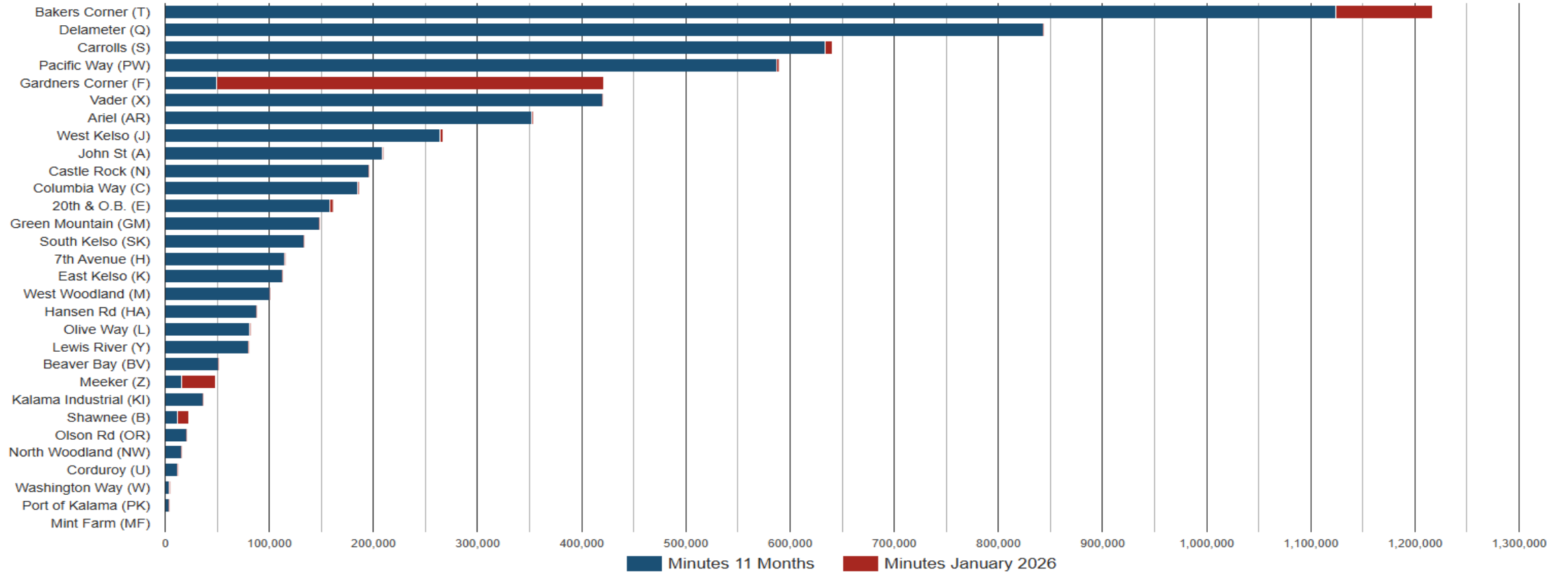


4.5 Substation Outages (exclusive of storms)



4.5.1 Substation Outages

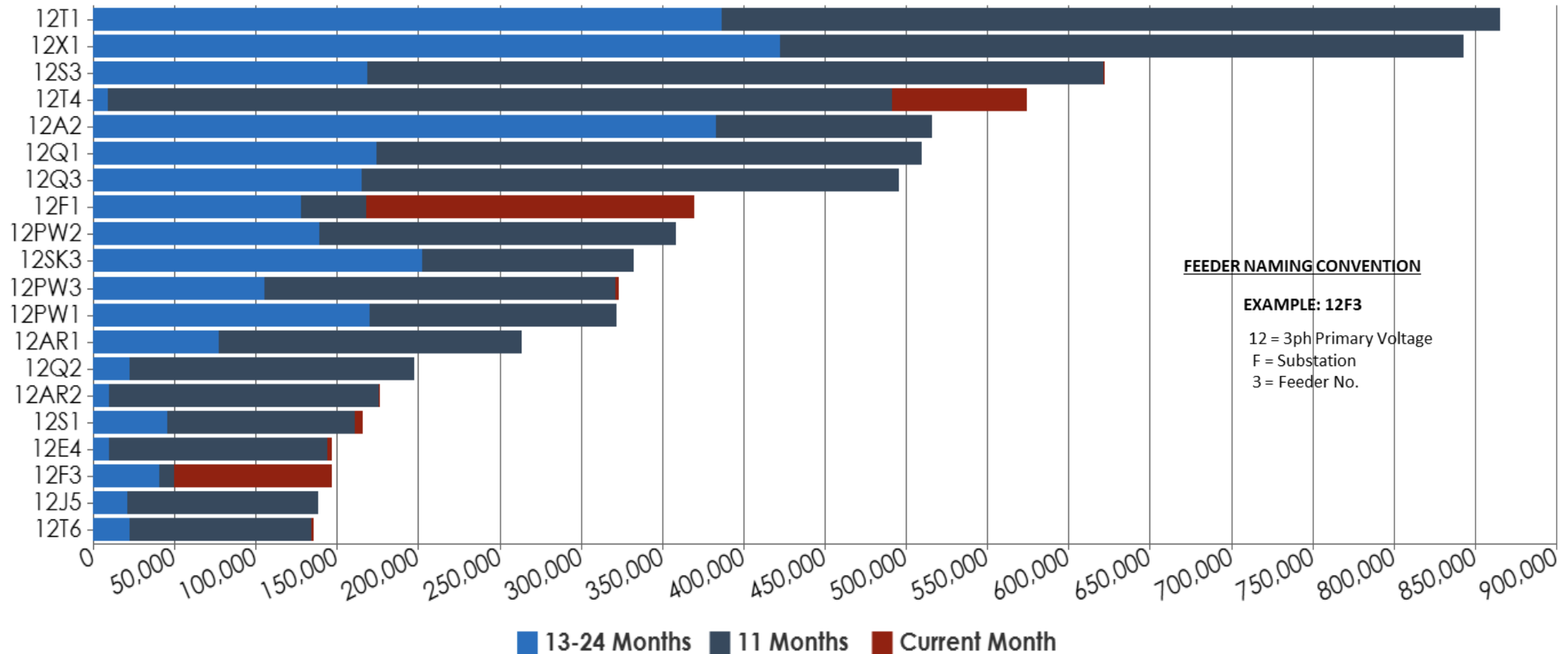
Minutes Out By Substation - Rolling 12 Months



4.6 Feeder Outages and Causes (exclusive of storms)

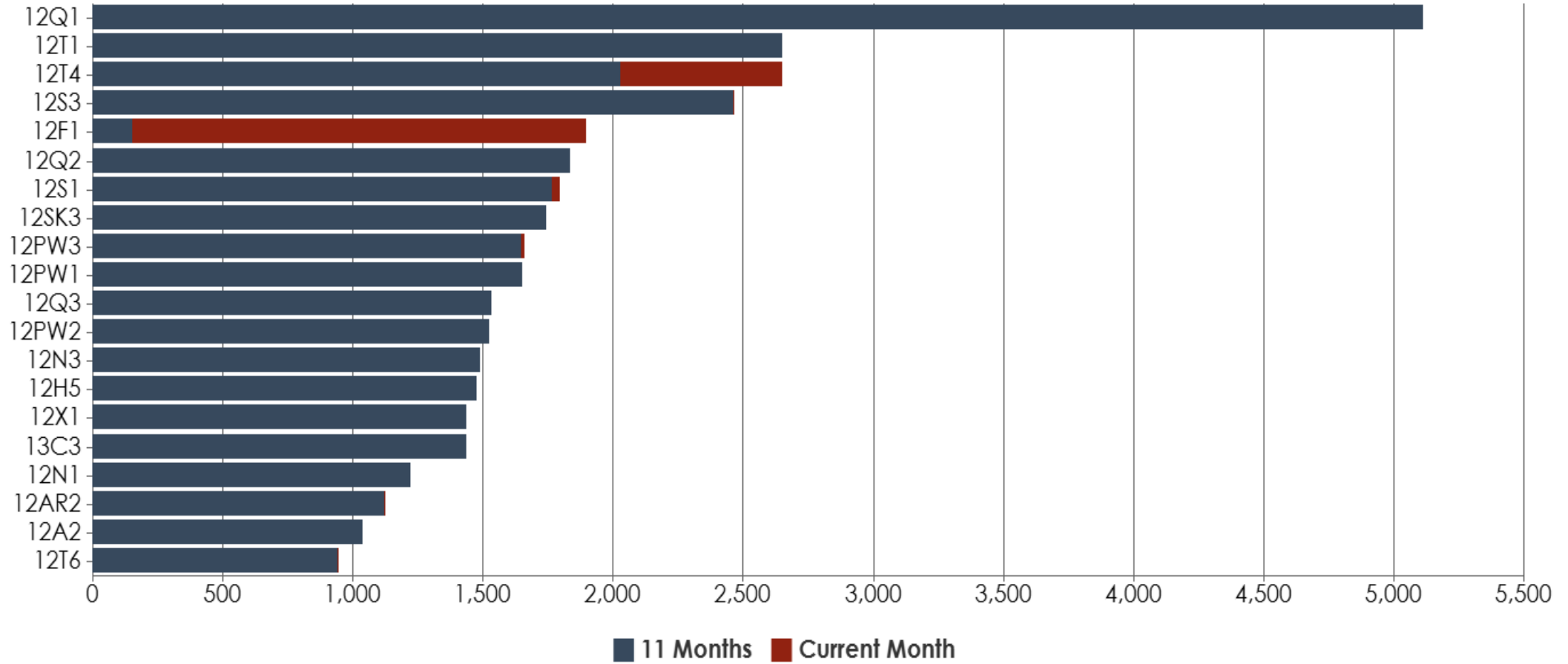
Feeder Outages & Causes - (rolling 12 months)

Top 20 Feeders by CMI



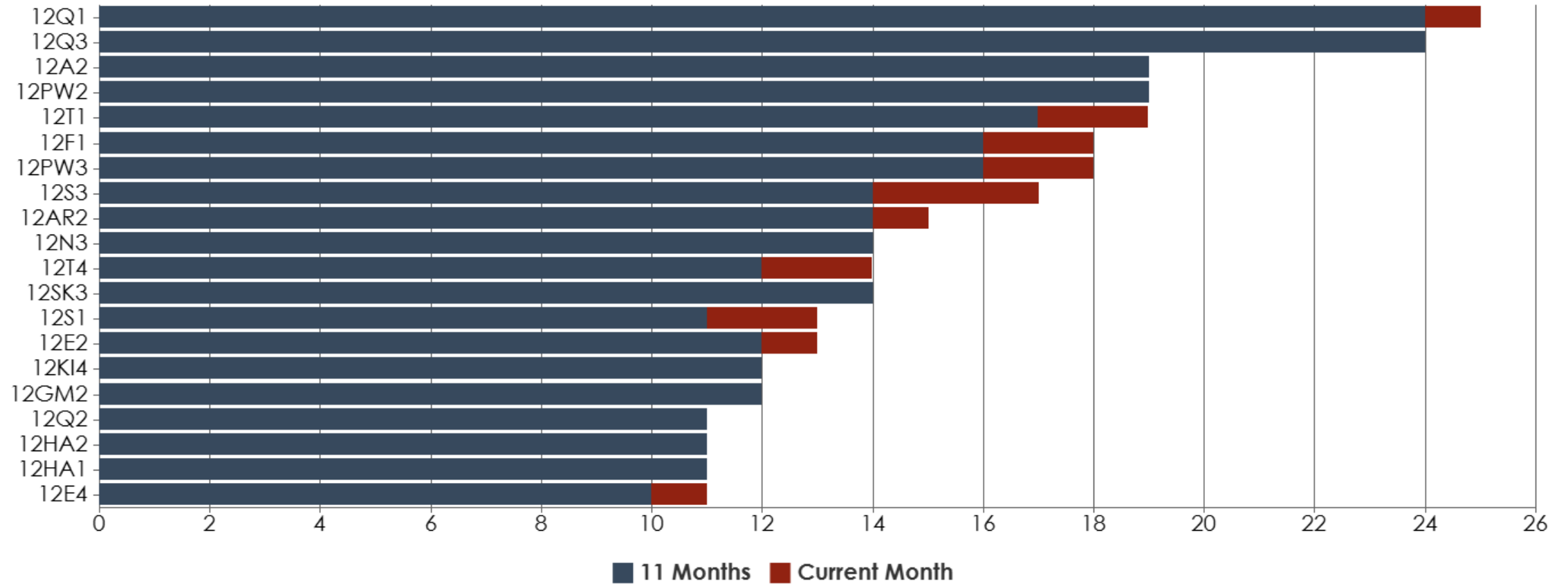
4.6.1 Feeder Outages and Causes

Top 20 Feeders by Customer



4.6.2 Feeder Outages and Causes

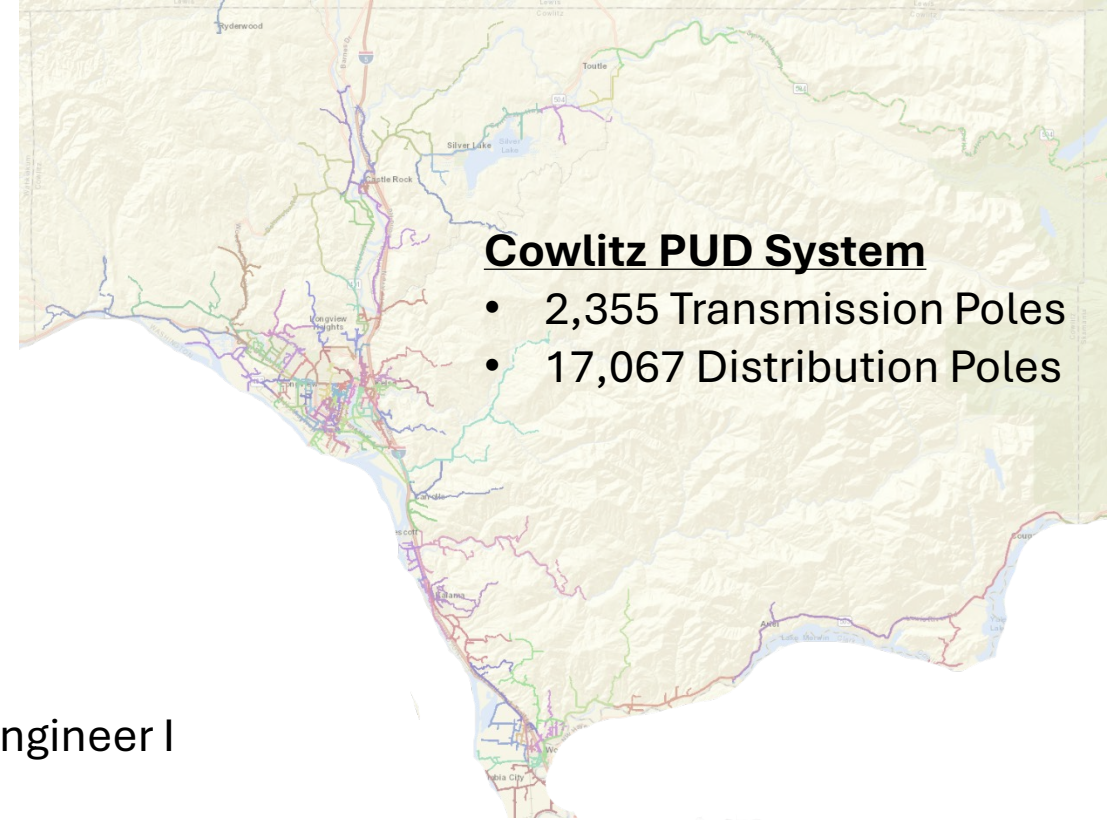
Top 20 Feeders by Incidents



4.7 Pictures & Hi-Lights

Pole Replacement Backlog

- 220 Bad Poles Identified by District Inspection Programs
 - 29 Transmission Poles 1.2%
 - 153 Distribution Poles 0.9%
 - 38 Customer Owned Lumen Poles



Cowlitz PUD System

- 2,355 Transmission Poles
- 17,067 Distribution Poles

Jake Fakess

T&D Engineer I

Since Starting May 2025

- Main Focus: Pole Replacement
- Designed & Released:
 - 79 Pole Replacement Jobs
 - 5 Transmission Poles
 - 53 Distribution Poles
 - 21 Lumen Owned Poles



5.0 Customer Service

5.1 Service

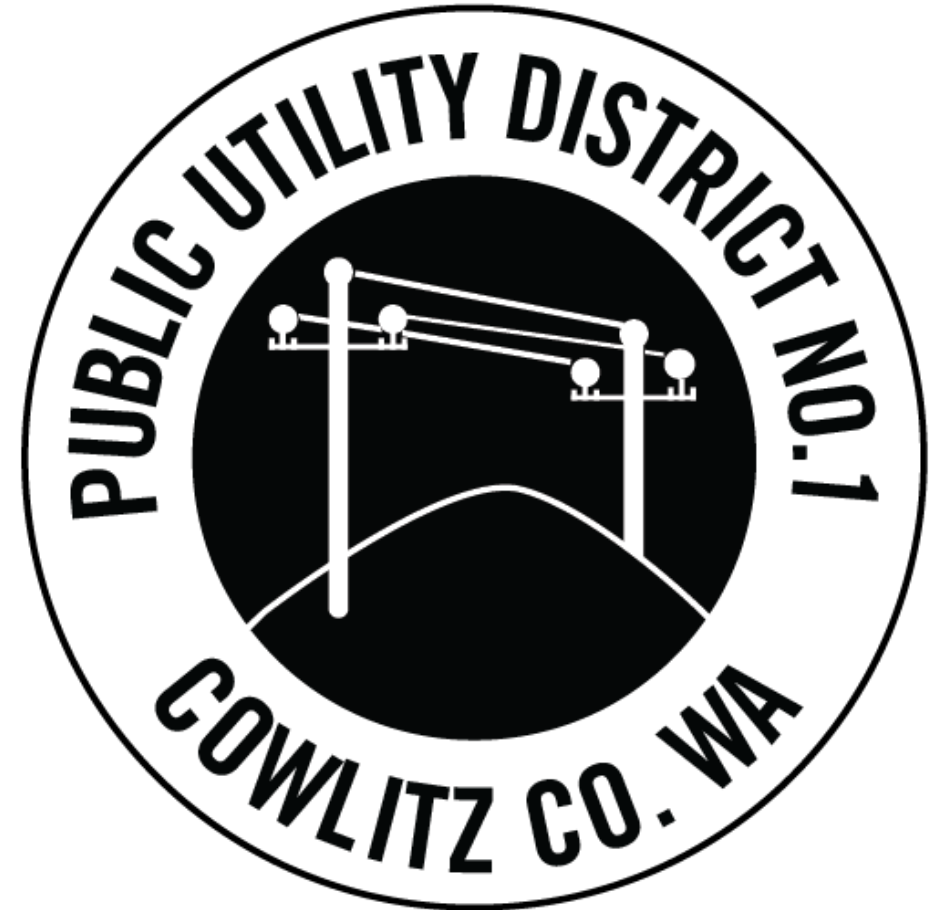
- Programs
- Interactions
- Service Orders
- Service Levels

5.2 Accounts

- Payments
- Disconnects
- Arrearages

5.3 Assistance

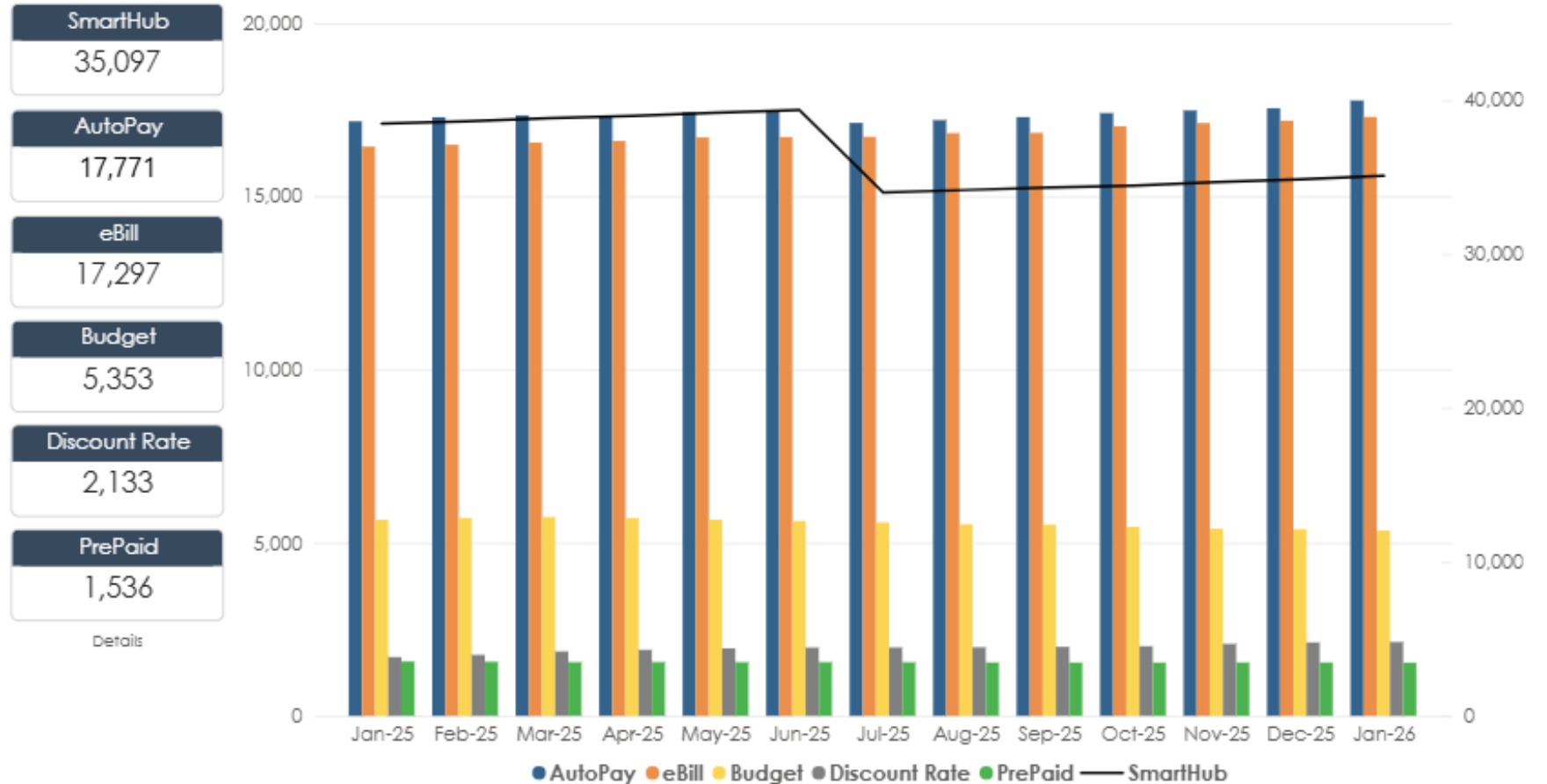
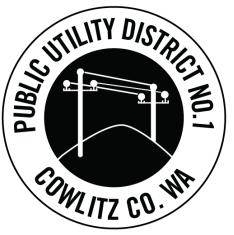
- Payment Assistance
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- Customer Outreach



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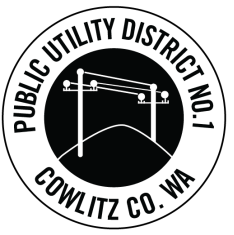
Programs

- **SmartHub** ends the current period at 35,097 users. The overall trend is slightly upward.
- **AutoPay** remains very strong and consistent, finishing at 17,771 participants. Participation is generally stable with minimal month-to-month fluctuation.
- **eBill** participation ended Jan-26 at 17,297, continuing to track closely with AutoPay.
- **Budget** ends the period at 5,353, reflecting stable participation with minor fluctuations throughout the year.
- **Discount Rate** program participation ended Jan-26 at 2,133, showing consistent but modest month-to-moth changes.
- **PrePaid** closed Jan-26 at 1,536, maintaining its long-term pattern of slow steady enrollment.



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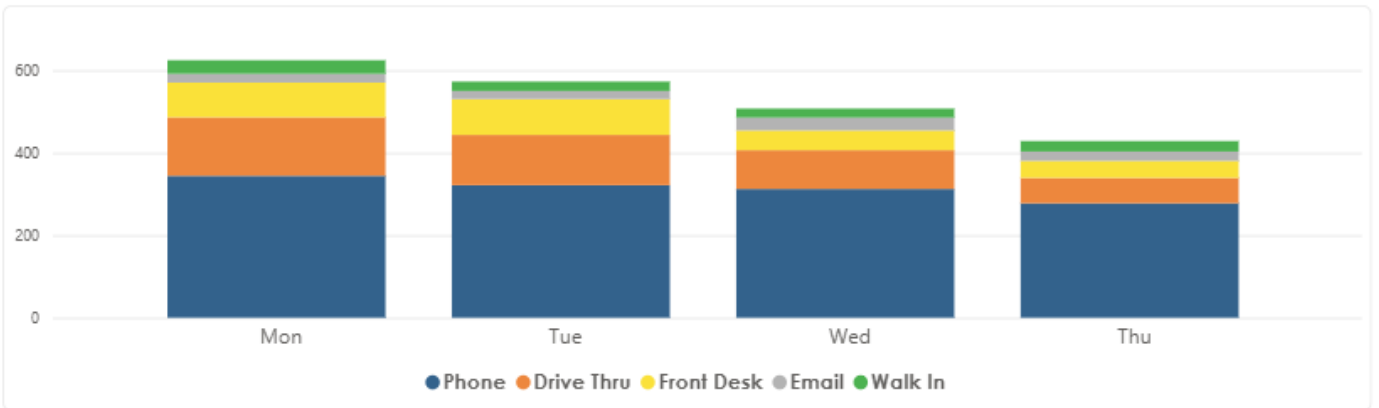
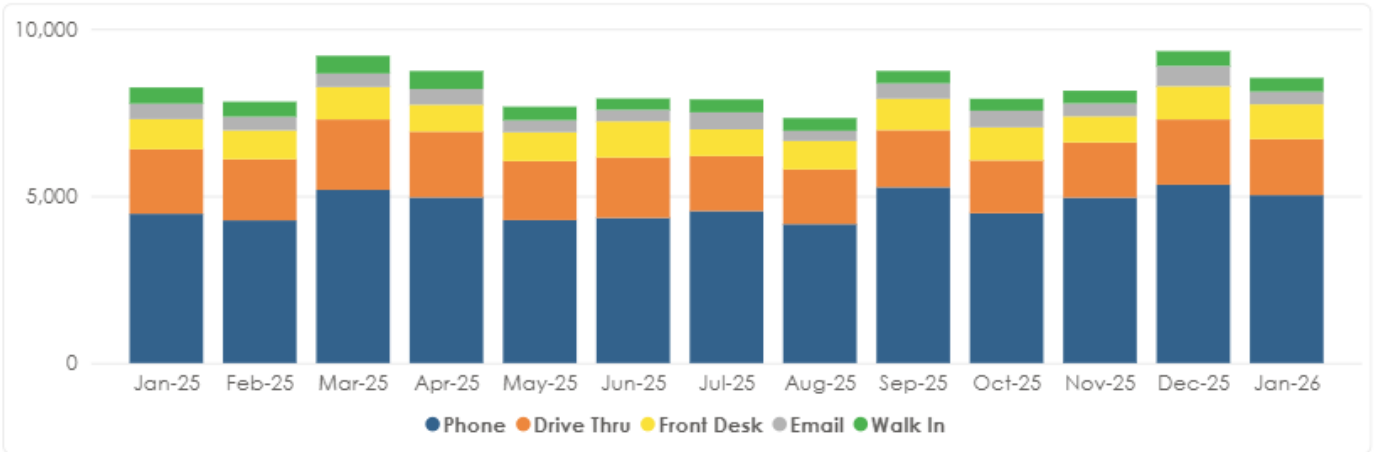
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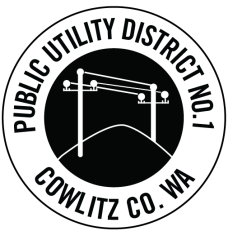
- **Total Interactions** for Jan-26 reached 8,522. Activity levels fluctuate but remain consistently above 8,000 in most months.
- **Phone** remains the dominant channel, finishing Jan-26 at 5,022 interactions.
- **Drive Thru** interactions end Jan-26 at 1,676, continuing its role as the second-most utilized channels.
- **Front Desk** closed Jan-26 at 1,041, reflecting stable in-person demand for customer payments.
- **Email** interactions finish at 480 showing light but steady usage.
- **Walk-In** interactions ended Jan-26 at 303. Although walk-in volume is lower than other channels, these customers typically require more time-intensive or complex assistance.

| Interactions | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Total | 8,532 |
| Phone | 5,022 |
| • CSR | 4,657 |
| • Lead | 365 |
| Drive Thru | 1,678 |
| Front Desk | 1,041 |
| Email | 380 |
| Walk In | 411 |

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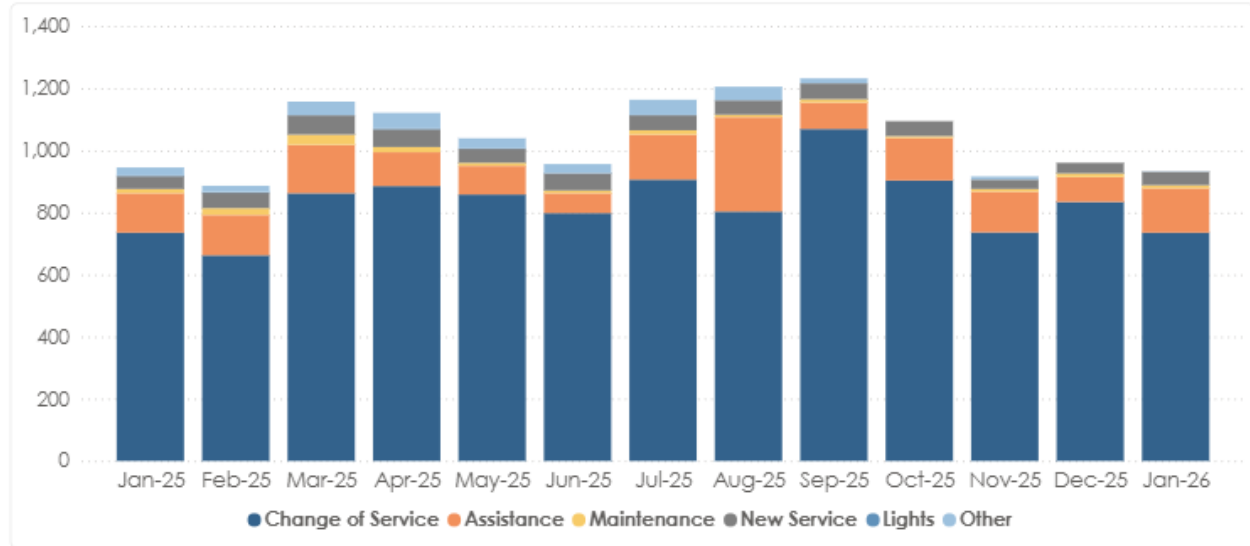
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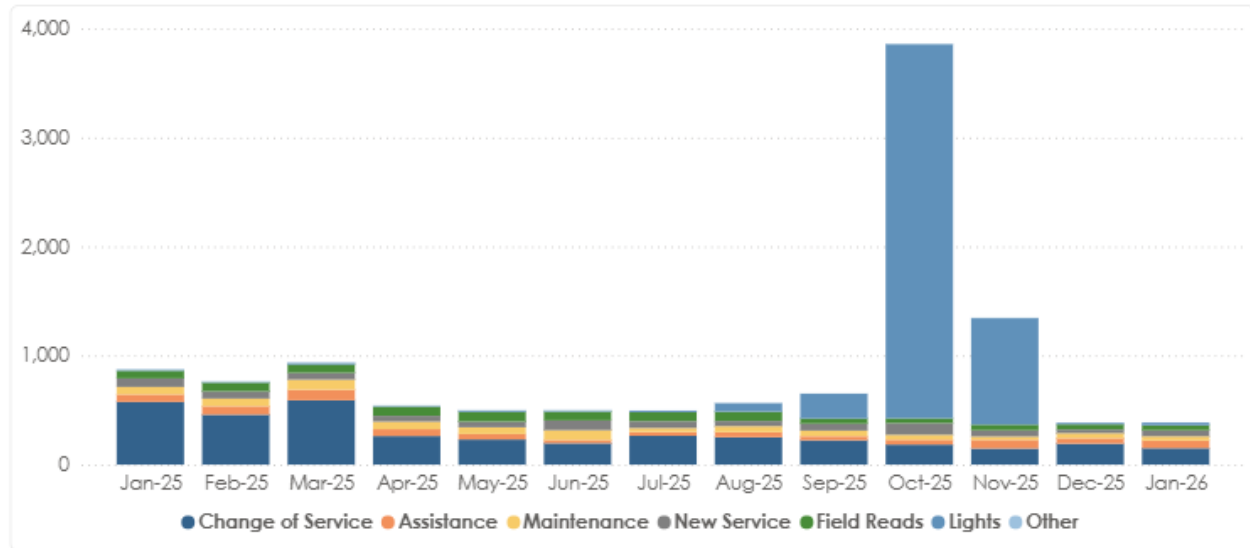
Service Orders

- **NEW SLIDE** – Reflects all monthly services orders handled by Customer Service and Billing.
- Categories include:
 - Change of service – move in/out, transfers, disconnects, reconnect
 - Assistance - WN, SDDR
 - Maintenance – inspect, safety
 - New Service – temp, perm, solar
 - Field Reads – meter read
 - Lights – install, remove, maint.
 - Other – AMI, Landlord, PrePaid
- **Total Service Orders** for Jan-26 was 1,240 – Customer Service 932 (75%) and Billing 308 (25%).
- **Billing Service Order Levels** decreased by approximately 50% in March with the NISC auto-close enhancement.
- **Oct-Nov Spike** is tied to an Engineering light clean-up project, which required creating over 4,400 service locations for each light.

| Customer Service | |
|-------------------|------------|
| Total | 932 |
| Change of Service | 735 |
| Assistance | 143 |
| Maintenance | 10 |
| New Service | 43 |
| Lights | 1 |
| Other | 0 |



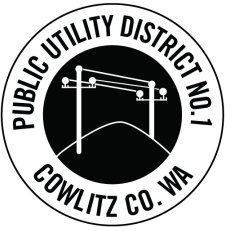
| Billing | |
|-------------------|------------|
| Total | 388 |
| Change of Service | 151 |
| Assistance | 70 |
| Maintenance | 39 |
| New Service | 55 |
| Field Reads | 45 |
| Lights | 26 |
| Other | 2 |



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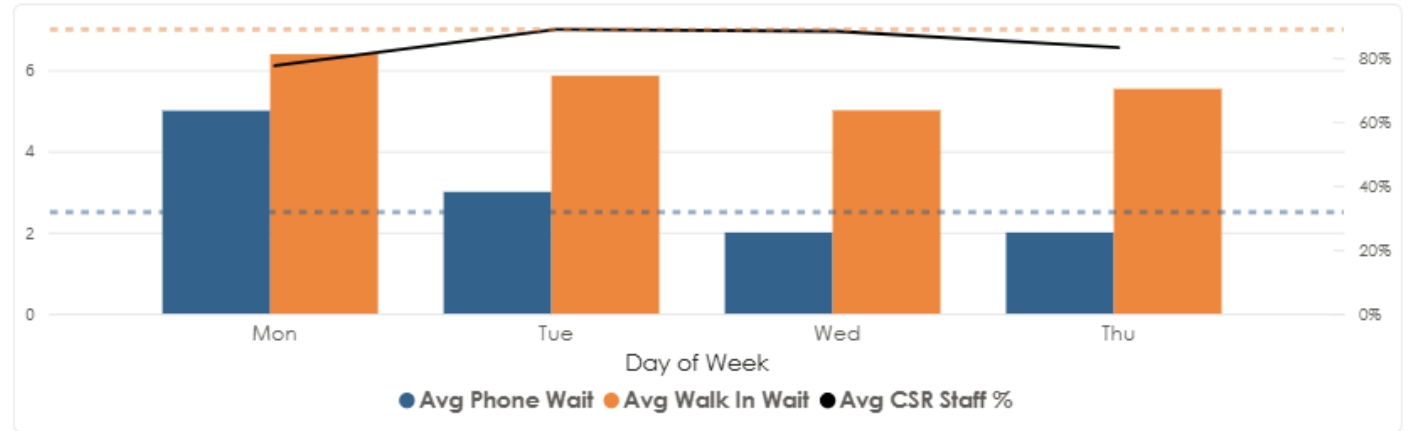
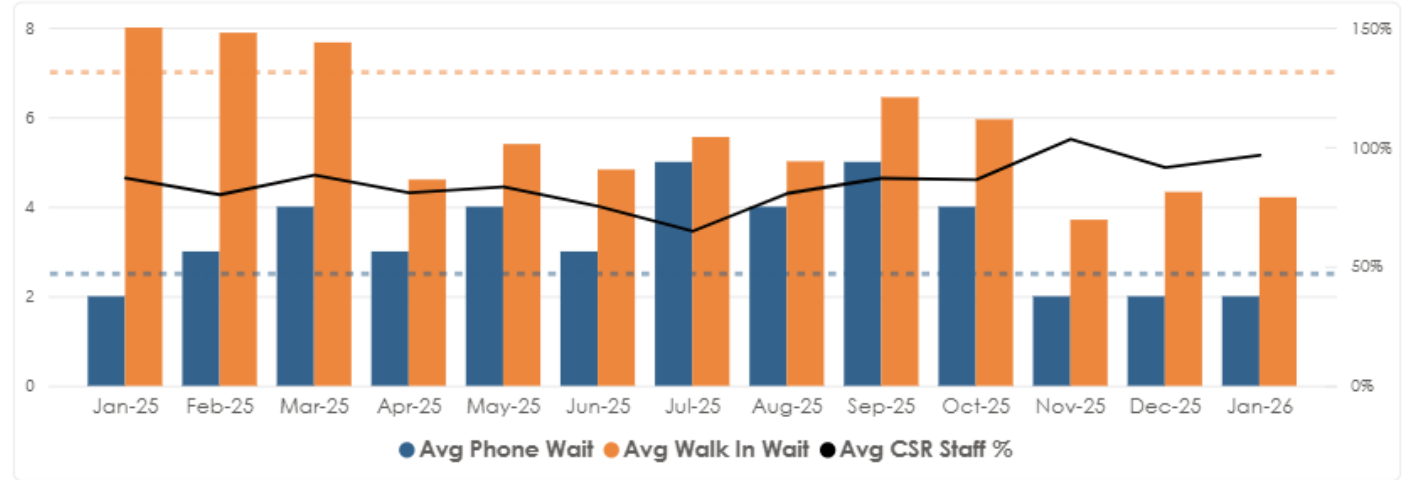
Service Levels



- **CSR Staffing** levels were at 97% for Jan-26.
- **Wait Times** continue to improve with full staffing levels.
 - Avg Phone Wait – 2:21 min
 - Avg Walk-In Wait – 4:14 min
- **Abandonment Rate improved slightly** from 9% last month to 8% Jan-26, remaining within the acceptable target.
- With staffing near target, service levels are stable and wait times are under control. Continued focus remains on Mondays to keep phone waits at or below goals.

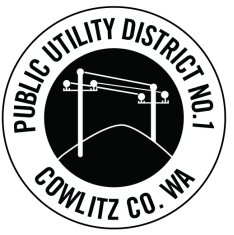
| Service Levels | |
|---------------------|---------|
| CSR Staffing | 97% |
| Walk In Wait | 04:14 |
| Goal | < 07:00 |
| Phone Wait | 02:21 |
| Goal | < 02:30 |
| Abandoned | 8% |
| Goal | < 10% |

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5.2 Account

Payments



- A total of **57,436** transactions totaling **\$15,419,963** were processed Jan-26.

- **System-processed** totaled **46,341**, representing approximately **81%** of all payments. This highlights a strong and sustained digital adoption, with AutoPay and SmartHub consistently serving as the core channels.

- **CSR-processed** transactions totaled **11,095**. These numbers show continued reliance on traditional payment channels, particularly mailed or dropped-off checks.

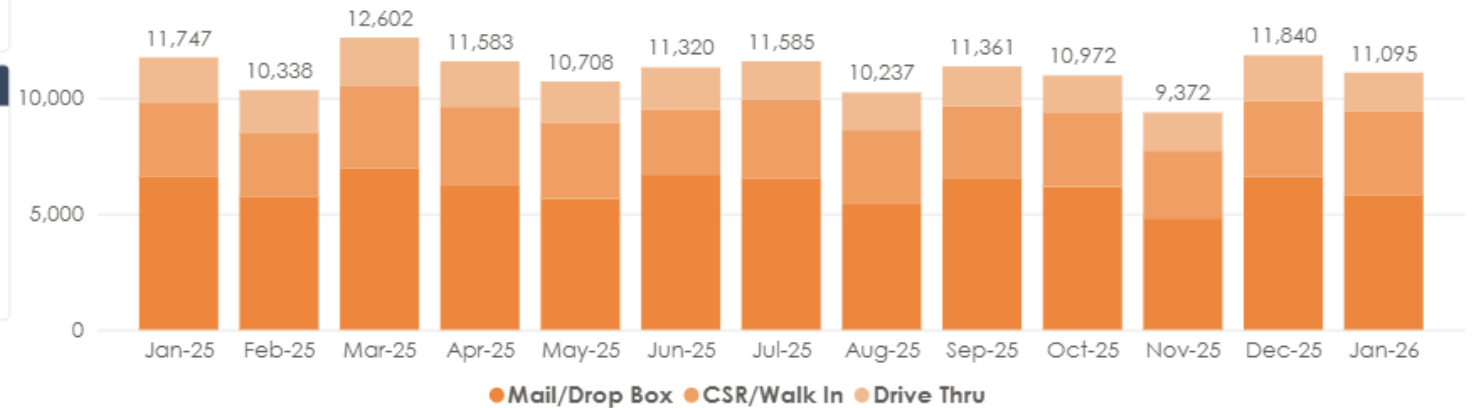
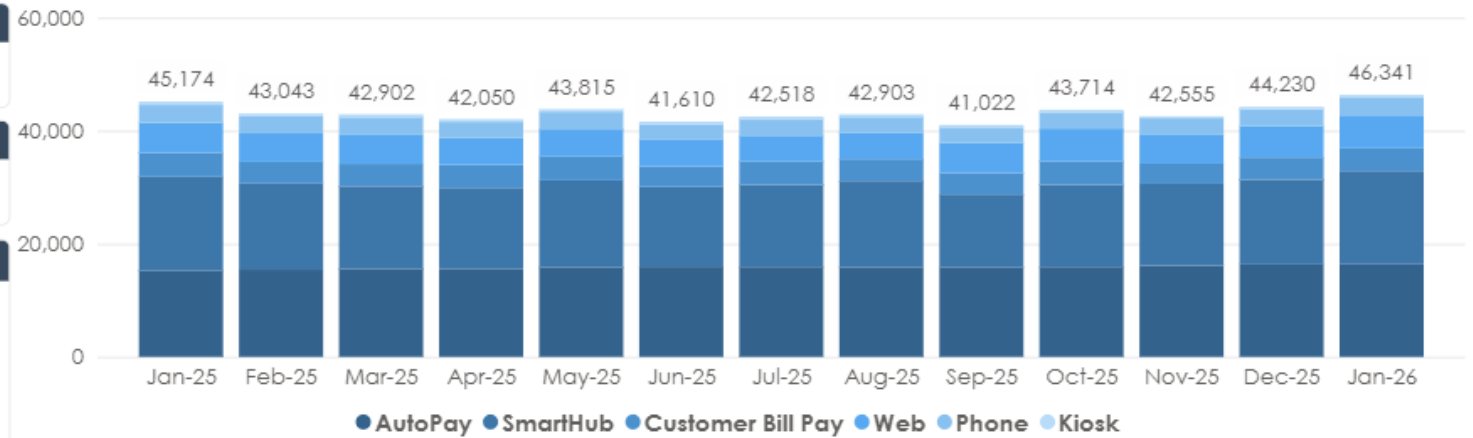
| Total Transactions | |
|--------------------|--------|
| | 57,436 |

| Total Dollars | |
|---------------|--------------|
| | \$15,419,963 |

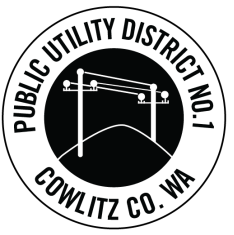
| System Processed | |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Total | 46,341 |
| AutoPay | 16,372 |
| Smart Hub | 16,528 |
| Customer Bill Pay | 3,999 |
| Web | 5,828 |
| Phone | 3,235 |
| Kiosk | 379 |

| CSR Processed | |
|----------------------|--------|
| Total | 11,095 |
| Mail/Drop Box | 5,818 |
| CSR/Walk In | 3,599 |
| Drive Thru | 1,678 |

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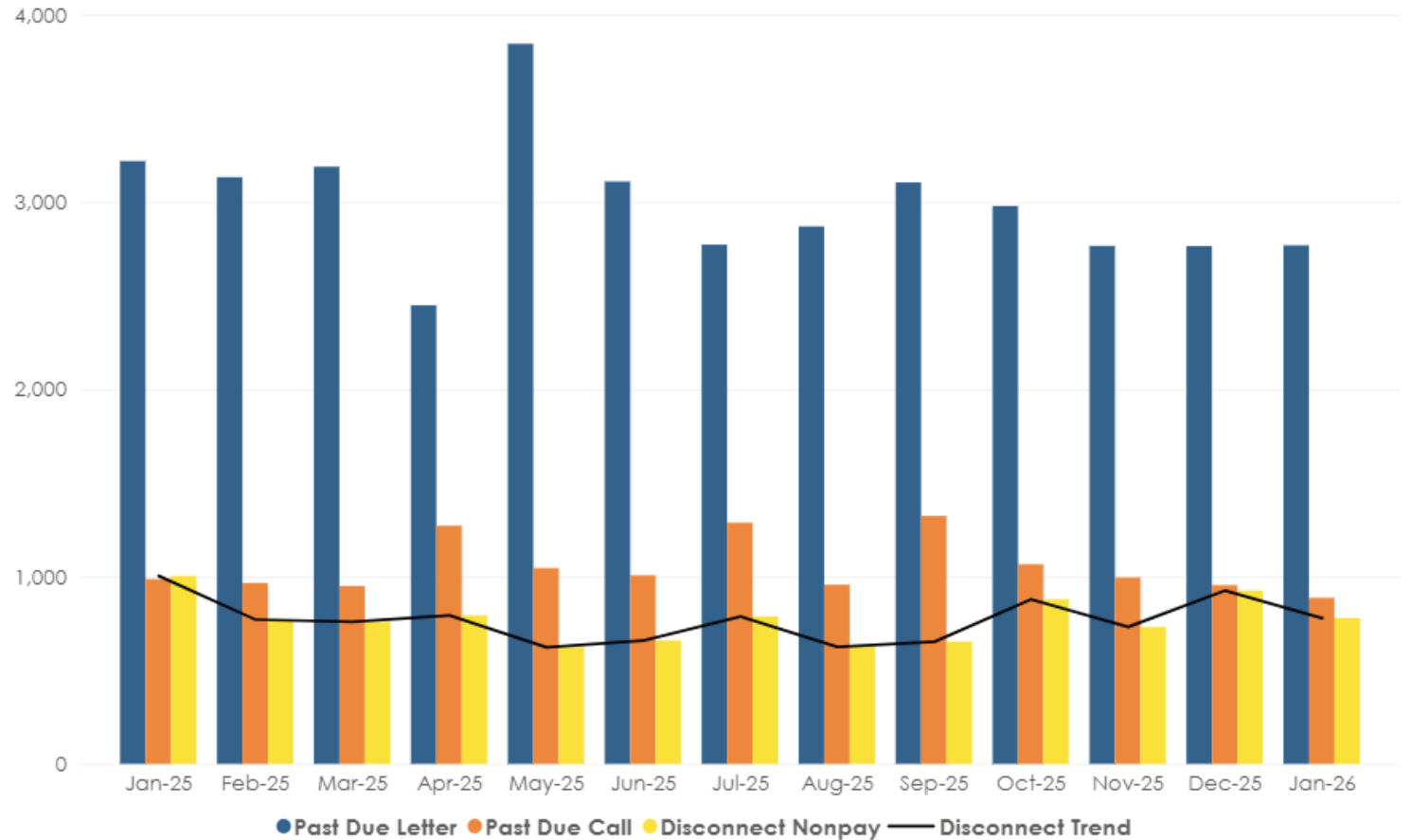


Disconnects

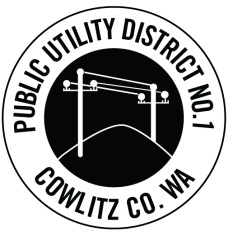
- **Past Due Letters** sent in Jan-26 totaled 2,769, consistent with the typical monthly range.
- **Past Due Calls** were made to 887 customers, also remaining in the mid-range of monthly activity.
- **Total Disconnects for Jan-26 were 780 (1.46%),** with the majority due to non-payment (761).
- **Disconnect durations** for both remote and manual meters remain low, demonstrating quick restoration for customers after payment.

| Past Due Letters | |
|--------------------|----------|
| | 2,769 |
| Past Due Calls | |
| | 887 |
| Disconnects | |
| | 779 |
| Accounts | 1.46 % |
| Nonpay | 760 |
| Broken Arrg | 19 |
| PrePaid | 516 |
| Traditional | 263 |
| Remote | 774 |
| Manual | 5 |
| Durations | |
| Remote Avg | 1.05 hrs |
| Manual Avg | 1.3 hrs |

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5.2 Account



Arrearages

- **Total past due totaled \$793,207 across 4,697 accounts.** Balances are concentrated in the 30-day bucket (93%).
- **Regular residential accounts make up 86%** of the of the total amount past due.
- Both total arrearage dollars and accounts increased as we moved into winter and will continue to rise until peaking in spring.

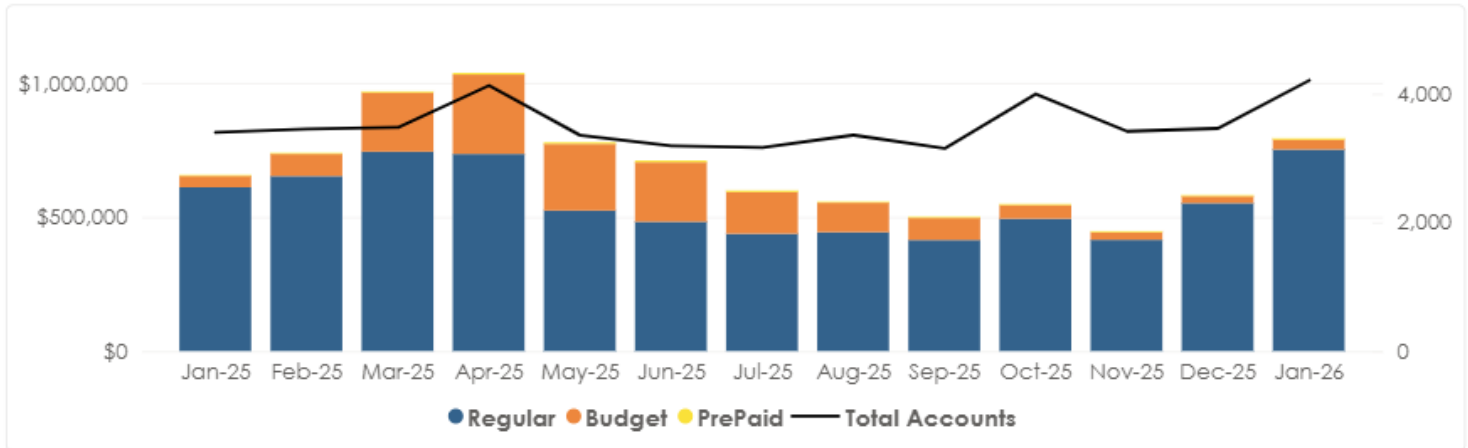
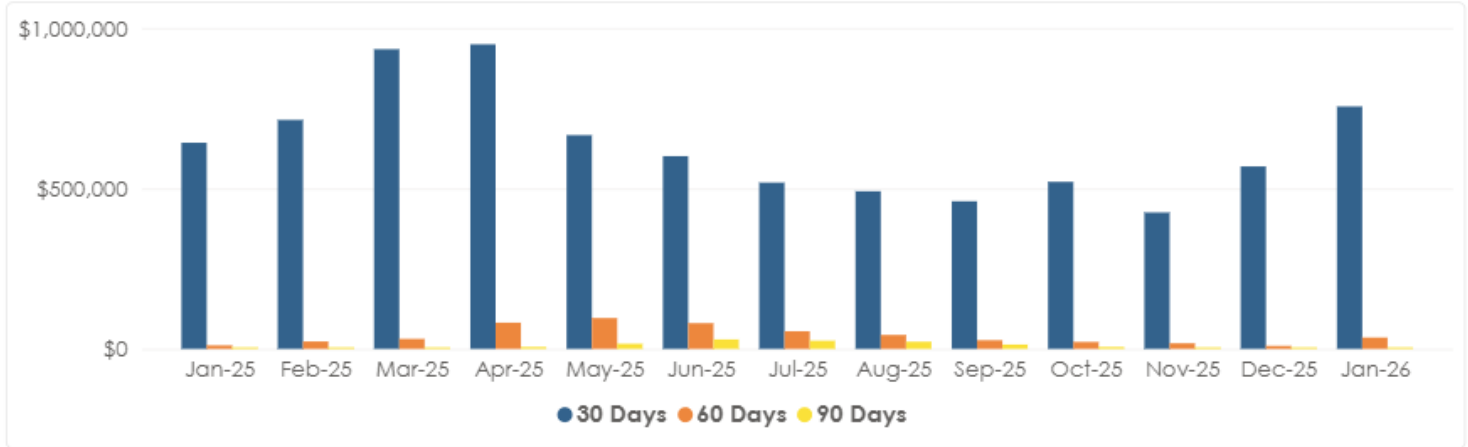
| Total Past Due | |
|----------------|-----------|
| | \$793,807 |
| 30-Days | \$755,781 |
| 60-Days | \$35,479 |
| 90-Days | \$2,548 |

| Total Accounts | |
|----------------|-------|
| | 4,609 |
| 30-Days | 4,347 |
| 60-Days | 244 |
| 90-Days | 18 |

| Account Types | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Regular | \$751,880 |
| PrePaid | \$5,568 |
| Budget | \$36,359 |

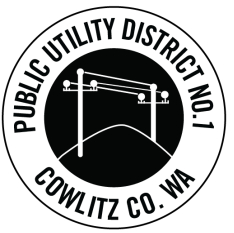
| Account Class | |
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| Residential | \$685,327 |
| Business | \$108,480 |

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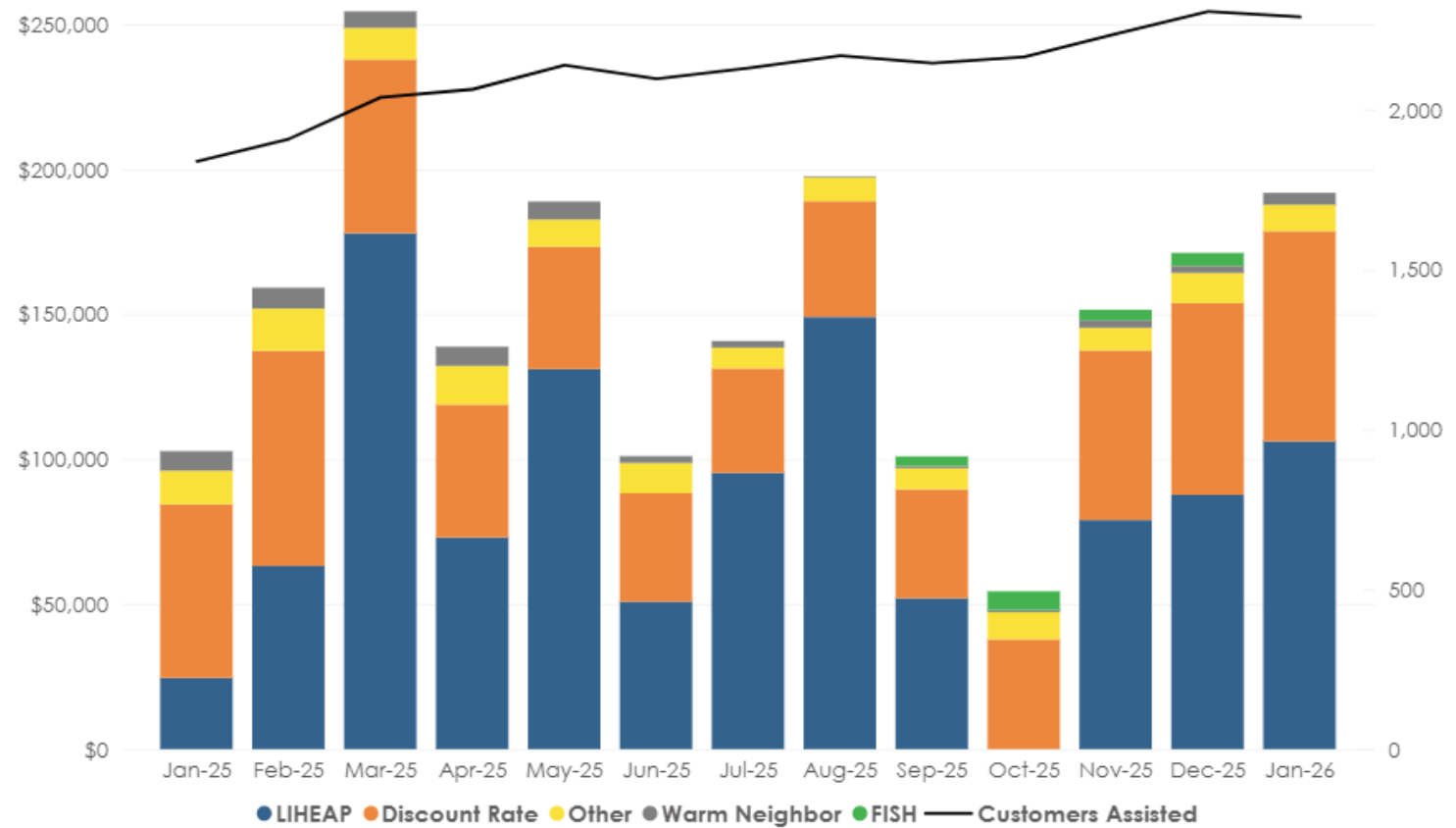
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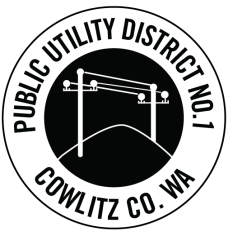
- A total of **2,291** customers received **\$191,922** in assistance from all programs in Jan-26.
- LIHEAP and Discount Rate programs together consistently **provide over 90%** of customer assistance each month.
- **Customers can receive a possible total of \$4,250 in LIHEAP assistance.** Traditional LIHEAP provides customers up to \$1,250, with an additional \$2,500 for arrearages and \$500 in supplemental assistance.
- **FISH** is currently closed and will be available next fall when LIHEAP season is closed.

| | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Customers Assisted | 2,291 |
| Total Assistance | \$191,922 |
| LIHEAP | \$106,202 |
| Discount Rate | \$72,493 |
| Other | \$9,118 |
| Warm Neighbor | \$4,109 |
| FISH | \$0 |

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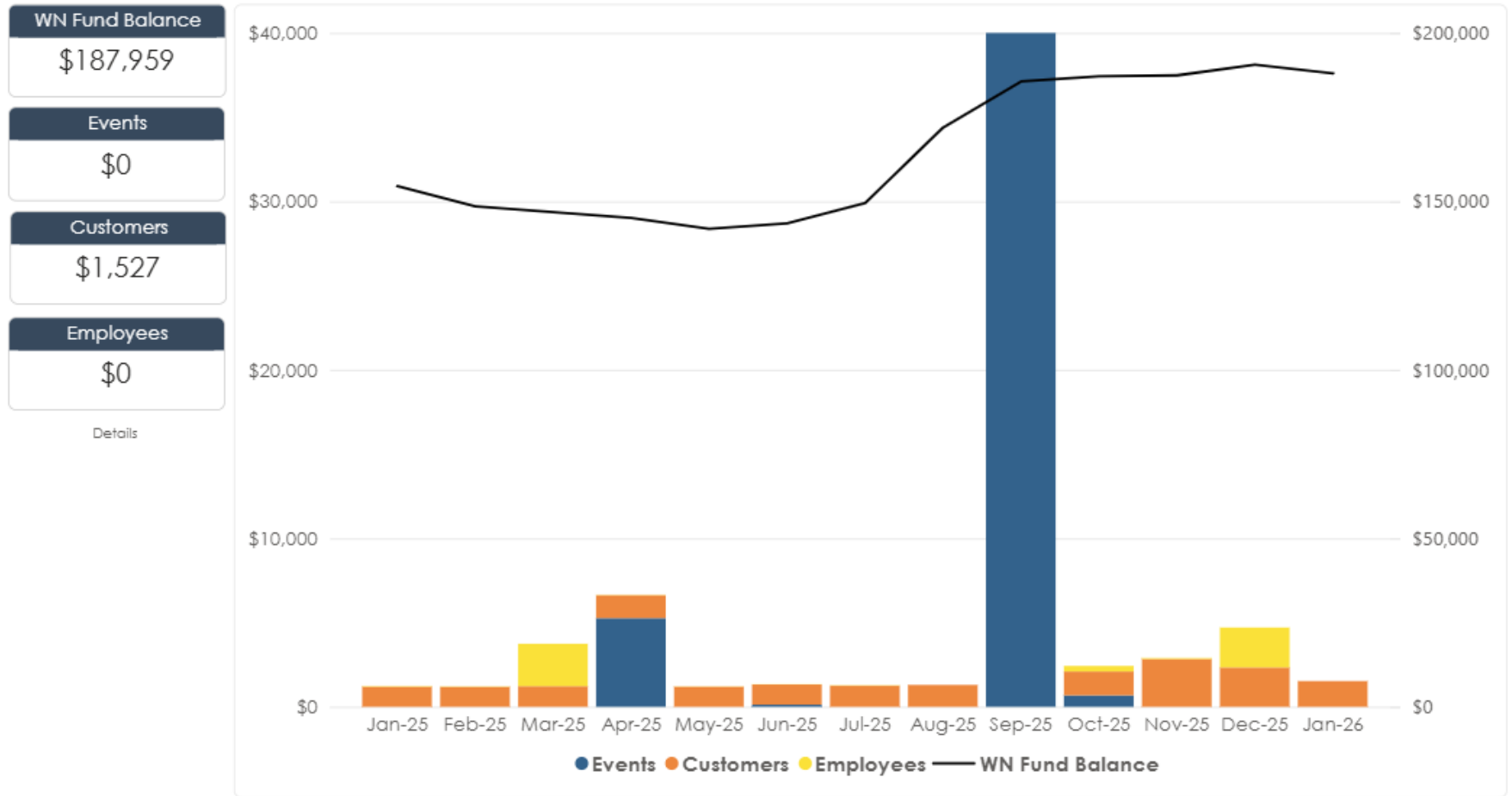


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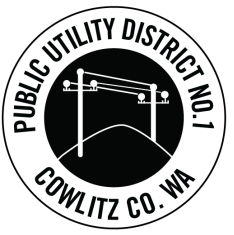
Warm Neighbor Funding

- **Warm Neighbor fund balance is \$187,959**, holding near the year-high range.
- The fund reached its low in the spring and then rebuilt with the Warm Neighbor Weekend event, providing a healthy cushion for winter assistance.
- Contributions this month remained low, typical of the post-holiday lull.
- Lights in the Park proceeds were received in February and will be reported next month.



5.3 Assistance

Customer Outreach



February

- Events
 - CAP Commodities Day – 2/17
- Education
 - LIHEAP
 - Discount Rate
 - Warm Neighbor
- Communication Channels
 - Connected Newsletter
 - Radio
 - Social Media (English and Spanish)
 - SmartHub (English and Spanish)

March

- Promotions
 - WN campaign to donate one time or enroll monthly
- Events
 - Senior Centers – Kelso and Longview
- Education
 - Emergency Assistance – Warm Neighbor, Fish, Other
- Communication Channels
 - Connected Newsletter
 - Radio
 - Social Media (English and Spanish)
 - SmartHub (English and Spanish)

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:

175 full-time employees

2 part-time employee

New Hires:

- Our new Systems Analyst II, Alicia White's first day with the District will be March 2, 2026.

6.2 Current Employee Recruitments

External Recruitments:

- We are currently recruiting to fill the following positions:
 - Substation Wireman – this position was open from 1/12/2026 through 2/1/2026. This position is to backfill for an upcoming retirement. We are currently in the process of interviewing candidates.
 - Records Coordinator II – this position was open from 1/12/2026 through 2/8/2026. This position is to backfill a retirement that occurred in 2025. We are currently in the process of interviewing candidates.
 - Business Intelligence Analyst I – Power Management – this position is open from 2/18/2026 through 3/22/2026. This is a new position for the Power Management team.

Internal Recruitments:

- We are currently recruiting to fill the following position:
 - Operations Coordinator/Analyst – this position was open from 2/10/2026 through 2/17/2026 to internal applicants only. This is a new position for the Operations department.

6.3 Career Fair – Public and Student Outreach

Outreach Events Coming up for 2026:

- **Kelso High School Senior Resume and Cover Letter Education – 1/21/2026**
 - Kelso High School is hosting a resume and cover letter education session via Zoom that Teedara will be presenting at.
- **RA Long High School & Mark Morris High School College and Career Fair – 2/26/2026**
 - RA Long will host their session with local businesses and Colleges from 8am to 11am
 - Mark Morris will host their session with local businesses and Colleges from 12pm to 3pm
- **Kelso High School College and Career Fair – 3/5/2026**
 - Kelso High School will host their session with local businesses and Colleges from 11:30am to 2:30pm
- **Castle Rock High School Skilled Trades Fair – 4/21/2026**
 - This event will take place on April 21, 2026 from 8am to 3pm 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 800 students to the event.
- **Woodland High School Career Fair – 4/24/2026**
 - This event will take place at Woodland high school from 8am to Noon for local Cowlitz and Clark businesses to attend.

6.3 Career Fair – Public and Student Outreach

Outreach Events Complete for 2026:

- Kelso High School Senior Resume and Cover Letter Education – 1/21/2026
 - Kelso High School is hosting a resume and cover letter education session via Zoom that the senior class at Kelso High School attended (about 250 students). Teedara covered resumes, interviewing and proper ways to act when hired in the workplace.

7. Public Relations and Communications

- Connected
- Columbia River Reader
- Chamber of Commerce
- Radio Messaging
- Website Messaging



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COWLITZ PUD CELEBRATES 90 YEARS OF POWERING COWLITZ COUNTY

continued from January's Connected

Powering a Community: How Bold Vision Shaped Cowlitz PUD's Future

When crews began building Bonneville Dam in the 1930s under President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration, many people couldn't imagine a world that needed so much electricity. Dubbed the "Dam of Doubt," the project was criticized as extravagant—yet history proved it transformative. That same spirit of bold planning would later guide the young Cowlitz PUD as it worked to secure a prosperous energy future for our growing community.



Building photo: identifiable individuals are listed from left to right as follows: Alan Luff, Jim Valentine, Sid Nelson, Hop Hendrickson, E.A. Gordon, Art Symonds, Danny Jacobs, and Leo Telg.

Location: Main Street, West Kelso, at the intersection of 3rd Avenue.

Expanding Service to a Growing County

After slower growth during World War II, Cowlitz PUD moved quickly to unify electric service across the county. In 1946 the PUD acquired Northwestern Electric Company, bringing 1,800 more customers in Kalama, Woodland, and nearby rural areas into the district. That same year, the PUD added water service for hundreds of households in Lower Columbia Heights, Beacon Hill, and Lexington.

The county's electricity service was a patchwork at the time—up to 47 different rate schedules—and long range planning was nearly impossible. That changed by 1948, when Cowlitz PUD acquired the last privately owned utility in the county. By 1949, the district, now under new general manager Glenn "O.G." Hittle, was the sole power provider for Cowlitz County, selling 282 million kilowatt hours in a single year.

The Penny Per Kilowatt Revolution

As post war construction boomed and copper became scarce during the Korean War, Cowlitz PUD became one of the first utilities in the nation to switch almost entirely to aluminum. But one copper emblem remained—the penny.

By 1953, Cowlitz PUD customers were paying less than one cent per kilowatt hour, among the lowest rates in the country. The average household paid just \$6.13 per month, compared to \$10.58 in Butte, Montana, and \$14 in Chicago. Cowlitz County quickly became a leader in all electric homes—complete with

televisions, dishwashers, stoves, and electric heating—paying only 0.8 cents per kilowatt hour by 1961.

Looking Ahead: The Need for New Power

Even with abundant hydroelectricity from Columbia River dams, PUD leaders recognized that relying solely on federal power wasn't enough. By 1955, commissioners warned that without new energy sources, the region risked "being left in the backwash of progress." Growing industries, expanding neighborhoods, and a rising quality of life demanded long term planning.

To prepare for the future, Cowlitz PUD secured contracts with Grant County PUD for power from the Priest Rapids Project—but even that wasn't enough. The district needed a resource of its own.

A Bold Partnership on the Lewis River

In the mid 1950s, Cowlitz PUD took a major leap by joining a new hydroelectric project on the Lewis River. Pacific Power & Light had already developed Merwin (1931) and Yale (1950s) dams and planned a third facility farther upstream—Swift.

Under the Federal Power Act's "public preference" clause, Cowlitz PUD challenged for a share of the project. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ultimately approved a unique partnership: PacifiCorp would build the Swift No. 1 dam and reservoir, while Cowlitz PUD would build the canal and the Swift No. 2 powerhouse. The two utilities would jointly own and operate the system.

Construction began in 1957, and by 1959, the Swift project was generating power—an engineering achievement and a long term financial asset for Cowlitz County.

A Legacy That Still Benefits Customers Today

For many years, Cowlitz PUD didn't need the electricity from Swift No. 2 and sold its share back to PacifiCorp. But that ownership was a strategic safeguard—a "sleeping beauty" waiting for the moment the community needed it.

Retired Communications Director Dave Andrew explains, affordable rates in Cowlitz County came not from large industries subsidizing residential customers, but from smart decisions made decades ago. Power purchases from Grant County and the construction of the Swift project laid the foundation for the low, stable rates that continue to benefit customers today.

In the words of Andrew, "It was the right people at the right place at the right time."

Continued in next month's Connected.

Details for this article were made available thanks to former Daily News Editor Cathy Zimmerman.

Have a story, photo, or artifact to share? Send it to adietz@cowlitzpud.org and tell us how public power has touched your family, neighborhood, or career.



CYBERSECURITY

Taxes and Cybersecurity

With the arrival of tax season, the FTC published a consumer alert on January 15th, 2026, warning people about tax-related scams on the rise. Scammers use all avenues to reach potential targets, including phone calls, text messages, emails, and pop-ups on your devices. They often try to scare you or create a sense of urgency to make you act quickly. Remember, the IRS and other



government agencies will never contact you directly demanding payment in unusual ways, such as bitcoins or gift cards. Keep these simple tips in mind to avoid falling for these scams:

- Never provide any personal or financial information to unexpected contacts or urgent appeals—especially if they pressure you to act immediately, threaten legal action, or request payment through odd methods like gift cards or cryptocurrency.
- Take advantage of IRS and other services' security options, such as two-factor authentication (where you use both a password and a code sent to your phone for extra protection) and passkeys (secure login methods that don't rely solely on passwords).
- Always contact the IRS and other agencies and services through their official websites and channels, such as IRS.gov, to ensure you are interacting with legitimate representatives.

FREE TAX PREPARATION

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides Free Tax Preparation

Longview/Kelso area residents can get their taxes done for free from January 31st - April 11th. AARP membership is not required, and there are no age or income limitations. To make an appointment with IRS Certified AARP Tax-Aide volunteers, call the Longview Library at 360.442.5300 or Lower Columbia CAP at 360.425.3430



CUSTOMER SERVICE

LIHEAP – ENERGY ASSISTANCE

What is LIHEAP?

A federally funded program administered by Lower Columbia CAP to help low-income households with heating bills. Cowlitz PUD does not manage or set requirements.

How to Apply:

Complete pre-application and schedule an appointment at lowercolumbiacap.org

Contact:

Lower Columbia CAP – Energy & Housing
1526 Commerce Ave, Longview, WA
360.425.3430

Discounted Rate Program

Reduced electric rates for qualifying customers.

Eligibility:

- Income up to 200% FPL or 80% AMI
- Age 62+, permanent disability, active military, or veteran

Discounts:

- 20% (up to 200% FPL)
- 30% (up to 150% FPL)

How to Apply:

[Online](#) or at our office. Submit application with required documents. All forms available in Spanish and Chuukese.

WARM NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

Short-term assistance funded by customer donations.

Eligibility:

- Income up to 200% FPL or 80% AMI
- Must have disconnect notice
- Applicant must be on PUD account

Assistance:

- Up to \$300 per 12 months
- One application per household

How to Apply:

Get packet [online](#) or at PUD office. Return with income verification. All forms available in Spanish and Chuukese.



Celebrating 90 Years

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PLUGGED IN TO COWLITZ PUD

By Alice Dietz, Cowlitz PUD
Communications/Public
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*Helping our community stay
warm: A Guide to Cowlitz PUD's
assistance programs*

As energy needs rise in the colder months, Cowlitz PUD is committed to ensuring every customer has access to safe, reliable heat, regardless of financial circumstance. Whether you're facing a temporary setback or navigating long-term financial challenges, several programs are available to help lighten the load. Here's a simple guide to the assistance options in our community.

LIHEAP - Federal Energy Assistance

This program, administered locally by Lower Columbia CAP, helps eligible low-income residents with their heating bills. What to know:

- LIHEAP is not managed by Cowlitz PUD; all eligibility requirements and appointments are handled through Lower Columbia CAP.

- Assistance is available for qualifying households based on income and other federal guidelines.

How to apply: Visit lowercolumbiacap.org to complete a pre-application and schedule an appointment. If you're unsure whether you qualify, CAP can help walk you through the process.

Cowlitz PUD's Discounted Rate Program

The Discounted Rate Program is for customers living on fixed or limited incomes and who meet income and household criteria. Who's eligible?

- Households with income up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) or 80% of Area Median Income (AMI).
- Customers 62 or older, permanently disabled, active military, or veterans.
- 20% discount for customers up to 200% FPL
- 30% discount for customers up to 150% FPL

This program is designed to reduce monthly energy costs and help eligible households maintain long-term stability.

Warm Neighbor Program

Sometimes, life throws surprises our way, a medical bill, unexpected repair, or job change can suddenly make it difficult to keep up with monthly expenses. The Warm Neighbor Program is funded entirely through the generosity of Cowlitz PUD customers and fundraising efforts. Warm Neighbor provides short-term, emergency assistance. Eligibility includes:

- Household income up to 200% of FPL or 80% of AMI
- An active Cowlitz PUD account with a disconnect notice. What the program provides:
- Up to \$300 in assistance every 12 months
- One application per household per year

Warm Neighbor is a bridge during difficult times, ensuring no family is left without electricity due to temporary hardship. If you or someone you know could benefit from these programs, please reach out. Cowlitz PUD remains committed to supporting our neighbors, strengthening our community, and ensuring every household has access to essential energy services.



Cowlitz PUD

Steve Taylor
Director of Regulatory & Regional Affairs

2026 Legislative Session Update

The new year signals the start of another Washington State Legislative Session. In 2026, legislators will meet for 60 days (the short session) and consider changes to the biennial budget, hear new policy bills, and revive holdover legislation from the prior year. Working with our 19th and 20th District delegation, electric utility associations, and energy sector partners, Cowlitz PUD tracks legislation of interest and engages in advocacy for and against bills that either benefit or impact our customers.

Here are a few of the priorities the PUD is working on this session:

- **Utility Service Vehicle availability:** The state's current Clean Vehicles Program that is based on California's motor vehicle emissions standard will significantly impact the availability of the vehicles and equipment electric utilities use to maintain electric system and restore service during emergencies. Manufacturers are not yet able to supply zero-emission service vehicles that are reliable and field-tested to safely sustain crew operations across remote and rugged terrain. SB 6056 would direct the Department of Ecology to exempt utility service vehicles, as the term is defined in federal rules, from the Clean Vehicles standards to ensure that utilities can continue to acquire the right equipment needed to keep the lights on.
- **Energy Assistance for Low-income Customers:** Cowlitz PUD offers a wide array of energy assistance programs to help customers in need. These include discount programs for senior citizens and disabled persons, energy efficiency rebates that help permanently reduce utility bills, and emergency assistance to prevent service disconnection. The PUD's resources supplement the LIHEAP program administered by Lower Columbia CAP, state grants, and local donations from organizations like FISH of Cowlitz County. HB 2373 would make the entire community's excess energy burden

(roughly \$4 million annually) the PUD's responsibility, ignoring the value of external funding sources and resulting in new rate increases approaching 6%. The PUD testified against the bill in committee and is offering an alternative that ensures all forms of assistance, regardless of source, will be counted toward the PUD's efforts in reducing energy burden for its low-income customers.

- **Climate Commitment Act Funding for Low-income credits:** Gov. Ferguson's proposed budget contains \$30 million of CCA funds for utilities to provide bill credits for low-income residential electricity customers. The credits are intended to assist Washington families with the costs of the clean energy transition and can't exceed \$200 per household.
- **Protecting Critical Energy Infrastructure:** In the wake of the 2022 substation attacks, which also impacted Cowlitz PUD, the state discovered obstacles to the sharing of information within the energy sector during the emergency. HB 1610 would explicitly exempt "critical energy infrastructure information" (CEII) from public disclosure under the Public Records Act based upon the definition and protections currently used by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. If passed, this will allow greater coordination between the energy sector and the state, and protect sensitive infrastructure information that, if disclosed, could be used to plan future attacks.

In addition to the sample of legislation just covered, the PUD is weighing in on efforts to establish a state wildfire liability fund, require prescriptive utility rate policies for data centers looking to locate in Washington, and including advanced nuclear technologies within the state's clean energy strategy. There's never a dull moment in the sprint to Sine Die, and the PUD's regulatory affairs team appreciates your comments and insights throughout the Legislative Session.

Did you know the chamber has its own radio program?

Newstalk Sportstalk
fm 99.9 KEDO am 1270

Every Wednesday at 6PM

or catch a recording of it on Sound Cloud



Business Connection

Kelso Longview Chamber of Commerce Monthly Newsletter

Radio Messaging

Cold weather impacts your Cowlitz PUD bill more than anything else. The colder it is, the harder your heating system works to maintain a comfortable temperature and the more energy you use. Monitor your usage through SmartHub. You can view your monthly, daily, or even your hourly to see when spikes occur. Changing your behavior around those spikes can help you save on your bill. You can even set energy alerts to notify you when you exceed a preset limit. Cowlitz PUD, Your Power.

At Cowlitz PUD, we care about helping you keep your winter costs down. With simple steps like switching to LED bulbs, adding insulation, and sealing ceiling drafts, you can significantly reduce your cooling bill this season. Visit [Cowlitz pud.org](http://Cowlitzpud.org) and click the energy efficiency tab for more tips and tricks to help you save this season. Cowlitz PUD is supporting our community with energy-saving solutions for warmth and safety. Cowlitz PUD, your Power.

Website Messaging

The image shows a screenshot of the Cowlitz Public Utility District (PUD) website. The header includes the organization's name, a search bar, and contact information for outages and the main office. A navigation menu lists various services. A 'SmartHub Login' overlay is positioned in the center, offering options to log in, register, or reset a password. Below the navigation is a row of icons for SmartHub, Outages, Efficiency, Careers, and Assistance Programs. The main content area features a 'Connected Newsletter' section with three articles: 'Fall Energy Savings Tips' (with an image of a house and a blanket), 'Free Home Energy Audits' (with an image of a woman on a phone), and 'Need Utility Assistance?' (with an image of a heart in the snow). A 'Same Payment. Every Month.' article is also visible with an image of coins. A 'Connected Archives' button is located at the bottom of the newsletter section.

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO 1
COWLITZ COUNTY, WASH.

Search Cowlitz PUD website.....

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SmartHub Login
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LOGIN NOW

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8 – February Activity

8.1 – Legislative Session

8.2 – Bill Tracker

8.3 – State

8.4 – Federal/Regional



8.1 Legislative Session



- ❖ 3 cut off dates have passed, reducing the number of bills in play.
 - As of this report, District is engaged with 58 bills.
- ❖ District Staff testimony covered by media
 - Steve Taylor testimony on SB 5821 advanced nuclear strategy in Clearing Up
 - Jennifer Langdon testimony on HB 2373 related to low-income housing in Environment+Energy Leader
- ❖ Rep Abbarno introduced HB 2690, drafted by District staff
 - Alternative language for low-income energy assistance CETA section 120
- ❖ Governor and Legislature focus on financials
 - Budget, affordability, and new tax proposals
- ❖ Majority of bills that have “died” are bills the District had concerns with:
 - Did not support: 50
 - Supported: 41
 - Neutral: 20

8.2 Bill Tracker

| Bill No. | Description | | Support | Concerns | Monitor |
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| HB 1903 | Establishing a statewide low-income energy assistance program. | | | | |
| HB 2275 SB 6157 | Concerning wildfire prevention and creating the Washington wildfire prevention and protection council. DEAD | | | | |
| SB 6056 | Exempting utility service vehicles from certain motor vehicle emission standards. DEAD | | | | |
| SB 5582 HB 1610 | Concerning the disclosure of critical energy infrastructure information. DEAD | | | | |
| HB 2515 SB 6171 | Addressing emerging large energy use facilities. House bill still in play. | | | | |
| SB 6076 | Streamlining consumer-owned utility procurement requirements for clean energy generation, energy storage, transmission, and distribution projects. PASSED original chamber. | | | | |
| HB 2442 SB 6294 | Providing local governments tax resources and fund flexibility. REMOVED PUT as tax option. | | | | |

8.3 State



❖ Clean vehicle rulemaking – utility service vehicle exemption

- Update: SB 6056 did not survive cutoff, and Ecology is claiming that an exemption for utility vehicles is not possible via rule making. WPUA is taking point on these conversations.
- Previously:
 - Department of Ecology is considering a rulemaking to exempt utility service vehicles from zero emission vehicles requirements
 - SB 6056 alternatively creates a broader definition of utility service vehicle but directs Ecology to do the same rulemaking process.

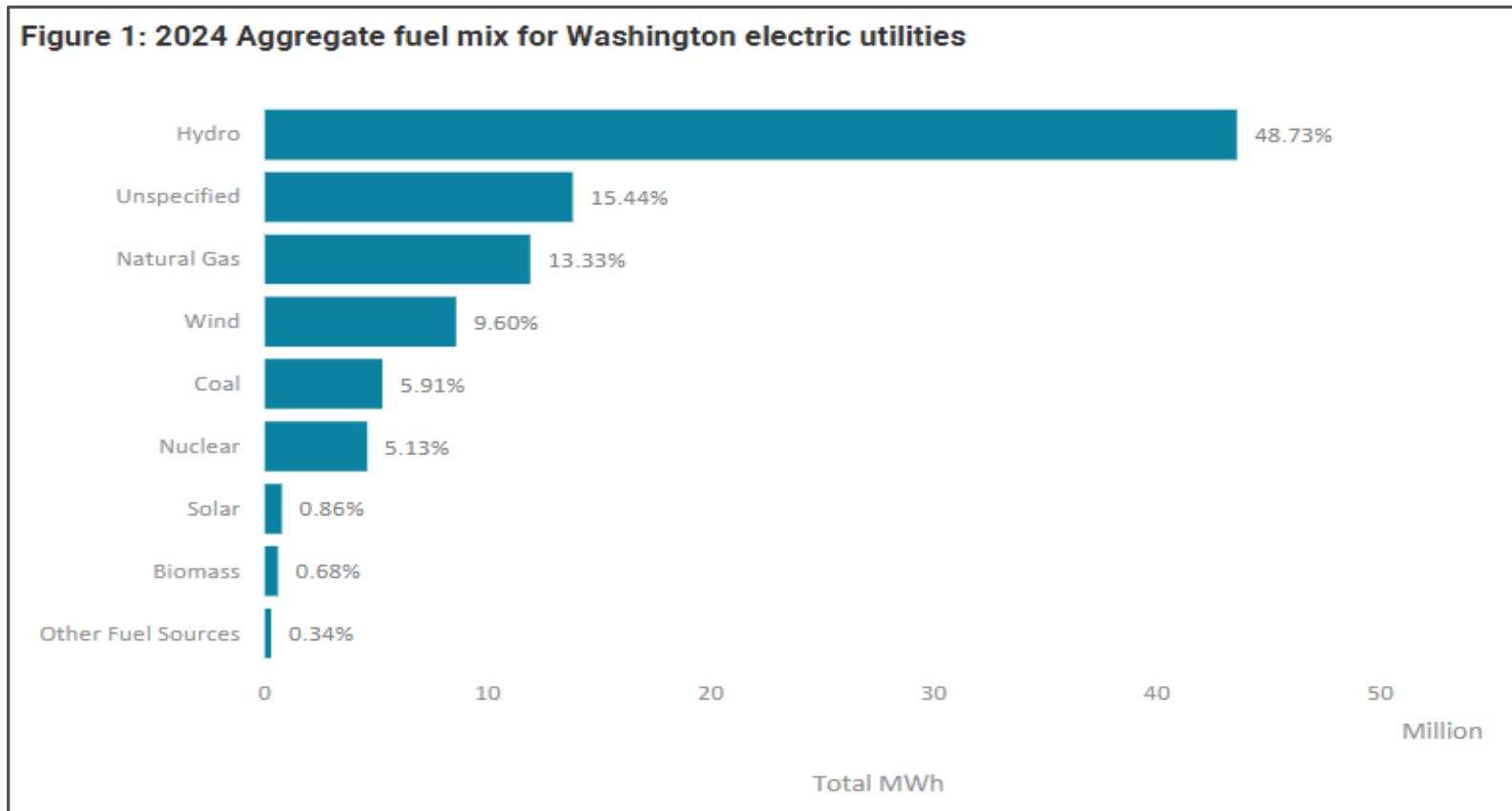
❖ Tracking rulemaking processes:

- CCA Rulemaking based on 2025 legislation
 - PGP taking lead on participation.
 - Relates to linking Washington’s Cap-and-Invest carbon market with the California-Québec carbon market.
- Public Records Act
 - Developing draft model rules emphasizing timely and diligent responses to records requests. The proposed rules encourage agencies to:
 - Triage requests into simple and complex
 - Provide records with their initial five-day response.
 - Make sure the agency has a reasonable belief that the records are arguably exempt from disclosure before issuing a third-party notice.
- Air Quality in Overburdened Communities
- Clean Fuels and Clean Vehicles

8.3 State



- ❖ Commerce releases 2024 Fuel Mix Disclosure report (Chapter 19.29A RCW)
 - Cowlitz PUD fuel mix is 87.4% clean and non-emitting; with 62.5% from hydro resources
 - “Unspecified” resources are considered emitting, but NW hydro and wind are often the source





8.4 Federal/Regional

- ❖ Partial federal government shutdown under way as Congress fails to pass Dept of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill
 - DHS bill contains District’s Ryderwood Distribution Improvements Project (funding through FEMA)
 - District sent letters to federal delegation offices encouraging the separate passage of designated earmarks in the event Congress approves another continuing resolution (CR) for DHS agencies through FY 26
- ❖ Trump administration issues final rule repealing EPA’s 2009 Endangerment Finding as it applies to GHG emissions from motor vehicles under the Clean Air Act Section 202(a)
 - EPA states that Congress did not intend for the regulation of GHG emissions from cars and trucks
 - Repeal of the Endangerment Finding will likely spur additional rulemakings that undermine federal regulation of GHG emissions across the economy
 - The Supreme Court has not reviewed the Endangerment Finding itself, but legal challenges are likely forthcoming
- ❖ DOE Announces \$175 Million to Modernize, Retrofit Six Coal Plants in OH, WV, KY, NC
- ❖ Amazon outbids PSE for 1.2 GW solar farm w/battery storage project in Oregon
 - Signals new period of competition as utilities and data-center developers race to acquire resources that are compliant with region’s clean energy laws
- ❖ District joins APPA in DC for 2026 Leg Rally promoting Key Messages surrounding Affordability, Reliability, Permitting Reform, Wildfire Mitigation Support, and Strengthening FEMA