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Colorado Springs Utilities

Implementing an Energy Vision

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Agenda

- **PART 1** 2020 Energy Vision and Electric/Gas IRPs
- **PART 2** Delivery of the Drake Generation Portfolio
- **PART 3** 2023 Adaption of IRP to Regulatory Drivers





Agenda – Part 1

2020 Energy Vision and Electric/Gas IRPs

ELECTRIC

MILES OF POWER LINES*	3,968
SUBSTATIONS	54
GENERATION PLANTS	7
SERVICE POINTS	248,277

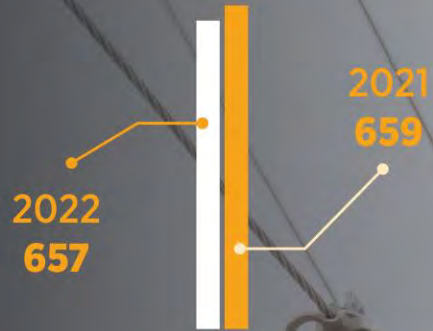
*overhead and underground power lines.



Avg.
interruption
duration



Electric
reliability



Avg. monthly
residential use
(kilowatt hours)



Peak day demand
July 15, 2022
(megawatts)



Changing Planning Landscape

- Long-standing responsibilities of safety, reliability and affordability of service
- Major factors driving changes in the industry
 - Environmental and regulatory requirements
 - Need for increased resilience
 - Expanded customer choice
 - Innovation
- Changes have significant implications requiring a clear vision, integrated resource planning and ongoing customer engagement

Colorado Springs Utilities Strategic Plan 2019-2023

Identified Strategic Energy Initiatives, including:

- Energy Vision/Integrated Resource Plans
- Energy Markets
- Grid Modernization
- Rate Design
- New Electric Business Model
- Plant Decommissioning



Energy Vision

Provide resilient, reliable and cost-effective energy that is environmentally sustainable, reduces our carbon footprint and uses proven state-of-the-art technologies to enhance our quality of life for generations to come.

STRATEGIC PILLARS TO SUPPORT THE ENERGY VISION



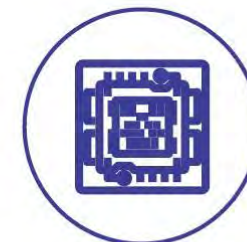
ECONOMIC



ENVIRONMENT



RESILIENCY



INNOVATION

EIRP and GIRP Process

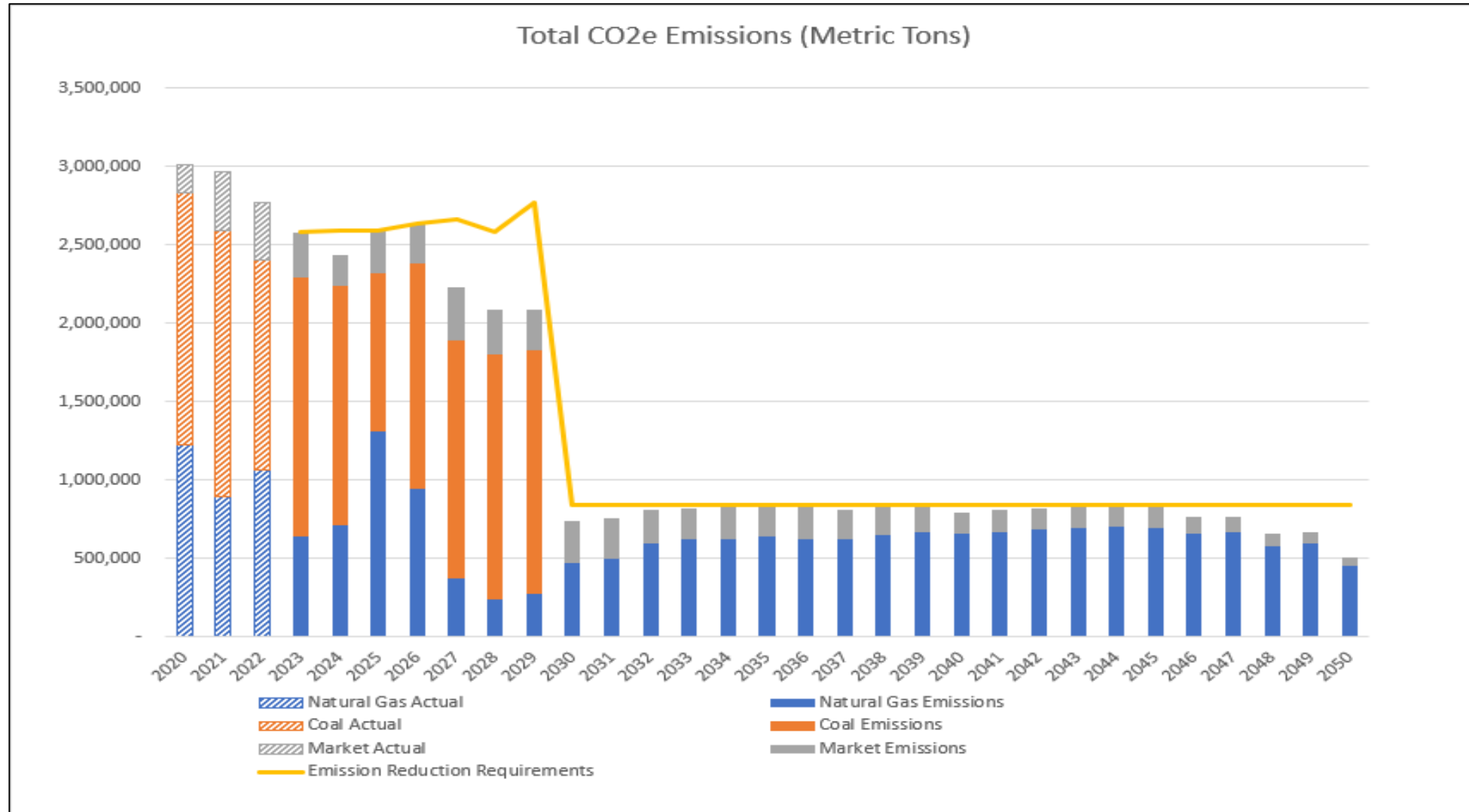


Phase 1 – Input and Assumptions

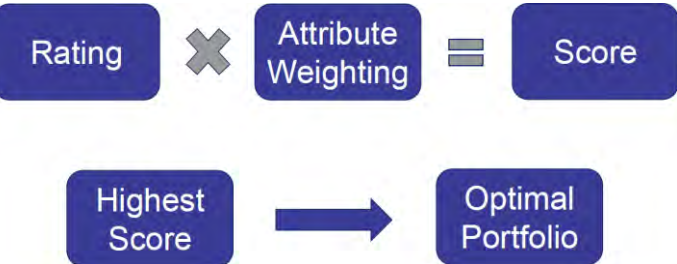


- Electric Load Forecasts
- Gas Load Forecasts
- Demand Side Management Potential
- Planning Reserve Margin
- Gas Price Forecast
- Potential Electric and Gas Resources
- Environmental Data
- Energy Markets
- Operational Characteristics

Emissions



Phase 2



Attribute

Weight

Reliability

32%

Ability to react to variable or extreme daily operating conditions (i.e., the lights stay on).

Cost/Implementation

22%

Cost-effectively maintain competitive, affordable rates and the financial health of the utility to drive a strong economy with ability to execute portfolio in desired timeframe.

Environment/Stewardship

22%

Sustainably grow renewable portfolio, reduce carbon footprint and meet all environmental regulations while responsibly protecting and supporting quality of life now and for the future.

Flexibility/Diversity

14%

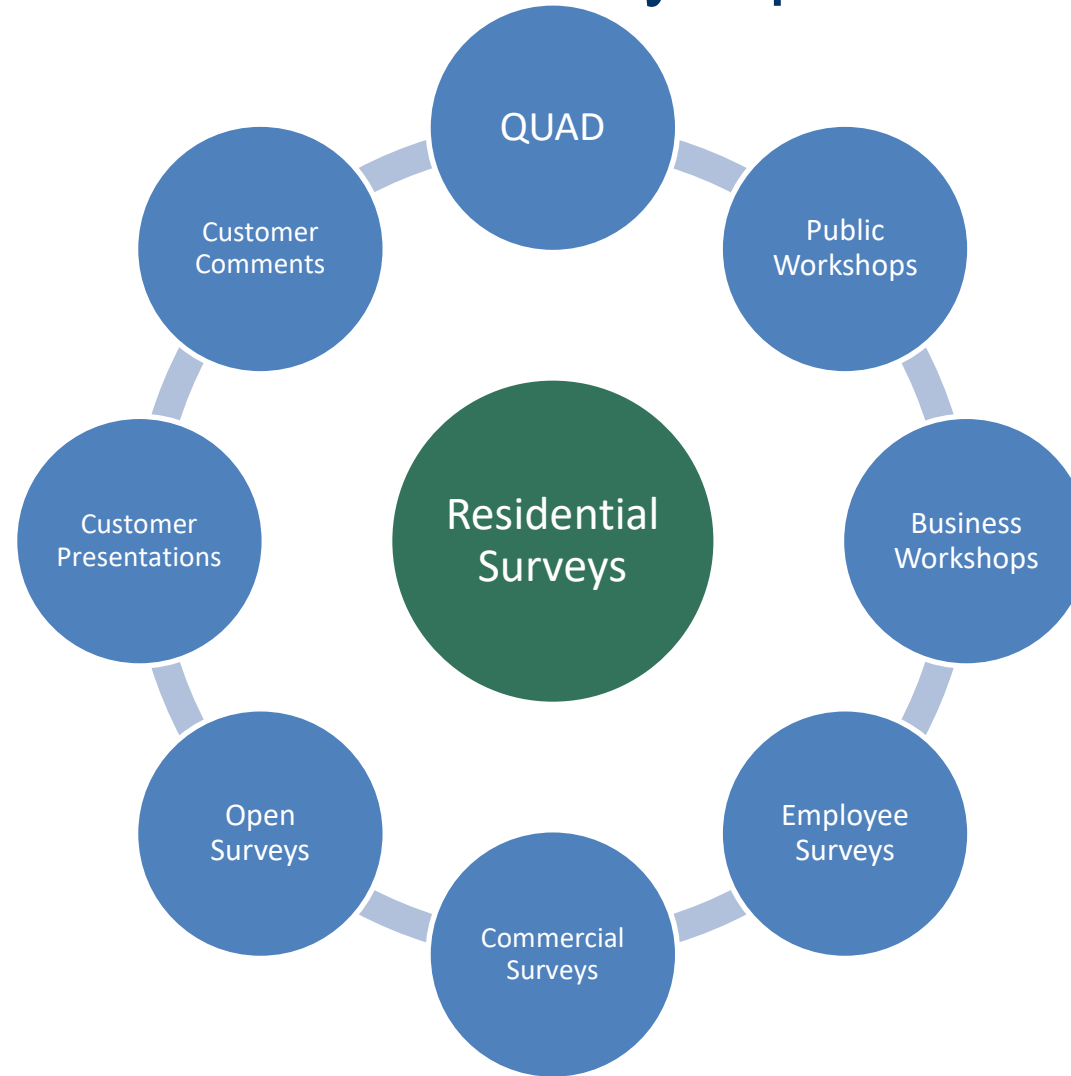
Ability to adapt to regulatory and market disruptions by balancing multiple types of generators and fuel sources, including distributed generation, and reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

Innovation

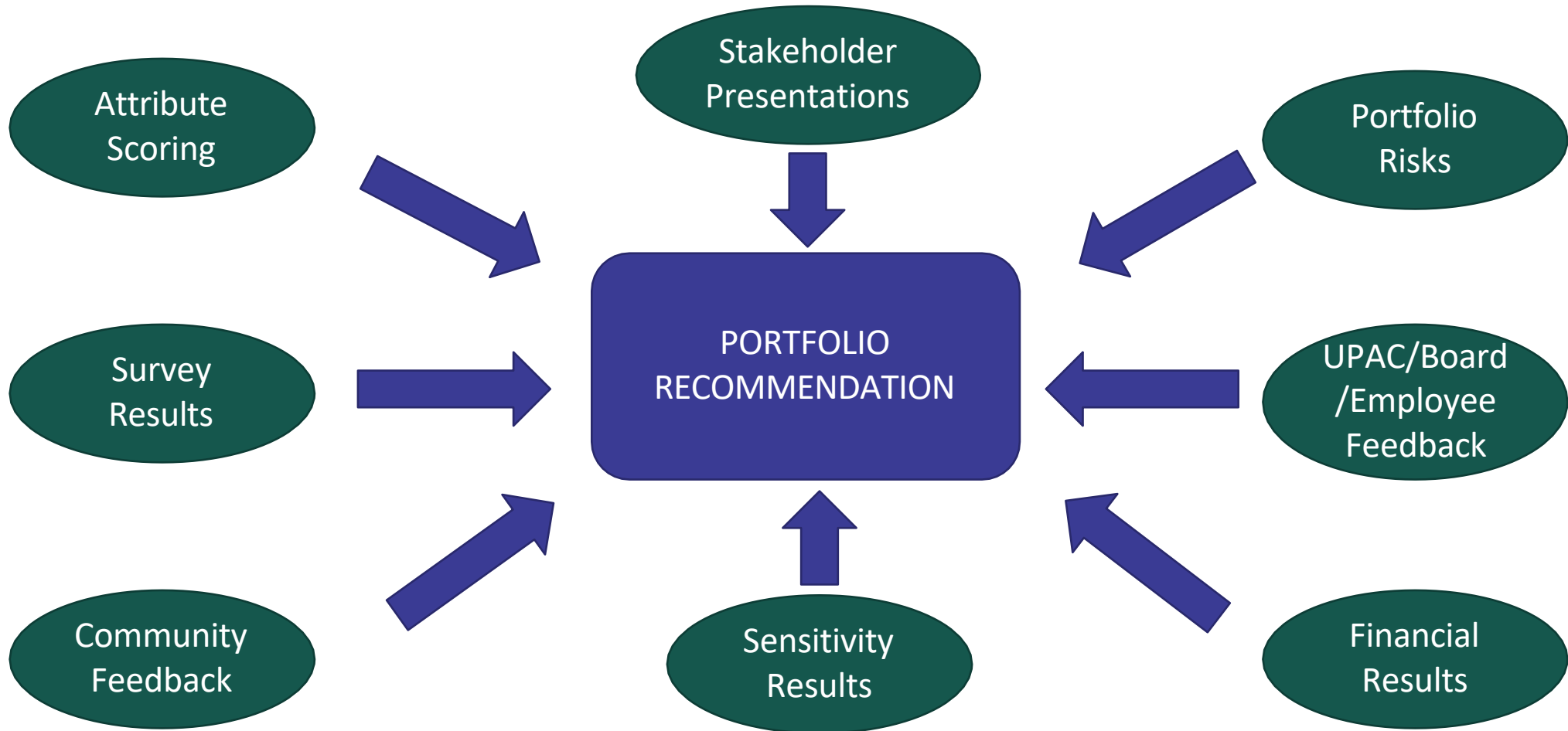
10%

Proactively and responsibly integrate technologies and programs.

Voice of the Customer – Community Input



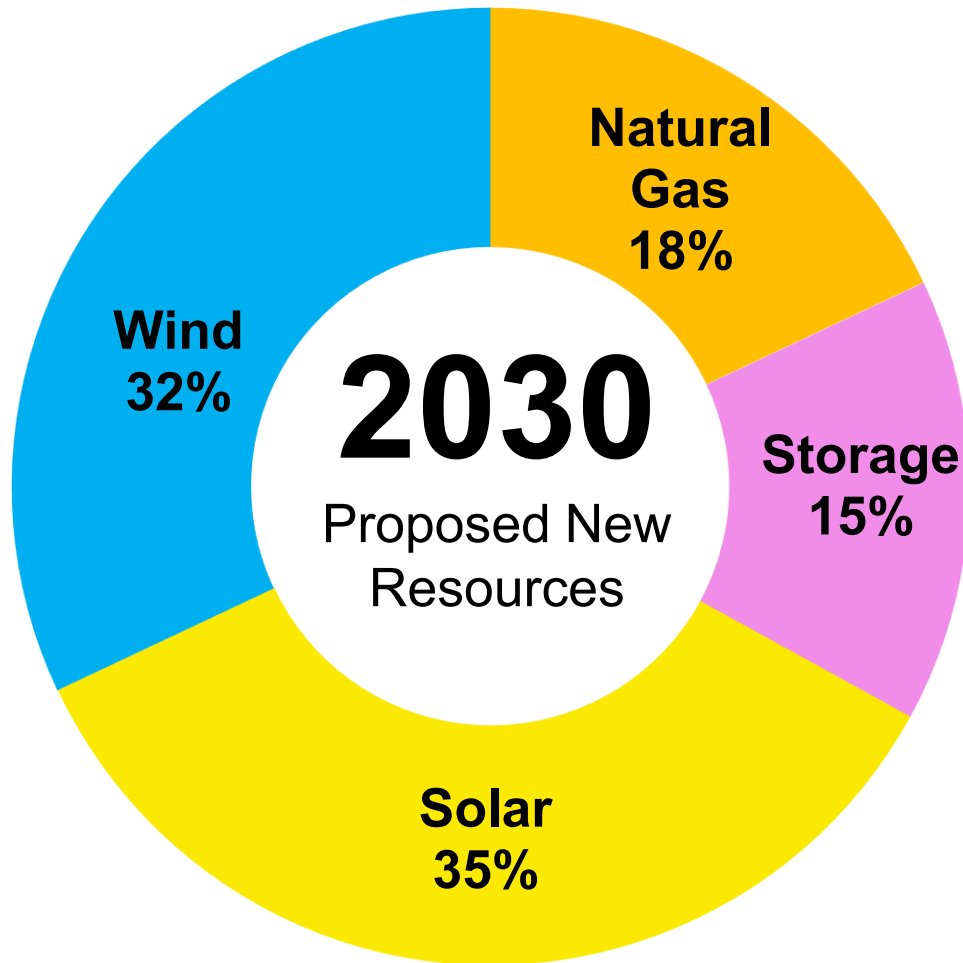
Inputs to Portfolio Recommendation



Electric Integrated Resource Plan | pathways and portfolios selected by UPAC for further evaluation

	Portfolio	Carbon targets	Rank (12)	2023	2026	2030	2035	2040	2050
Reference case	R		6				Drake, Birdsall retire Gas		
	1	2030 80% 2050 90%	11				Drake & Birdsall retire Gas/renewable/ storage		
Pathway B	5	2030 80% 2050 90%	7		Drake retire Gas & DSM	Nixon 1 retire Gas & DSM	Birdsall retire Renewable/ storage/DSM		
Pathway C	9	2030 80% 2050 90%	9		Drake retire	Nixon 1 retire	Birdsall retire		
	10	2030 80% 2050 100%	4		Renewable/ storage/DSM	Renewable/ storage/DSM	Renewable/ storage/DSM		Front Range & Nixon 2-3 retire Renewable/ storage/DSM
Pathway D	11	2030 80% 2050 100%	5		Drake retire Non-carbon & DSM	Nixon 1 retire Non-carbon & DSM	Birdsall retire Non-carbon & DSM		Front Range & Nixon 2-3 retire Non-carbon & DSM
Pathway E	12		3	Drake retire	Nixon 1 retire		Birdsall retire		
	16	2030 80% 2050 90%	2	Small, mobile natural gas generator	Gas/renewable/ storage/DSM		Nixon 1 retire Gas/renewable/ storage/DSM	Gas/renewable/ storage/DSM	
	17		1			Nixon 1 retire Non-carbon & DSM	Birdsall retire Non-carbon & DSM		
15	2030 100%	8			Drake, Nixon 1-3, Birdsall, Front Range retire Renewable/ storage/DSM				
Pathway F	18	2040 100%	10				Drake & Birdsall retire	Nixon 1-3 & Front Range retire Renewable/ storage/DSM	
	19	2050 100%	12				Renewable/ storage/DSM		Nixon 1-3 & Front Range retire Renewable/ storage/DSM

Proposed Additional Resources Available by 2030



a greener **FUTURE**

- 175 MW Solar Underway
- 200 MW Battery Storage Underway
- 525 MW Solar
- 100 MW Storage
- 625 MW Wind
- 350 MW Gas Generation



Agenda – Part 2

Delivery of the Drake Generation Portfolio



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TNGG Project Highlight Outline

Project Overview

- Before and After
- Technology Selection

Project Stakeholders

- Owner
- Engineering
- Procurement
- Construction

Project Constraints

- Site Constraints
 - Existing high-voltage yard
 - Existing coal pile and undergrounds
 - Liquid fuel deliveries
- Equipment Scope and Procurement
 - Equipment reuse
- Future Relocation Considerations
 - Redundancy requirements
- Environmental Considerations
 - Gas turbine stack emissions
 - SCR ready exhaust and CO catalyst
 - Fuel oil containment
 - Drains storage and containment



Project Overview: Before and After



Project Site – Before Project

- Existing high-voltage yard
- Existing operational coal plant
- Existing coal pile and conveyance systems



Project Site – After Project

- New 162 MW total, 27 MW each gas turbines
- Reused transformers from coal facility at new plant and tied into existing switchyard

Natural Gas vs. Coal Generation:

- 90 times less sulfur dioxide
- 5 times less nitrogen oxide
- 50% less carbon dioxide
- Natural gas is the least carbon-intensive fossil fuel



Project Overview: Technology Selection

Gas Turbines

General Electric (GE) model LM2500+G4 Xpress

Aeroderivative package, dual fuel (fuel gas & fuel oil), dry low emissions (DLE) combustor (no water injection required to meet emissions)

Quick Start – 8 mins

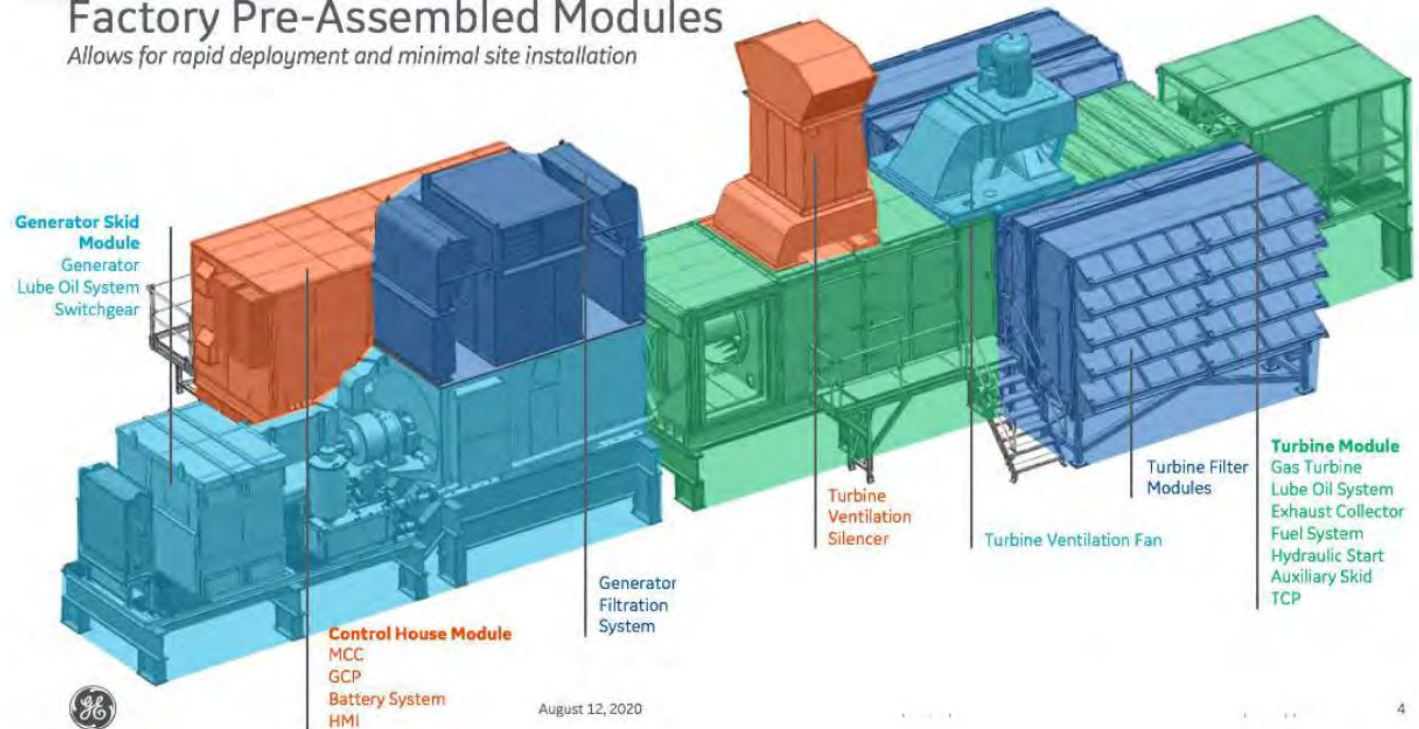
Efficiency – 39.2%

Reliability – 99.7%

Availability – 98.2%

Factory Pre-Assembled Modules

Allows for rapid deployment and minimal site installation



Project Overview: Technology Selection

Reliability

Inlet Cooling System

Evaporative Cooling
Available > 60°F

Protection to ensures power output on hot ambient days



Water Spray Module w/
Drift Eliminator



Gas Turbine Air
Inlet

Water Supply
Inlet

Project Overview: Technology Selection

Reliability

Inlet Heating System
Designed to -20°F

Equipment
Exhaust Heat Exchanger
Electric Heaters

Protections
Turbine Blade Anti-Icing
Emissions Compliance



Exhaust Air Heat Exchanger

Injection Air Fan



Electric Heaters and Air Injection

Project Stakeholders



Owner

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Engineering

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Procurement

Colorado Springs Utilities Procurement Department



Construction

TIC – The Industrial Company

MMR



Major Equipment

General Electric – Gas Turbines



Project Constraints - Site Constraints

Existing substation and high-voltage yard



South Plant Substation

Project Constraints - Site Constraints

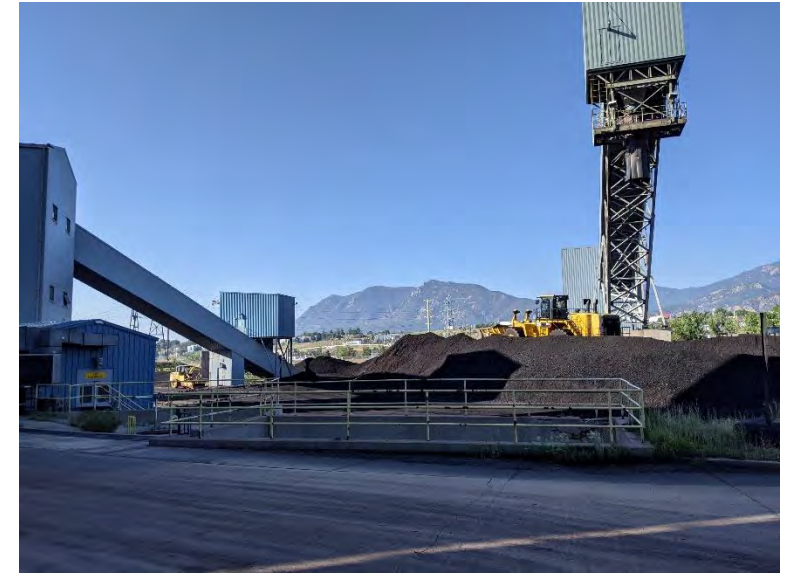
Existing Coal Pile and Conveyance Equipment

Geotechnical Evaluation and Soil Borings

South end of site

Middle of site as coal supply used

North end of site once conveyance equipment removed



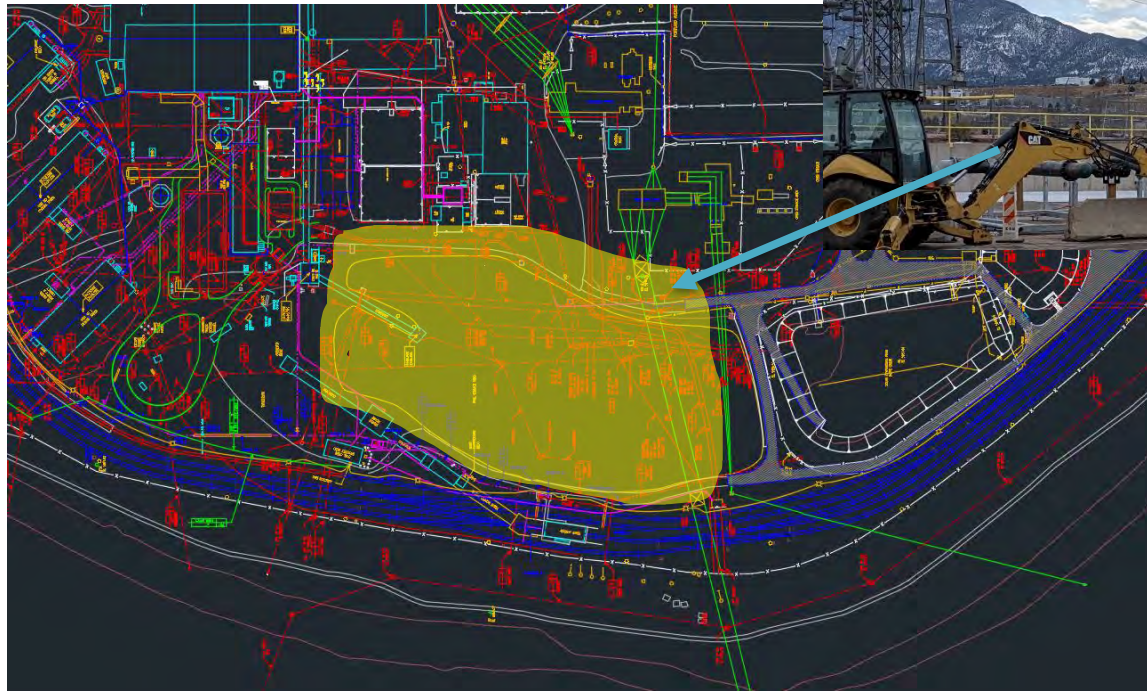
Project Constraints - Site Constraints

Existing Underground Utilities

Maintained Existing Site Drainage

Overhead Power Lines

Design And Construction to Avoid Interference with Existing Transmission Lines



Project Constraints - Equipment Scope and Procurement

Reuse of equipment:

(2) Generator Step-Up (GSU) Transformers

(2) Unit Aux Transformers

(2) Switchgear Lineups

From decommissioned Drake coal units 6 and unit 7



Original Drake Location Unit 6



Original Drake Location Unit 7



New Plant Location

Project Constraints - Future Relocation Considerations

Redundancy Requirements:

- (6) Gas Turbines
- (6) Fuel Gas Compressors
- (6) Fuel Oil Storage Tanks



Project Constraints - Environmental Considerations

Gas turbine stack emissions
Third-party emissions testing



GE emissions guarantees

Fuel Gas:

EMISSIONS ARE VALID FOR T2 WITHIN 10°F-100°F AND A GTG LOAD DOWN TO 50% AS DEFINED IN STEADY STATE CONDITIONS FOR EMISSIONS GUARANTEE

NOX: 25 PPMVD AT 15% O2

CO: 1.25 PPMVD AT 15% O2, after catalyst

VOC: 2.8 PPMVD AT 15% O2, after catalyst

FORMALDEHYDE: 91 PPBVD AT 15% O2, after catalyst

PM10: 4 lb/h (total with evap on)

Fuel Oil:

EMISSIONS ARE VALID FOR T2 WITHIN 10°F-100°F AND A GTG LOAD DOWN TO 75% AS DEFINED IN STEADY STATE CONDITIONS FOR EMISSIONS GUARANTEE

NOX: 74 PPMVD AT 15% O2

CO: 2.8 PPMVD AT 15% O2, after catalyst

VOC: 12.1 PPMVD AT 15% O2, after catalyst

FORMALDEHYDE: 91 PPBVD AT 15% O2, after catalyst

PM10: 10.7 lb/h (total with evap on)

EPA Test Methods

ENGINE CONDITION:	NEW AND CLEAN ≤ 200 SITE FIRED HOURS
FIELD TEST METHODS	
PERFORMANCE:	GE POWER & WATER SGTGPTM
NOX:	EPA METHOD 20
CO:	EPA METHOD 10
PM10:	EPA METHOD 5 / 202
FORMALDEHYDE:	EPA METHOD 320
VOC:	EPA METHOD 25A/18

Project Constraints - Environmental Considerations

SCR ready exhaust (pre-installed ammonia nozzles)



CO catalyst in exhaust



Project Constraints - Environmental Considerations

Fuel oil containment strategy

- Fuel truck unloading
- Self rising containment berm
- Storage tanks
- Secondary containment by metal dike
- Spills
- Concrete raised curbs



Project Constraints - Environmental Considerations

Drains, Storage and Containment

Above ground tanks drain into pre-fabricated concrete pits







Agenda – Part 3

2023 Adaption of Integrated Resource Plan to Regulatory Drivers

Regulatory Changes

Clean Energy Plan

- Retail Sales
- Market Emissions

Clean Heat Plan

- Building Energy Performance Standard
- New Source Performance Standards for Greenhouse Gas Emissions



Clean Heat Plan

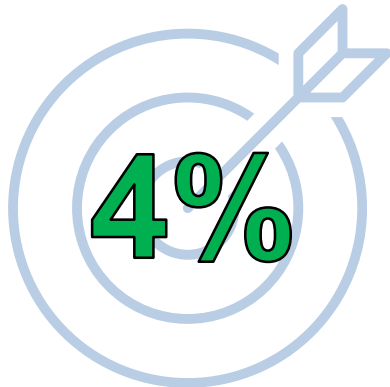
Colorado State Law as of 2021

2024-2025

Spend

2%

of total gas revenue working towards achieving



Target: reduction in greenhouse gas below 2015 levels

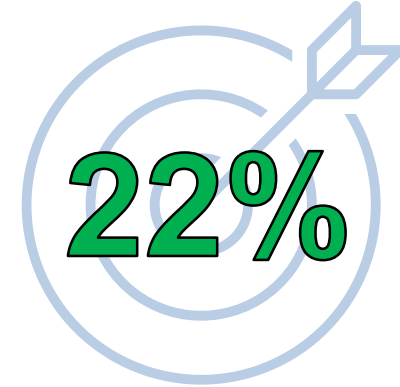
Colorado Springs Utilities submitted plan on July 28, 2023

2026-2030

Spend

2.5%

of total gas revenue working towards achieving



Target: reduction in greenhouse gas below 2015 levels

Meeting our Energy Vision Pillars



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