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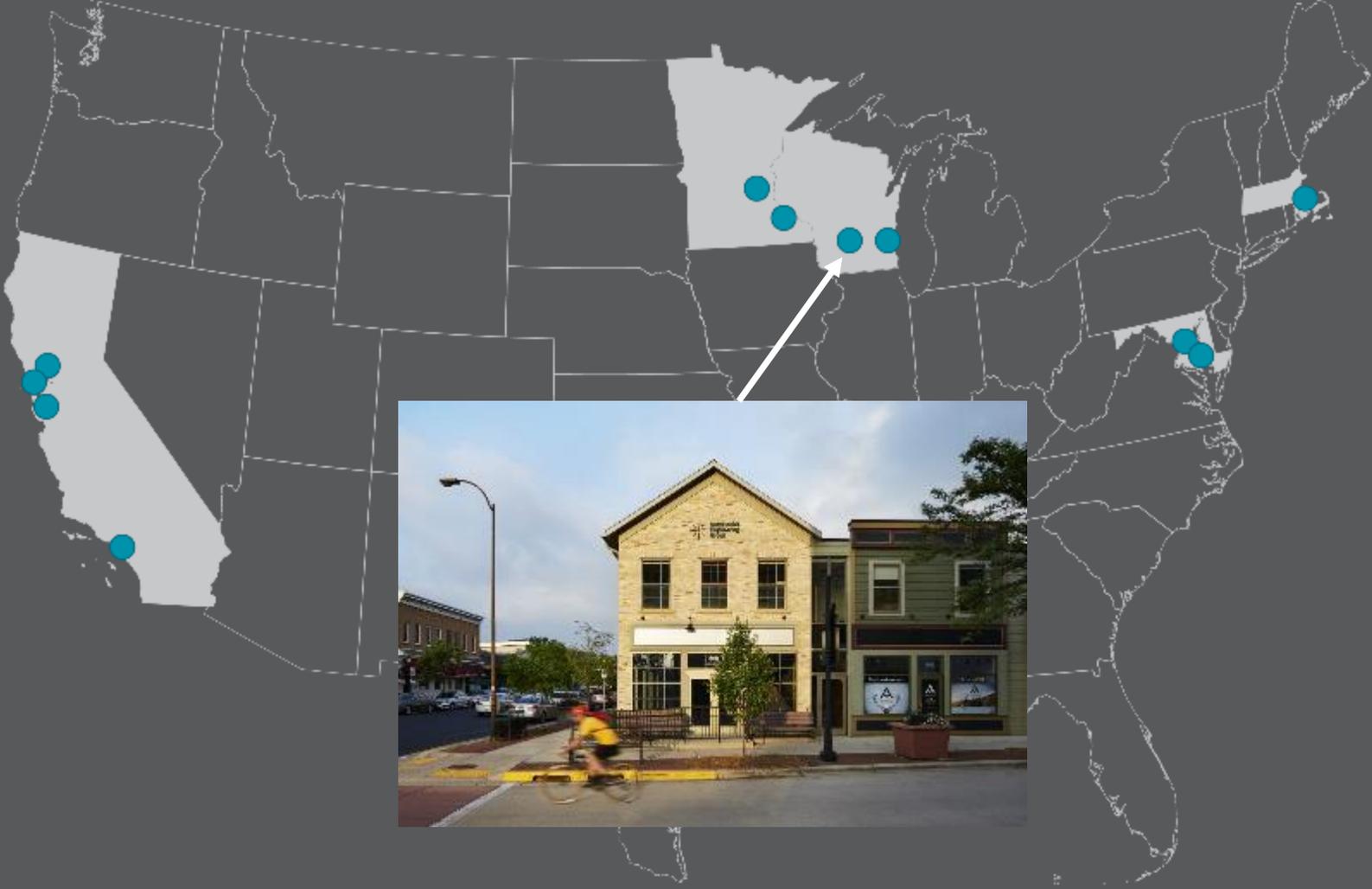
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NET ZERO  
ENERGY SCHOOL

OREGON SD: FOREST EDGE ELEMENTARY

Show and Tell to WiDRC – Wisconsin Distributed Resources Collaborative  
October 15, 2020



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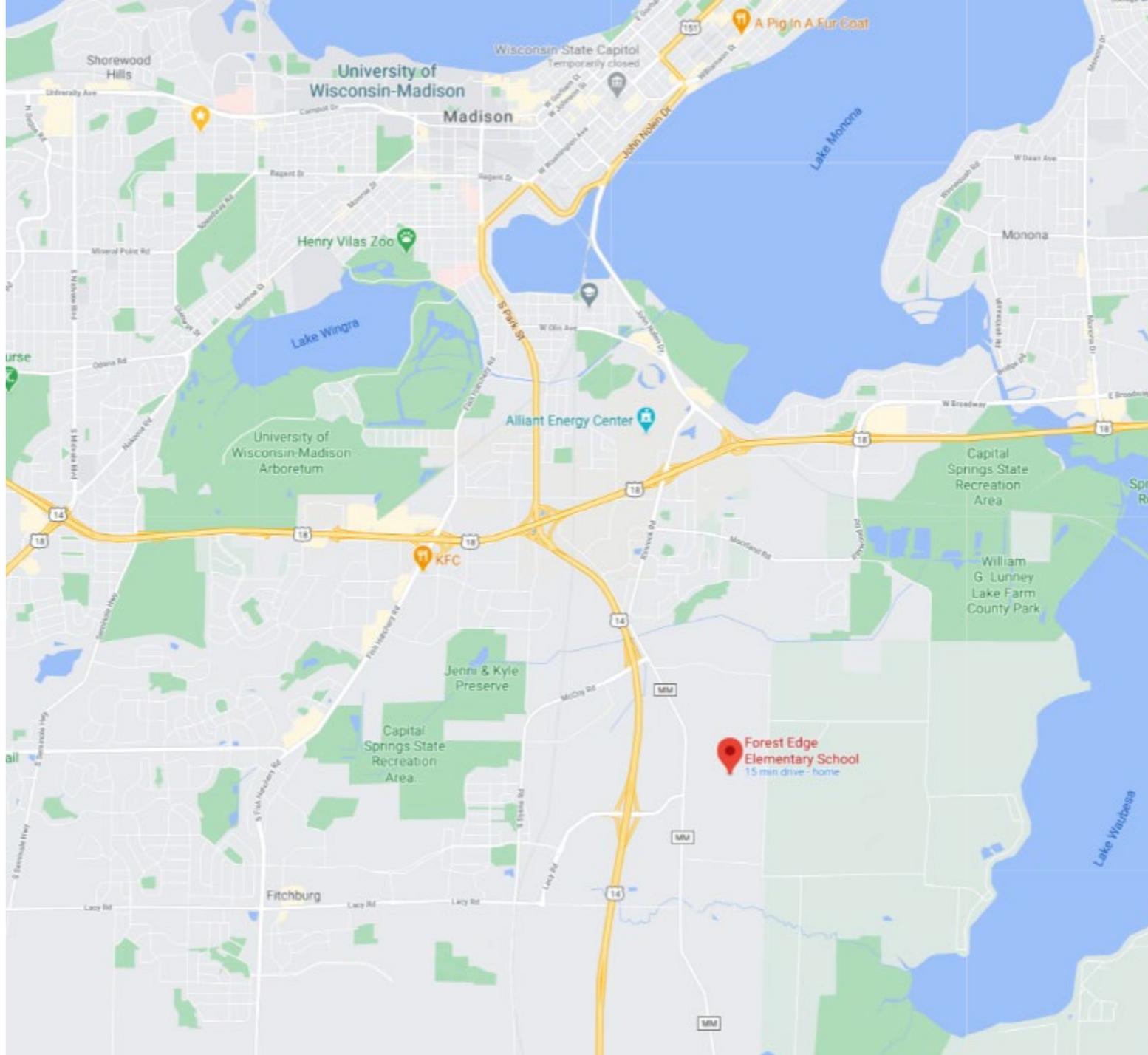


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# Why a Net-Zero Energy School?



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OSD Business Manager  
Project Champion



A Pig In A Fur Coat

University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Madison

Wisconsin State Capitol  
Temporarily closed

Henry Vilas Zoo

Lake Kegonsa

Alliant Energy Center

KFC

Forest Edge  
Elementary School  
15 min drive - home

Capital Springs State  
Recreation Area

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William G Lunny  
Lake Farm  
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Lake Waubesa



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N7TQin-OZIs&feature=youtu.be>

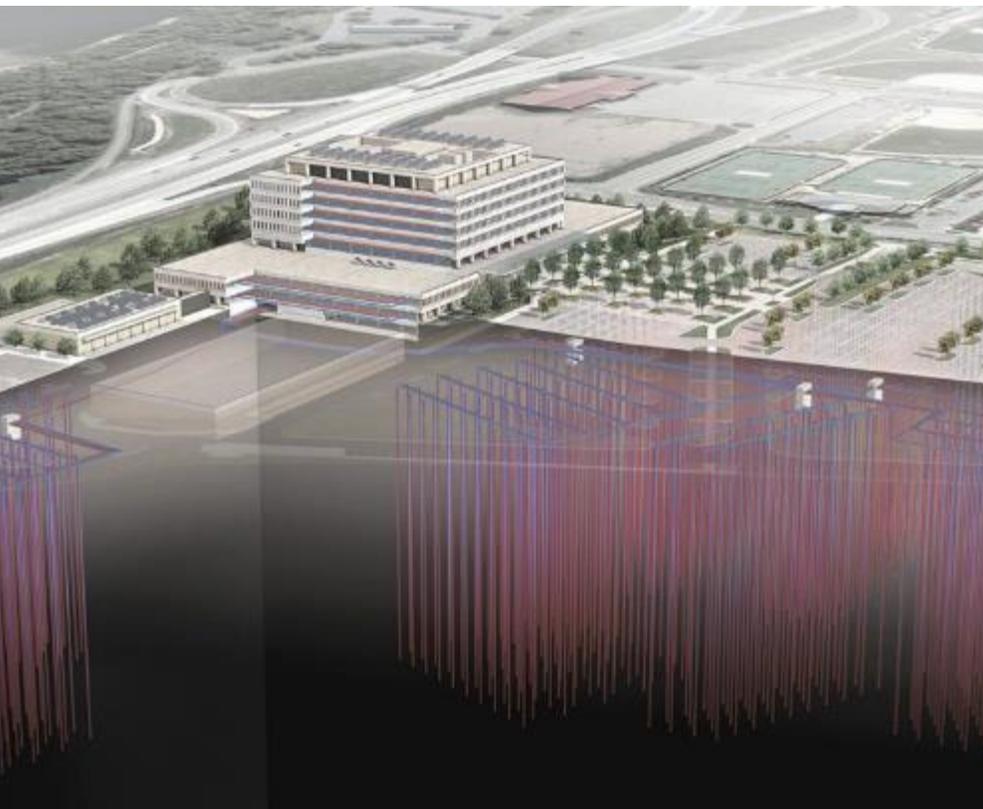
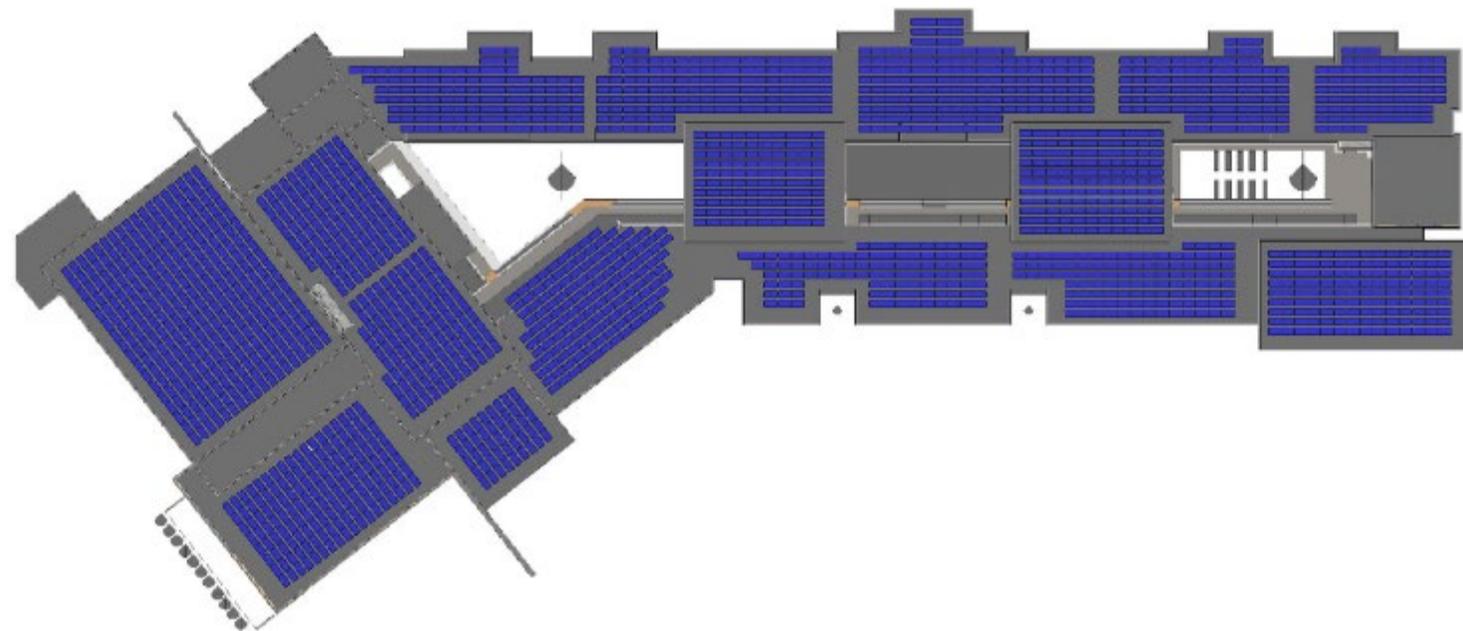
# NZE Project Team

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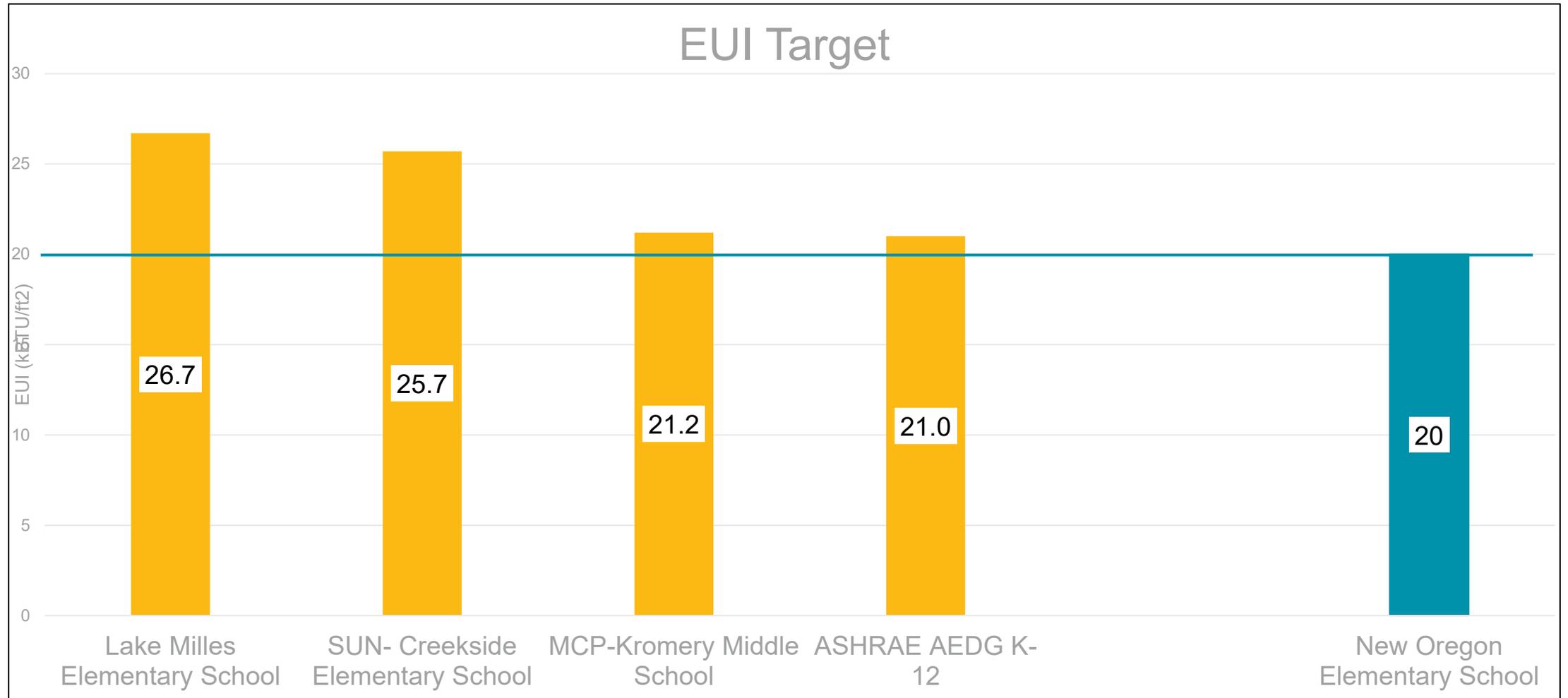
Figure 1: Initial Solar PV Layout



## HGA's Project Roll

- Energy Modeling
- Geothermal, PV and Battery design
- Commissioning
- Measurement and Verification

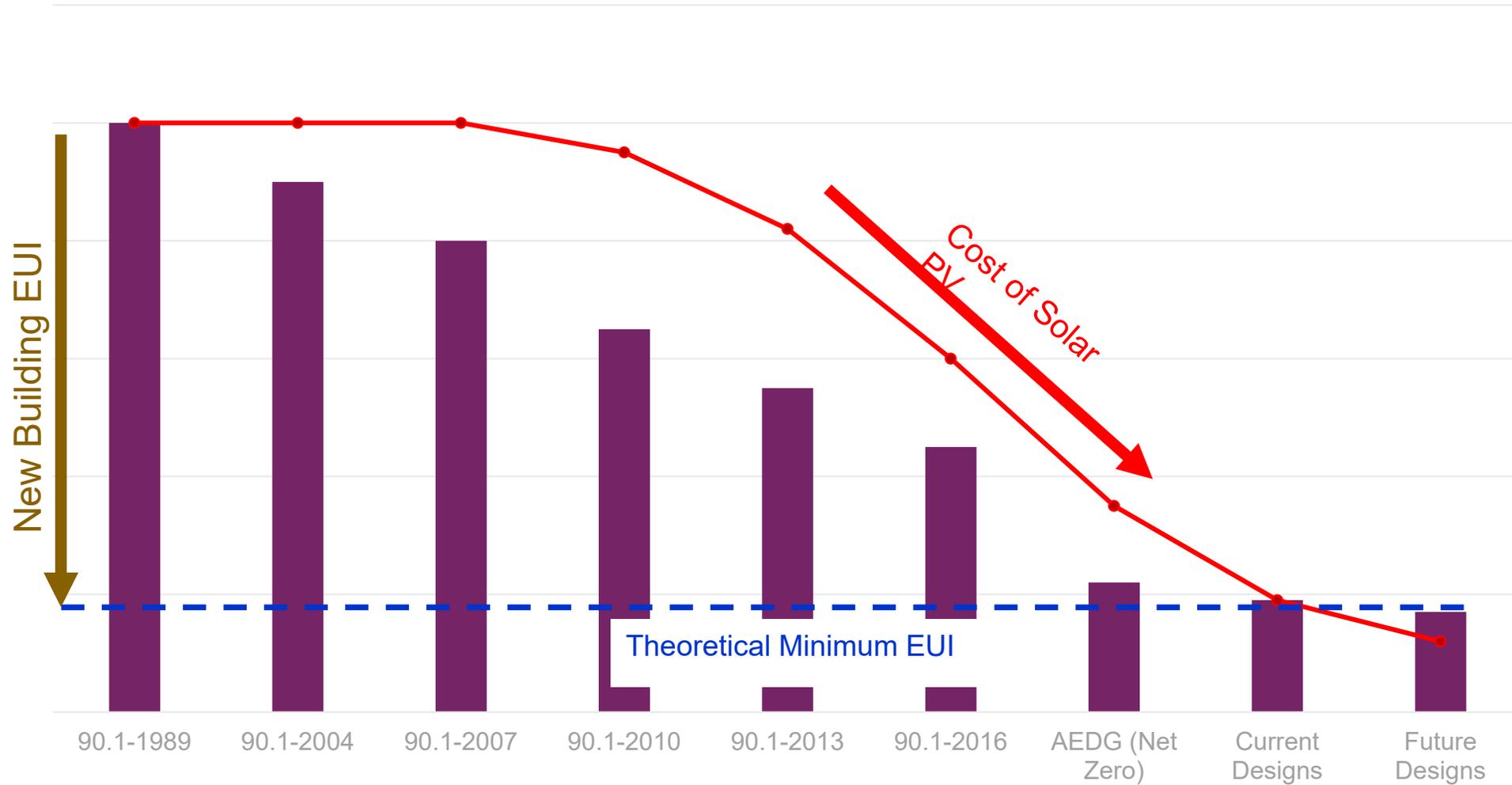
# Design Process: EUI Target



# Past Modeling Results

<b>Project</b>	<b>Design Modeled Data (kBTU/SF)</b>	<b>Actual Utility Data (kBTU/SF)</b>	<b>Accuracy</b>
Waunakee MS	29	25.5	88%
Kromery MS	21	19.3	92%
Creekside ES	24.1	23.5	98%
Horizon	24.1	23.5	98%
Lake Mills MS	34.5	29.1	84%
Lake Mills ES	26.7	26.7	100%
		Average:	93%
<b>Oregon ES- NZE</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>????</b>	<b>????</b>

# Trends in Energy Efficiency and Cost of Solar

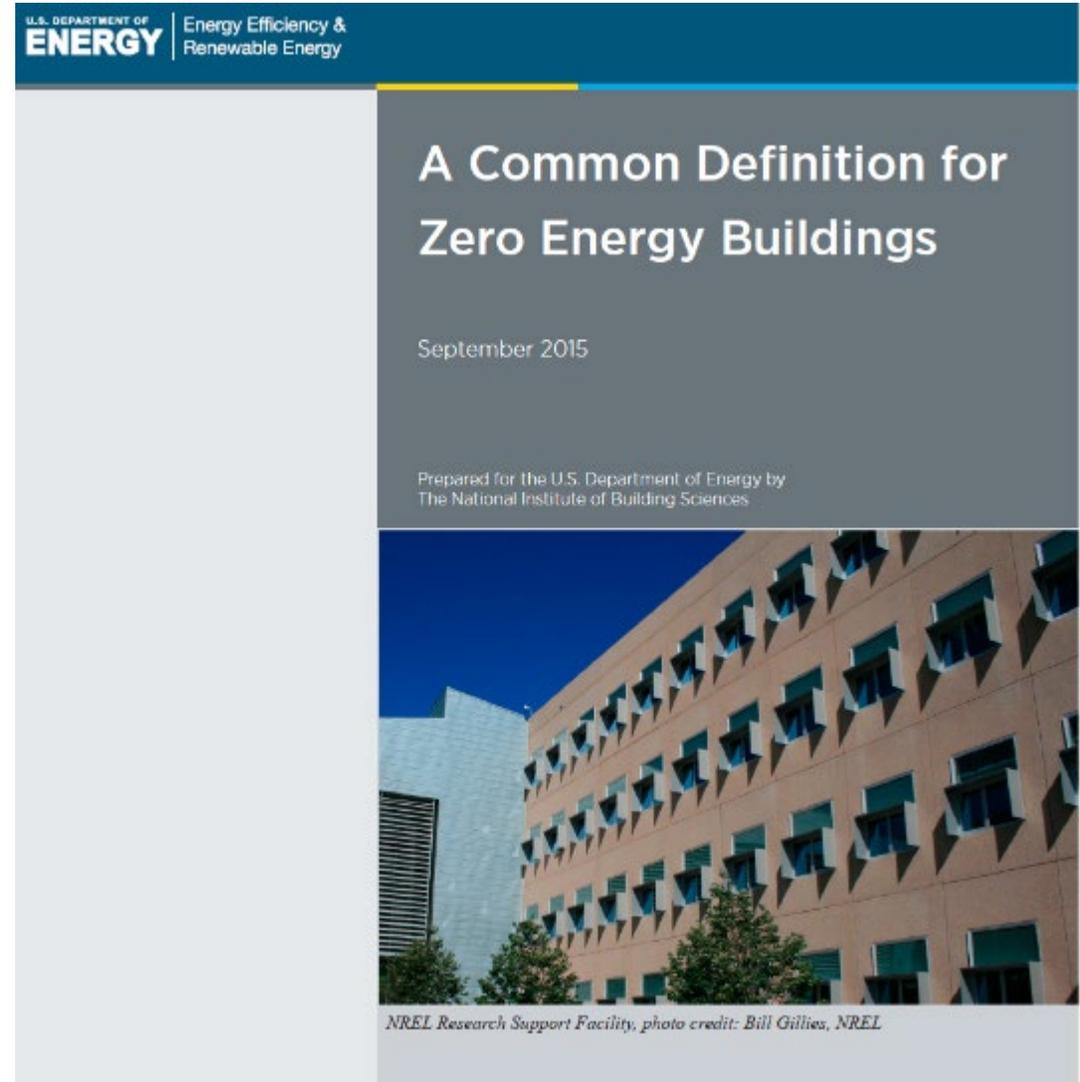


# NZE: Consumption (EUI) vs. Production (Solar)

- 30 kBTU Target
  - Less Energy Efficient, Less First Cost
  - Huge Solar PV, High First Cost
- The sweet spot for NZE and minimal first cost is somewhere in between
- How do we find this sweet spot EUI target
  - Mostly through energy modeling and collaboration with project team
- 15 kBTU Target
  - Extreme Energy Efficiency, High First Cost
  - Less Solar PV, Less First Cost

# Key Ingredients for NZE

- Geothermal (ground source) HVAC
- Solar PV Covering Roof
- High performance envelope
- Aggressive lighting control
- Rigorous commissioning
- Operational excellence



# Great Resources

- ASHRAE NZE Design Guide
- New Buildings Institute (NBI)

nbi new buildings  
institute

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## Zero Energy

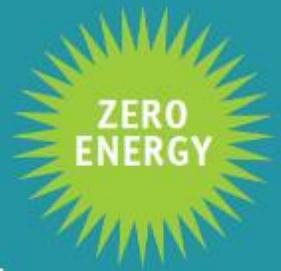
Market development and acceleration for zero energy buildings spotlight all the new energy projects that consume no net energy as they produce from clean, renewable resources.



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## ACHIEVING ZERO ENERGY

### Advanced Energy Design Guide for K-12 School Buildings

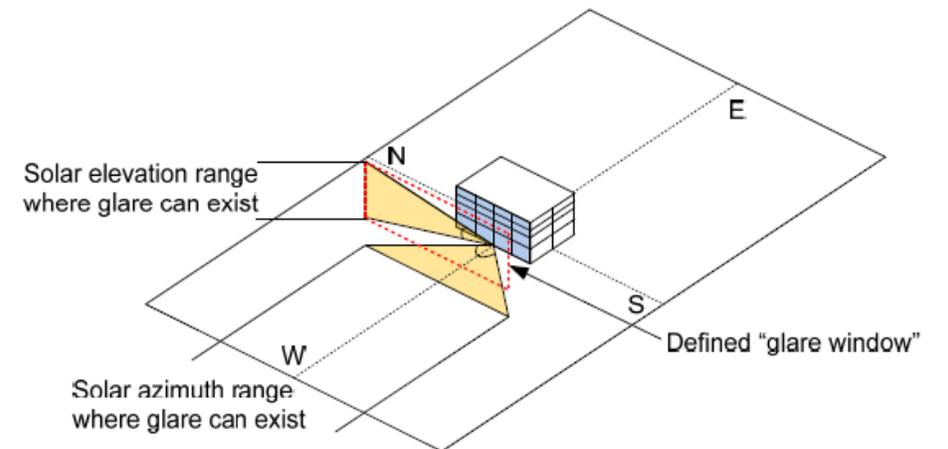


Developed by:  
ASHRAE  
The American Institute of Architects  
Illuminating Engineering Society  
U.S. Green Building Council  
U.S. Department of Energy

# Interesting Design Elements

- Green bond
- No natural gas connection
- Electrochromic lighting
- ECM motor pump skid for geo pumps
- Submetering of loads
- Solar PV roof
- Advanced lighting control

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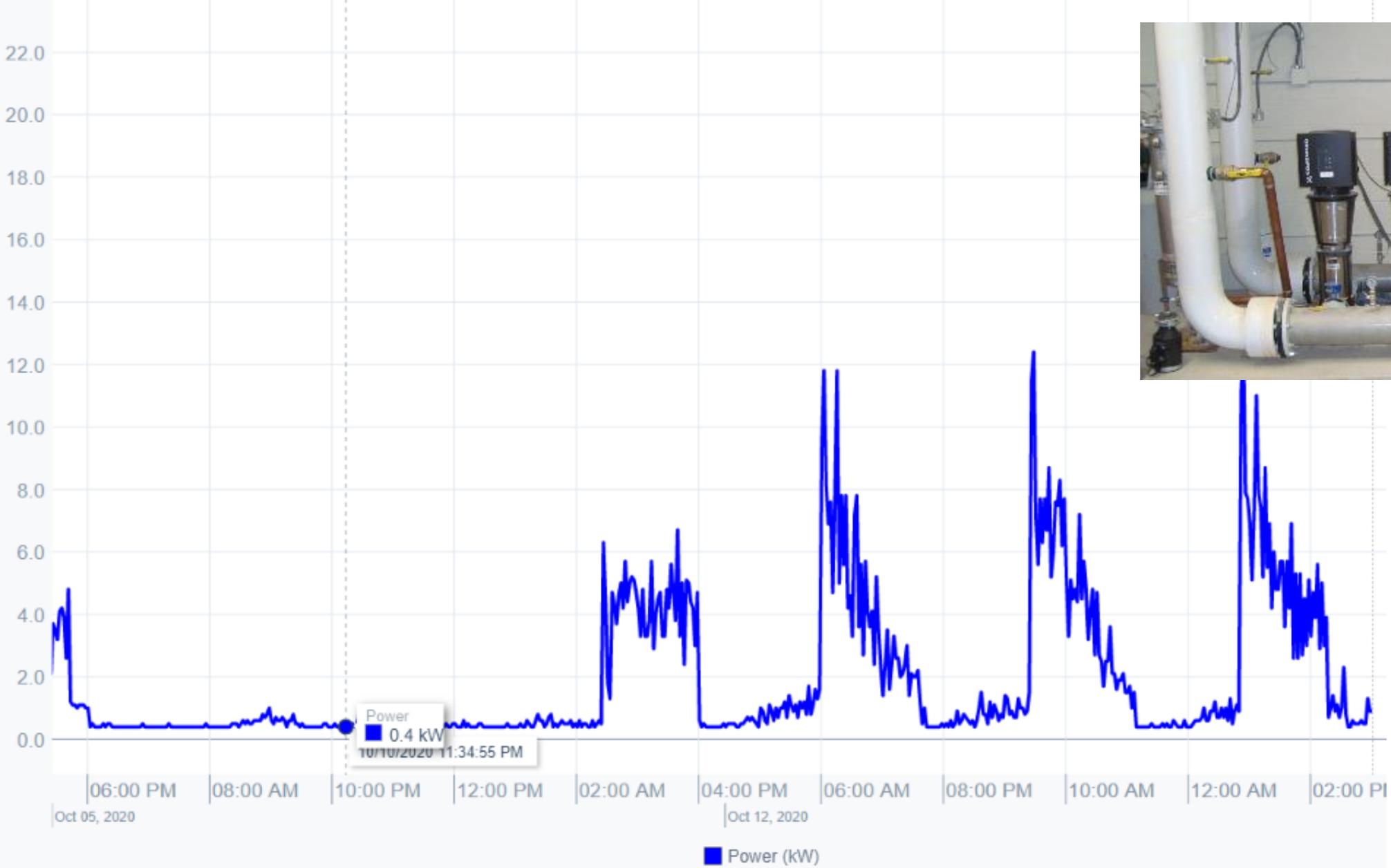


# Interesting Design Components



# Power - Chart

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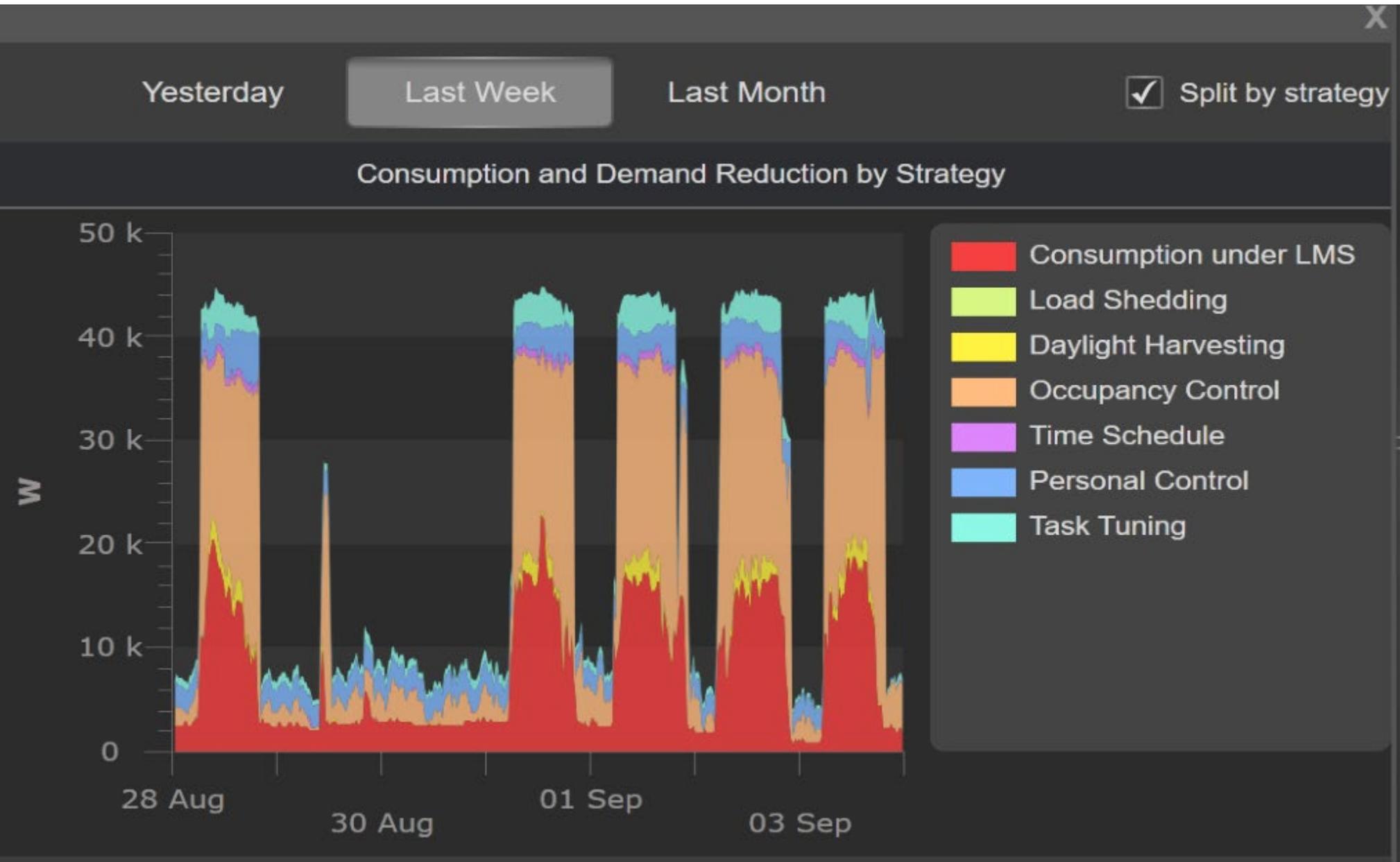




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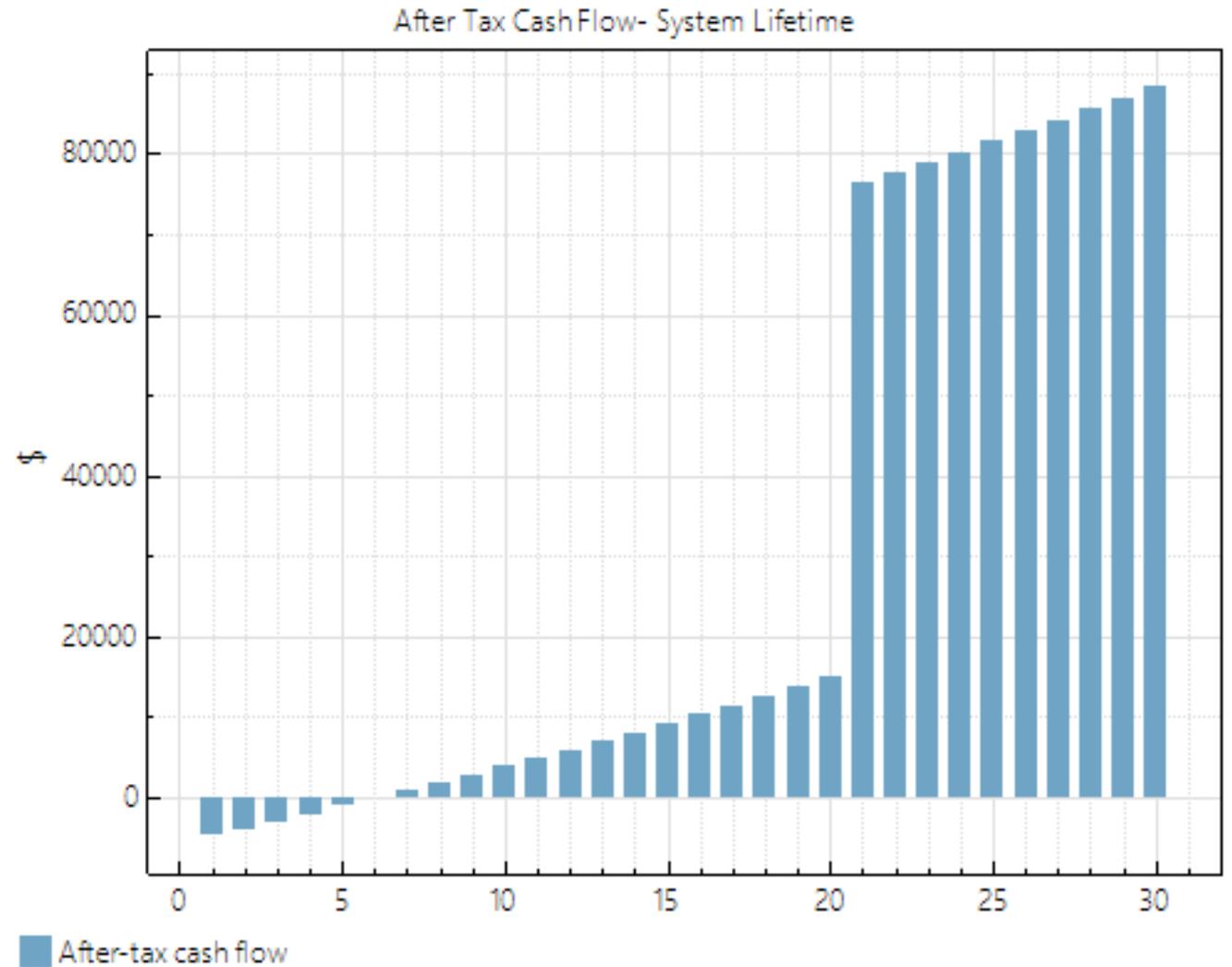


# Challenges

- Extent of glazing
- Interconnection costs
- Microgrid integration
- Controls integration
- COVID-19

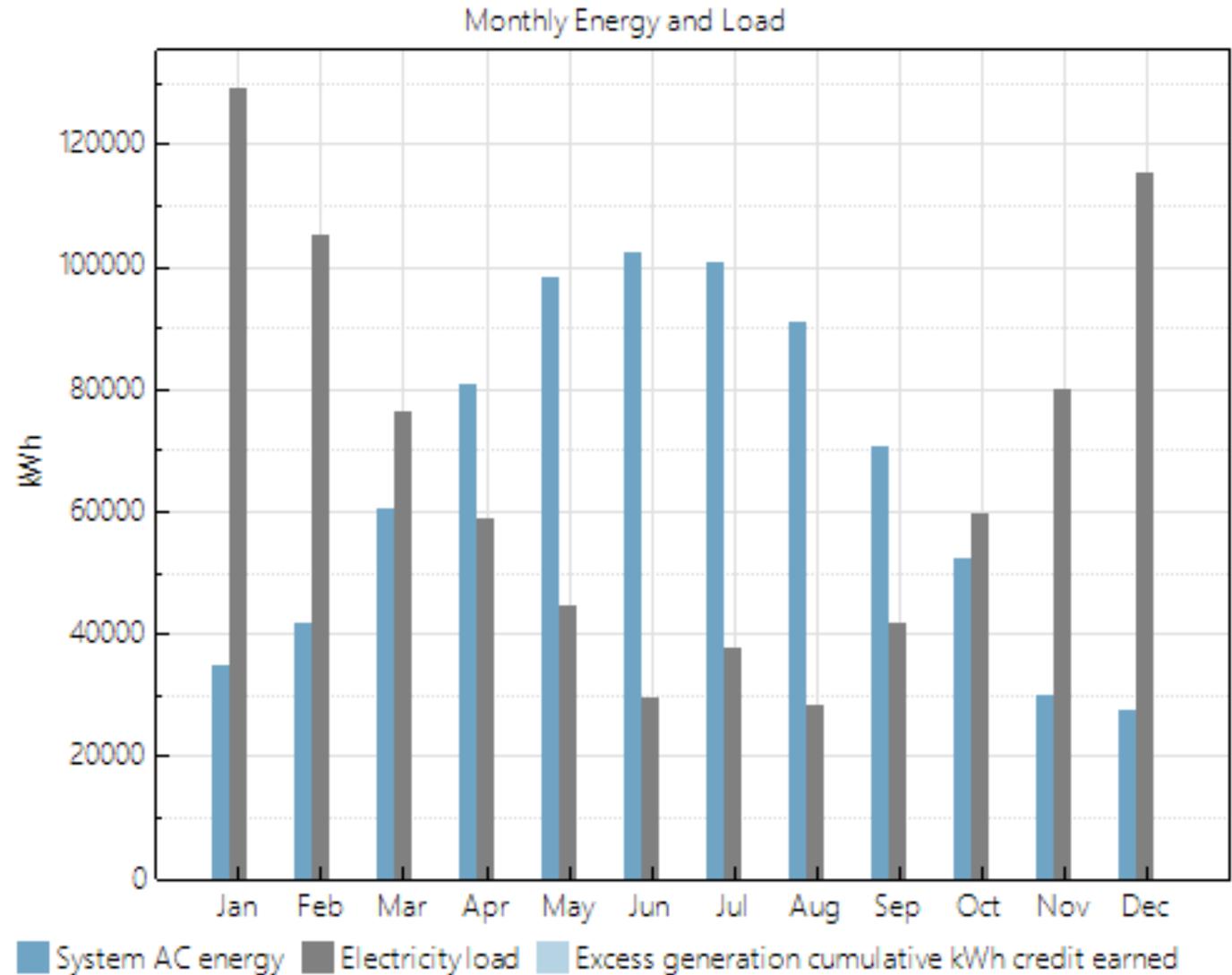
# PV Economics

- 14 year simple payback
- \$1.45/W installed



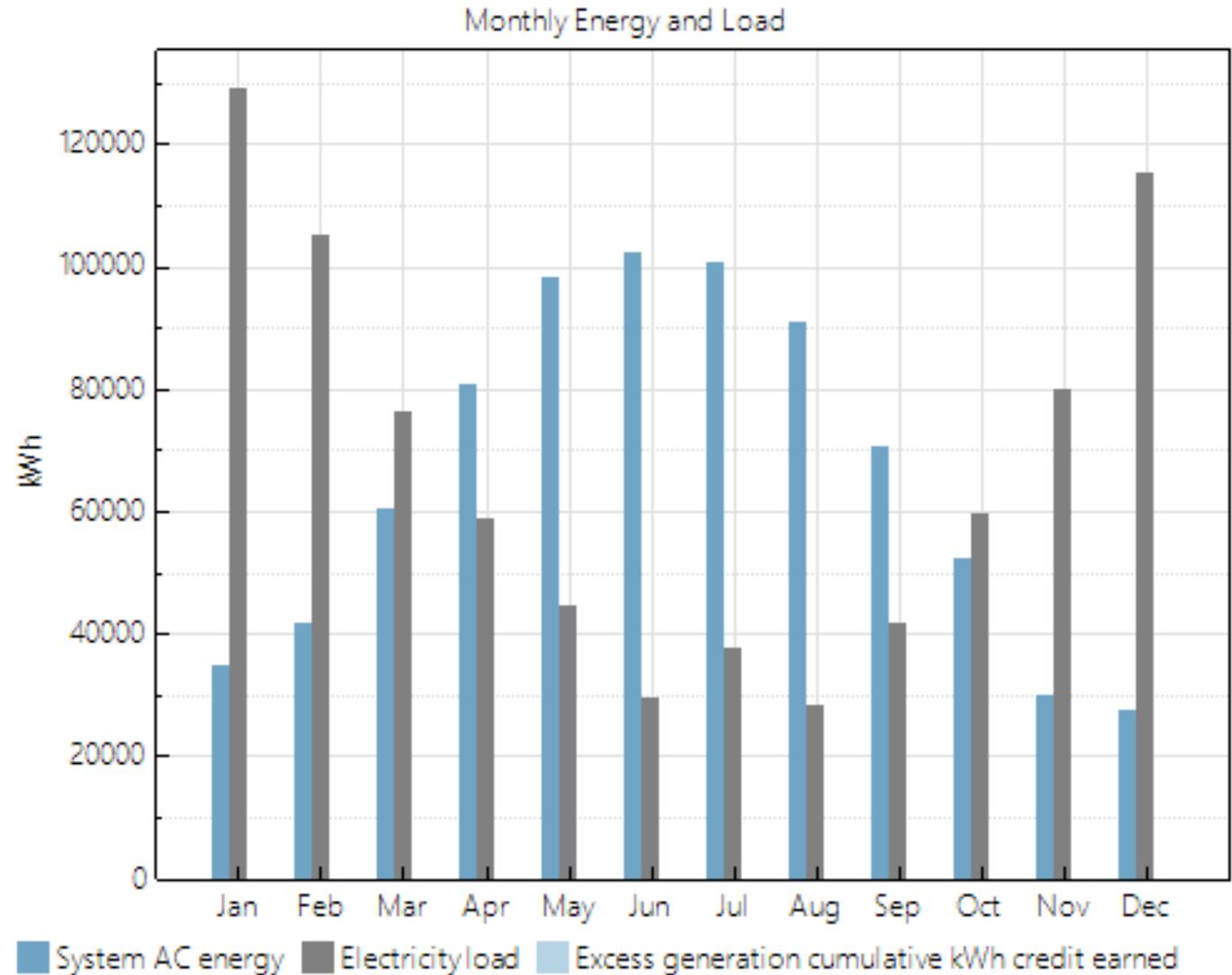
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- Reduce peak charges
- Self consume more solar PV
- Include microgrid capability
- Allow for future flexibility
- Limitations: long term storage

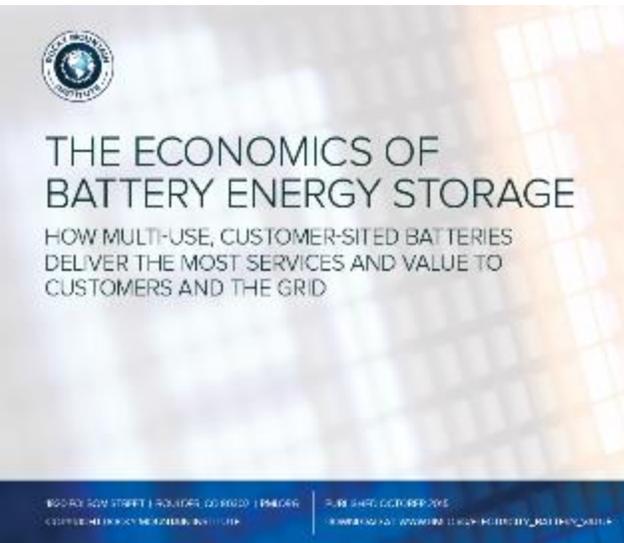


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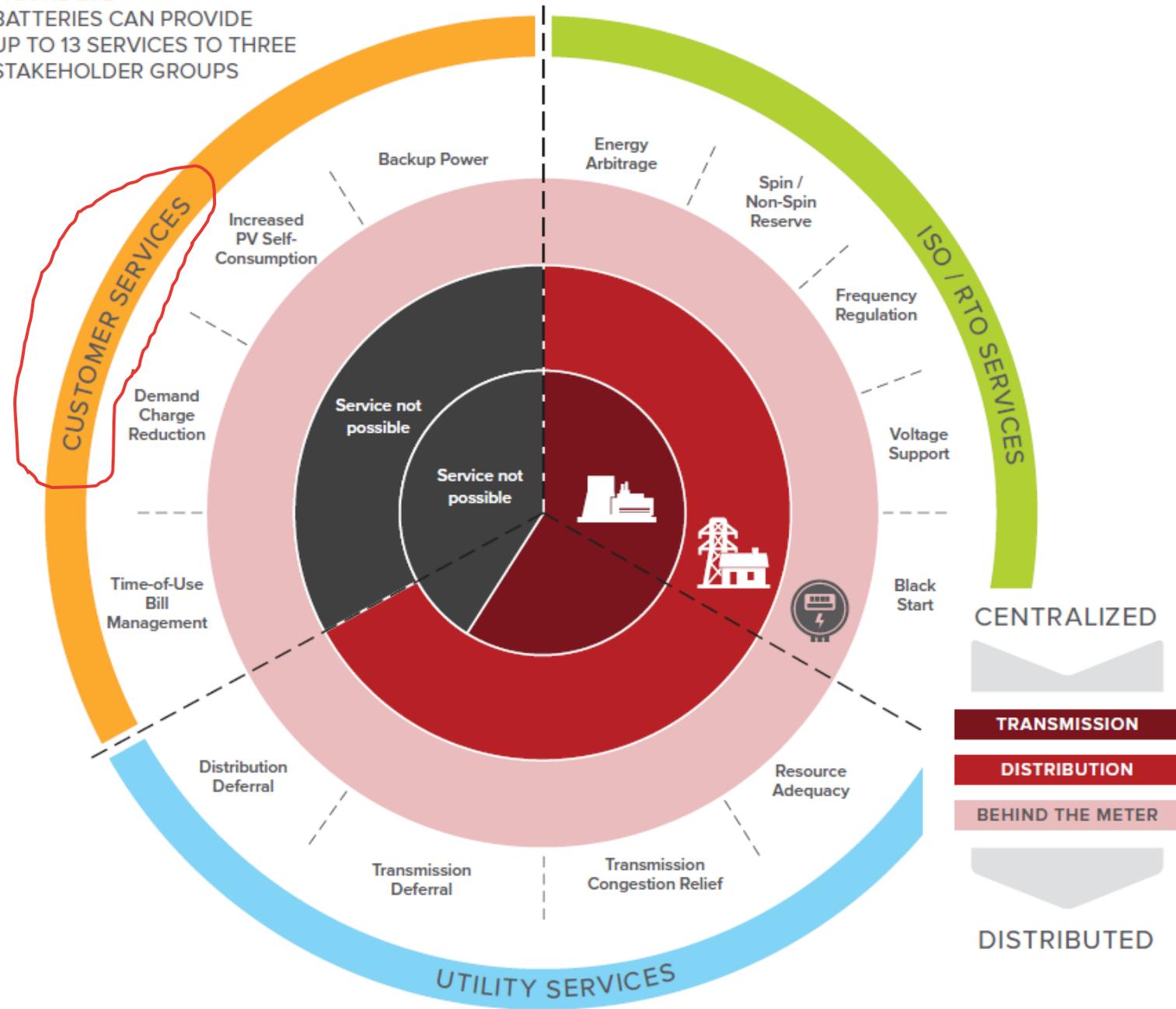
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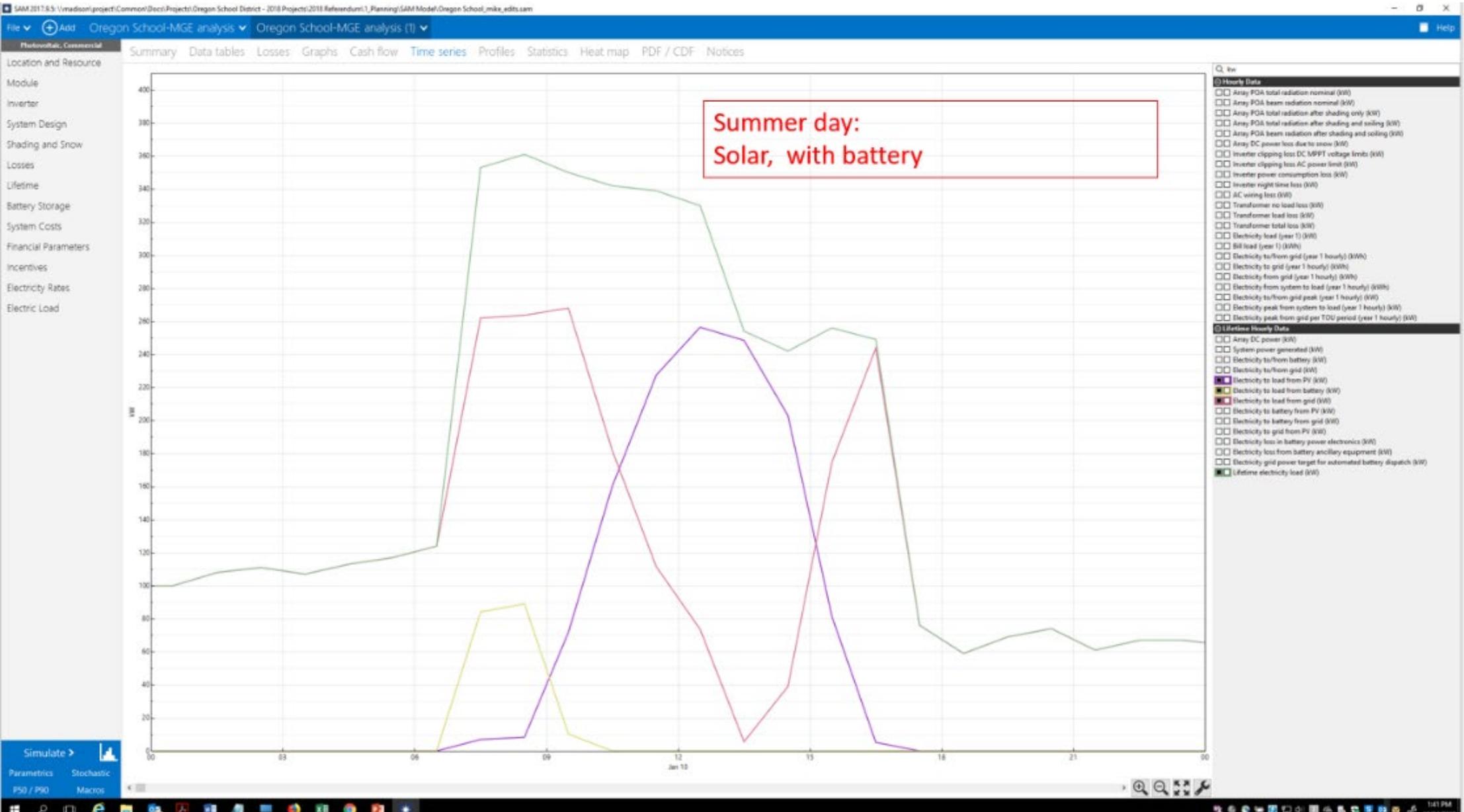
# Battery Use Cases



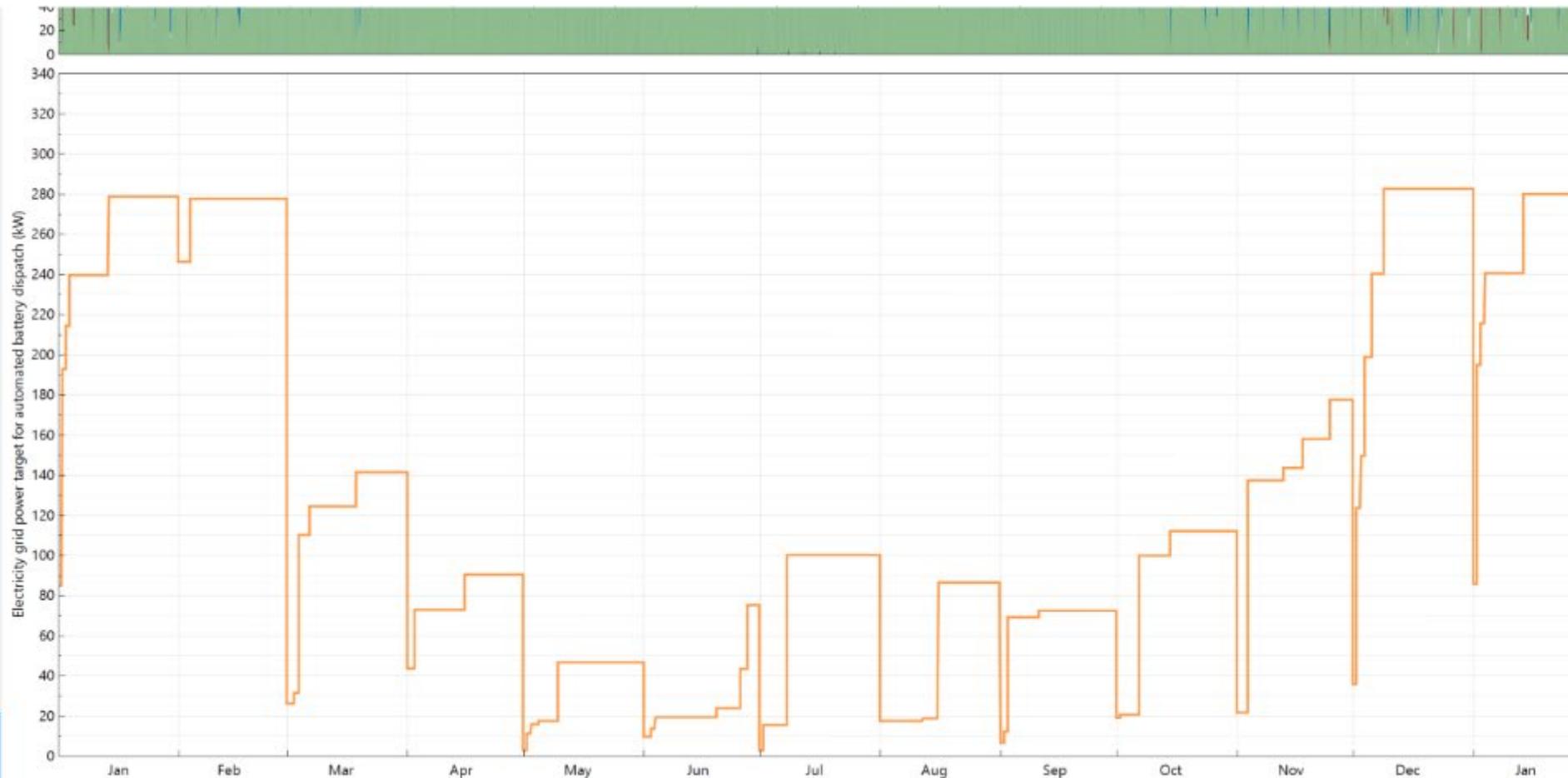
**FIGURE ES2**  
 BATTERIES CAN PROVIDE UP TO 13 SERVICES TO THREE STAKEHOLDER GROUPS



# Battery Feasibility



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- Electricity from grid (year 1 hourly) (kWh)
- Electricity from system to load (year 1 hourly) (kWh)
- Electricity to/from grid peak (year 1 hourly) (kW)
- Electricity peak from system to load (year 1 hourly) (kW)
- Electricity sales/purchases with system (year 1 hourly) (\$)
- Electricity sales/purchases without system (year 1 hourly) (\$)
- Energy charge with system (year 1 hourly) (\$)
- Energy charge without system (year 1 hourly) (\$)
- Demand charge with system (year 1 hourly) (\$)
- Demand charge without system (year 1 hourly) (\$)
- TOU period for energy charges (year 1 hourly)
- TOU period for demand charges (year 1 hourly)
- Electricity peak from grid per TOU period (year 1 hourly) (kW)

#### Lifetime Hourly Data

- Array DC power (kW)
- Inverter DC input voltage (V)
- System power generated (kW)
- Battery state of charge (%)
- Battery cycle depth of discharge (%)
- Battery cell voltage (V)
- Battery number of cycles
- Battery capacity percent for lifetime (%)
- Electricity to/from battery (kW)
- Electricity to/from grid (kW)
- Electricity to load from PV (kW)
- Electricity to load from battery (kW)
- Electricity to load from grid (kW)
- Electricity to battery from PV (kW)
- Electricity to battery from grid (kW)
- Electricity to grid from PV (kW)
- Electricity loss in battery power electronics (kW)
- Electricity loss from battery ancillary equipment (kW)
- Electricity grid power target for automated battery dispatch (kW)
- Lifetime electricity load (kW)



# Battery Procurement

- Performance spec for 125kW/250kWh
- Pricing near \$800/kWh
- Most bids disqualified for not meeting design requirements (primarily software/control)

# Selected System

- Schneider with LG Chem Batteries
- Delivered 10/14
- Commissioning begins end of October



125 kW/250 kWh system

# Solar / Battery Interconnection Process

- Initial submission December 2019
- Conditional approval July 2020
- Distribution study \$20k
- Remote monitoring and disconnect \$35k

# MGE Monitoring Box



- CTs and PTs in the 1600A switchboard to monitoring the total net generation of both the solar and the battery.
- CTs and PTs for the 600A battery
- MGE owned monitoring box, which includes the following:
  - Wires to each set of CTs and PTs
  - Shunt trip to the 1600A generation breaker
  - Status wires of the 1600A generation breaker
  - Status wires of the 2000A main breaker
  - Communications wire to the roof
  - Radio antenna on the roof
- Labor to build, install, test, and commission the monitoring and trip setup.

# Solar Inverters



# MGE's Interconnection Concerns

- Proper islanding and grid reconnection
- Transient impacts with MGE generation on  
buss

# Utility Engineer: IA Process Recommendations

- Incorporate IEEE 1547-2018 into updated PSC 119
- Allow for more visibility of DER's to utility

# Owner/Engineer Recommendations

- Provide process for cost estimates prior to submission of interconnection application
- Include battery requirements into PSC 119
- Establish common interconnection standards among all utilities for batteries and solar





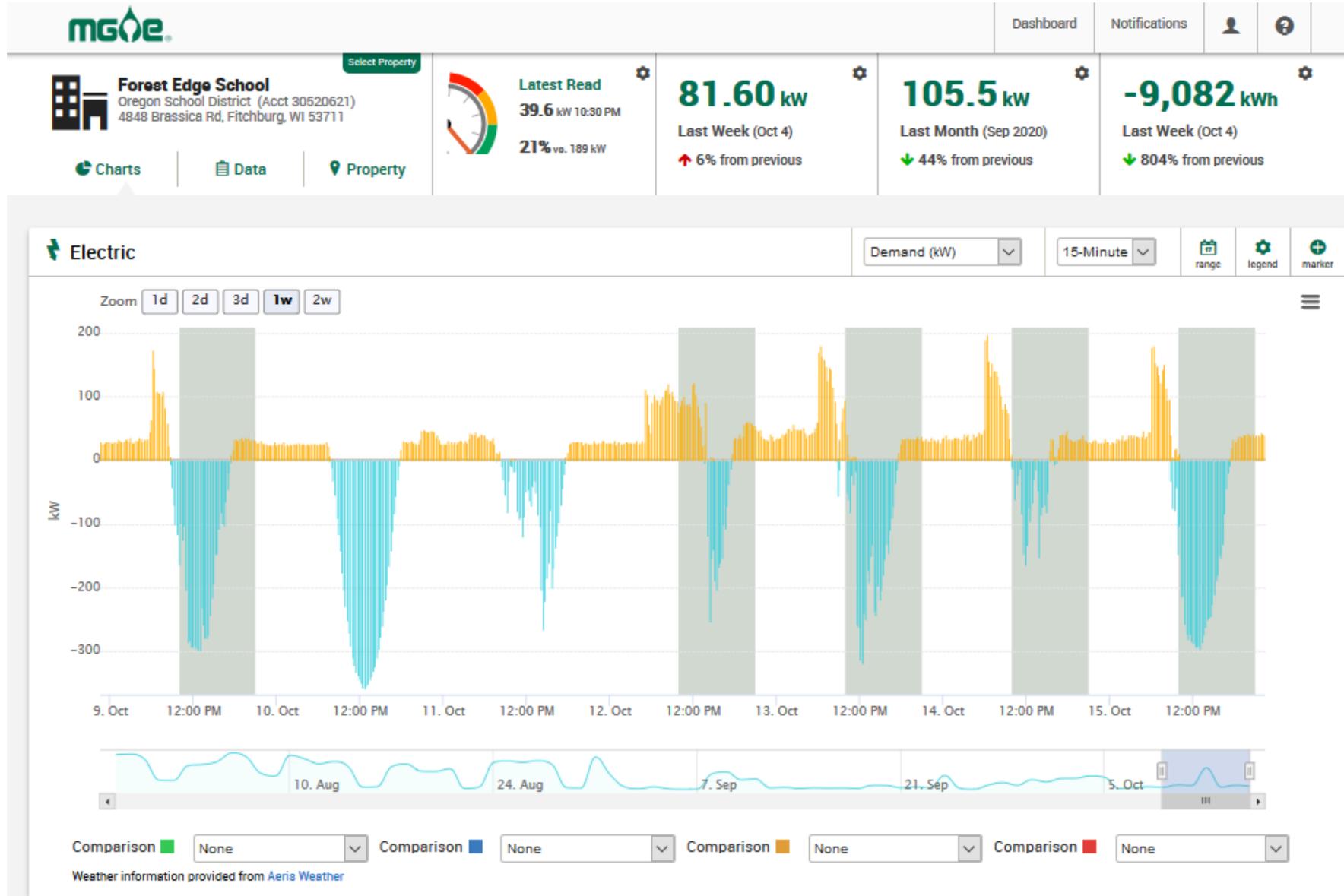




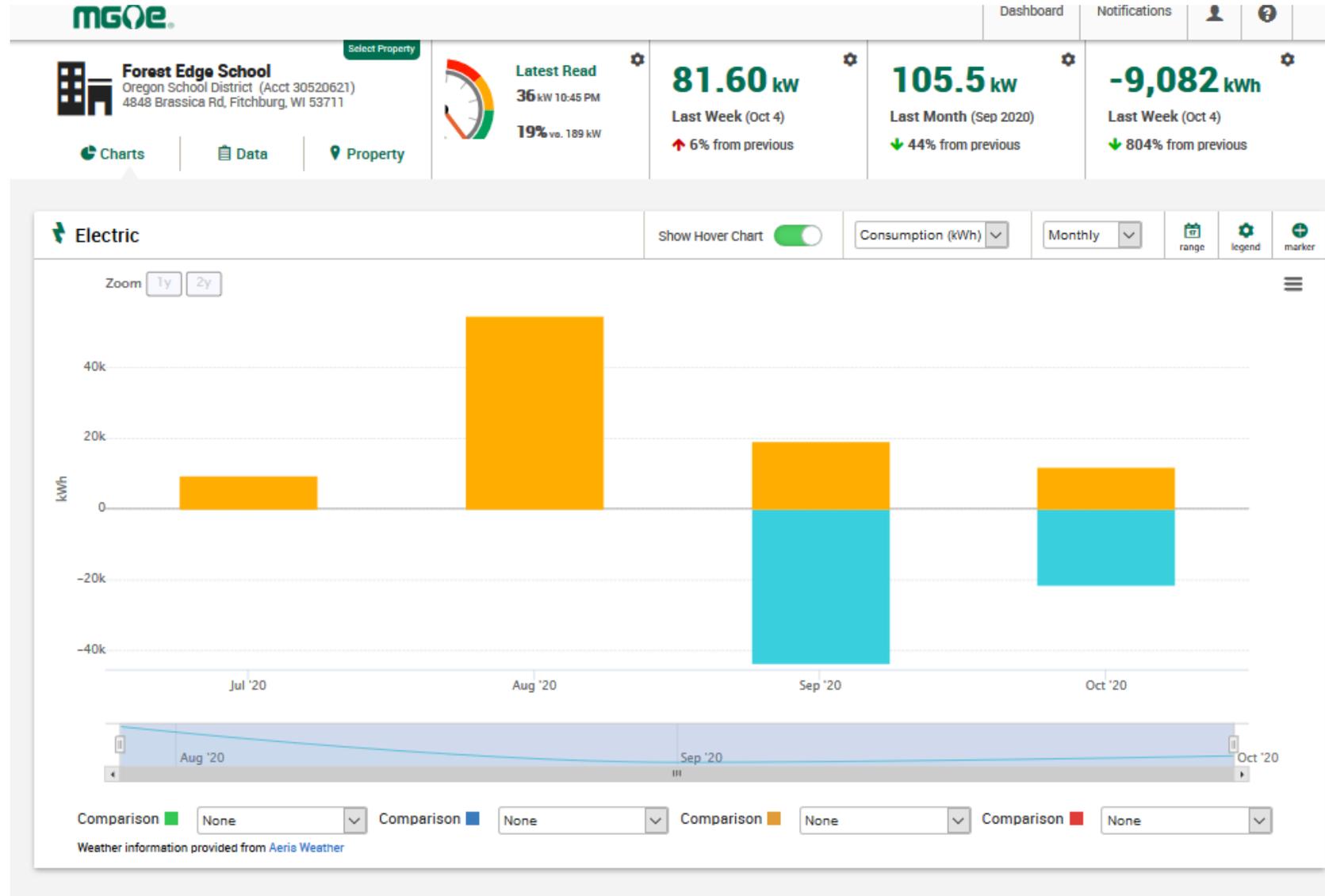
# Monitoring Tools

- MGE MyMeter
- SolarEdge Monitoring
- Panel level monitoring
- BESS Monitoring

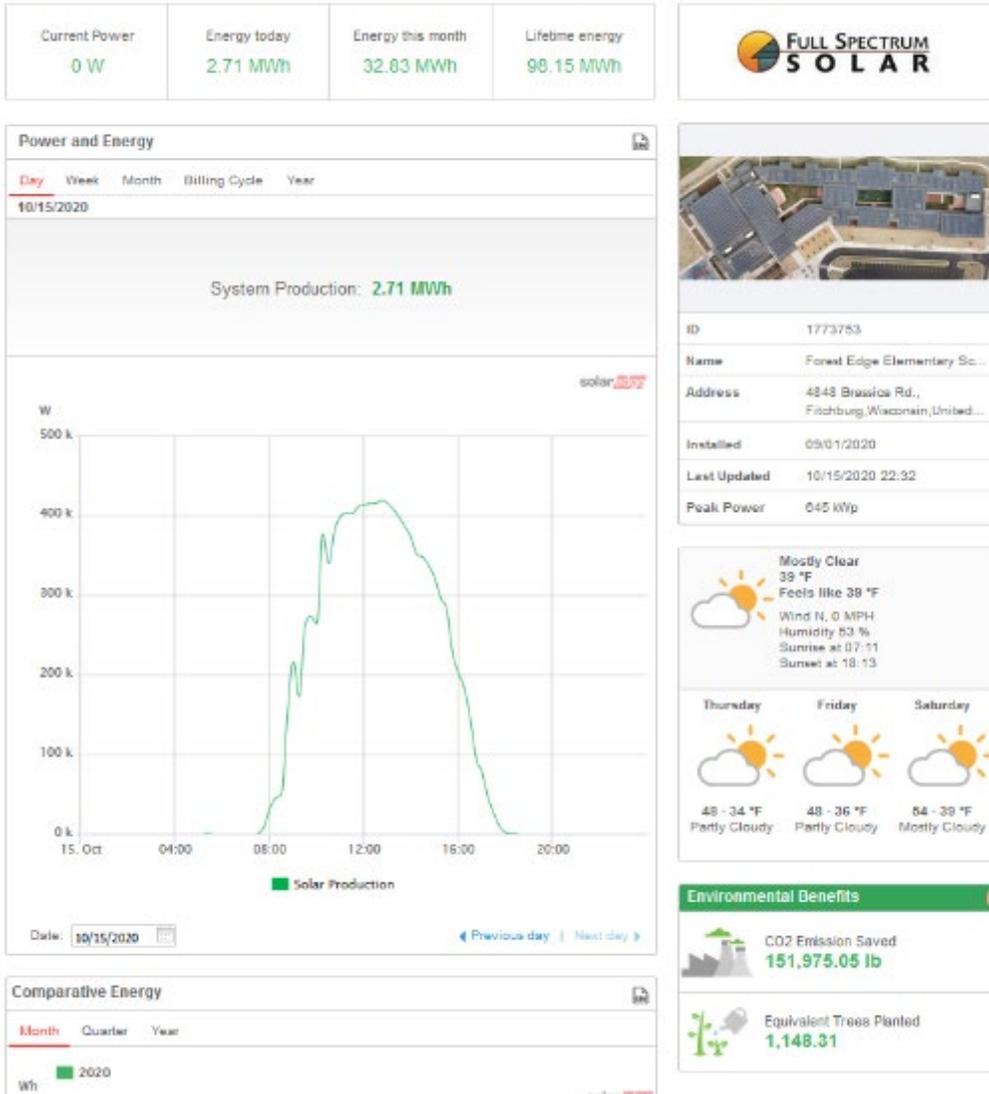
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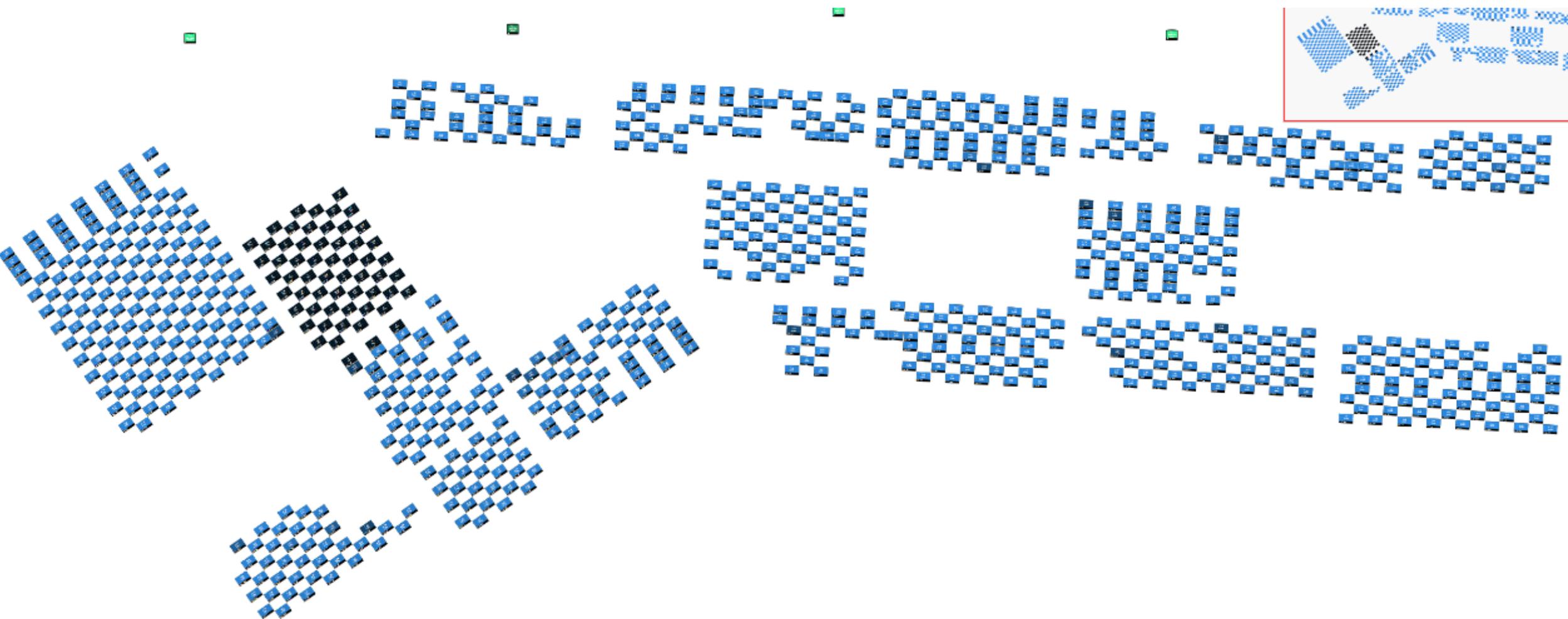
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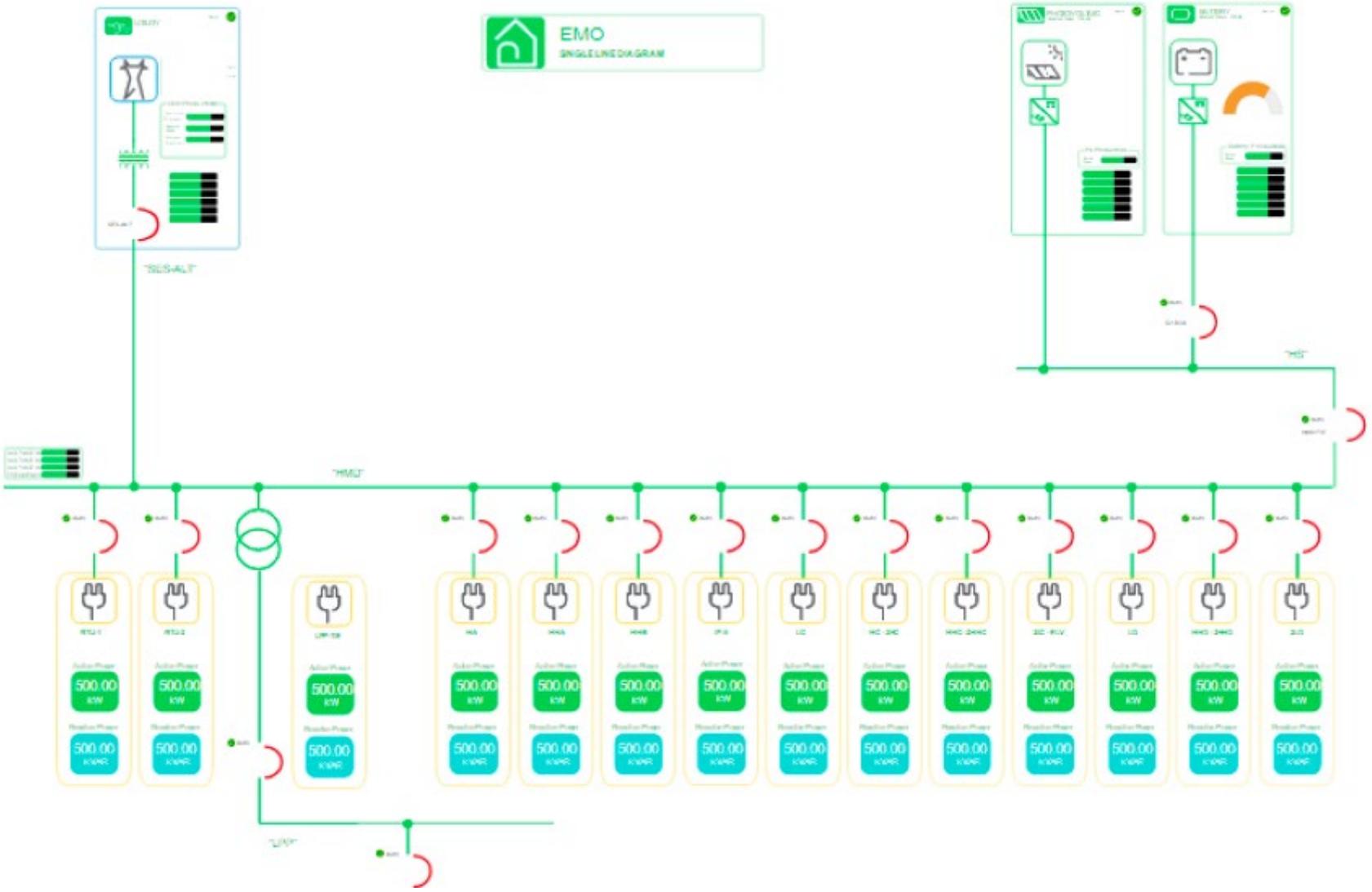
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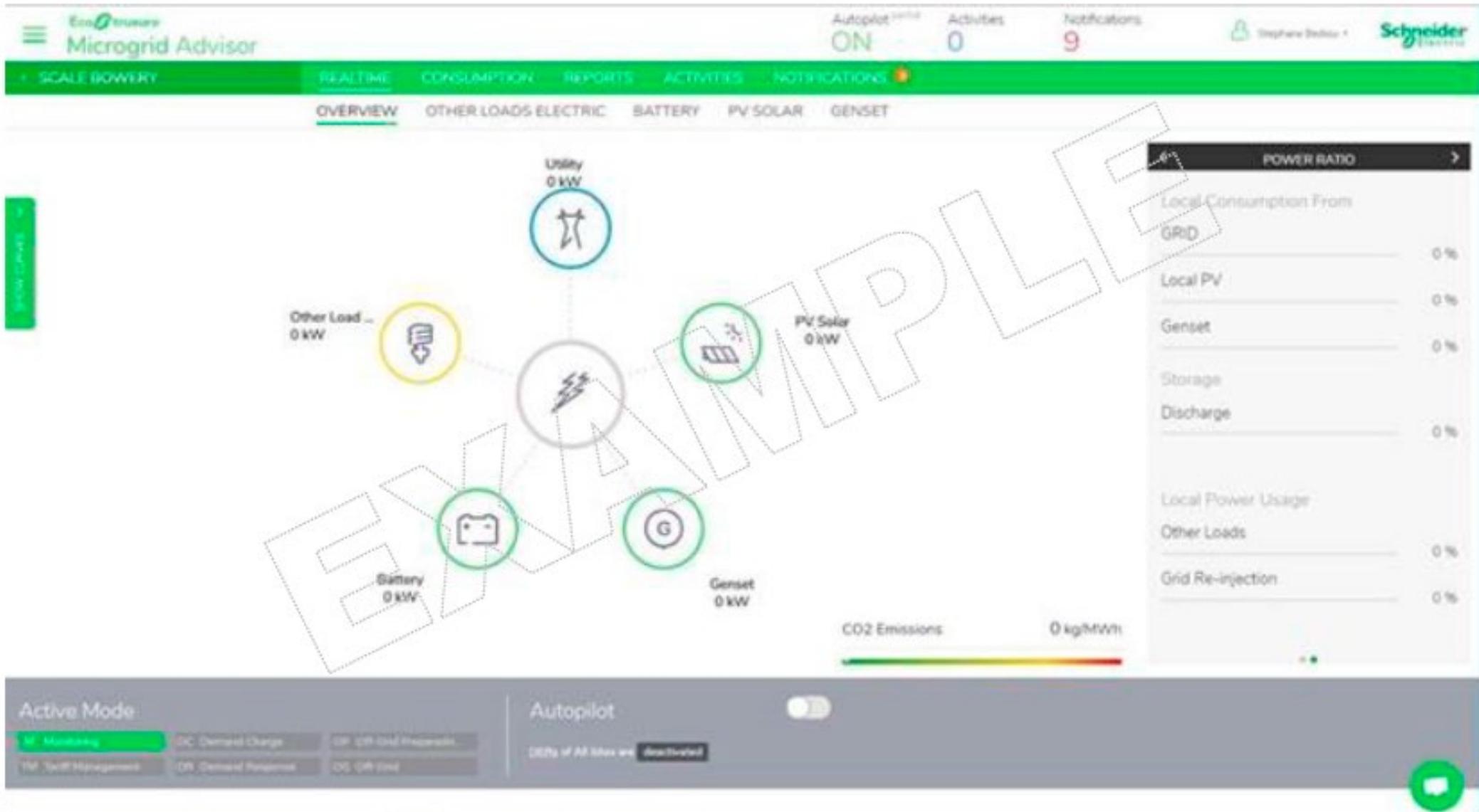
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# BESS and Panel Level Monitoring



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# Ongoing Work

- Battery Commissioning
- Submetering Configuration
- Energy Dashboard
- Ongoing Commissioning
- Measurement & Verification

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# Thank You



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