

# WEST TEXAS PLANNING UPDATE

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# WEST TEXAS KEY ISSUES AND BACKGROUND

- **Obligation to serve load, responsive to all load requests**
- **Rapid load growth in weak areas with some radial service**
- **Magnitude of growth exceeds current transmission and distribution limitations**
- **Transmission limits are resulting in significant congestion**
- **Congestion is sometimes an early signal of reliability issues**
- **Construction clearances plus N-1 contingency in SCED are now causing more congestion than normal conditions plus N-1 contingencies**
- **Distances and type of load complicates operations and solutions**
- **Continuing need for non-traditional indicators of load growth**
- **CREZ transmission additions are enabling service and providing additional new options for service however some service areas are away from these recent additions**

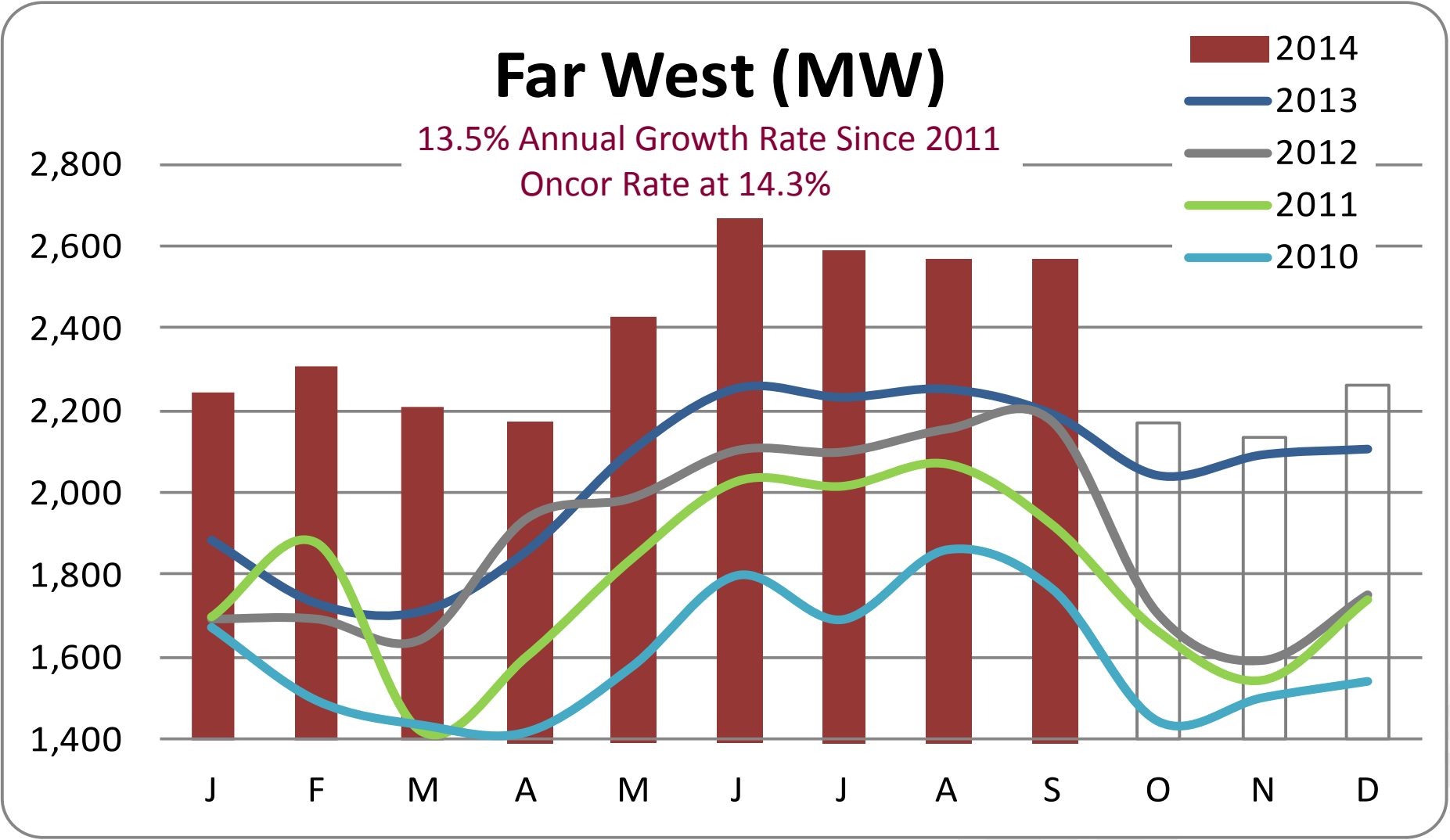
# WEST TEXAS KEY ISSUES AND BACKGROUND

- **Lack of operational flexibility due to transmission limitations, under contingency, is an increasing problem in West Texas**
  - Operational clearances are more difficult to obtain due to increasing load levels and uncertain availability of renewable generation in the area
  - Operational clearances for maintenance, testing and construction are commonly limited due to voltage and thermal limitations brought about under contingency analysis
- **Oncor has undertaken additional techniques to enable construction where clearances are not possible**
  - Temporary paralleling, bypasses and energized (hot) work
  - Increases complexity and cost
- **UNLESS RECENTLY UPGRADED, EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE IS TYPICALLY NOT CAPABLE OF SERVICING THE INCREASING LOAD**

# MEETING CUSTOMER EXPECTATIONS

- **Important to meet rapid customer timelines**
- **Pursue readily available equipment upgrades and operational adjustments to ease congestion**
- **Collaborate with customers, TSPs and market stakeholders**
- **Add Special Protection Systems (SPSs) and Constraint Management Plans (CMPs) if necessary**
- **Reviewing deployment of additional Dynamic Line Rating equipment to maximize operating capabilities enabling clearances and reducing congestion**
- **Redesign and continual review of new load additions and load forecasting processes for West Texas**
- **Distribution transformer capacity expansion**
  - **Plans for 6%, 15% and 30% load growth examined**

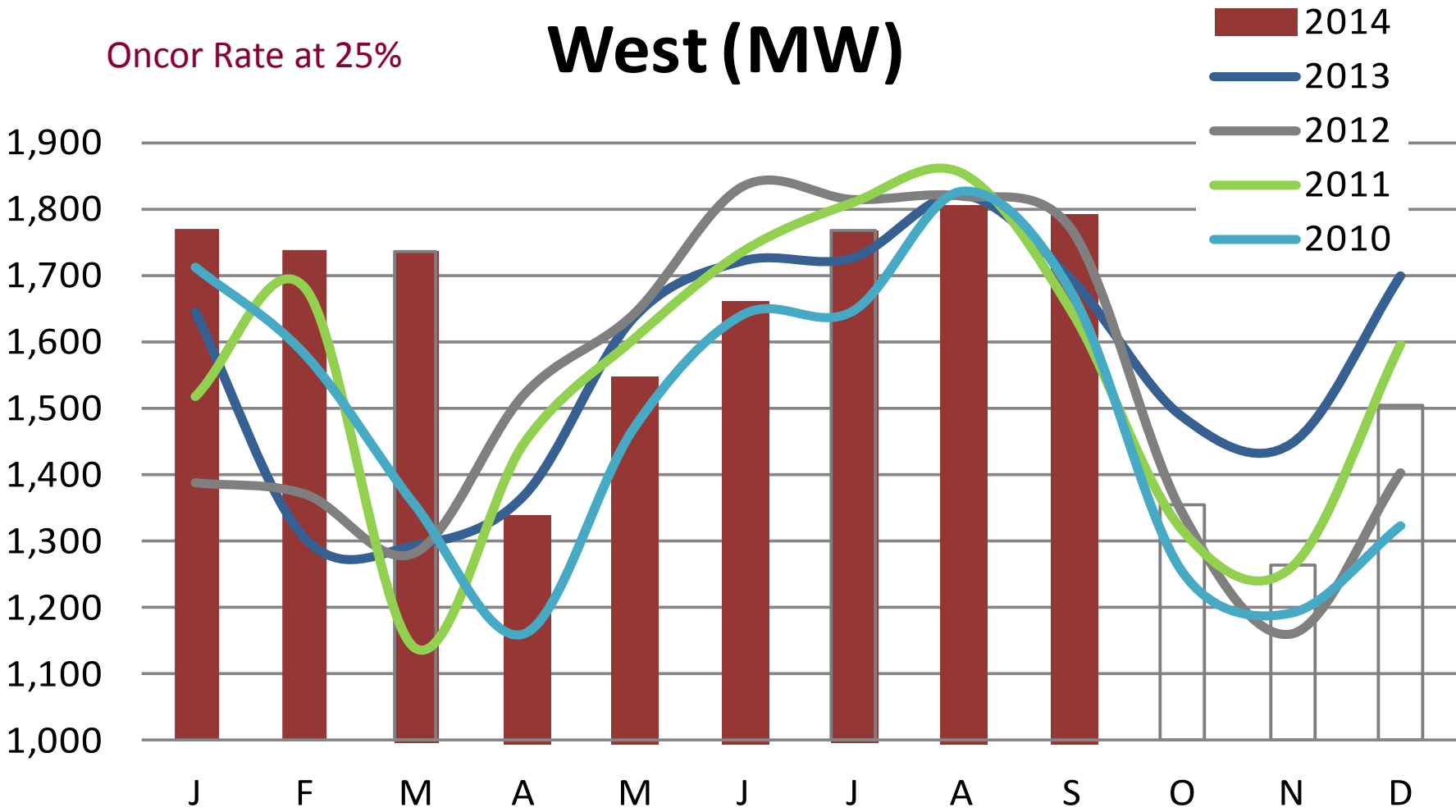
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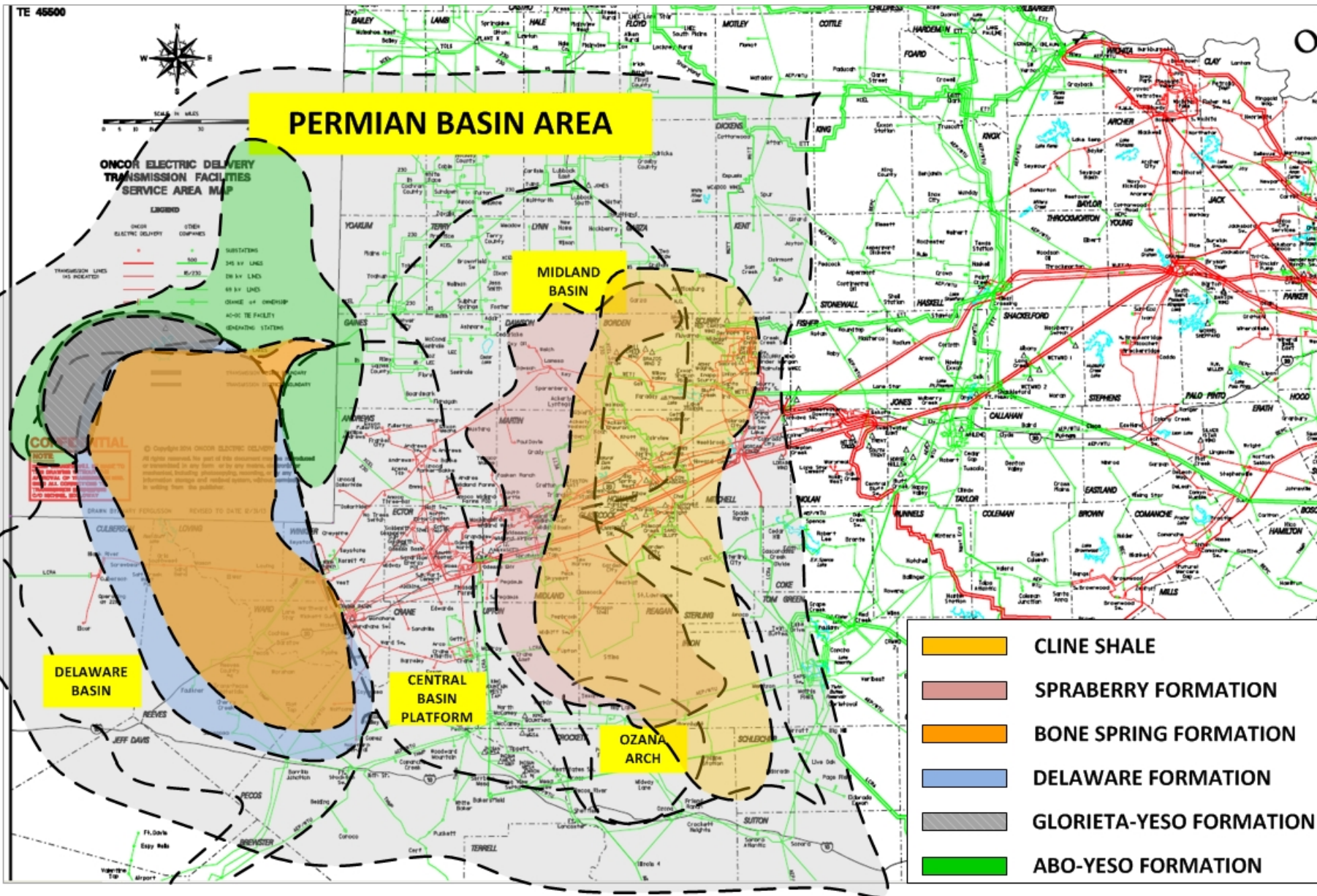
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Oncor Rate at 25%

## West (MW)



# WEST TEXAS WITH BASINS & FORMATIONS



# LOAD CHARACTERISTICS

- **Primarily high capacity motor load**
- **Not temperature sensitive**
- **Horizontal recovery techniques require materially more power than traditional vertical recovery (4 to 5 times)**
  - More wells from a single location
  - Higher production than vertical
  - Very high requirement to stay in-service
  - Outages require fast return to service
- **Load very sensitive to voltage fluctuations**
  - Especially during normal and delayed cleared faults
  - Trips offline when voltage dips to 0.90 PU to 0.85 PU
  - Similar to generation voltage ride through issues with wind farms
    - Load voltage ride through requirement does not exist
  - Low system strength aggravates the issues
    - Fault Duty/Short Circuit Ratio
- **Motor starting limits connection distance from substation**
- **Delays in service have resulted in some load (30 MW to +100 MW) being served by onsite generation**



# ERCOT/ONCOR 2013 WTS PROJECT SET

- **ERCOT West Texas Sensitivity (WTS) Study final report was posted on September 16, 2013 and identified 22 projects in the Oncor footprint (total 65 projects all TSPs)**
- **9 WTS projects extend 345 kV from Midland/Odessa to Andrews County and provide additional 345/138 kV autotransformer capacity for 138 kV system**
- **The remaining 13 WTS projects in Oncor's footprint address issues earlier identified by Oncor and those projects are already completed or underway**

# WEST TEXAS PLAN KEY ELEMENTS

- Convert 69 kV system to 138 kV
  - Rebuild 69 kV Lines with double-circuit 138 kV construction, one circuit at 69 kV
  - Gradually migrate loads from 69 kV to 138 kV service
- New 138 kV transmission lines
  - Create 138 kV loops to enable clearances and improve system reliability
  - Work closely with Oil & Gas customers to provide expedited service to large single point loads
- Upgrade and add switching stations
  - Increase capacity, modern configurations facilitate greater clearance availability
  - Improved system protection and communications
  - Provisions for future expansion and physical security requirements (CIP)
- Upgrade and add autotransformers with Load Tap Changing (LTC's)
  - Increase capacity and voltage support; operational flexibility for clearances
- Upgrade and add substations with LTC's
  - Increase load serving substation capacity to meet growth plans
  - Increase distribution voltage control capability
- 345 kV Infrastructure
  - Provide backbone support
  - Reach out to areas where there is extreme load and generation growth, but there is a lack of adequate transmission grid infrastructure

# 2014 ACTIONS & IMPROVEMENTS

Upgrade Terminal Equipment on Wink (Oncor) – Wink (TNMP) 69 kV Line **March**

Add 345 kV Breakers at Moss Switching Station **May**

Convert Midland Farms Substation to 138 kV **May**

Establish Odessa North 138 kV Switching Station **May**

Install 69 kV Capacitors at Ennis Creek, Spraberry, & Tex Harvey **May**

Install 138 kV Capacitors at Mason **May**

Rebuild Odessa North – Goldsmith Junction 69 kV Line as a Double-Circuit 138 & 69 kV Line (Disconnect from Moss – Ector County North 138 kV Line) **May**

Upgrade Odessa EHV – Big 3 Tap – Odessa Southwest – Moss 138 kV Line **May**

Install Morgan Creek SPS #51 **May**

Install Shunt Reactors at Willow Valley **May**

Convert Bakke Substation to 138 kV Operation **June**

Rebuild Stanton East – Buffalo (SU) – Midland East 138 kV Line Dec 2014 and Retire Stanton East SPS **Nov**

Reconductor Odessa – Odessa EHV 138 kV Line **Nov**

Construct Buzzard Draw Switching Station **Nov**

Install 69 kV Capacitors at Midway **Dec**

Rebuild Wink – Mason 138 kV Line (25-miles up to El Mar complete) **Dec**

Add Lamesa – Buzzard Draw Second 138 kV Circuit **Dec**

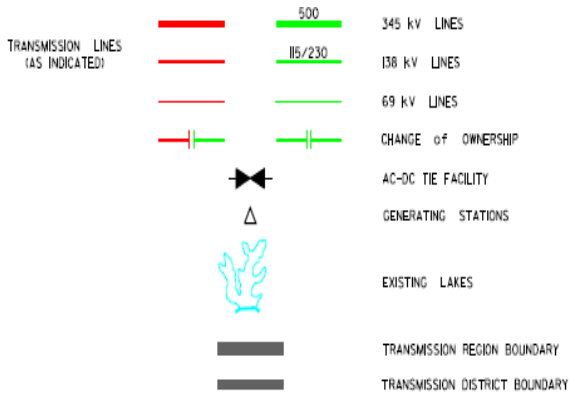
Rebuild Wink – Permian Basin 138 kV Line **Dec**

Upgrade Moss – Westover 138 kV Line **Dec**

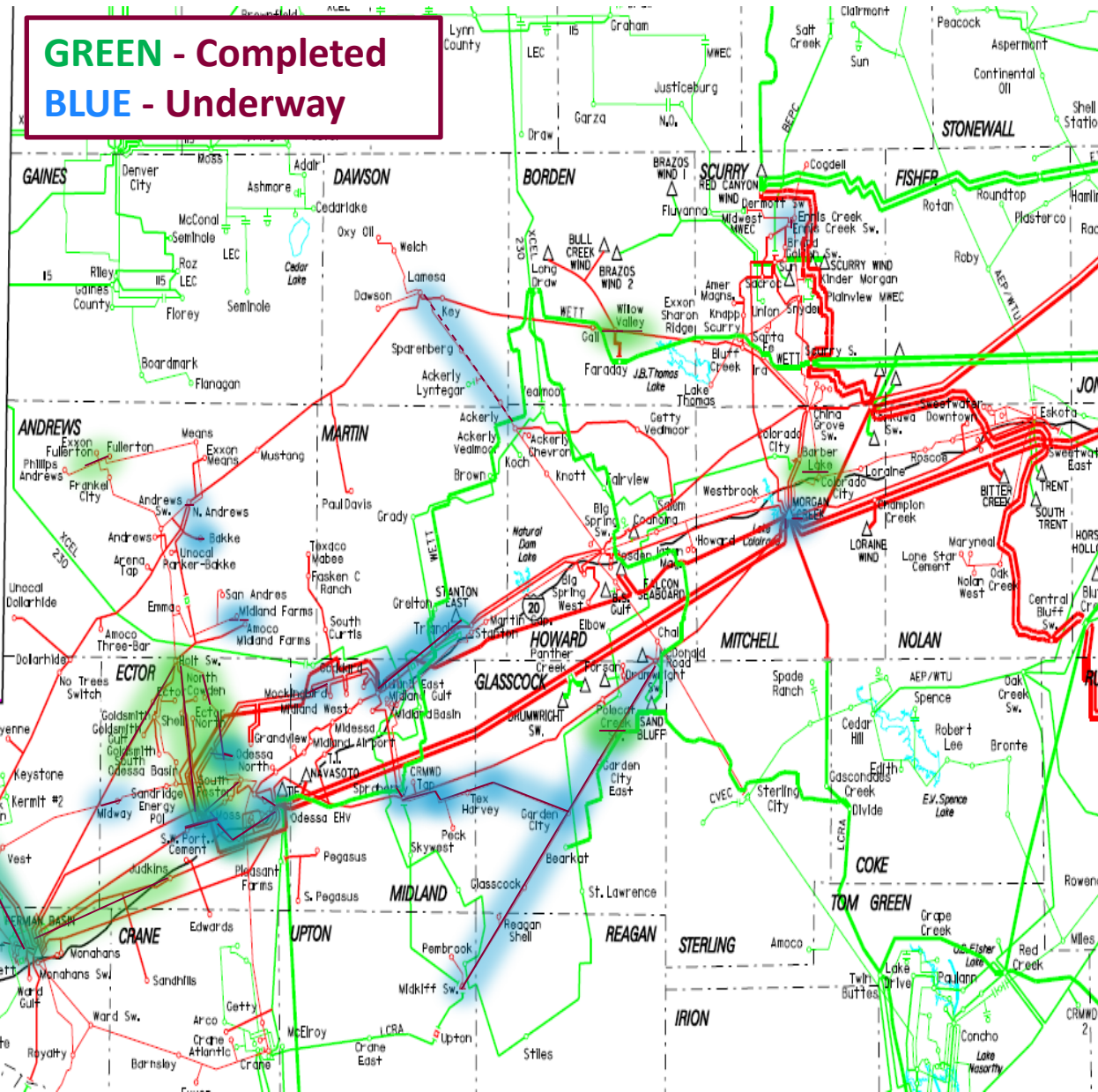
Install 138 kV Capacitors at Mockingbird and North Andrews (completed Nov) **Dec**

Convert Aruba to 138 kV Operation **Dec**

# 2011 – 2014 ACTIONS & IMPROVEMENTS



**GREEN - Completed**  
**BLUE - Underway**



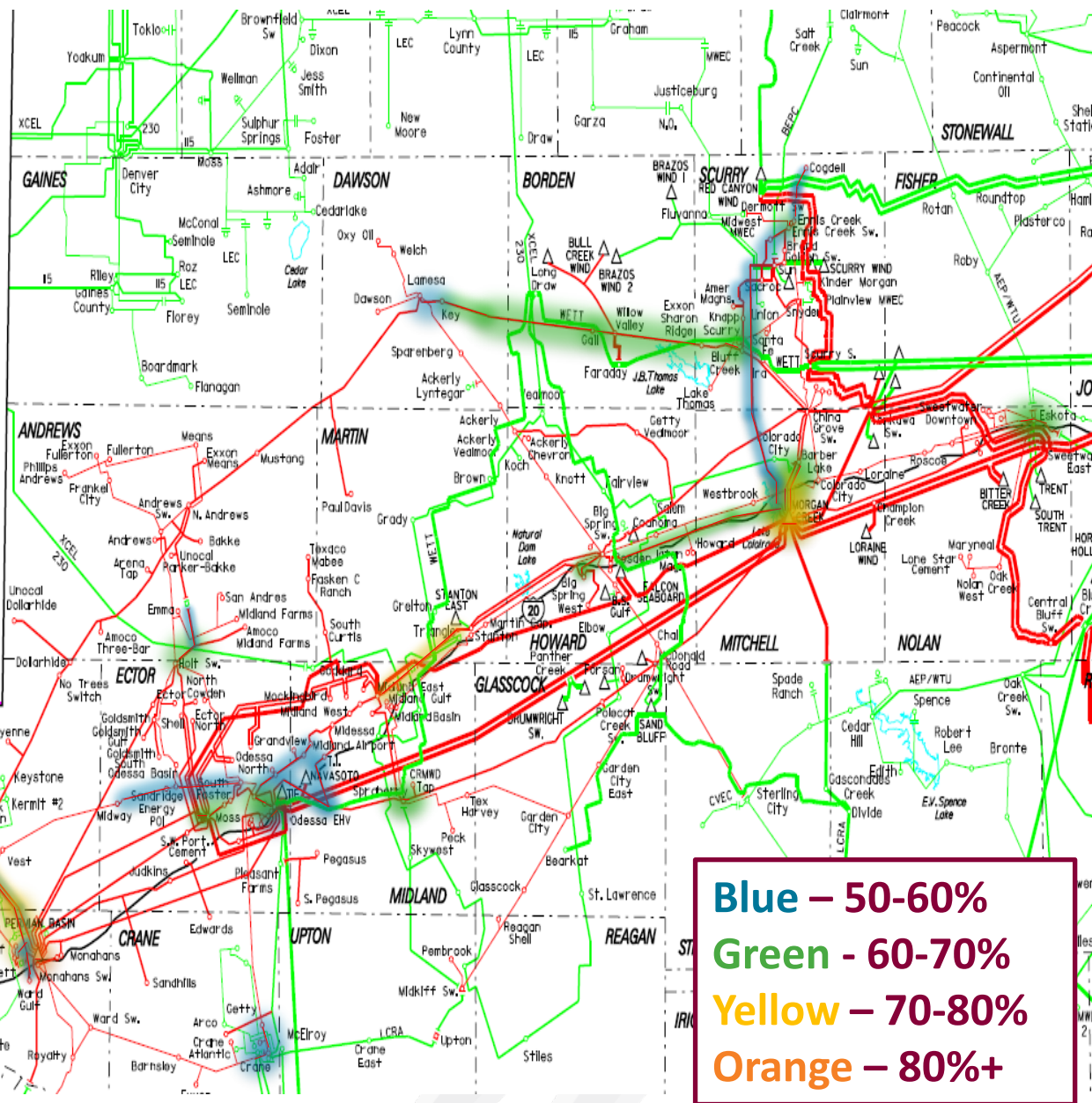
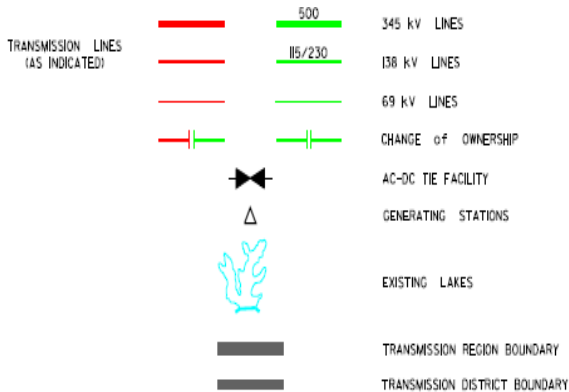
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# 2014 NORMAL CONDITIONS LOADING



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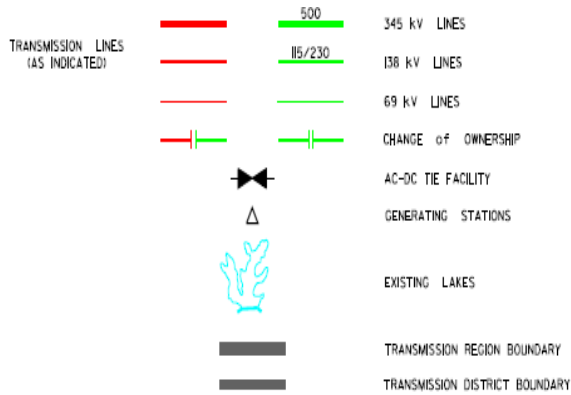
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**Blue - 50-60%**  
**Green - 60-70%**  
**Yellow - 70-80%**  
**Orange - 80%+**

# 2014 SINGLE CONTINGENCY LOADING



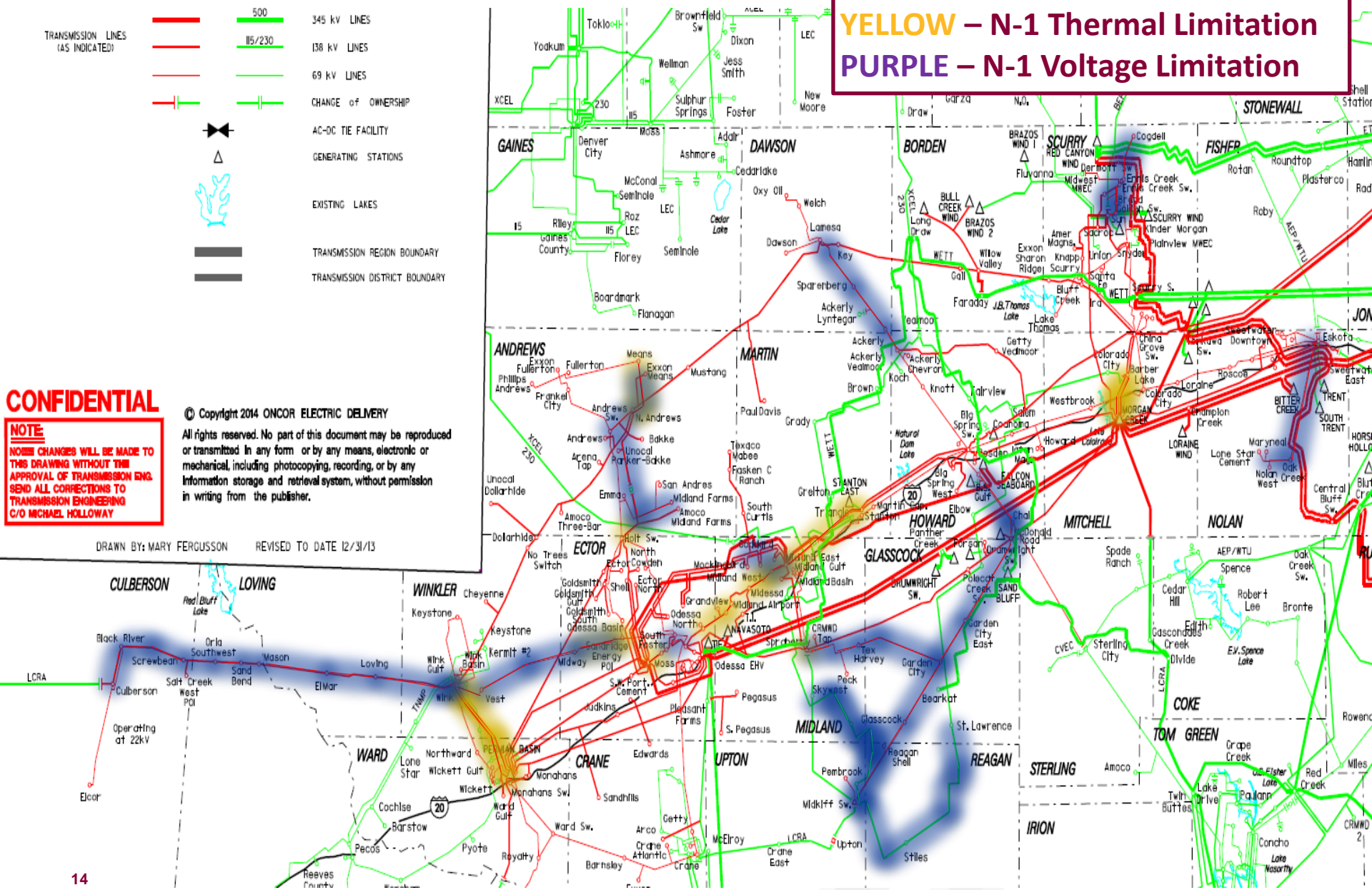
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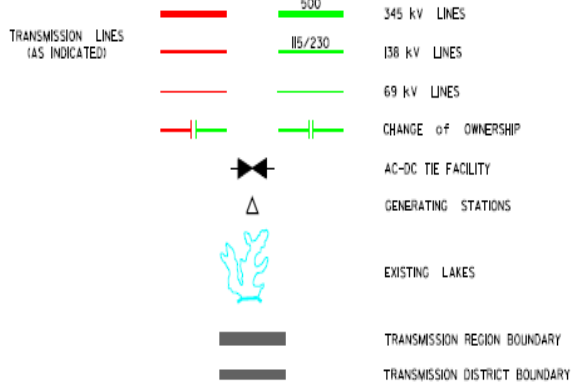
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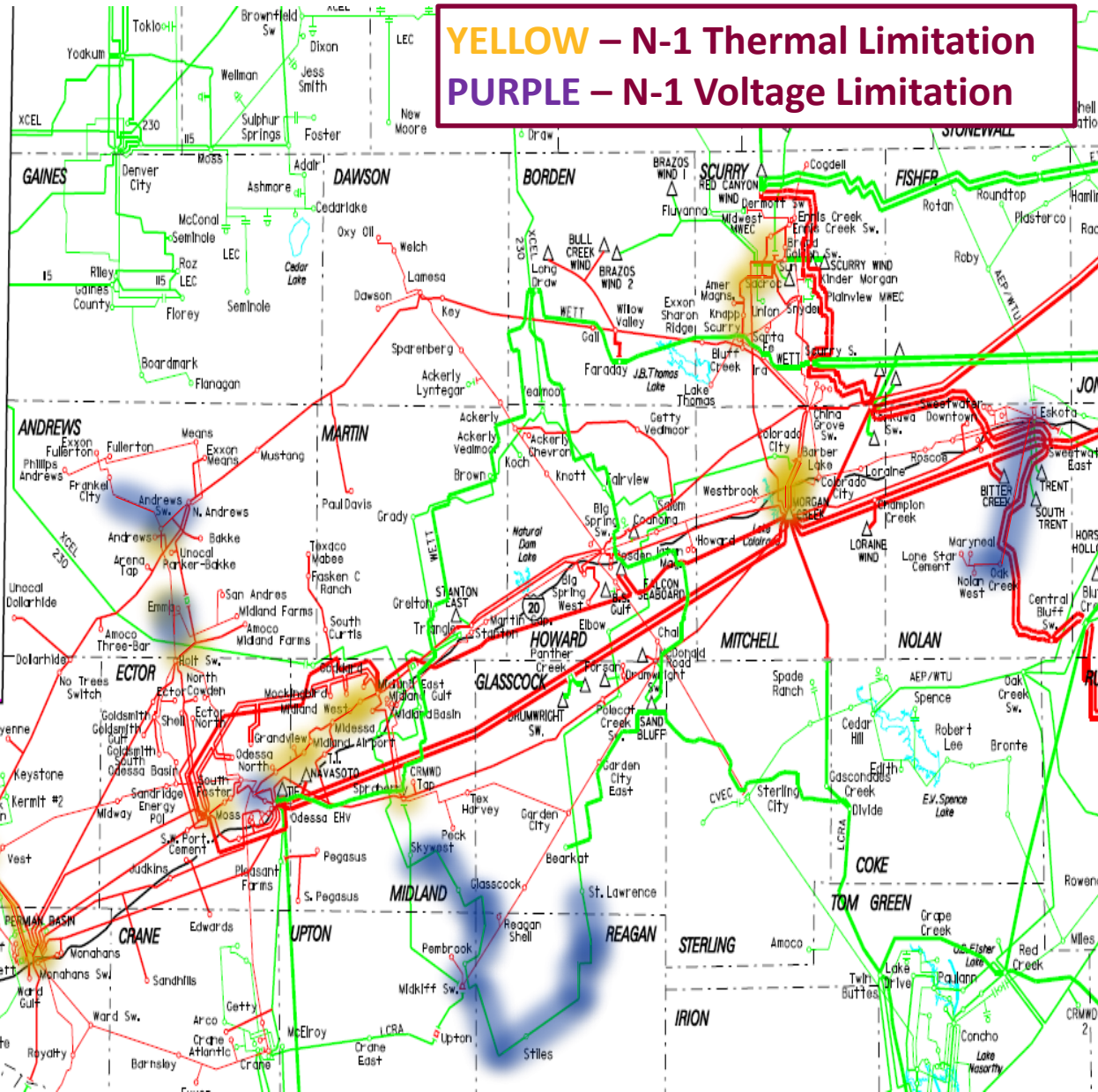
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# 2015 SINGLE CONTINGENCY LOADING



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# 2015 IN-SERVICE DATE PROJECTS

- Construct New Midland County Northwest 345/138 kV Switching Station May
- Add Dermott – Ennis Creek 138 kV Line May
- Replace North Andrews 138/69 kV Autotransformers May
- Replace Morgan Creek 138/69 kV Autotransformer May
- Upgrade Midland Airport – Glenhaven 138 kV Line May
- Upgrade North Andrews – Means 69 kV Line May
- Upgrade Big Spring Switch – Big Spring West 138 kV Line May
- Construct Andrews Cty South 138 kV Switching Sta & 345/138 kV Auto May
- Add Breaker at McDonald Road 138 kV Switching Station May
- Construct McDonald Road Sw. Sta. – Garden City East 138 kV Line May
- Rebuild Lamesa 69 kV Switching Station May
- Re-arrange connections for combustion turbines at Morgan Creek May
- Rebuild Holt 138 kV Sw. Sta. as a double-bus May
- Upgrade Mason – Screwbean 138 kV Line May
- Upgrade China Grove Terminal Equipment May
- Upgrade Cosden Terminal Equipment May



# 2015 IN-SERVICE DATE PROJECTS (CONT)

- Install second Eskota 138/69 kV Autotransformer **Nov**
- Install 69 kV capacitors at Sweetwater Creek (Lone Star Cement) **Nov**
- Upgrade Spraberry 138 kV Switching Station **Dec**
- Construct Spraberry Sw. Sta. – Garden City East 138 kV Line **Dec\*\***
- Upgrade Morgan Creek – Cosden 138 kV Line **Dec**
- Upgrade Permian Basin – Ward Gulf Tap – Wink 138 kV Lines **Dec**
- Upgrade Odessa North – Amoco S Foster – Westover 138 kV Line **May**
- Construct Midessa South – Midessa 138 kV Line **Dec**
- Construct Odessa – Midessa South 138 kV Line **Dec**
- Construct Midessa South Switching Station **Dec**
- Construct Odessa Switching Station **Dec**
- Rebuild Wink Switching Station **Dec**
- Rebuild Culberson Switching Station **Dec**

**\*\* Project for Regional Planning Group Review**

# 2016 IN-SERVICE DATE PROJECTS

Construct Permian Basin – Culberson 138 kV Line

Rebuild Culberson Switching Station

Rebuild Odessa EHV – Spraberry 138 kV Line \*\*

Convert Midkiff – Garden City 69 kV Line to 138 kV \*\*

Rebuild Permian Basin Switching Station

Establish Monahans Switching Station

Rebuild Screwbean – Culberson 138 kV Line

Rebuild Midessa – Midland East 138 kV Line

Rebuild Midessa South – Spraberry 138 kV Line

Establish Fullerton Switching Station

Convert North Andrews – Fullerton – Means 69 kV Loop

Establish Midkiff Switching Station

Chalk 69 kV Emergency Capacitors

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# 2017 IN-SERVICE DATE PROJECTS

Convert Holt – Emma Tap 69 kV Line

Rebuild Andrews County South – North Andrews 138 kV Line

Install Midessa South 345/138 kV Autotransformer

Rebuild Permian Basin – Barilla Junction 138 kV Line (Joint with AEP) \*\*

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# 2018 IN-SERVICE DATE PROJECTS

Rebuild Wink – Odessa Basin 138 kV Line \*\*

Construct Paul Davis – Texaco Mabee 138 kV Line \*\*

Establish Paul Davis Switching Station

Convert Paul Davis – Paul Davis Tap 138 kV Line to Double Circuit

Convert Permian Basin – Crane 69 kV Line

Convert Permian Basin – Northern Natural 69 kV Line

Convert Snyder – Ennis Creek – Cogdell 69 kV Line

Convert China Grove – Amoco 69 kV Line

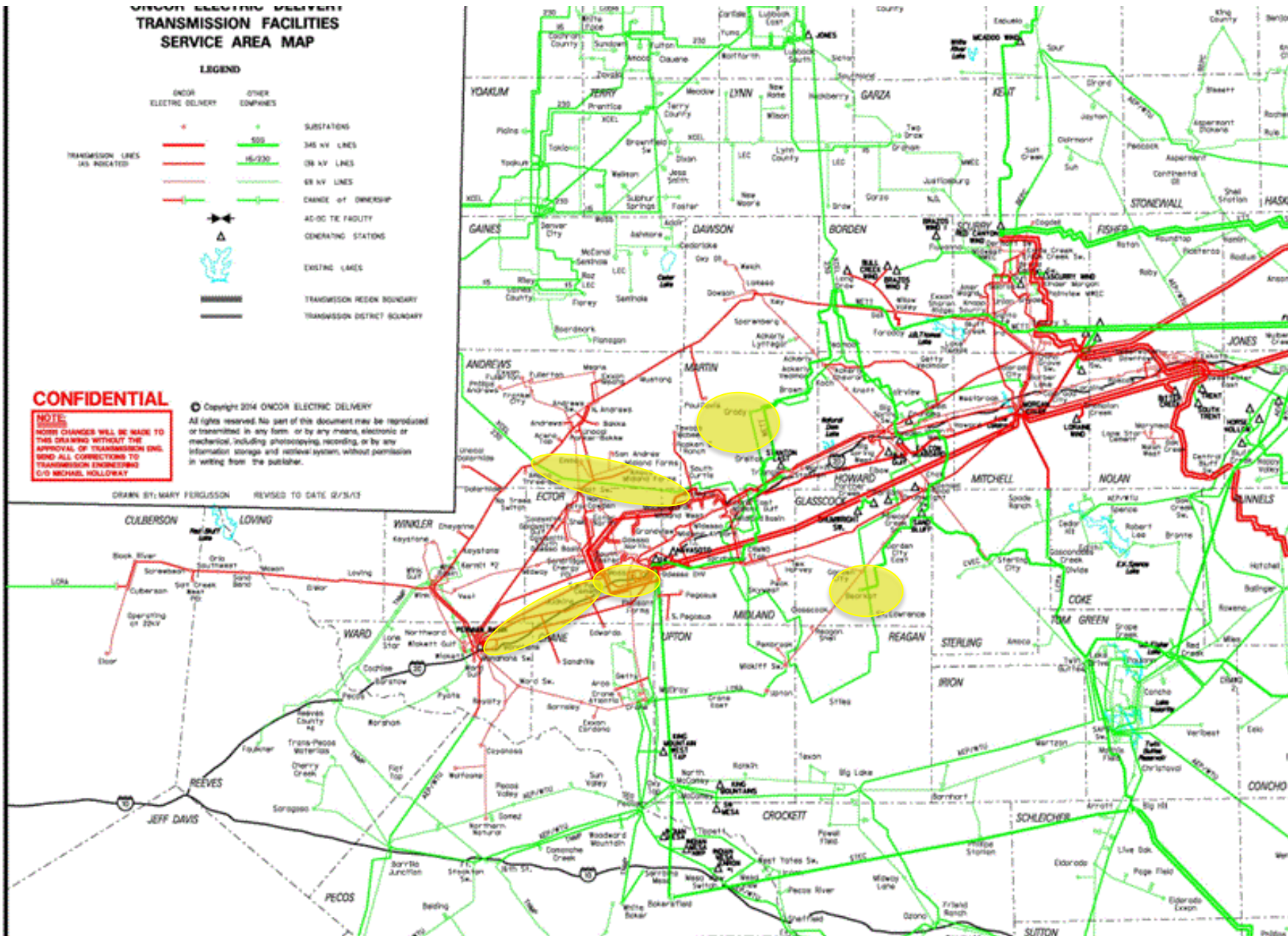
Convert China Grove – Snyder 69 kV Line

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# 345 kV PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION

- **345/138 kV Switch Stations with Autotransformers at:**
  - **Bearkat**
    - Joint with SU and WETT
  - **Martin County Central**
    - Joint with SU and WETT
  
- **345 kV Line from Odessa EHV to Moss to Permian Basin/Monahans**
  - Under Study
  - Andrews County South 345/138 kV Station and Midland County NW to Andrews County South 345 kV Line impacts project
  - Resubmit for RPG Review

# WEST TEXAS 345 kV UNDERWAY AND BEING CONSIDERED



# QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION



# APPENDIX

Slides included for possible reference





# SUMMARY OF TRANSMISSION STATION PROJECTS

- **Wink: Rebuild 138 and 69 KV**
- **Permian Basin/ Monahans: Establish Monahans Sw. Station and New Permian Basin Station**
- **North Andrews: Rebuild 138 and 69 KV**
- **Lamesa: Rebuild 138 and 69 KV**
- **Spraberry: Rebuild 138 KV**
- **Andrews Co. South: Establish New Switching Station**
- **Midland Co. NW: Establish New Switching Station**
- **Holt: Expand to Double Bus Arrangement on 138 KV**
- **Midessa South: Establish New Switching Station**
- **Buzzard Draw: Establish New Switching Station**
- **McDonald Road: Add Additional Circuit Breakers**
- **Culberson: Convert to Switching Station**
- **Odessa: Rebuild 138 KV**
- **Fullerton: Convert to Switching Station**
- **Midkiff: Rebuild 138 KV**
- **Paul Davis: Establish New Switching Station**
- **Odessa Basin: Station Rebuild**



# SUMMARY OF AUTOTRANSFORMER PROJECTS

## Autotransformers:

- **Andrews County South: New 345 kV 600 MVA**
- **Midland Co. NW: New 345 kV 600 MVA**
- **Midessa South: New 345 kV 600 MVA**
- **Wink: Add Second 138/69 kV 50 MVA**
- **North Andrews: Upgrade Existing 138/69 kV Autotransformers (2) to 150 MVA**
- **Spraberry: Upgrade Existing 138/69 kV to 150 MVA**
- **Morgan Creek: Upgrade Existing 138/69 kV to 150 MVA**
- **Eskota: Add Second 138/69 kV 150 MVA**