

# National Grid Stakeholder Climate Resilience Working Group (CRWG)

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# Today's Agenda

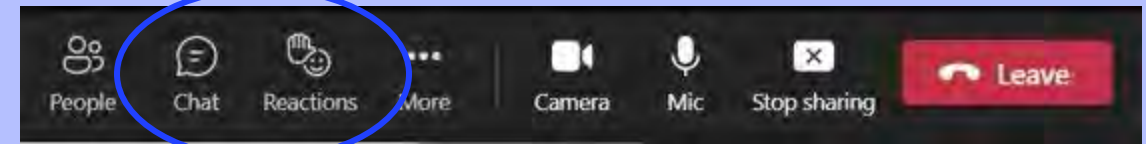
- Welcome and introductions
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- Project approach
  - Project approach and components
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  - Climate Science
- Working Group Participant Questions and Feedback
- Next steps



# Welcome & Meeting Logistics

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## Example of Toolbar



# Introductions: the National Grid team

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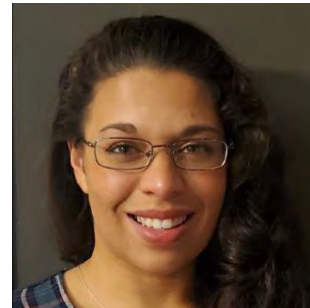
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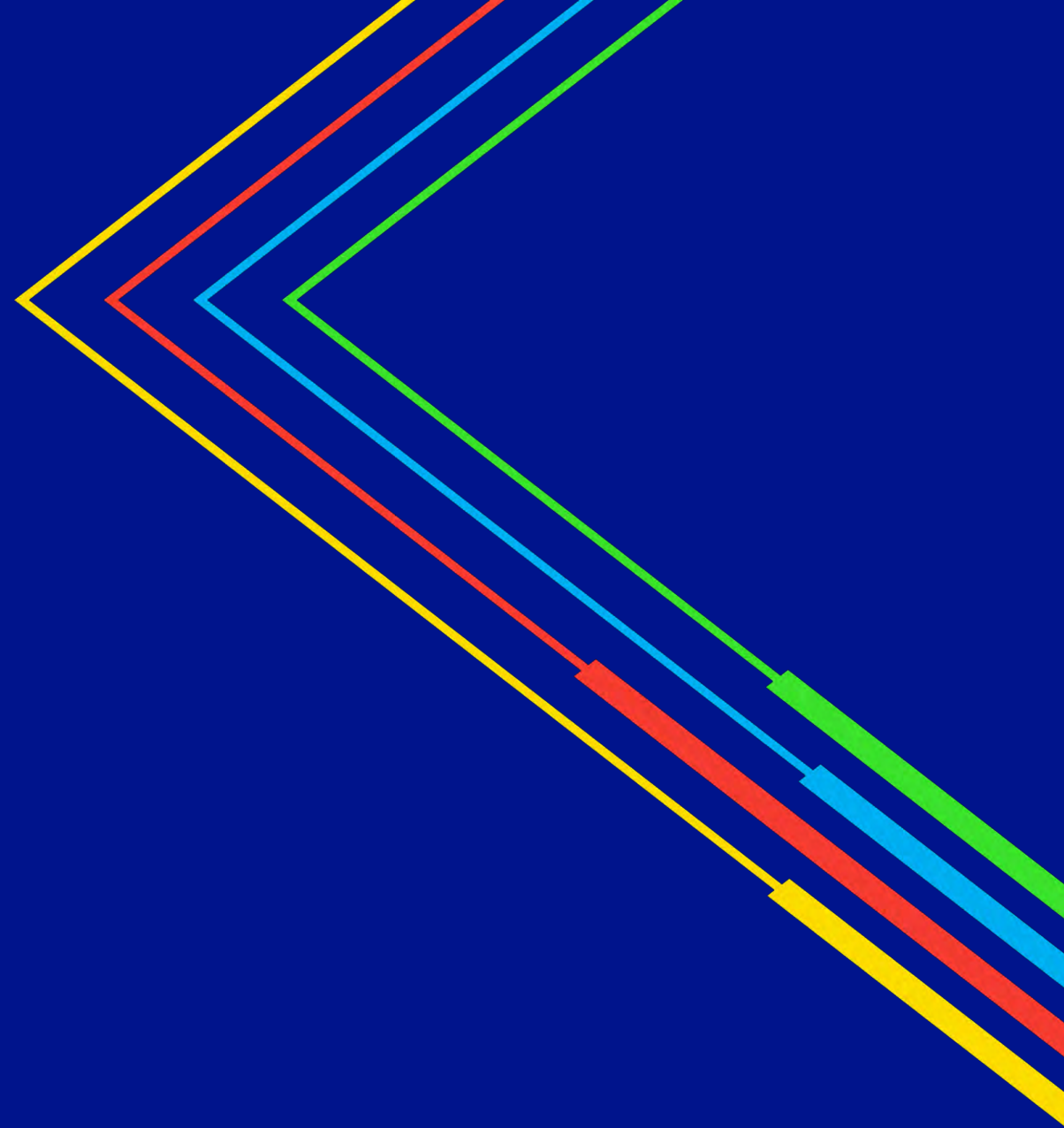


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# Project Context & Role of CRWG Participants



# National Grid Working Group Participants

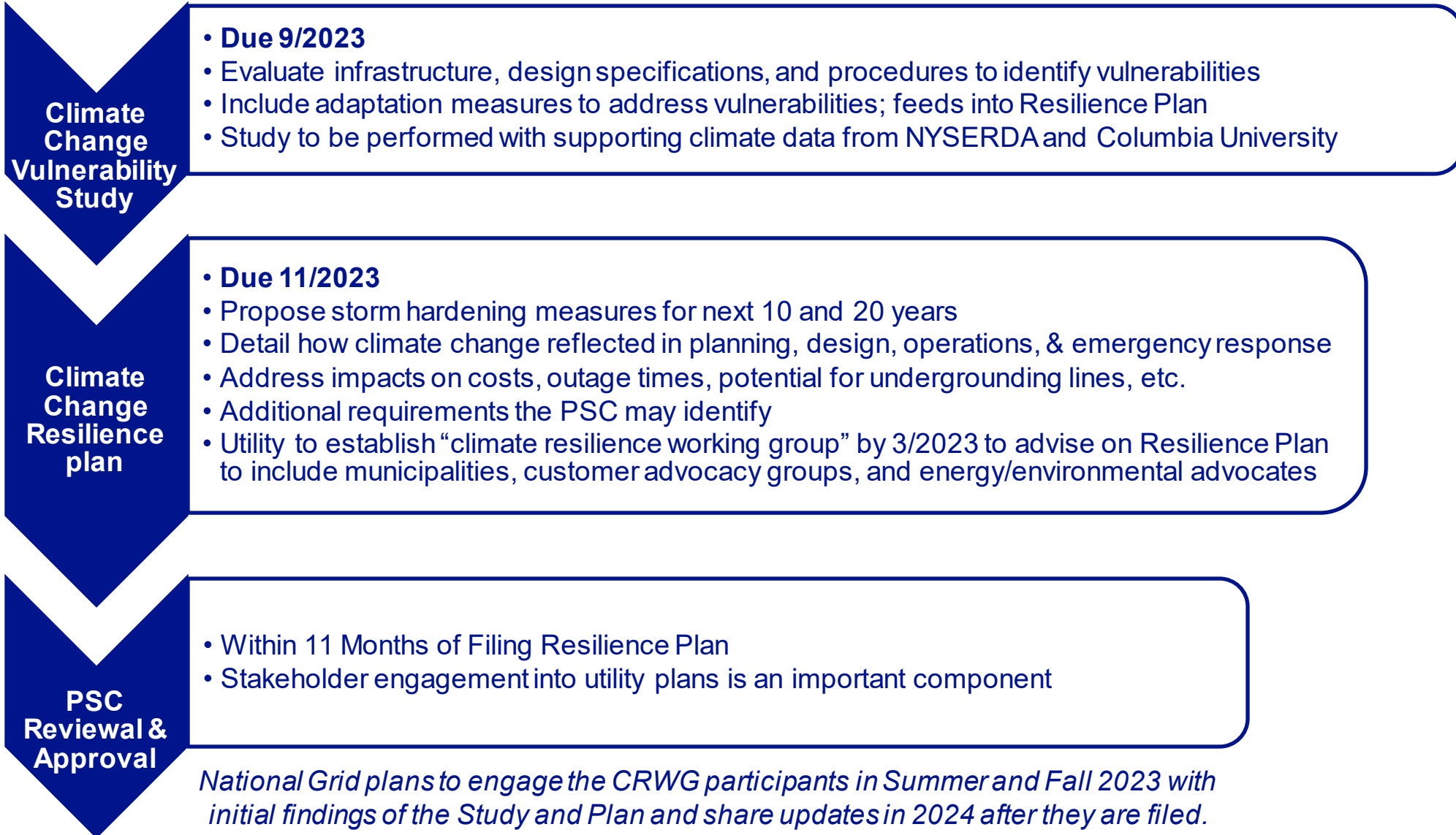
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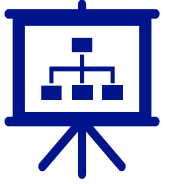
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# NY Public Service Order § 66(29) Effective 3/22/2022

**Aims to bolster electric utility planning and resilience by incorporating future weather patterns**



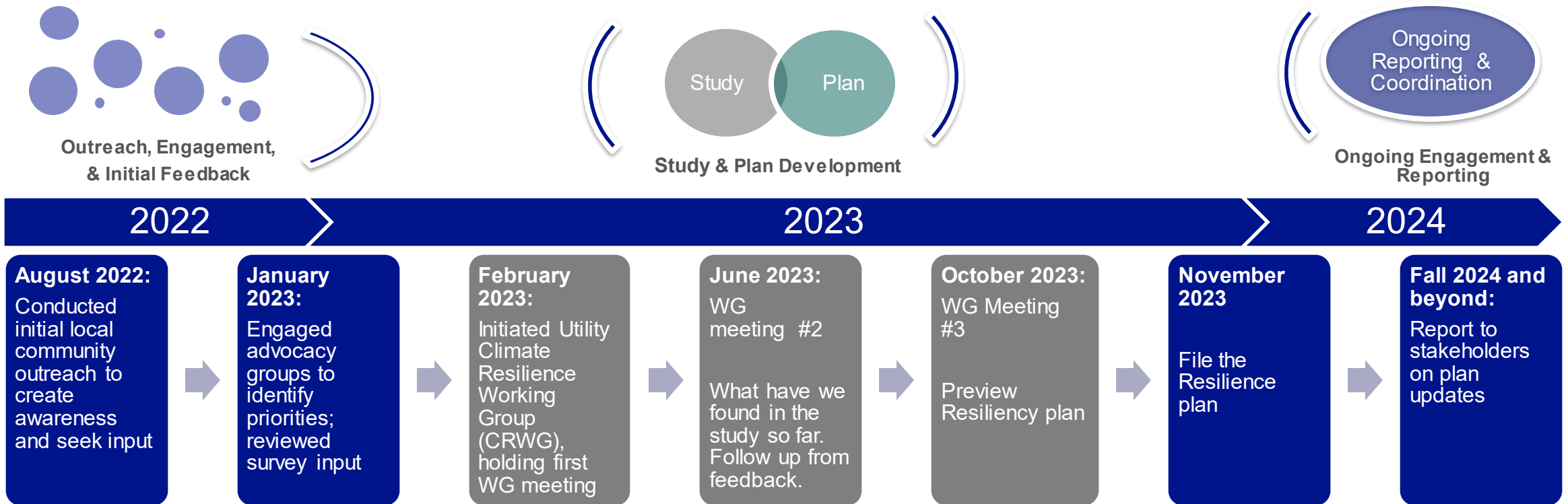
# CRWG Role and Stakeholder Involvement Roadmap



*“Each corporation shall establish a utility climate resilience working group ... [which] shall advise and make recommendations to the corporation and the commission on the development and implementation of the corporation’s climate resilience plan. The working group shall be comprised of representatives from the department, and municipal representatives, customer advocacy groups, and energy and environmental advocacy organizations. The working group shall meet at least twice annually.”*

*Membership on the National Grid Climate Study and Resilience Plan Working Group is open to any stakeholder who would like to participate. National Grid has reached out to local, regional and state officials as well as interested parties who participated in the Company’s most recent Niagara Mohawk Rate Case before the Public Service Commission (PSC).*

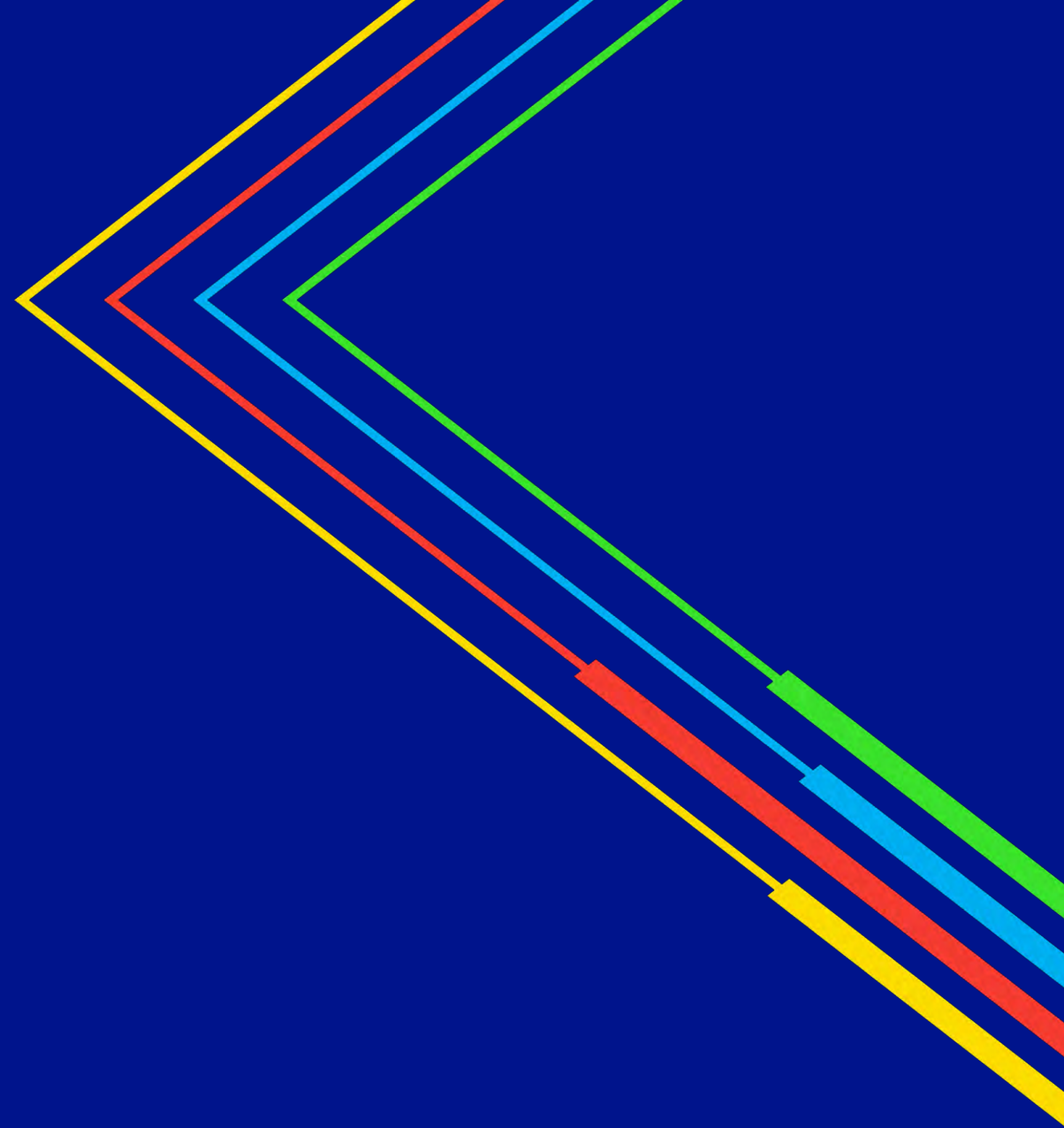
## National Grid’s Work to Date and Next Steps:



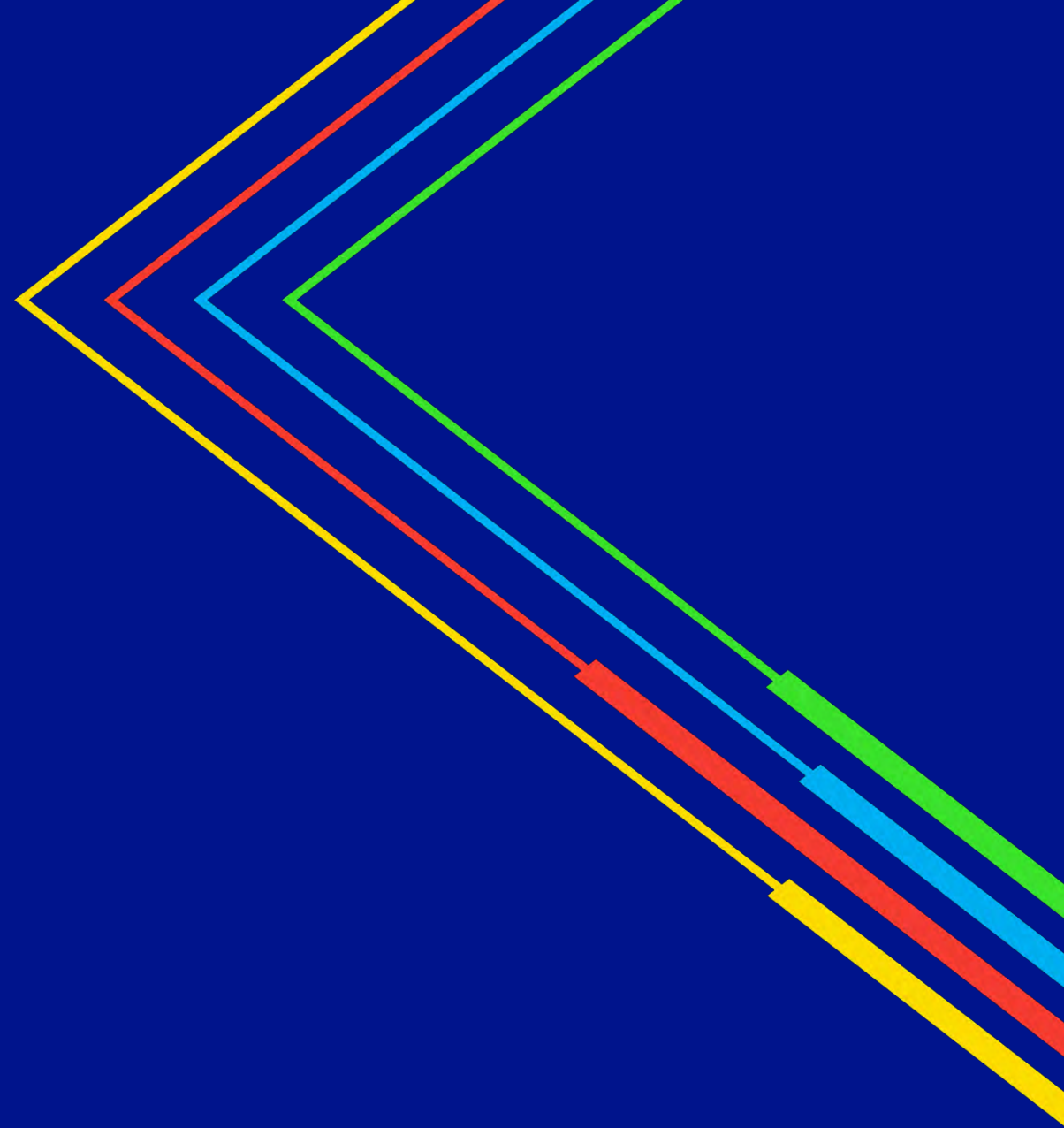


# Project Approach

- Equity and justice considerations
- Project approach and components
- Climate Science



**Equity and justice  
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# National Grid Dedication Disadvantaged Communities and Energy Equity

National Grid will target to benefit disadvantaged communities and Energy Equity with our CCRP.

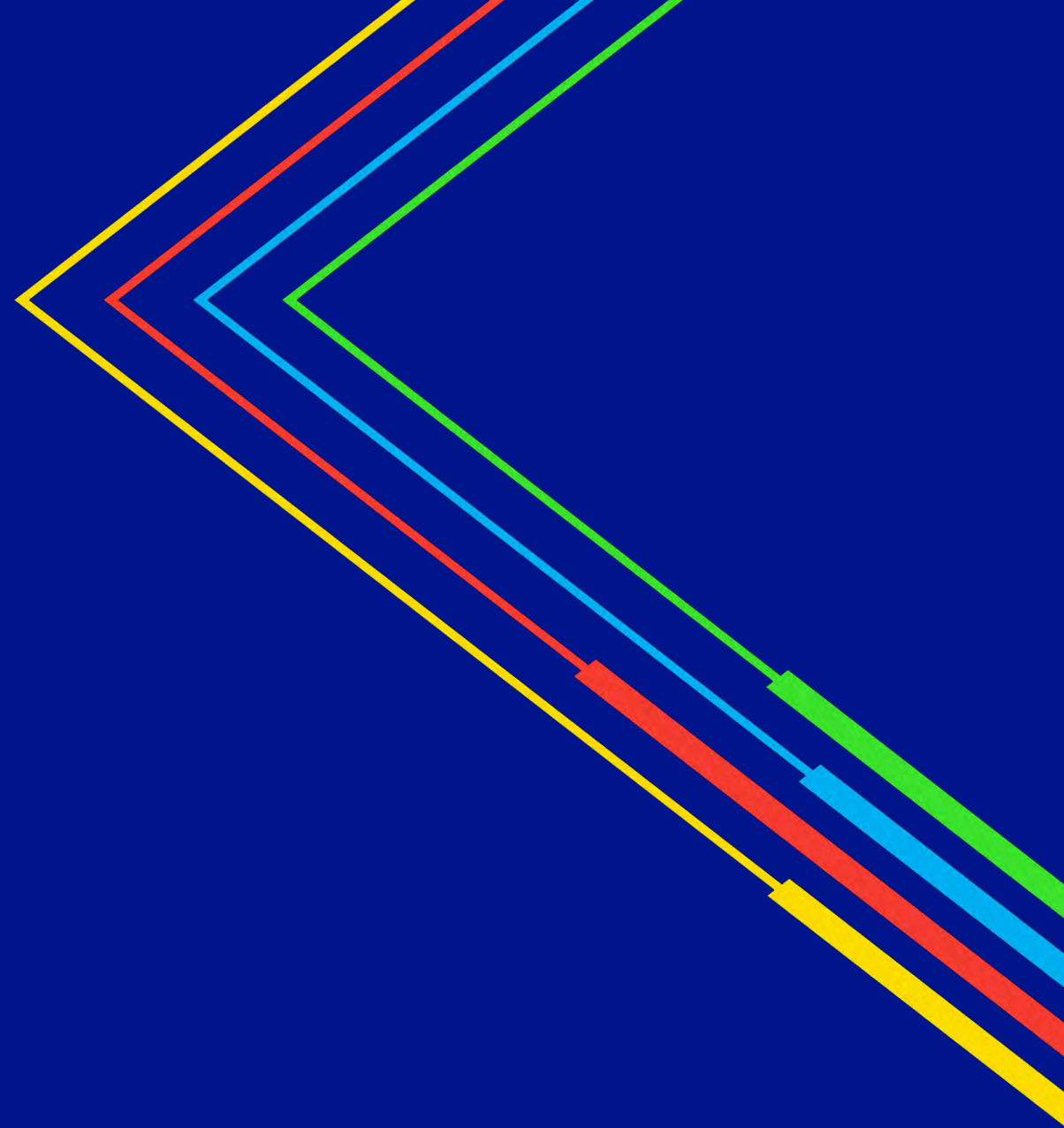
- National Grid takes equity into consideration in our asset planning and prioritization.
- We are dedicated to addressing the needs of vulnerable communities in our resilience plan.

## Support an Equitable Energy Transition by:

- Drive Communication and Best Practices
- Comply With Regulatory and Legal Obligations
- Better Understand Our Most Vulnerable Customers
- Deliver Enhanced Value to Our Underserved Communities



# Project Approach and Components



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# Project Approach: Climate Change Vulnerability Study (CCVS)

## Identify climate hazards for different asset types

- Identify hazards and relevant thresholds – high temperatures, wind, flooding, winter storms
- Conduct exposure analysis for hazard-asset combinations
- Use climate data sources, including Columbia/ NYSERDA data, MIT study, and National Grid's Climate Change Risk Tool

## Risk-based prioritization of vulnerable assets & operations

- Evaluate assets & operations for climate sensitivities (using SME inputs and standards review)
- Identify potential impacts of exposure to prioritize vulnerable assets and operations, based on understanding of overall risk

## Identify climate change planning scenario

- Identify climate change planning and design scenarios
- Consider climate science, risk-acceptance criteria, benchmarking, and stakeholder input

*How have recent storms including Winter Storm Elliott impacted your community?*

*Are there any additional climate hazards you have identified in your communities?*

# Project Approach: Climate Change Resilience Plan (CCRP)

## Identify resilience measures

- Develop portfolio of risk mitigation measures for priority assets & operations identified in CCVS
- Identify processes to incorporate climate change into design criteria, planning and operations
- Consider lessons learned from prior weather events such as the recent Buffalo storm (Elliott)



## Prioritize resilience measures based on costs and benefits

- Estimate costs and relative benefits to prioritize measures for implementation planning

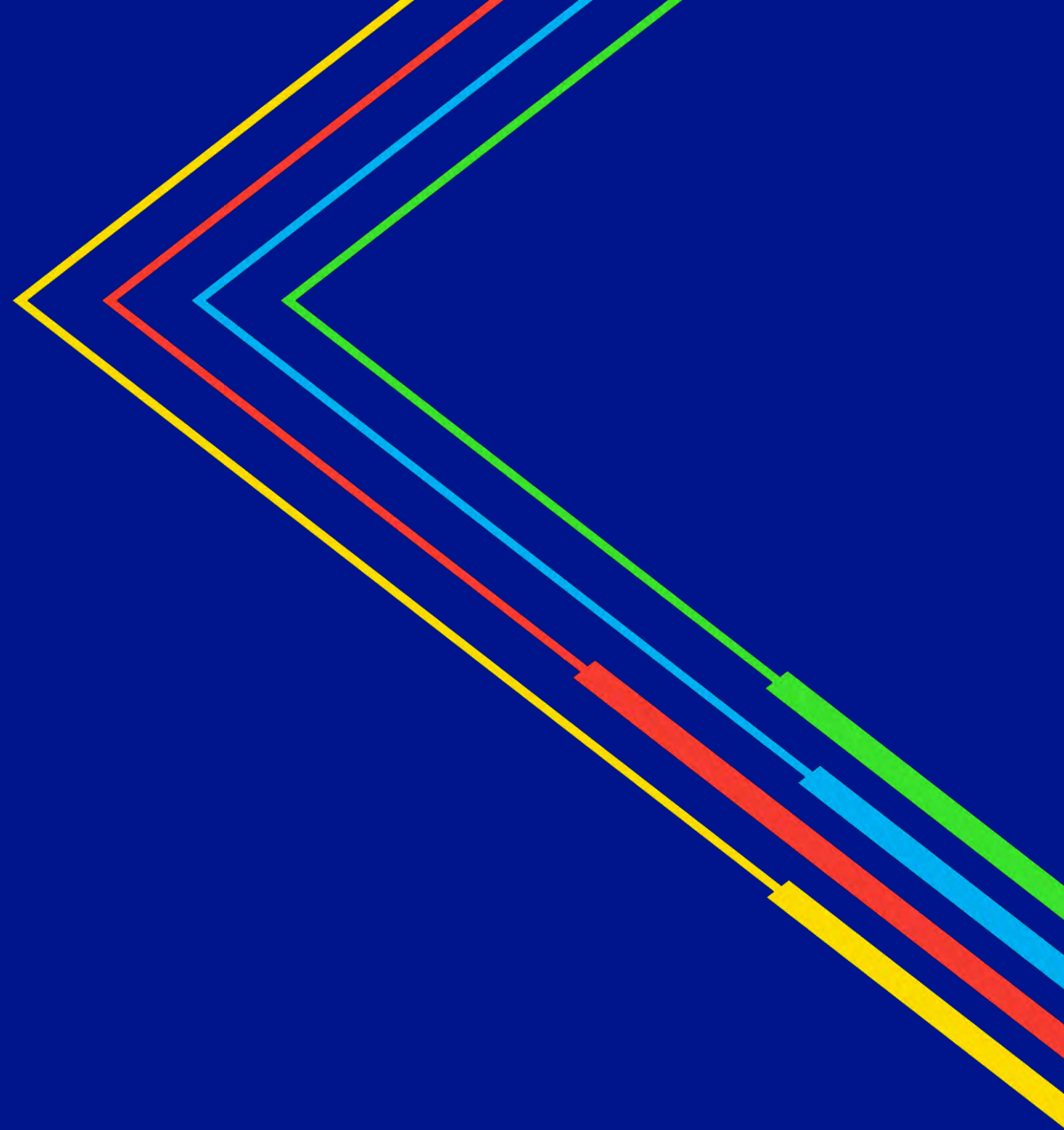


## Develop implementation plan

- Develop detailed implementation schedules for prioritized risk mitigation measures, focusing on timeframes, costs, performance benchmarks, and rate impact estimates

*What is your biggest concern for us as when implement our resilience plan on the impact to the people you represent?*

**Climate Science**



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# Complementary Climate Science Datasets

Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 6 (CMIP6) Global Climate Model projections developed for NYSERDA by Columbia

- Temperature
- Precipitation
- Humidity
- Sea level rise

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) dynamically downscaled projections

- Wind
- Winter precipitation and radial icing
- Others

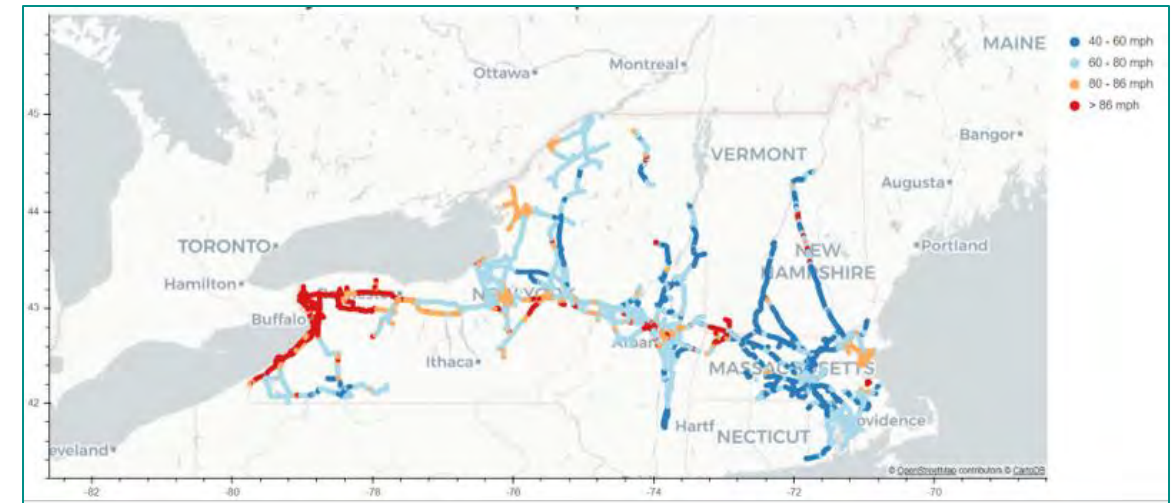
National Grid's Climate Change Risk Tool (CCRT)

- Hazards including flooding, compound events and lightning



- National Grid leveraged this data science in our study.
- The Columbia data CMIP6 represents the latest Climate models (Which is our gold standard)
- This data will be supplemented with the MIT study and the CCRT risk tool.

*For example:*

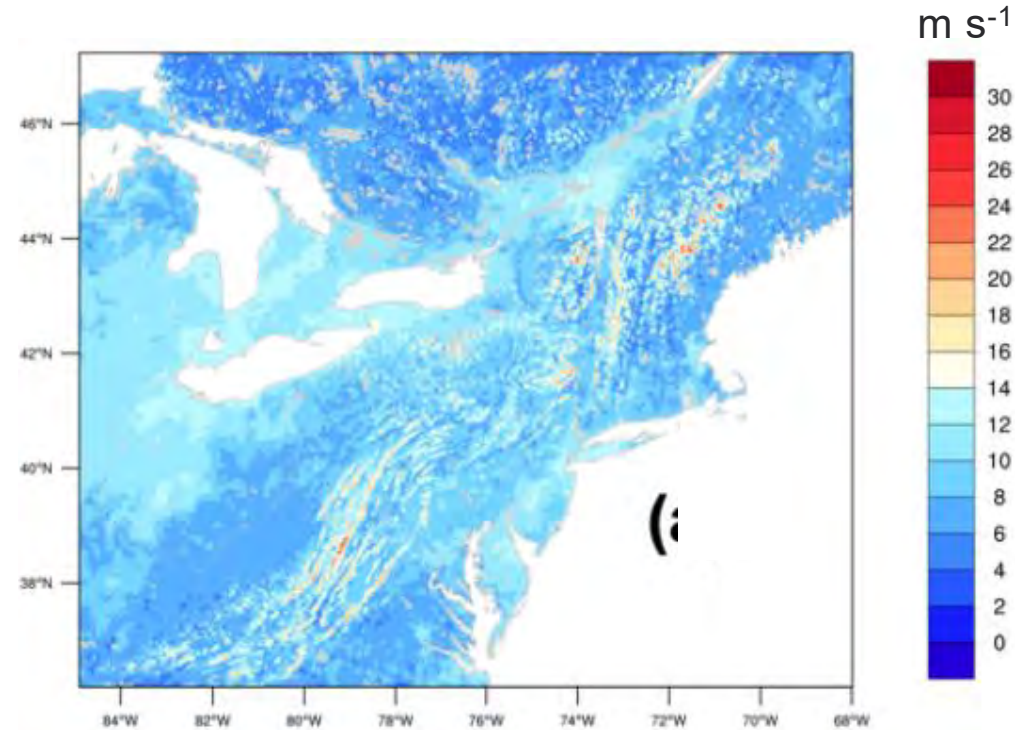
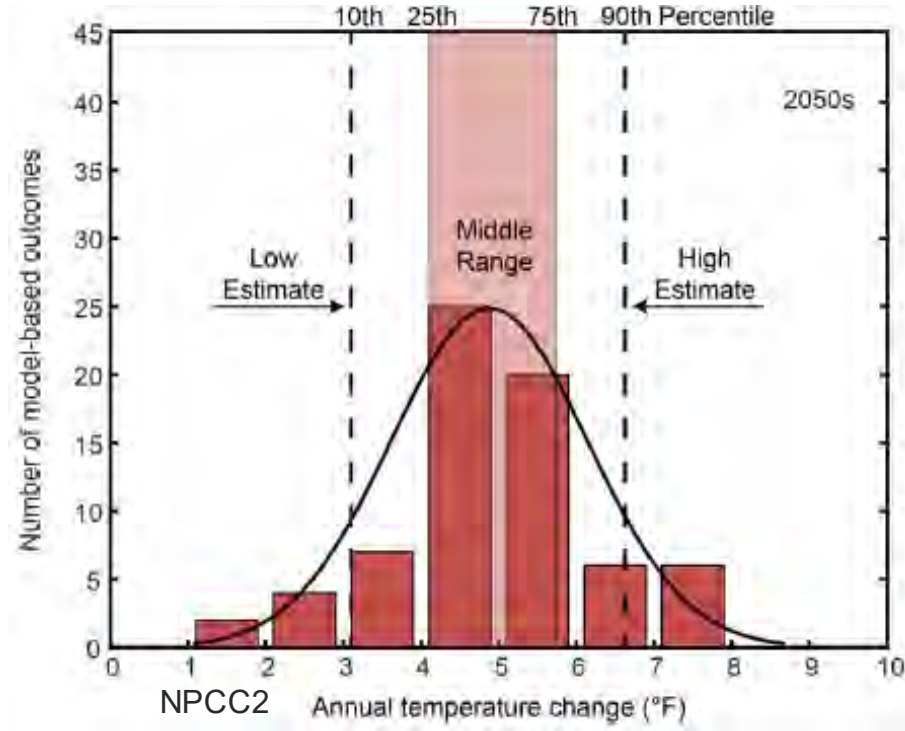


Geographical Distribution of 1-in-100 Wind Speeds by Transmission Line Asset (MIT data)



# Climate Science Approach

- Tailor climate projection variables and analyses to National Grid's assets and system sensitivities
- Leverage best-available science to understand a range of potential climate risks and match to risk-based decision-making



Extreme wind speeds (95<sup>th</sup> percentile of winds) between 2028-2041.

# Transformer Analysis Maximum Mean temperature

Region	Station	Metric	Planning Scenario (Pathway)	Decade	50th pct	90th pct	max of tmax	mean of tmax
Central Lakes	Syracuse	tmean	ssp585	2050	0.866666667	3.433333333	46.32777778	29.48053546
Central Lakes	Syracuse	tmean	ssp585	2080	7.55	28.81666667	51.41111111	32.31260482
Central Lakes	Syracuse	tmax	ssp585	2050	0.333333333	2.5	46.32777778	29.48053546
Central Lakes	Syracuse	tmax	ssp585	2080	4.4	32.2	51.41111111	32.31260482
Central Lakes	Syracuse	tmean	ssp245	2050	0.466666667	1.666666667	45.28888889	28.59094442
Central Lakes	Syracuse	tmean	ssp245	2080	0.816666667	3.616666667	46.22222222	29.47380354
Central Lakes	Syracuse	tmax	ssp245	2050	0.1	0.8	45.28888889	28.59094442
Central Lakes	Syracuse	tmax	ssp245	2080	0.333333333	2.5	46.22222222	29.47380354
Great Lakes	Buffalo	tmean	ssp585	2050	0.5	2.983333333	44.71666667	28.74145015
Great Lakes	Buffalo	tmean	ssp585	2080	6.3	28.8	48.49444444	31.52390765
Great Lakes	Buffalo	tmax	ssp585	2050	0.066666667	0.7	44.71666667	28.74145015
Great Lakes	Buffalo	tmax	ssp585	2080	1.266666667	18.68333333	48.49444444	31.52390765
Great Lakes	Buffalo	tmean	ssp245	2050	0.05	1.133333333	43.62222222	27.86509132
Great Lakes	Buffalo	tmean	ssp245	2080	0.416666667	2.95	44.06111111	28.76679852
Great Lakes	Buffalo	tmax	ssp245	2050	0	0.333333333	43.62222222	27.86509132
Great Lakes	Buffalo	tmax	ssp245	2080	0.066666667	0.916666667	44.06111111	28.76679852
North Hudson Valley	Albany	tmean	ssp585	2050	0.383333333	3.316666667	43.89444444	29.62247726
North Hudson Valley	Albany	tmean	ssp585	2080	6.333333333	31.51666667	50.16666667	32.4897698
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North Hudson Valley	Albany	tmax	ssp585	2080	4.633333333	25.7	50.16666667	32.4897698
North Hudson Valley	Albany	tmean	ssp245	2050	0.133333333	1.516666667	43.86666667	28.72622892
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- How do we design our Transformers to climate variable temperatures....
- Will we need to update our transformer specifications or derate transformers based on future temperature projections?
- Example of applying data science to identify a vulnerability

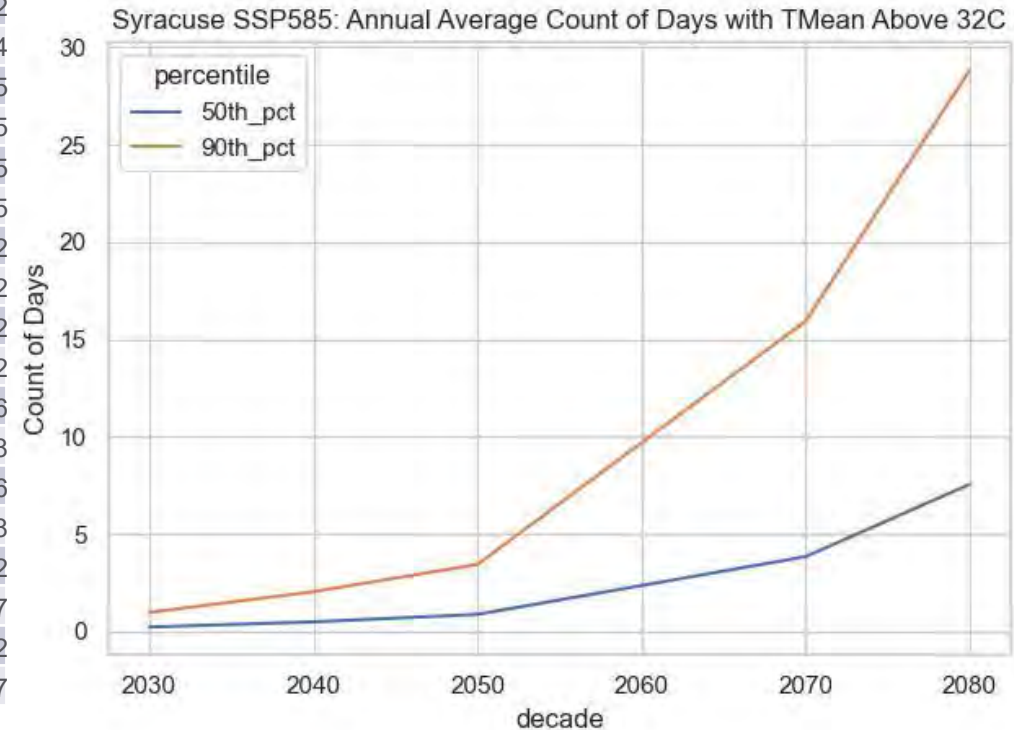


Chart: How many days do we get above the temperature threshold for our Transformer ratings.

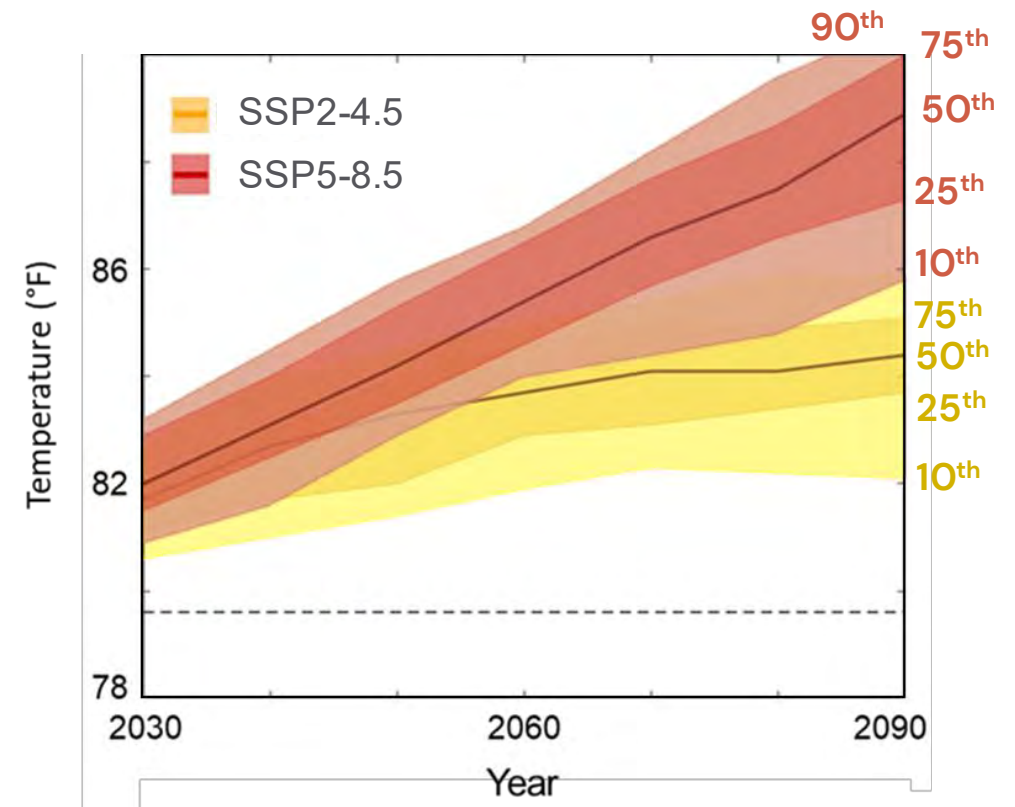
This comes from the Columbia Study

# Climate Change Planning Scenario (Pathway) Considered for the C CVS and CCRP

- Climate change projections provide a range of plausible climate futures reflecting uncertainty around both future emissions trajectories and climate sensitivity.
- Climate Change Planning Scenarios (Pathway) provide standardized climate projections and assumed climate conditions in the service area to which the utility would plan in order to strengthen resilience to potential climate change risks.

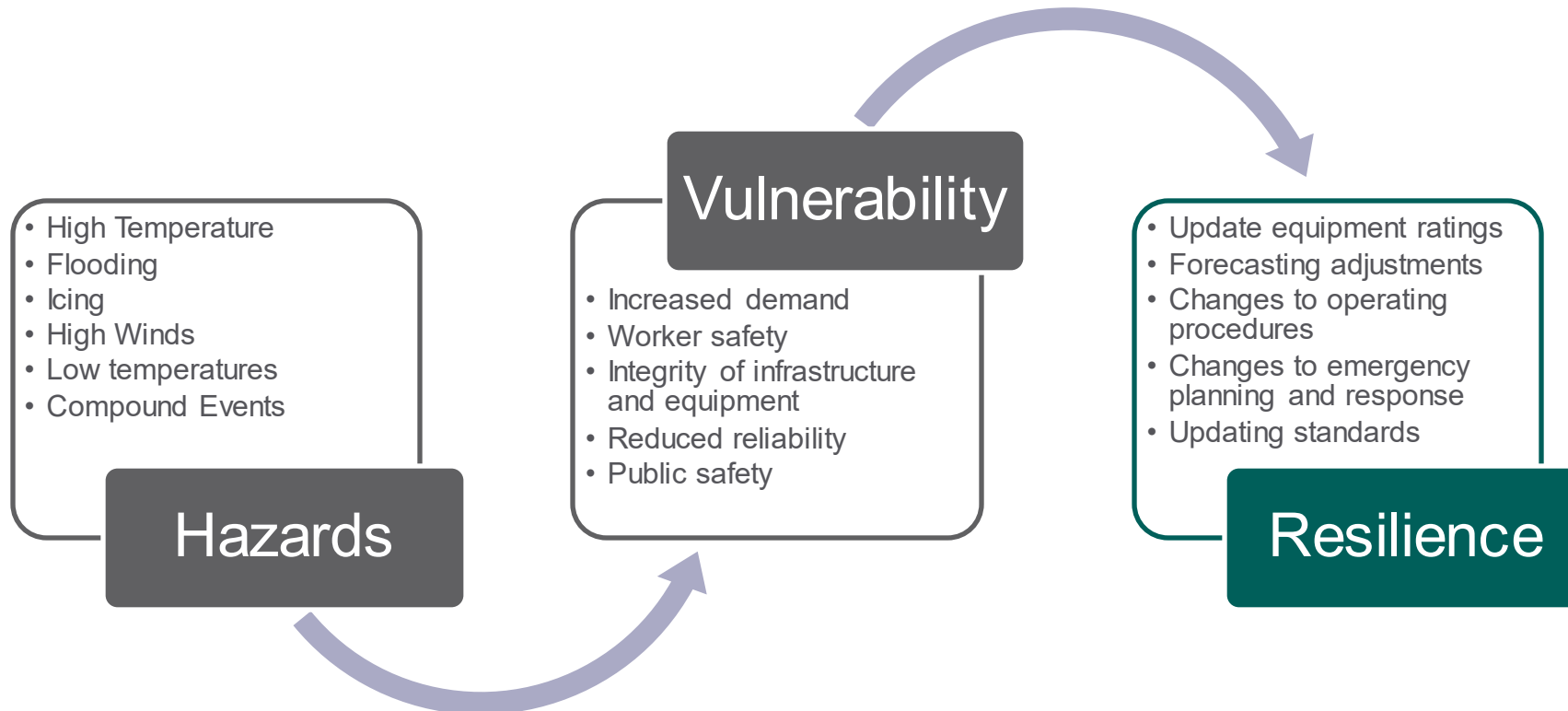
## Potential selection criteria:

- **Climate science** (e.g., how bad might climate change be and what is the level of likelihood?)
- **Risk Aversion** (e.g., how risk-averse is National Grid in its current approach to capital investments related to service level?)
- **Benchmarking** (e.g., what other utilities are doing regarding their planning scenario selection?)
- **Climate policy**

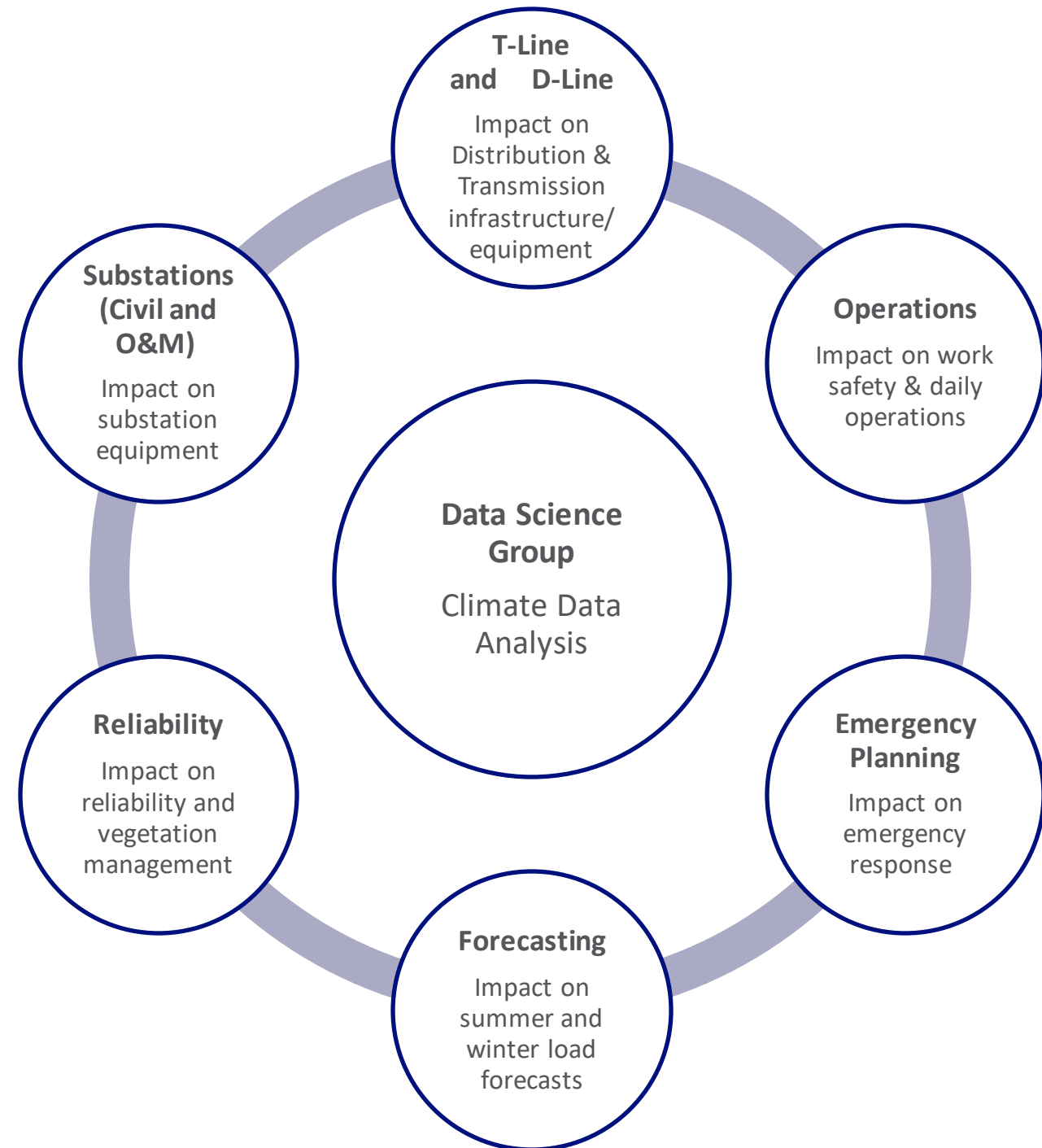


# National Grid Expert “Deep Dive” Analyses

- Develop understanding of climate projections and climate change planning scenario
- Analyze climate data to understand potential exposure of different assets and operations to various climate hazards
- Define climate sensitivities of assets and operations—consider design/operating variables
- Identify potential impacts and their significance to prioritize vulnerable assets and operations
- Inform changes to asset management, standard practices and procedures to build resilience



# Deep Dive Groups: All



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T-line = Transmission Lines

D-Line = Distribution lines

O&M = Operation and Maintenance

# Deep Dive Groups: Examples

## Substation: Civil

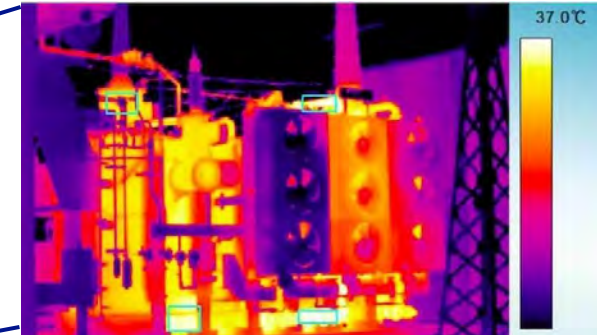
- Use the Climate Change Risk Tool (CCRT) to identify locations vulnerable to extreme precipitation
- Confirm a station is vulnerable with available elevation data
- Identify mitigation options for existing infrastructure and alter any current practices/standards for future stations



Graphic from Primera Engineering

## Substation: O&M

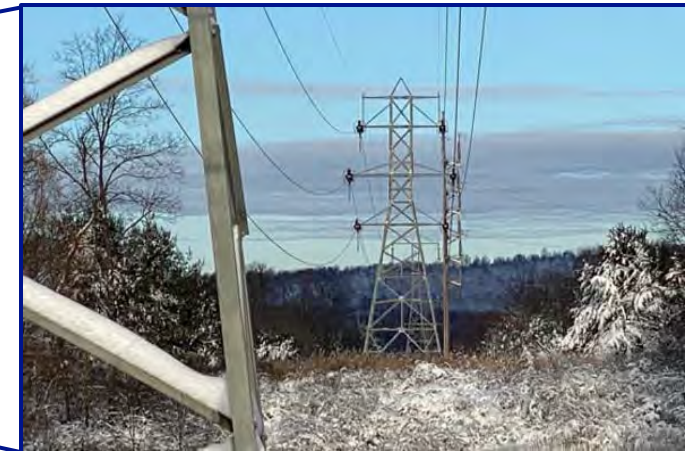
- Use Columbia's CMIP6 temperature data to identify substation transformers' vulnerability
- Compare temperature projections to current standards to identify transformers that may be at risk in the near future
- Understand how ratings may need to change in the future



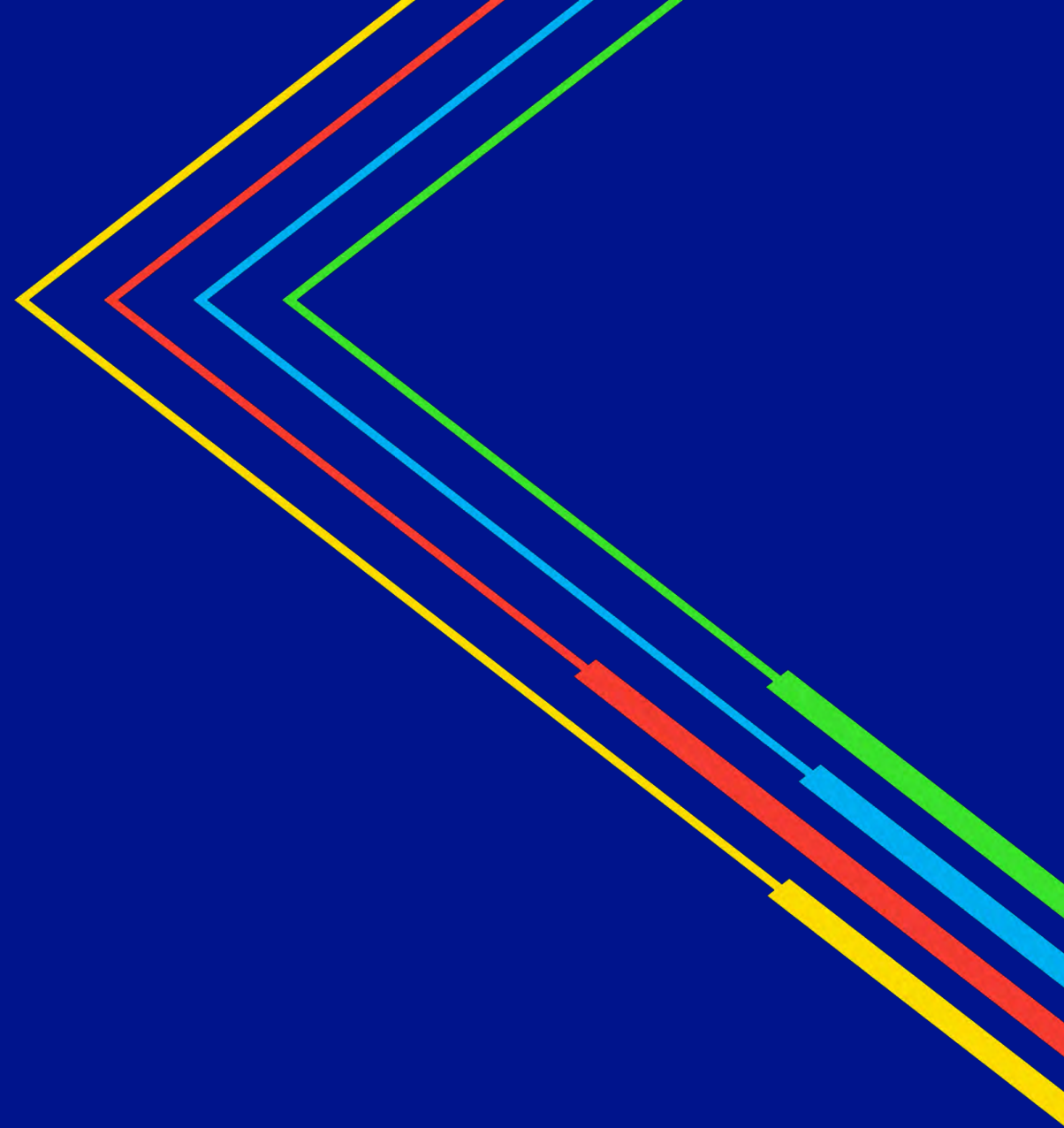
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## Transmission Lines

- Use wind and ice data from MIT to understand how projections compare to our current design guidelines and standards
- Identify existing lines and locations across our Transmission jurisdiction that may be vulnerable to high winds and/or icing that need to be addressed while designing future lines



**Additional  
Stakeholder  
Discussion**



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## Question slide

- After our summer webinar, we received feedback on climate concerns. Now that we are "hopefully" finishing up our winter season, what additional climate concerns do you have?
- Any additional questions regarding the Climate Change Vulnerability Study and Resilience Plan?
- After Winter Storm Elliot, "a hundred year storm," have your thoughts on climate change, and how we prepare, been influenced and how?
- How and with who have your organizations collaborated with on your climate change concerns?

**NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE**  
Blizzard Warning, High Wind Warning, Winter Storm Warning, Lakeshore Flood Warning, Storm Warning, Gale Warning, and Heavy Freezing Spray Warning

Decision Support Briefing #4  
As of: 7:00 AM December 22, 2022

What's New?

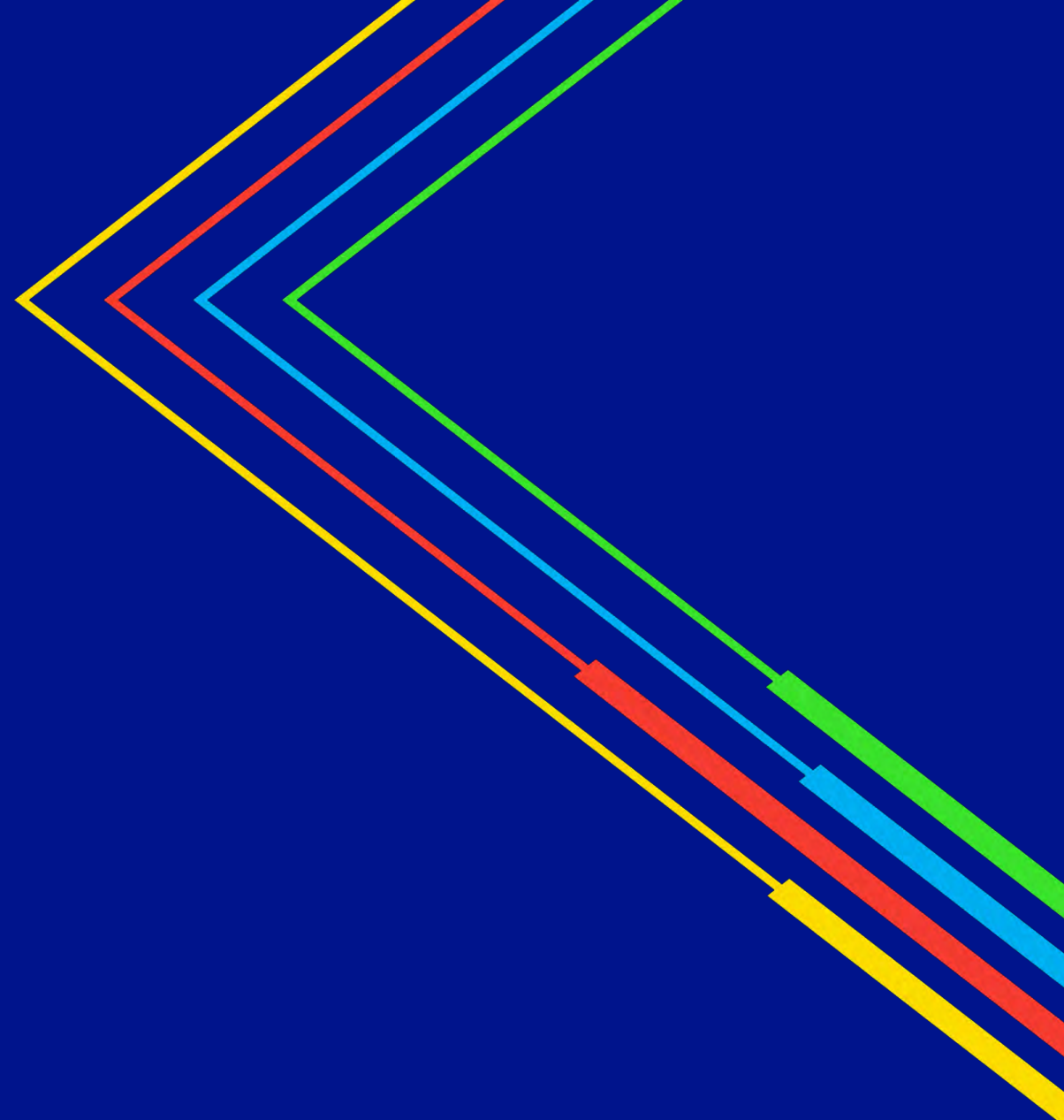
- ✓ **Blizzard Warning** in effect for Niagara, Erie, Orleans, and Genesee counties
- ✓ **Winter Storm Warning** in effect for Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Wyoming, Monroe, Jefferson, and Lewis counties
- ✓ **Winter Weather Advisory** in effect for Allegany, Livingston, Ontario, Wayne, northern Cayuga, and Oswego counties
- ✓ **High Wind Warning** for Jefferson, Lewis, and Oswego counties
- ✓ **Heavy Freezing Spray Warning** in effect for Lake Ontario

Winter Weather Headlines

Winter Weather Marine Headlines



# Next Steps



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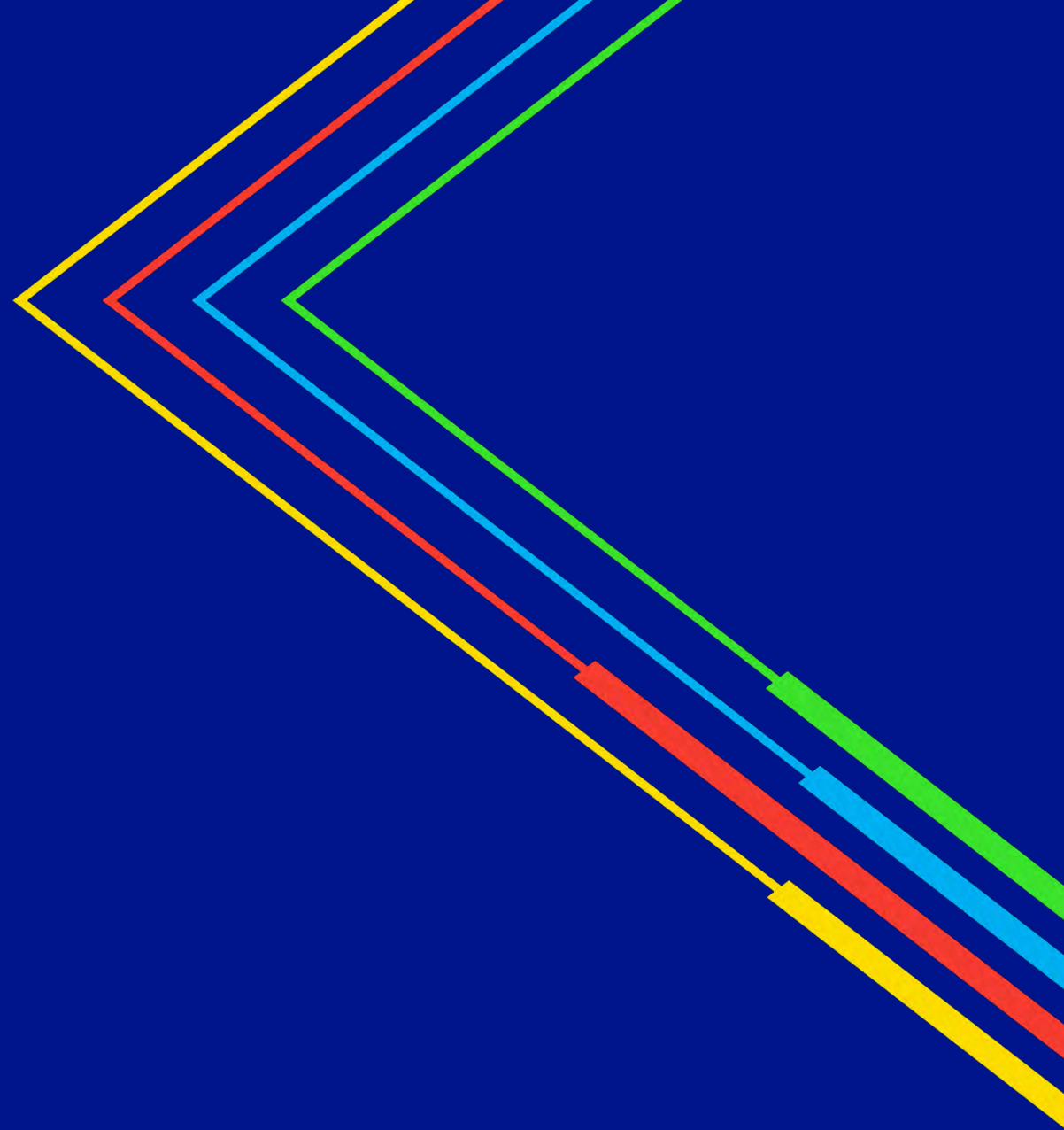
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Looking ahead, you will receive:

- An **update** following this meeting
- **Meeting invitations** for the second and third CRWG meetings



**Appendix**



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# Analysis of Potential Hazards to Evaluate Vulnerabilities

Hazards	Weather Data	Data Sources	Asset Type/System Component	Vulnerabilities	Design/Operating Variable	Standard/Practice	Deep Dive SME Groups
Low Temp	Daily Min Temp	CCRT, Columbia, MIT	Winter Forecast	Forecasting heating load		Forecasting practices and procedures	Forecasting
Low Temp	Daily Min Temp	CCRT, Columbia, MIT	Breakers, etc.	Equipment vulnerable to extreme cold	- Standard equipment designed -40° C to +65° C		Sub (O&M + Civil), T-Lne
Low Temp	Daily Min Temp	CCRT, Columbia, MIT	Work Safety	"hands-off days"	- Below 0 deg F	Local 97 Contract - Inclement Weather	Operations
High Temp	Daily Max Temp	CCRT, Columbia, MIT	Conductors	conductor ratings	- Conductor ampacity - 100°F ambient		T&D Line
High Temp	Daily Max Temp	CCRT, Columbia, MIT	Transformers, etc.	oil filled equipment	- Equip ratings based on 86° F or 32° F ambient		Sub (O&M), D-Line
High Temp	Daily Max Temp	CCRT, Columbia, MIT	Summer Forecast	weather normalization and load forecasting		Climate change into base load forecast	Sub (O&M)
High Temp	Daily Max Temp	CCRT, Columbia, MIT	Work Safety	Worker safety - work methods	When to stop work due to heat	Presently Supervisor's discretion	Operations
Precip	inches (daily)	Columbia, MIT	Work Safety	Increased hands-off days for field workers		Local 97 Union Contract	Operations
Humidity	% (hourly)	Columbia	Work Safety	Live line work above 85% humidity levels		No live line work above 85% humidity	Operations
Extreme Events	Qual Report	Columbia	Emergency Response	Need for more standby and holding crews		Emergency response prep	Emergency Planning

# Analysis of Potential Hazards to Evaluate Vulnerabilities Cont.

Hazards	Weather Data	Data Sources	Asset Type/System Component	Vulnerabilities	Design/Operating Variable	Standard/Practice	Deep Dive SME Groups
Winter Precip	Qual Report	Columbia	D&T infrastructure	Heavy snow on trees, lines & sub equipment	Design structures and span lengths		T&D Line, Sub (Civil), Reliability & Veg
Winter Precip	Qual Report	Columbia	Emergency Response	Crews' accessibility to infrastructure		Snow removal required	Emergency Planning
Winter Precip	Qual Report	Columbia	Tx lines	Clearances to ground	Clearances standards with snow consideration		Transmission
Drought	Qual Report	Columbia	OH Equipment	Brush fires - fire risk for equipment & public	Emergency ratings for exposed equipment		Reliability and Veg Mgmt
Flooding	Qual Report	CCRT	Sub Equip & UG	Great Lakes high lake level	NESC flood plain standards	- 100 year + 2 feet	Sub (O&M & Civil)
Flooding	Qual Report	CCRT	Sub Equip	Substation equipment flooding	NESC flood plain standards	- 100 year + 2 feet	Sub (O&M & Civil)
Flooding	Qual Report	CCRT	URD and UG	T&D UG & URD	NESC flood plain standards	- 100 year + 2 feet	T&D Line
Heatwaves	Qual Report	CCRT, Columbia, MIT	Work Safety	Worker safety & productivity - work methods	Consider shifting work times to avoid peaks	Presently Supervisor's discretion	Operations
Heatwaves	Qual Report	CCRT, Columbia, MIT	Summer Forecast	Forecasting A/C load		Include climate change in baseline	Forecasting
High Winds	Wind Proj	CCRT, MIT	D&T Structures	Infrastructure construction standards	OH Standards & NESC		T & D Line
High Winds	Wind Proj	CCRT, MIT	Work Safety	Bucket truck safety	Bucket truck work stops above 40mph		Operations
High Winds	Wind Proj	CCRT, MIT	Reliability+Veg Mgmt	Evaluate tree trimming practices		Veg Mgmt and danger trees	Reliability and Veg Mgmt
Icing	Inches	MIT	D&T Structures	Risk of structure collapse	Design standard of 1.5" ice on equipment		T&D Line
Icing	Inches	MIT	Distribution Lines	Frozen branches falling on lines	Width of right of ways and tree trimming		D-Line