



**SRP Integrated System Plan**  
**Modeling Subgroup:**  
**Integrated System Plan**  
**Modeling Ecosystem**

**February 11, 2022**

# safety & sustainability minute

# Safety & Sustainability Minute

## February is American Heart Month

1. Get Active
2. Eat Smart
3. Get Plenty of Sleep

## Show the Earth Some Love this Valentine's Day

1. Plant some flowers instead of picking flowers
2. Use what you already have
3. Bundle up your gift in a reusable bag

♥ HAPPY  
Valentine's  
DAY ♥

# Agenda Overview and Subgroup Formation

Joan Isaacson

Lead Facilitator (Kearns & West)

# Meeting Objectives:

- Discuss the formation of a Modeling Subgroup for the Advisory Group
- Discuss the analytical methods and data sources for Forecasting, Distribution, Transmission, Resource Planning and Customer Programs
- Gather feedback on which inputs are of primary interest

# Agenda

Time		Topics	Presenter
9:00 – 9:10	10 mins	Agenda Overview & Subgroup Formation	Joan Isaacson (Kearns & West)
9:10 – 9:30	20 mins	Overview of Modeling Ecosystem and Study Plan	Lakshmi Alagappan (E3) Joe Hooker (E3)
9:30 – 10:00	30 mins	Load Forecasting (Includes Customer Programs)	Harry Sauthoff (SRP) Nathan Morey (SRP)
10:00 – 10:30	30 mins	Resource Planning Models	Michael Reynolds (SRP)
10:30 – 10:50	20 mins	Distribution Planning Methods	Melissa Martinez (SRP)
10:50 – 11:10	20 mins	Transmission Planning Methods	Justin Lee (SRP) Bryce Nielsen (SRP)
11:10 – 11:20	10 mins	Next Steps & Wrap-up	Joan Isaacson (Kearns & West)

# Advisory Group Subgroup

- A Subgroup is comprised of self-selected *Advisory Group members* who have a strong interest in diving into specific Integrated System Plan topics; maintaining a range of perspectives is important.
- If *more than 50%* of the Advisory Group members have an interest in the topical subgroup, SRP will consider integrating the content into a regular Advisory Group meeting.
- Notes from subgroup meetings will be reported out in Advisory Group meetings.

# Overview of Modeling Ecosystem

Lakshmi Alagappan & Joe Hooker  
ISP Consultants (E3)

# The Integrated Planning Process at SRP

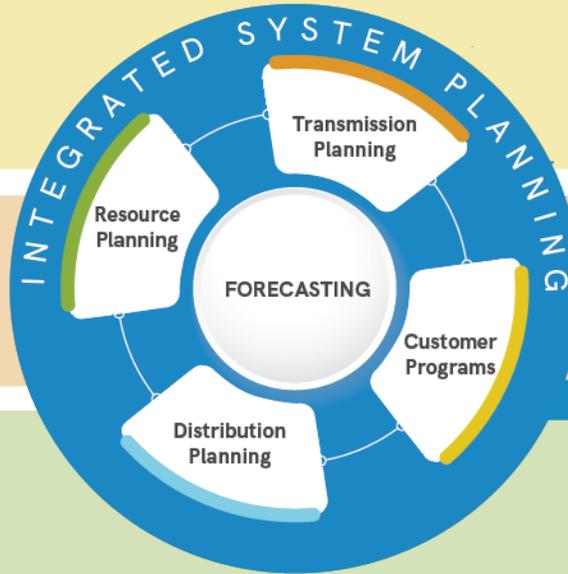
## Overarching Objectives

MAINTAIN HIGH CUSTOMER SATISFACTION AND AFFORDABILITY STANDARDS

MEET THE GROWING NEEDS OF CUSTOMERS WHILE MAINTAINING RELIABILITY

REACH THE 2035 SUSTAINABILITY GOALS

## Integrated System Plan: Study of How to Achieve Goals



STAKEHOLDER AND CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT

## The Way Forward

OUTPUTS

Strategic approach through 2035

Specific Action Plans

Inform future goals, objectives, and Integrated System Plans

Identify knowledge gaps

# The Modeling Ecosystem, Inputs, and Outputs

## Modeling Ecosystem (today)

**The modeling ecosystem is the set of modeling tools and analyses that allow SRP to develop an optimal system plan for the period 2025-2035.**

## Inputs and Assumptions (3/21)

Inputs and assumptions vary across scenarios and strategic approaches.

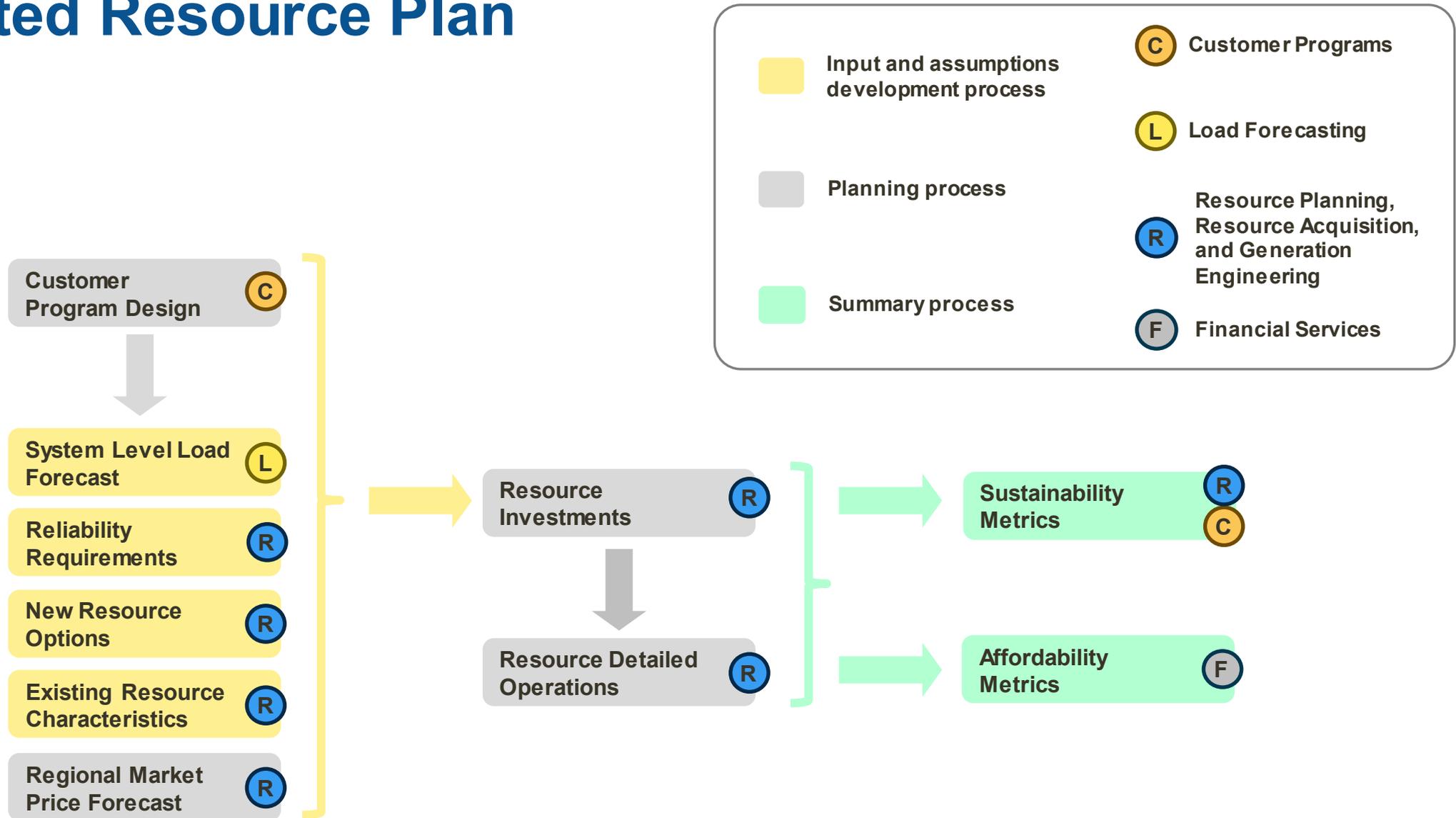
*Detailed inputs and assumptions to be discussed in the 3/21 Modeling Subgroup meeting*

## Outputs and Metrics (4/15)

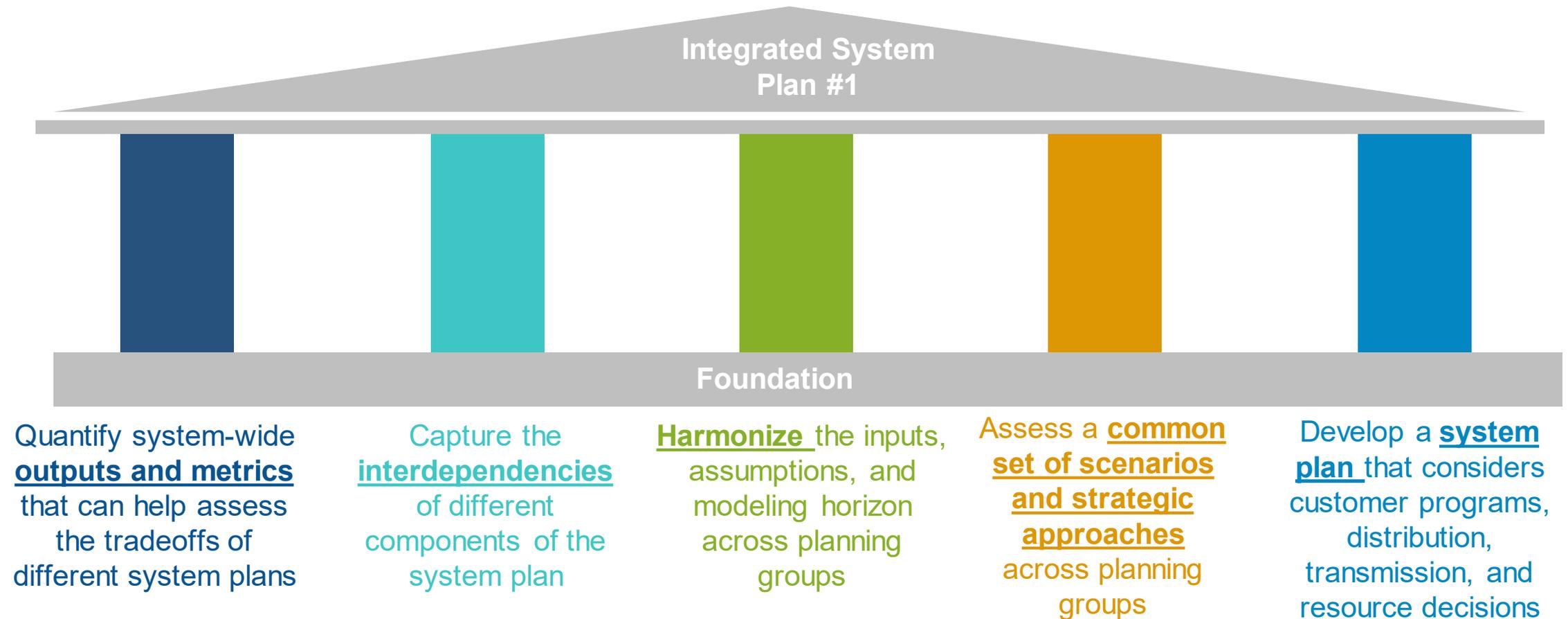
Outputs and metrics are developed for each system plan for comparison across plans.

*Metrics to be discussed in the 4/15 Advisory Group meeting*

# Integrated Resource Plan

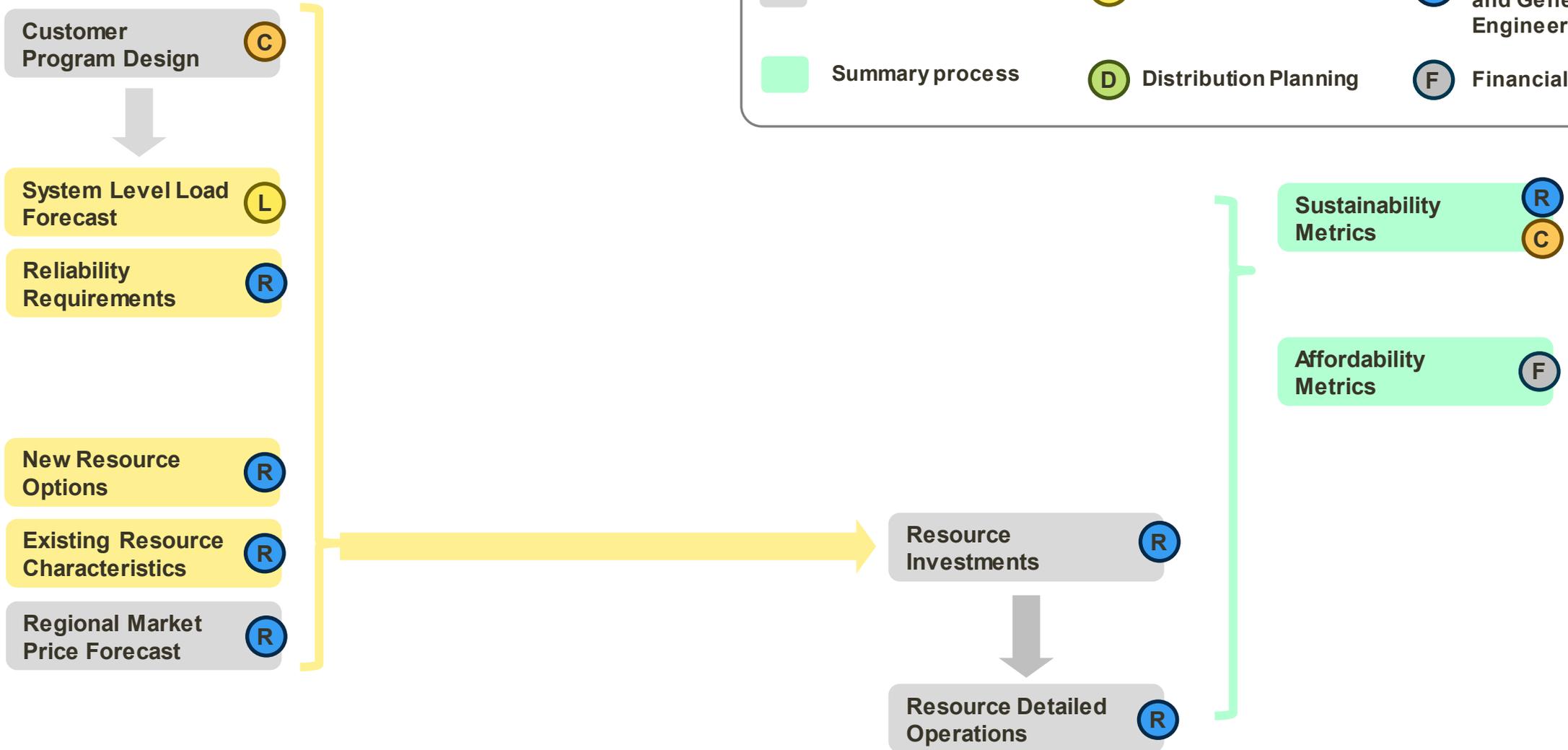


# Developing a Foundation in the First Integrated System Plan



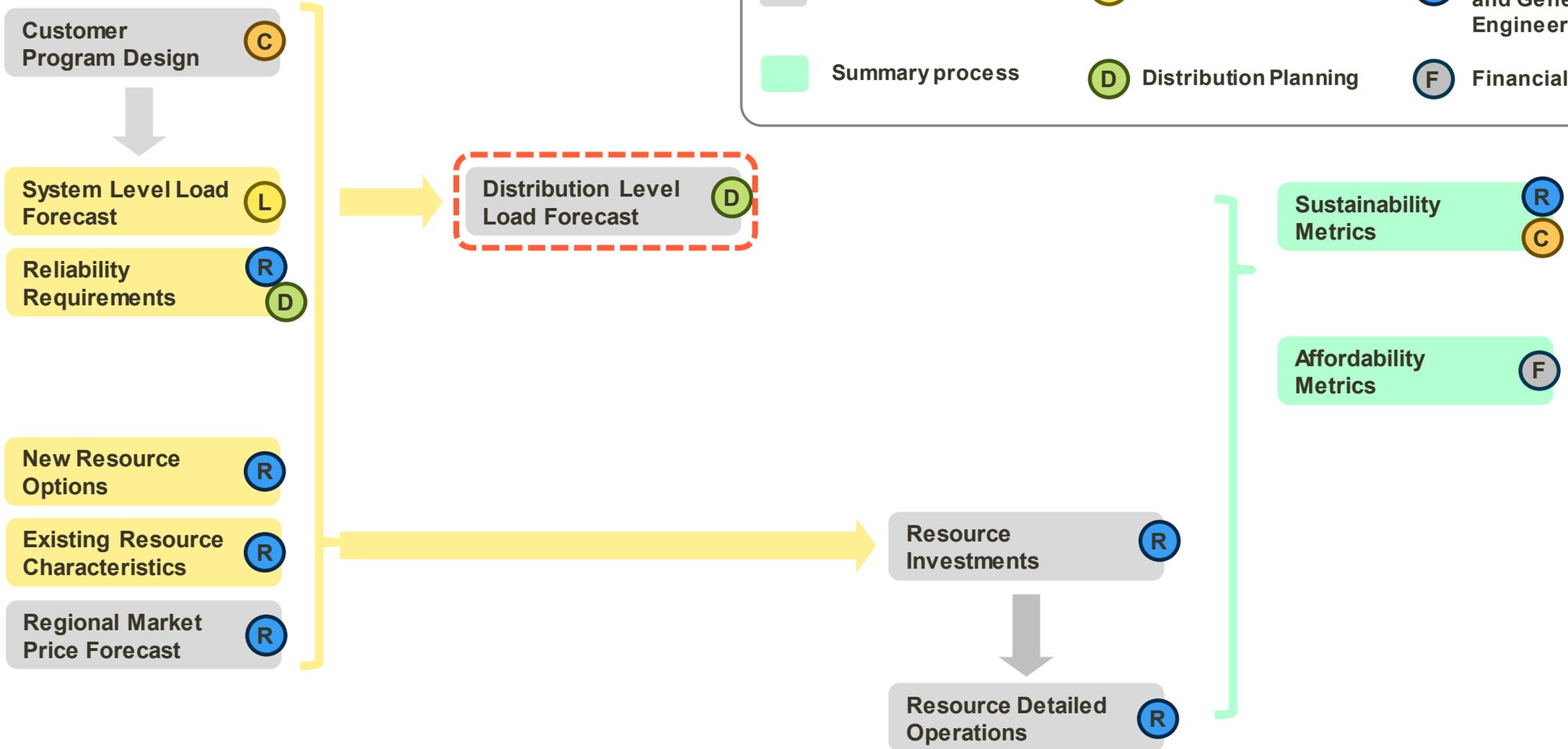
# Integrated System Plan

## Resource Planning



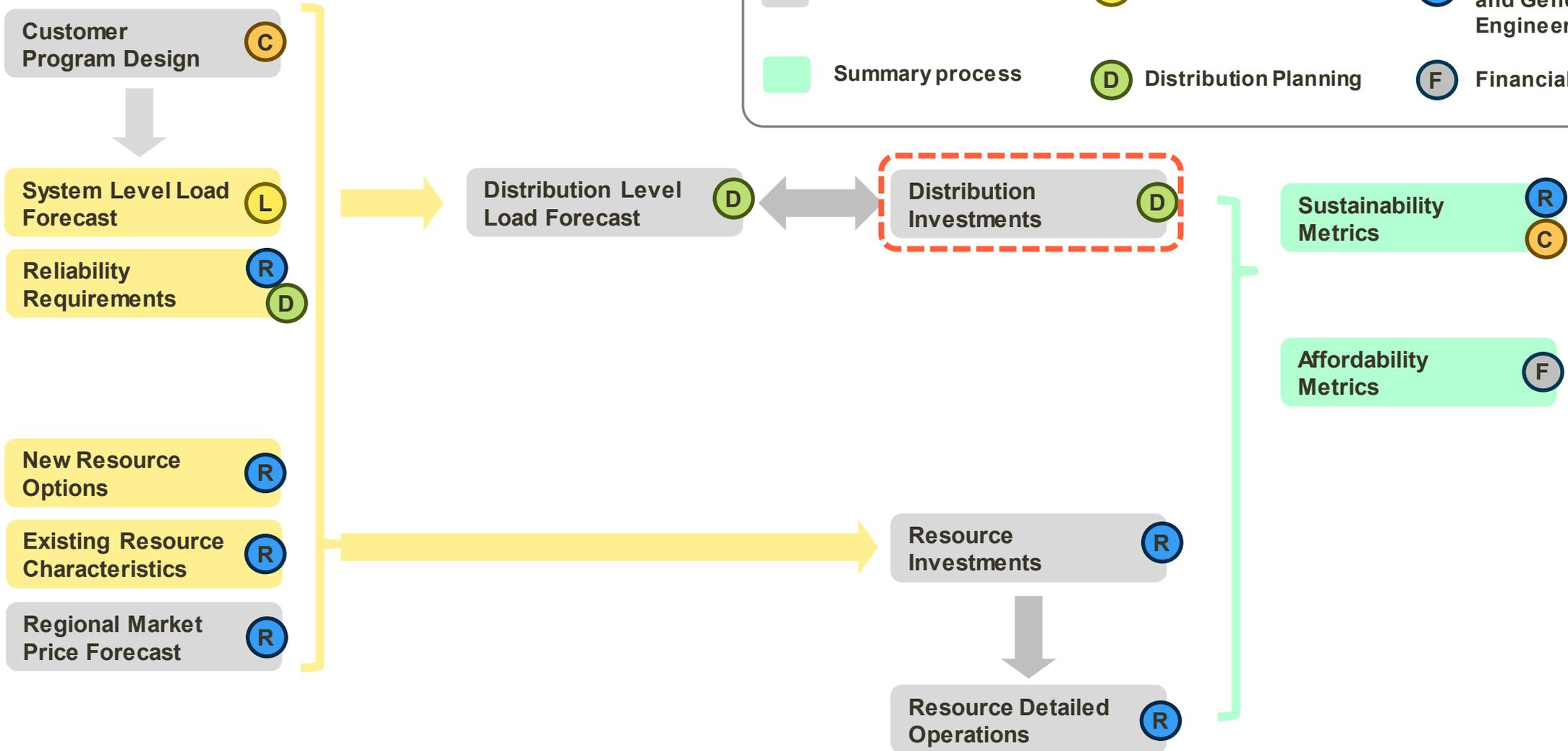
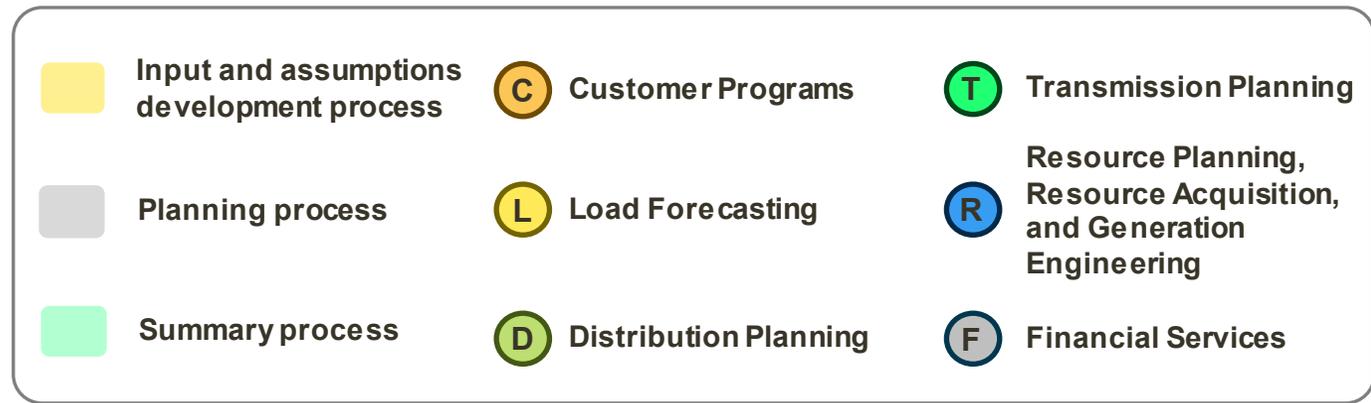
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## Distribution Planning



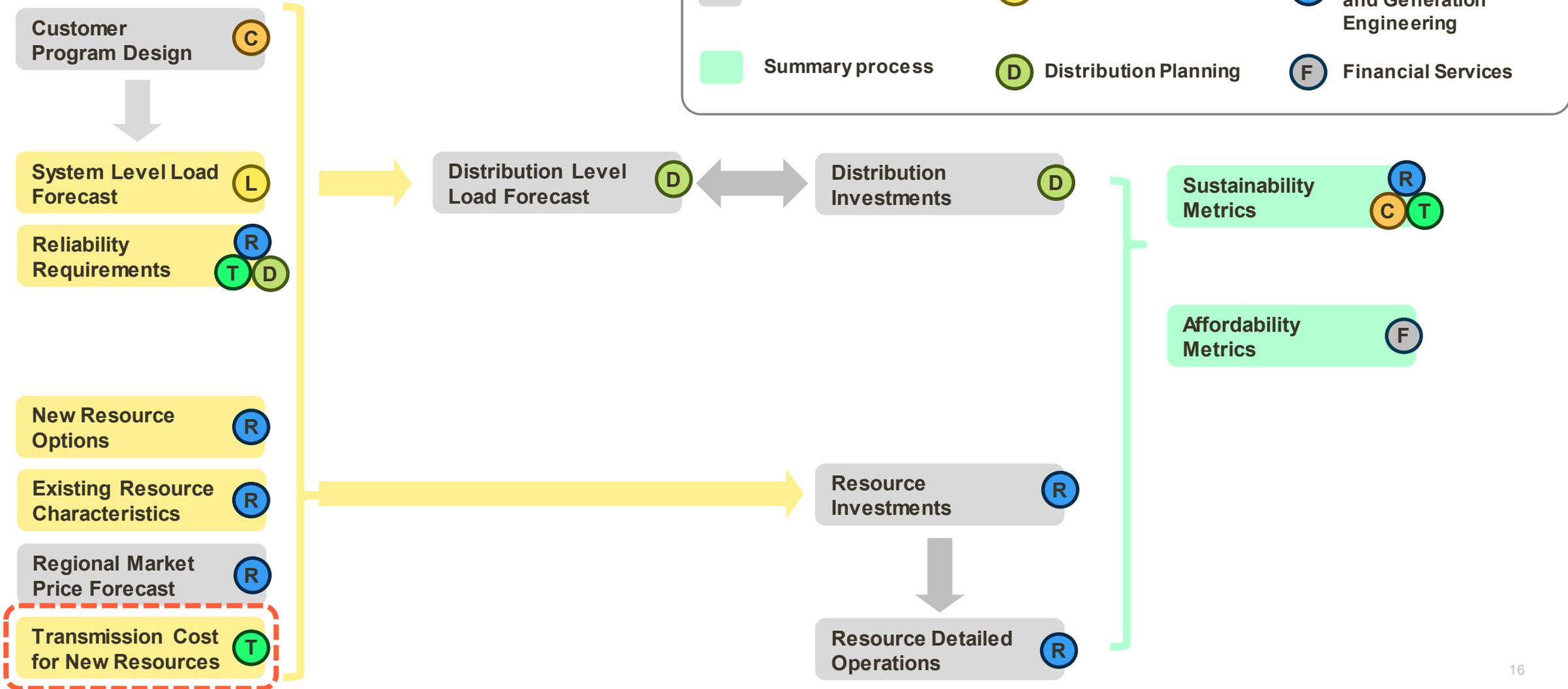
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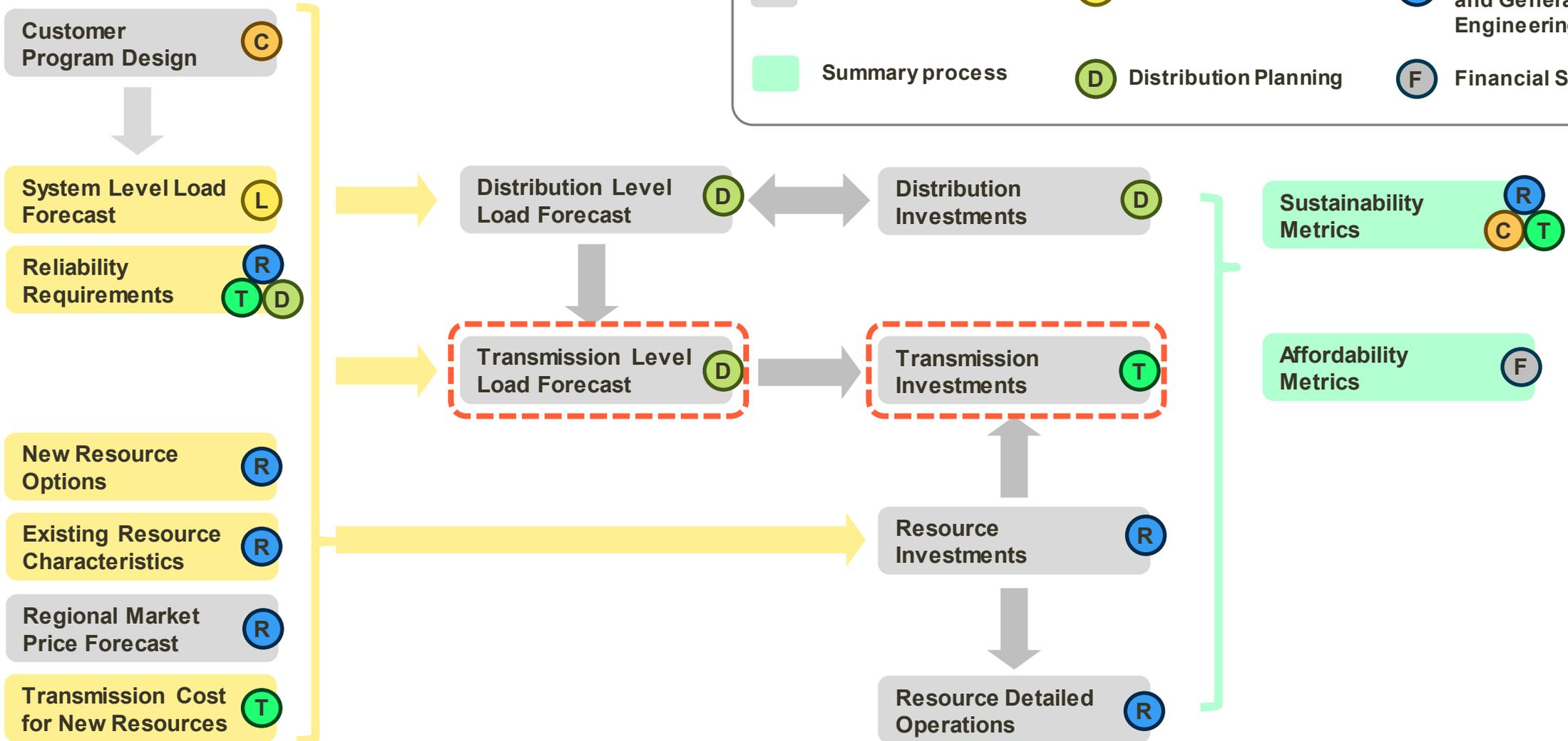
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## Transmission Planning



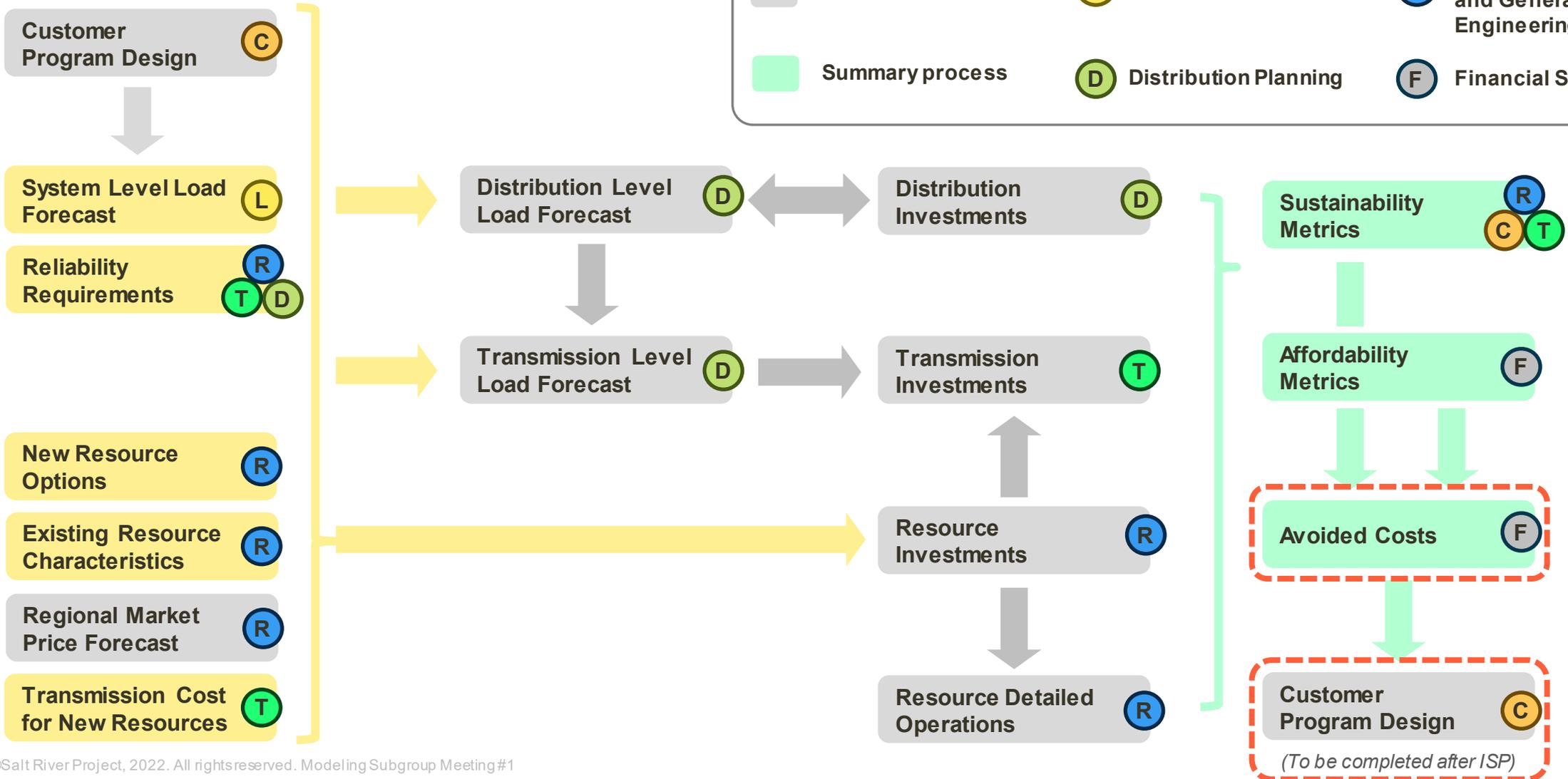
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## Transmission Planning



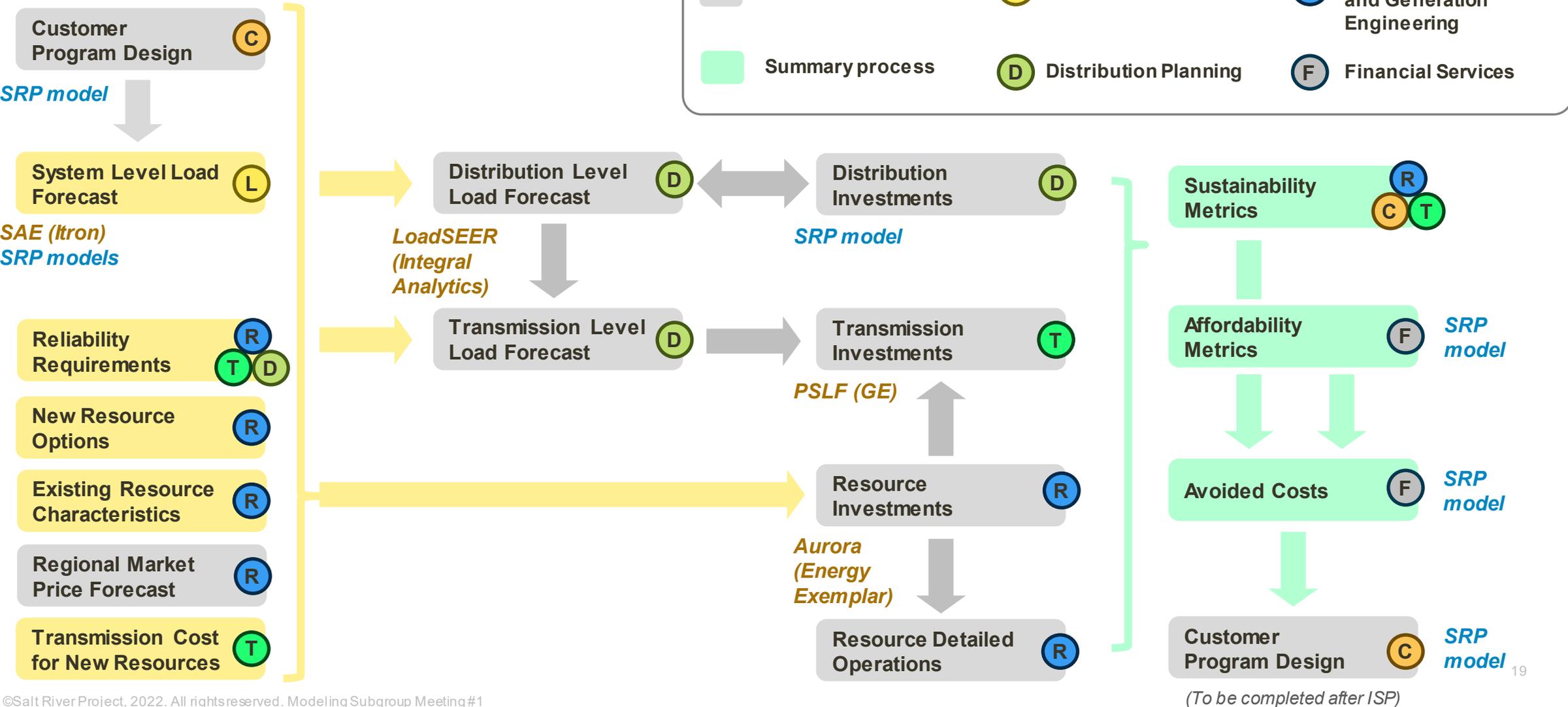
# Integrated System Plan

## Avoided Costs & Program Design



# Integrated System Plan

## SRP and third-party models

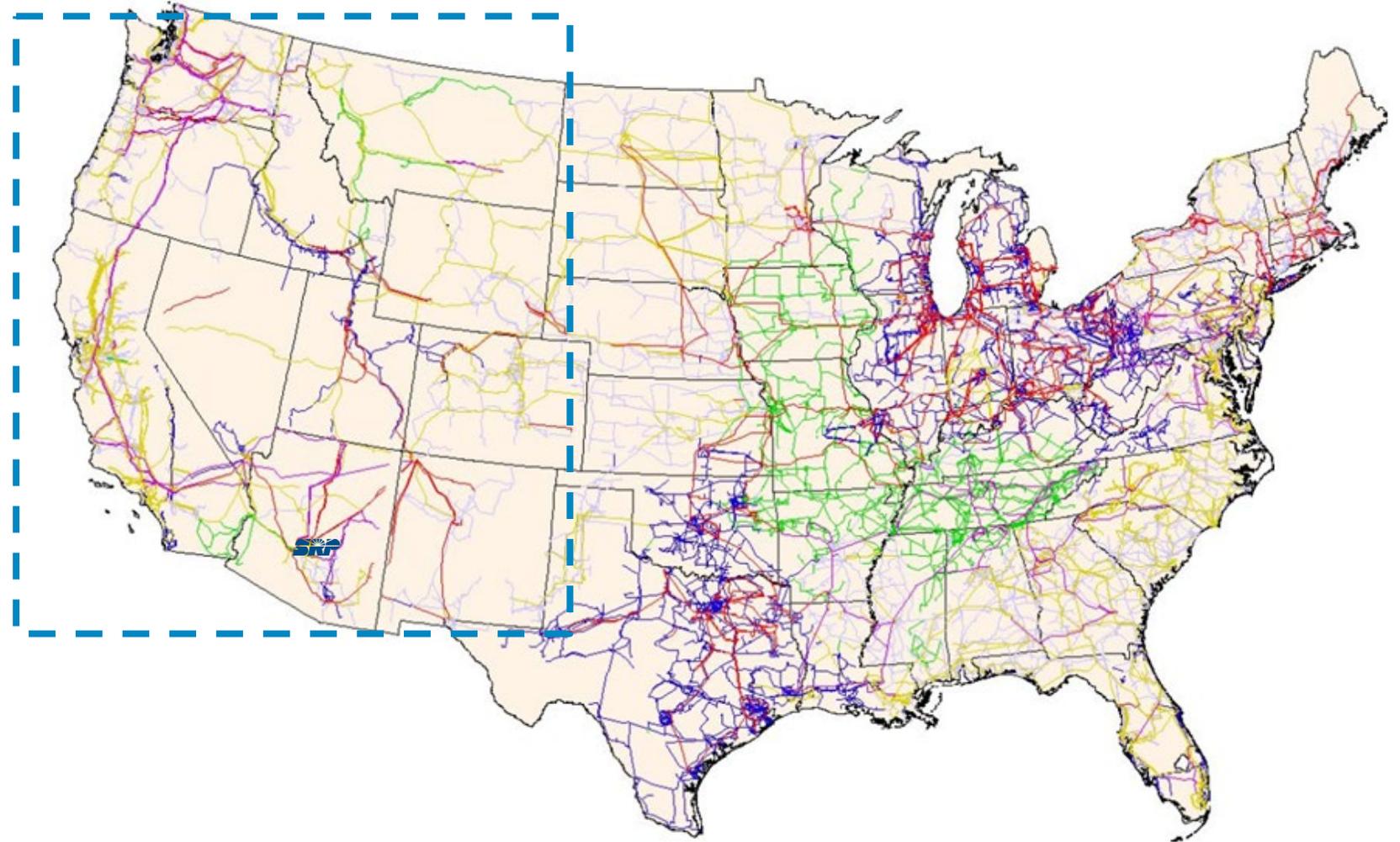


# Regional Planning

**SRP planning within a broader system**

# Western Interconnection

The Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) promotes bulk power system reliability and security in the Western Interconnection



# Inputs & Outputs Interest Questions:

Given these sets of inputs and outputs, are there any specific inputs or outputs that you would like to learn more about in upcoming meetings?

**Please provide the input and/or output name in the chat box.**

Answers to this question will feed directly into the design of upcoming Modeling Subgroup and Advisory Group meetings.

## Upcoming Topics:

Forecasting and Customer Programs

Resource Planning Methods

Distribution Planning Methods

Transmission Planning Methods

# Load Forecasting Analysis (Includes Customer Programs)

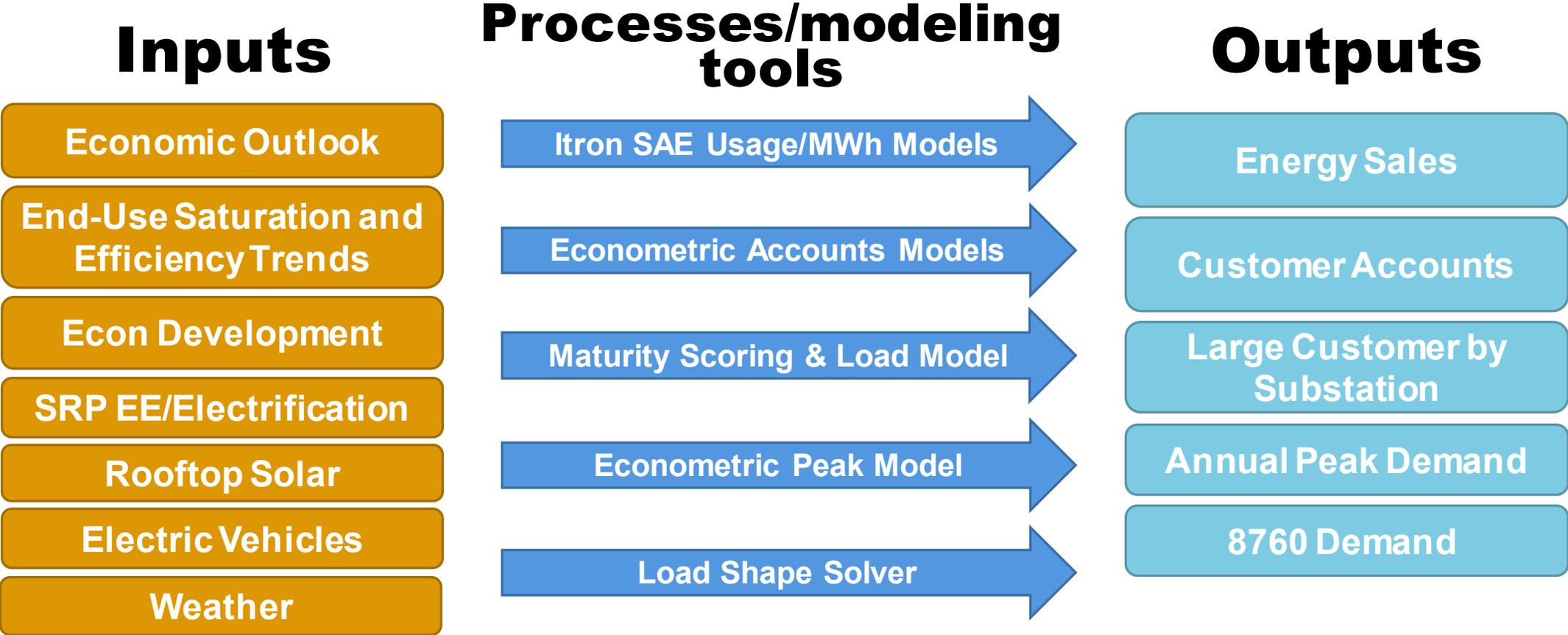
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Manager, Load Forecasting (SRP)

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Manager, Product Development (SRP)

# Forecasting Process Overview



# Forecast Inputs

## Consensus Economic Outlook

Source: UofA, ASU, Moody's, Woods & Poole (W&P), RL Brown

## SRP EE & Electrification

Source: SRP Customer Programs, CADMUS, SRP Load Research

## Rooftop Solar and Battery Forecast

Source: EPRI, NREL, SRP Distribution Enablement, SRP Distributed Energy Programs, SRP Load Research

## Electric Vehicle

Source: EPRI, SRP Load Research

## Econ Development Forecast

Source: Strategic Energy Managers, Economic Development, Itron 3rd party data center forecast, Dominion Energy, JLL, Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC), Historical Trends

## End-Use Saturation and Efficiency Trends:

Source: Itron partnering with the Energy Information Administration

## Weather: Cooling Degree & Heating Degree Hours and Peak Demand Weather Conditions

Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), SRP Weather Experts



# Forecast Input: Customer Program Planning

## EE & Electrification Planning Inputs:

**Corporate Commitments & Priorities:** 2035 Goals & Action Plans, spending targets, customer equity priorities, etc.  
Source: SRP 2035 Sustainability Goals, Corporate Strategy

**Measure-Level Assumptions:** unit impacts, savings persistence, assigned load shape, etc.  
Source: Guidehouse, CADMUS, EPRI, SRP Load Research

**Program-Level Assumptions:** rebate & admin costs  
Source: SRP Product Development, Measurement & Evaluation

## Participation Forecasts

Source: Resource Innovations, ICF, SRP Product Development, Forecasting

**Forecasting Outputs:** M-Power & wired units forecast  
Source: SRP Load Forecasting

## Historic Impacts

Source: Guidehouse, SRP Measurement & Evaluation

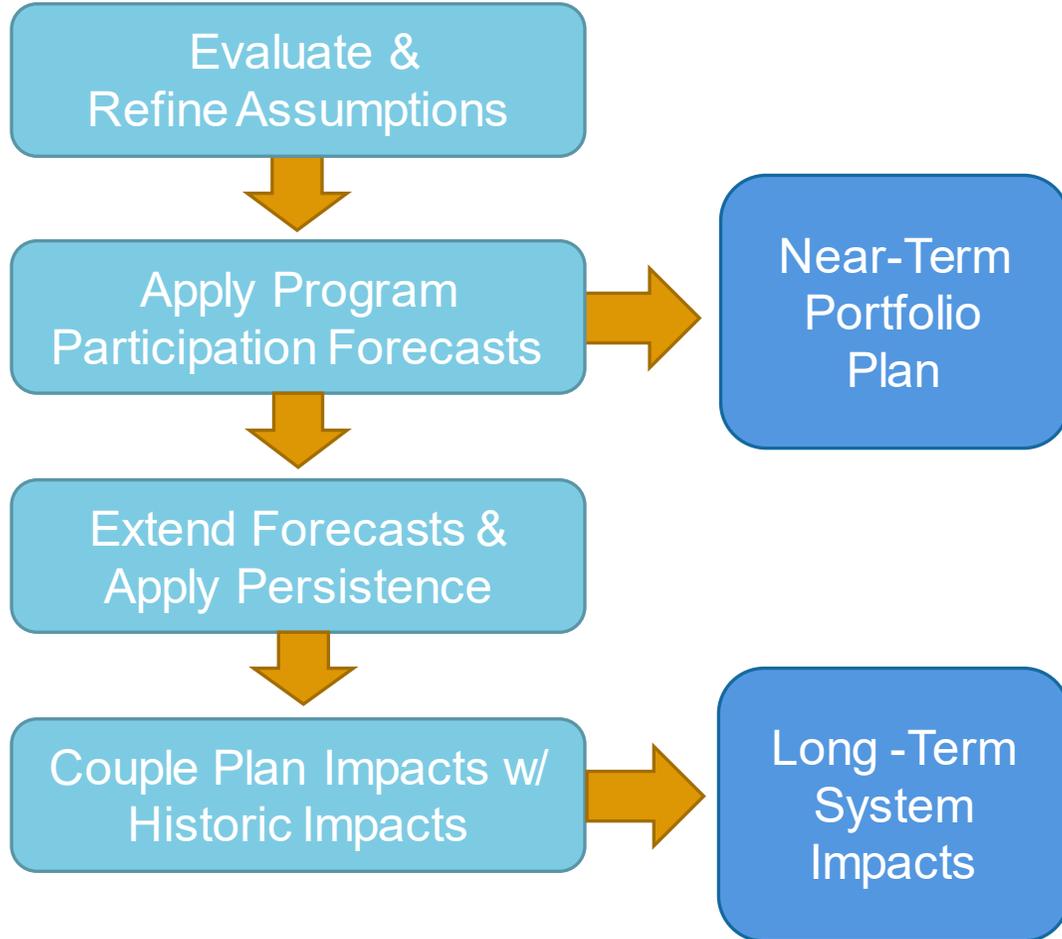
## End-Use Load Shapes

Source: CADMUS, SRP Load Research



# Forecast Input: Customer Program Planning

## Planning Process:



## Planning Outputs:

### Near-Term Portfolio Plan: 6-year Operational Plan

- Annual Program Participation & Marketing Targets
- Annual Incremental Energy & Peak Demand Impacts
- Annual Rebate & Admin Expenses
- Financial Planning Inputs

### Long-Term System Impacts: Aggregate Impact Projections

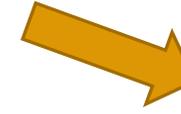
- 30-year Load Forecasting Inputs
  - Annual Aggregate Energy Impacts from EE & Electrification
  - Associated End-Use Load Shape Mix
- 30-year Resource Planning Inputs
  - Annual Demand Response Capacity Projections
- 15-year Financial Planning Inputs
  - Annual O&M Cost Projections

# Processes/modeling tools

Res Use-per-Customer Forecast



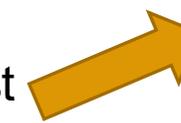
Residential Customer Forecast



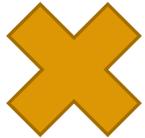
Residential and Commercial Energy Sales and Customers

Comm Energy Sales Forecast

Commercial Customer Forecast



Maturity Scoring Model



Load & Timing Forecast

Large Customer Energy Sales Forecast

Large, Res/Commercial Customer Forecast  
 Weather  
 Impacts: Price Plans, EVs, Rooftop Solar/Batteries  
 Energy Sales



Regression Model

Annual Peak Demand

Load Shape Solver

8760 Demand

# Forecast Outputs

**Energy Sales:** Monthly energy sales by Price Plan/Customer Class

Use: Pricing

**Customer Accounts:** Monthly Customer Accounts by Price Plan /Customer Class

Use: Pricing and Distribution Planning

**Large Customer Forecasts by Substation (Large Industrial)**

Use: Transmission Planning

**Peak Demand:** Highest Annual Demand

Use: Resource, Transmission and Distribution Planning

**8760 Hourly Demand:** demand for each hour of each year of the forecast

Use: Resource and Distribution Planning and Pricing

**Rooftop Solar and Customer-Owned Batteries:** Forecast of adoption, MWh and MW AC capacity

Use: Distribution Planning

**Electric Vehicles (EV) Forecast:** Adoption and MWh forecast for EVs in SRP territory

Use: Distribution Planning

**In addition to a Base Forecast, range forecasts are created to recognize uncertainty**

# Resource Planning Models

Michael Reynolds

Manager, Resource Analysis & Planning (SRP)

# Resource Planning Challenges



## Reliability

- Load growth paired with coal retirement
- Evolving load profile – distributed solar, electrification, industrial loads
- New resources are intermittent or have limited energy
- Regional capacity needs
- Extreme weather

## Affordability

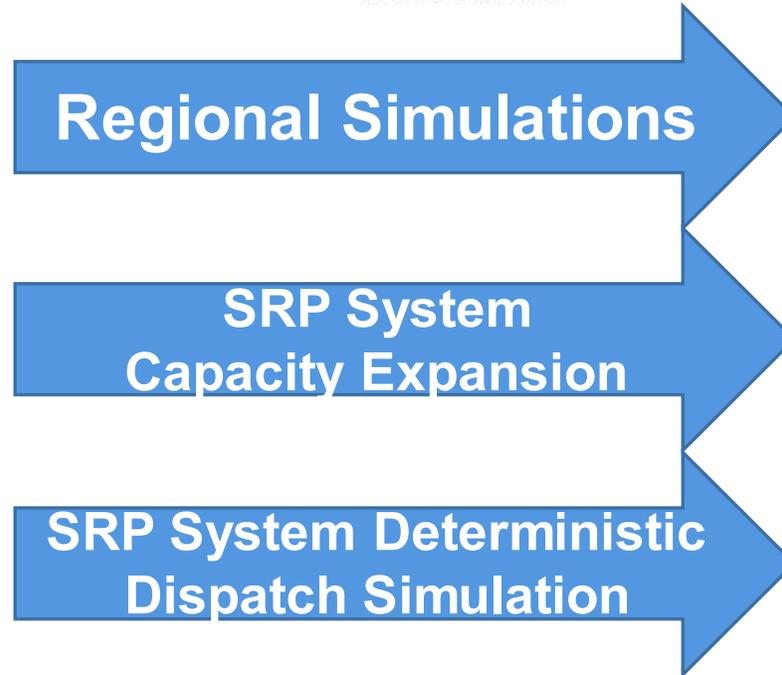
- Unknown future costs for fuel
- Rapidly changing costs for emerging technologies
- Volatile regional electricity market prices
- Long-life investments

## Sustainability

- Need for reduced carbon emissions
- Water considerations
- Land use
- Community impacts

# Integrated System Plan: Resource Planning Process

## Inputs



## Outputs



# Resource Analysis Inputs

## Regional Loads and Resource Data

Source: Energy Exemplar database (sourced from various publicly available data)

## Electric Price Forecast

Source: SRP analysis, market quotes

## Hourly Load Forecast

Source: SRP Forecasting, contracted external sales

## SRP Resource & PPA Characteristics (heat rates, flexibility metrics, outage rates, cost elements, emissions, etc.)

Source: SRP Generation Engineering, SRP contracts

## Effective Load Carrying Capability (ELCC)

Source: SRP analysis

## Fuel Costs

Source: SRP Fuels (existing contracts), Consulting Groups, Publicly Available Sources (EIA Annual Energy Outlook, etc.), market quotes, SRP analysis

## Potential Resource Technologies & Costs

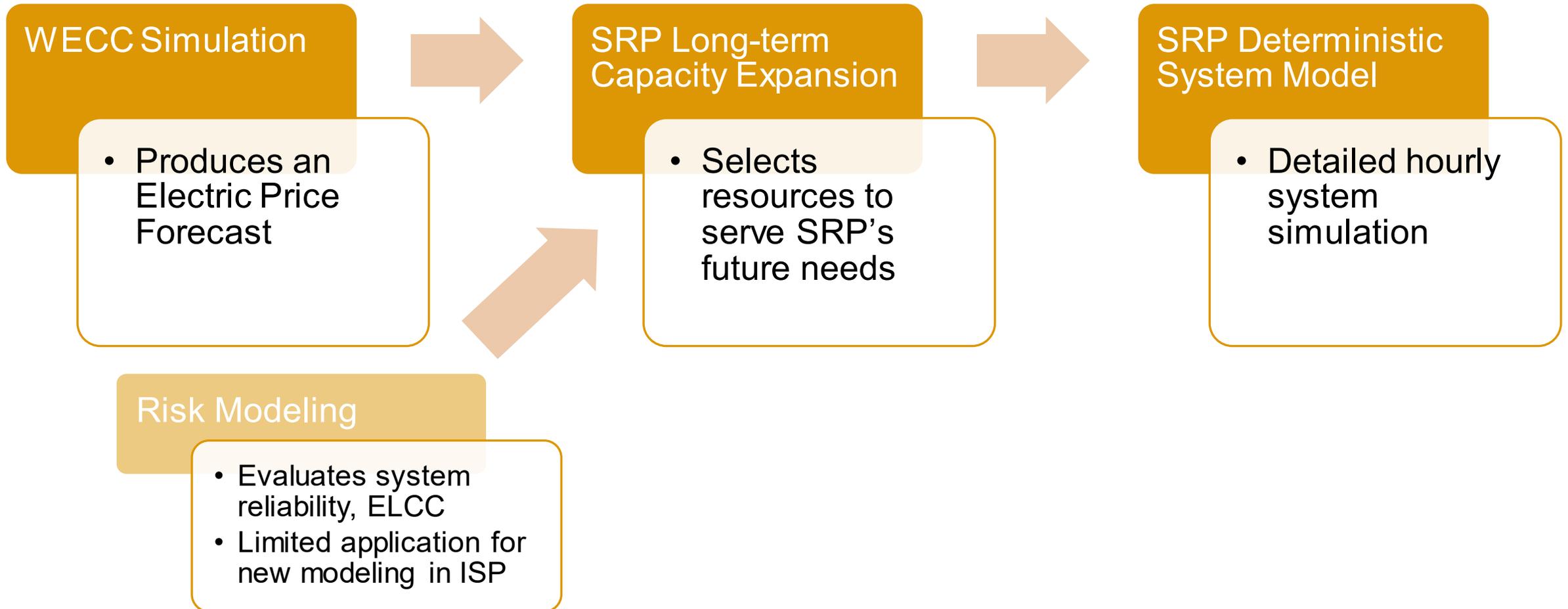
Source: SRP Procurement Activities, SRP Transmission Planning, EPRI, Publicly Available Sources (NREL Annual Technology Baseline, etc.)

## Other Modeling Constraints

Source: SRP Board Policy, SRP Fuels (existing contracts), transmission limits for new resources (“renewable energy zones”)

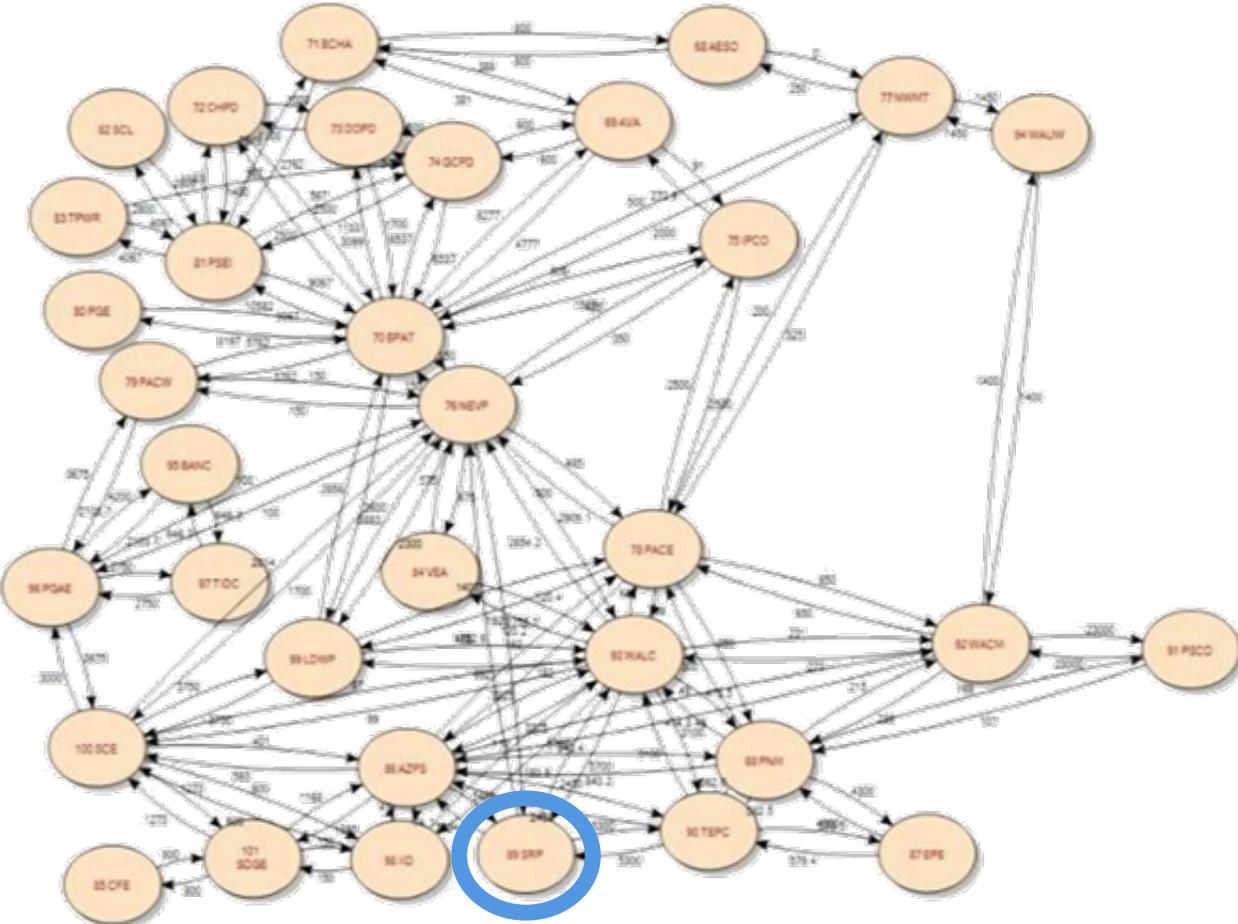
Input sources will be further evaluated and defined for this ISP process.

# Process & Methodology



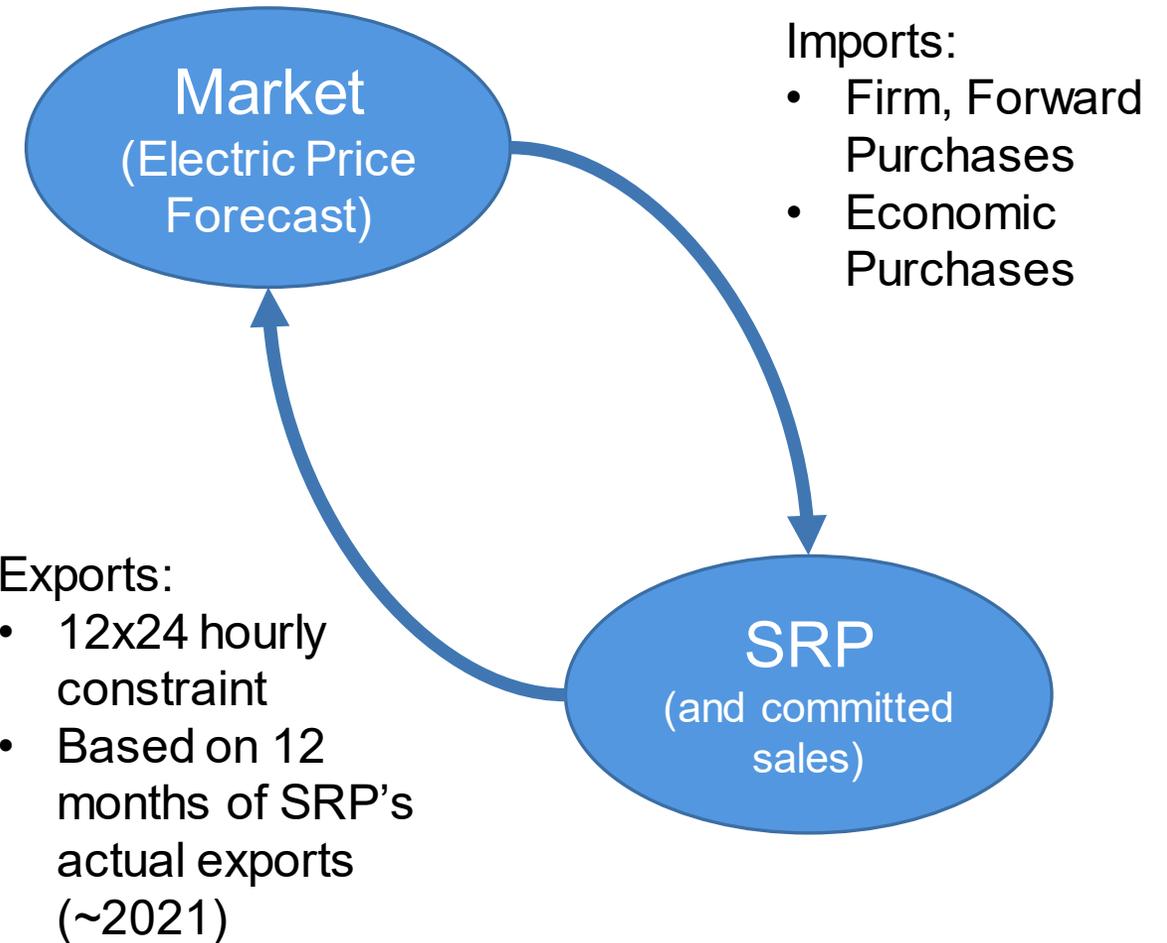
# Process & Methodology: Zonal Configurations

## WECC Modeling (electric price forecast)



Source: Aurora

## SRP 2-Zone Modeling (all else)



# Resource Analysis Outputs

**Electric Price Forecast:** hourly price to be applied to SRP's 2-zone models

**Resource Selection:** Resources identified as part of a future SRP resource portfolio

## Hourly Resource Dispatch Detail

### Resource system cost metrics

- Fuel expenses
- O&M expenses
- Capital costs for new resources

### Resource system sustainability metrics

- Carbon emissions (mass and intensity)
- Water emissions (mass and intensity)
- Other metrics if useful to stakeholders:
  - Coal ash production
  - Land use
  - Mercury
  - NOX
  - SO2

### Reliability metrics

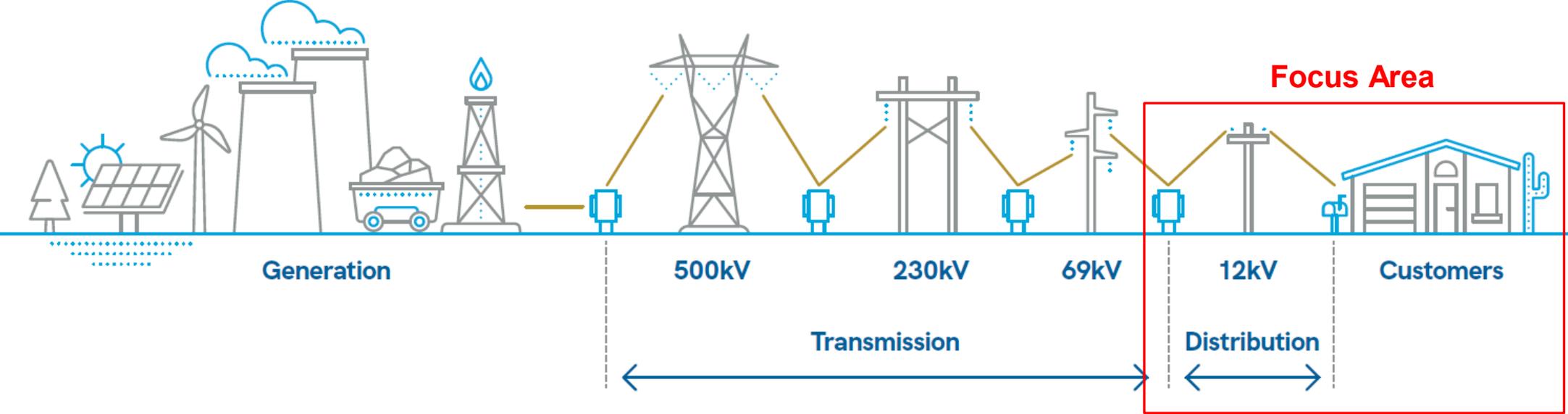
- **Loss of Load Expectations/Loss of Load Hours**
  - All modeled portfolios will be designed for resource-adequacy
  - This may be a final check for strategic conclusions, but would not be simulated along the way

# Distribution Planning Methods

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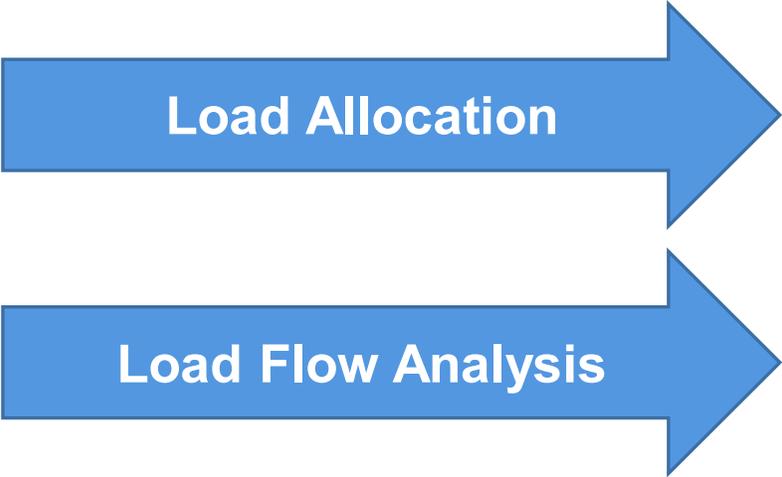
# Distribution System and Planning



# Distribution Planning Process

## Inputs

- Load Forecast
- Distribution System Model
- New Customer Load Information
- Hourly Load Shapes
- DER Interconnections
- DER/EV Adoption



## Outputs

- Forecasted Load by Substation
- Distribution System Infrastructure Upgrade Plan

# Distribution Planning Analysis Inputs

**Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) data:** 15-minute load data from each meter  
Source: Customer meter data

**Load forecast:** forecasted peak load for each year  
Source: Load Forecast

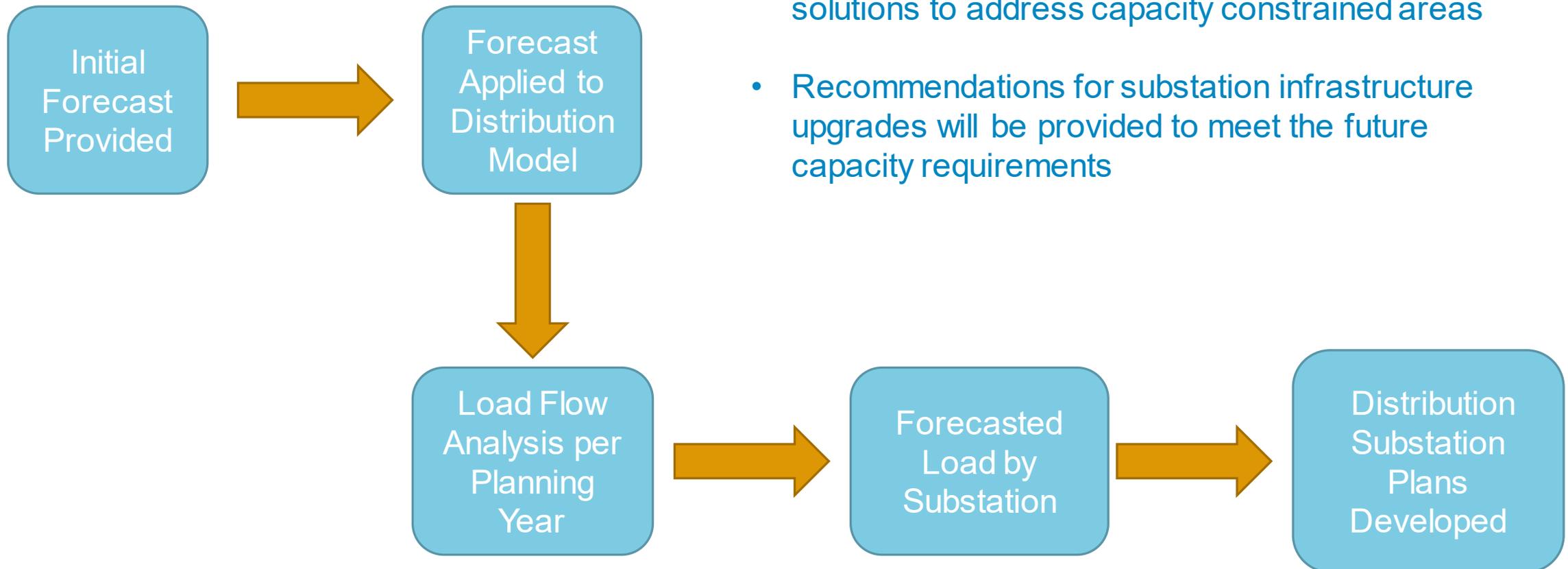
**Customer Load Growth data:** anticipated and known load growth data for residential and commercial/industrial customers  
Source: Economic Development, System Requirement Requests, Initial Plan Review, Customer Construction & Design Contracts

**Distribution System topology:** geographic representation of SRP's distribution system  
Source: Internal geographic information systems database

**Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) data:** 15-minute snapshots of load data from the feeder and substation transformer, this includes MW and MVars  
Source: Transducer or Relay

**Distribution Energy Resources (DER):** Location and AC rating of all DER  
Source: Customer Interconnection Requests

# Process and Methodology



- Results of load flow analyses will be used to create solutions to address capacity constrained areas
- Recommendations for substation infrastructure upgrades will be provided to meet the future capacity requirements

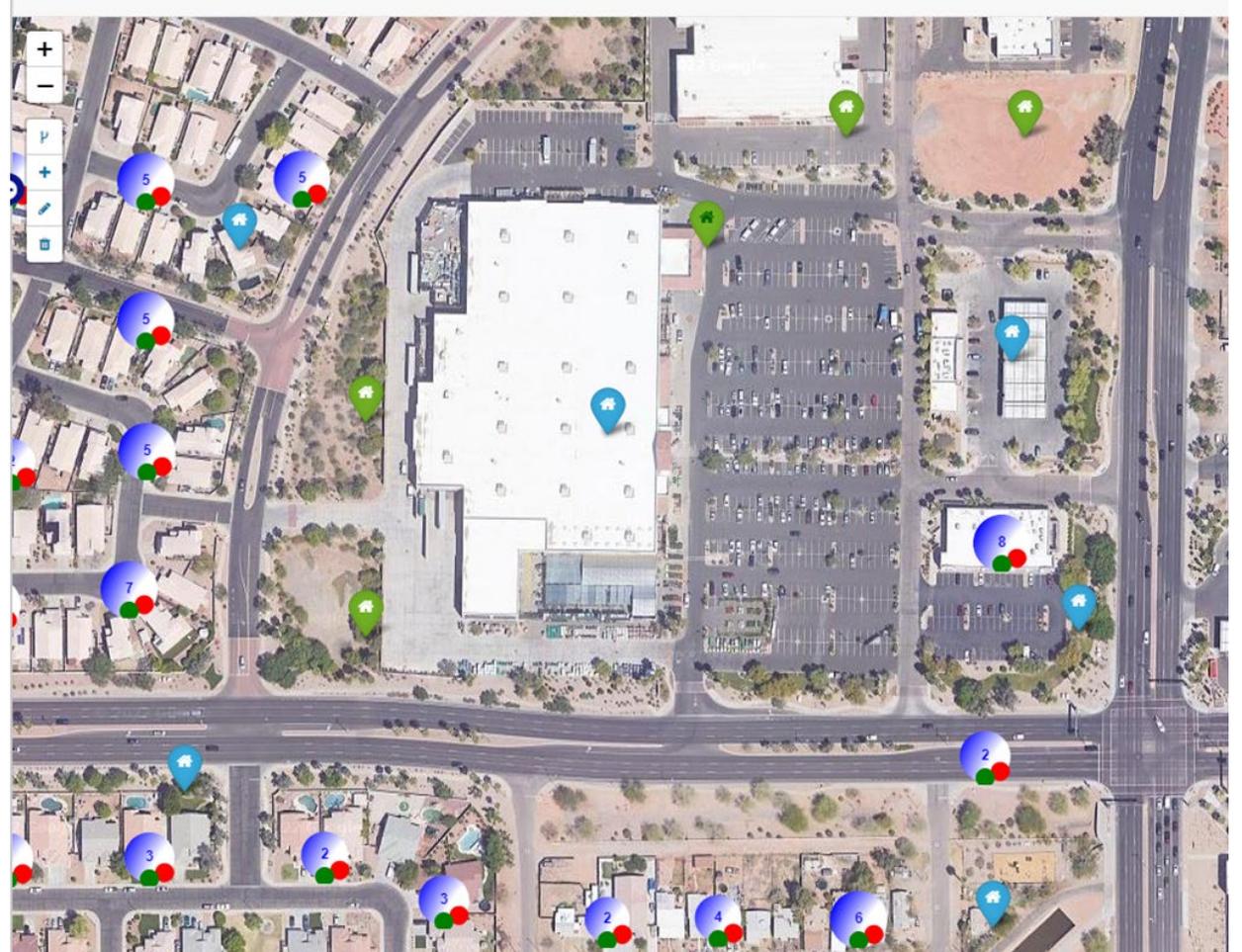
# Process and Methodology – Load Allocation

## Develop Local Area Forecast

- Annual Corporate Forecast allocated to local level
- Future Load Allocated via
  - New Service Requests (1-3 years)
  - Area growth trends
  - Available vacant land
  - Long-term special studies

## Apply Local Area Forecast to Base Case

- Normalized to corporate forecast



# Process and Methodology – Load Flow Analysis

## Load Flow Analysis

- Load flow
- Distributed Energy Resources (DER) impact analysis
- Electric Vehicles (EV) impact analysis
- Infrastructure upgrade placement



# Analysis Outputs

**Forecasted Load by Substation:** provides forecasted distribution substation load information as an input to Transmission Planning process and used to decide where future substation bays and substations should be built

**Distribution infrastructure upgrade plan:** provides recommended infrastructure upgrades to serve projected load needs and capacity margin for unexpected loads

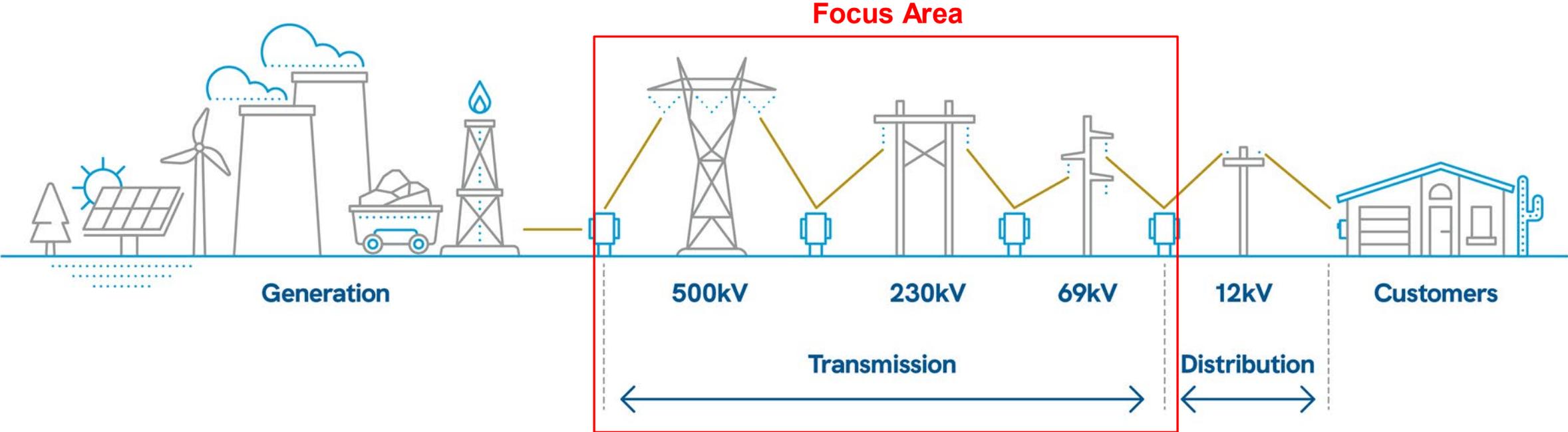


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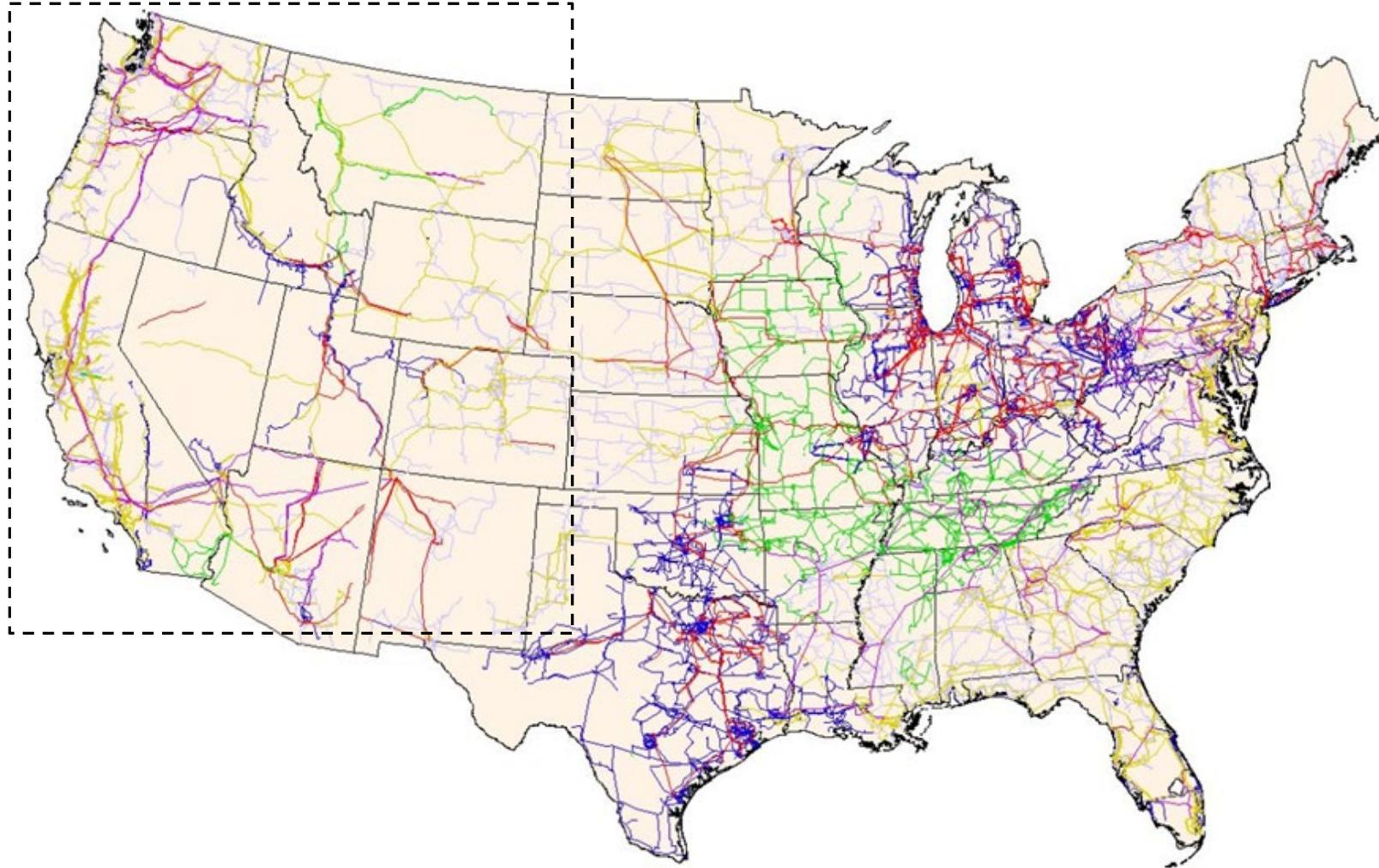
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# Transmission Planning: Generation to Load



# Transmission Planning: The Western Interconnection



# Transmission Planning Process Overview

## Inputs

Grid Topology

Contingency List

Equipment Settings &  
Characteristics

Equipment Ratings  
(normal & emergency)

Forecasted Load  
(Levels and location)

Generation Location &  
Dispatch

## Analysis (Single Snapshot in Time)

Transmission Investment

## Outputs

Steady State Flows

Voltage at Each Station

Transmission Solutions

# Transmission Investment: Analysis Inputs

**Grid Topology:** How the transmission system is connected.

**Sources:** Internal - TSM database

External – WECC base case, Neighboring Utilities

**Contingency List:** Defined list of outages to be studied

**Source:** Created per NERC TPL-001-4

**Equipment Settings & Characteristics:** Technical information and data used to model elements of the power system

**Sources:** Internal - Cascade database, ASPEN Line database, generator and transformer test reports

External – WECC base case, Neighboring Utilities

**Equipment Ratings:** Ratings of each element of the power system

**Sources:** Internal - Cascade database, ASPEN Line database, generator and transformer test reports

External – WECC base case, Neighboring Utilities

**Forecasted Load:** Forecasted electric load for the timeframe of the study

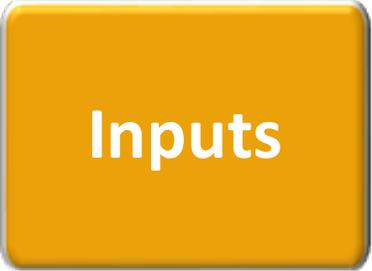
**Sources:** Load Forecasting, Distribution Planning

**Generation Location and Dispatch:** Planned generation to be in-service for the timeframe of the study

**Source:** Resource Planning

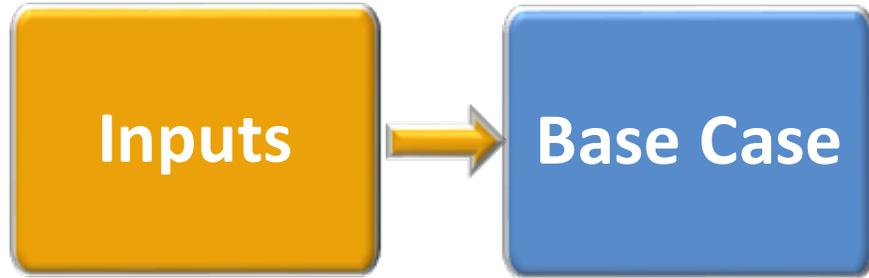
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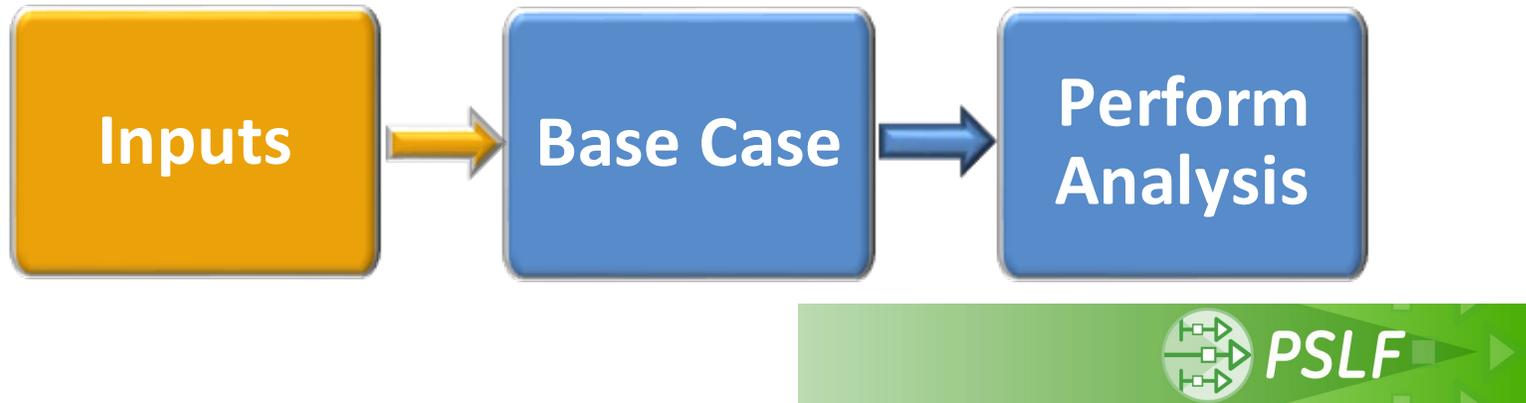


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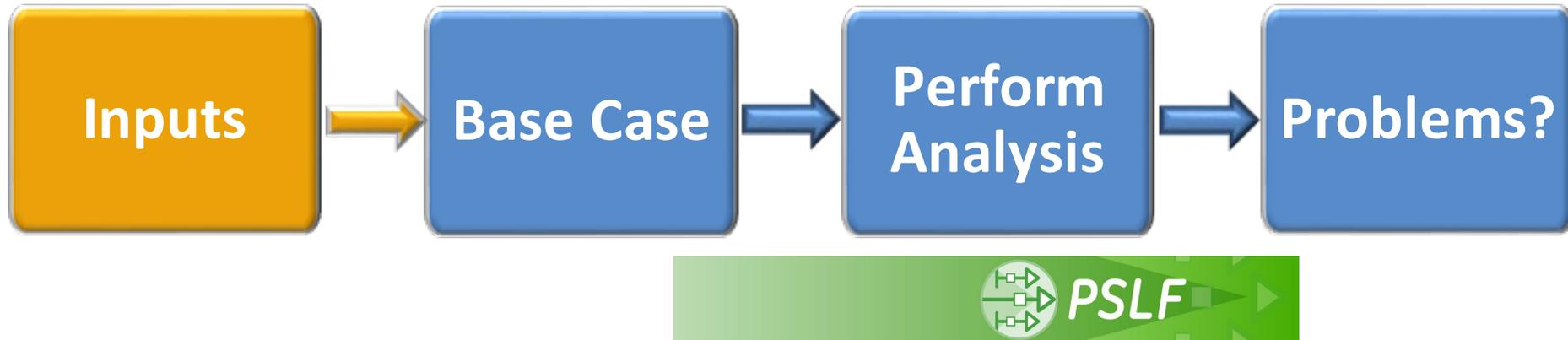
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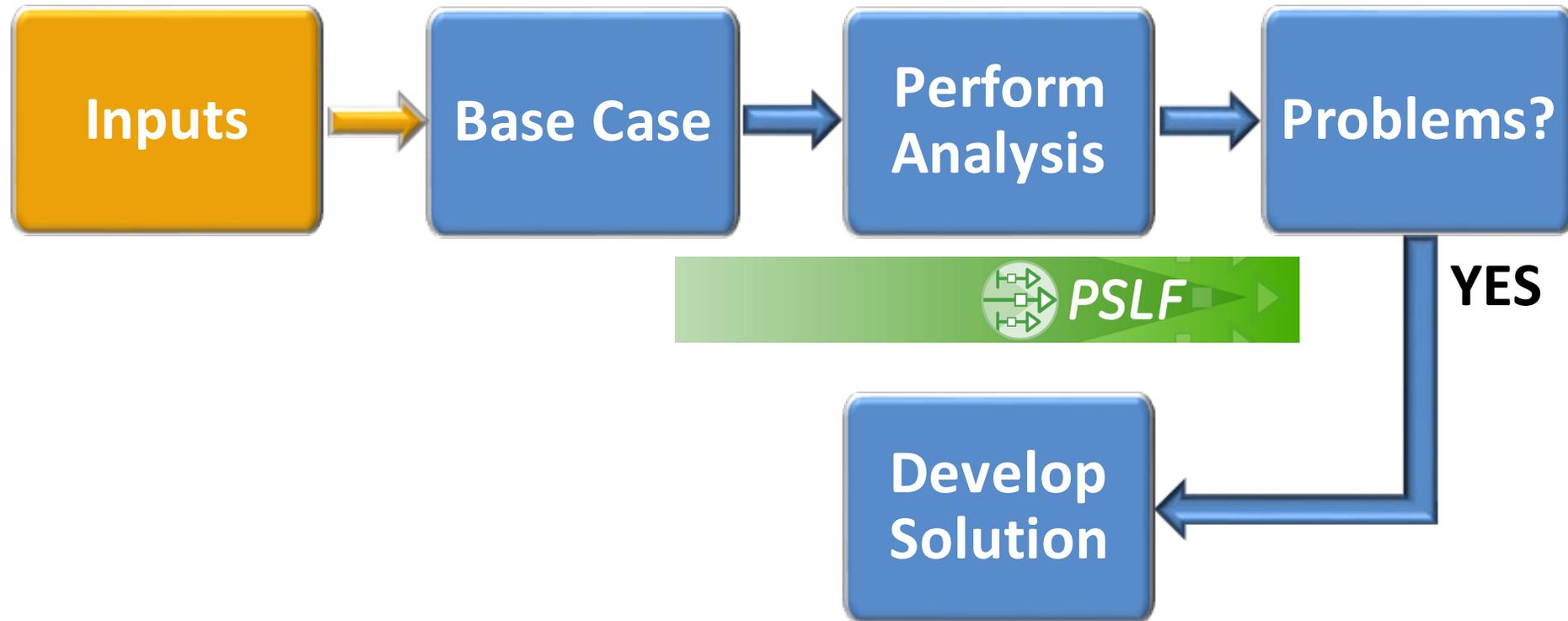
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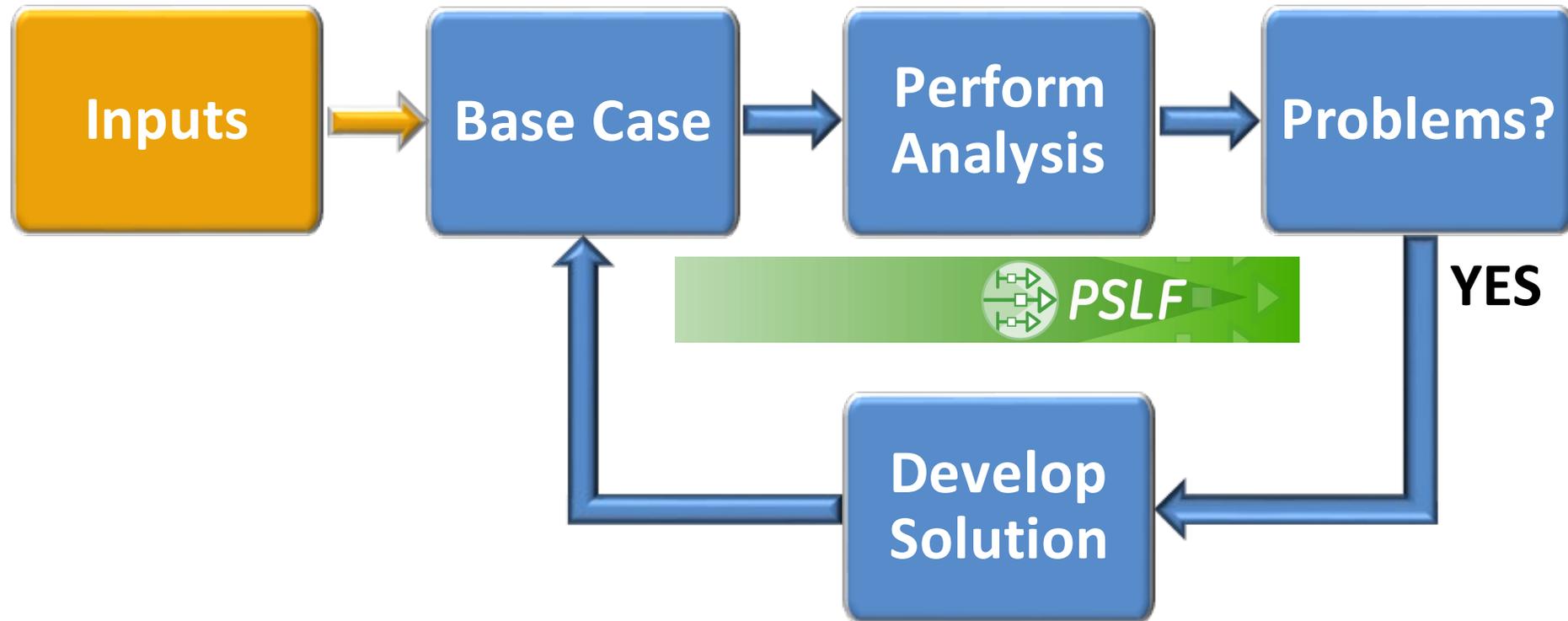
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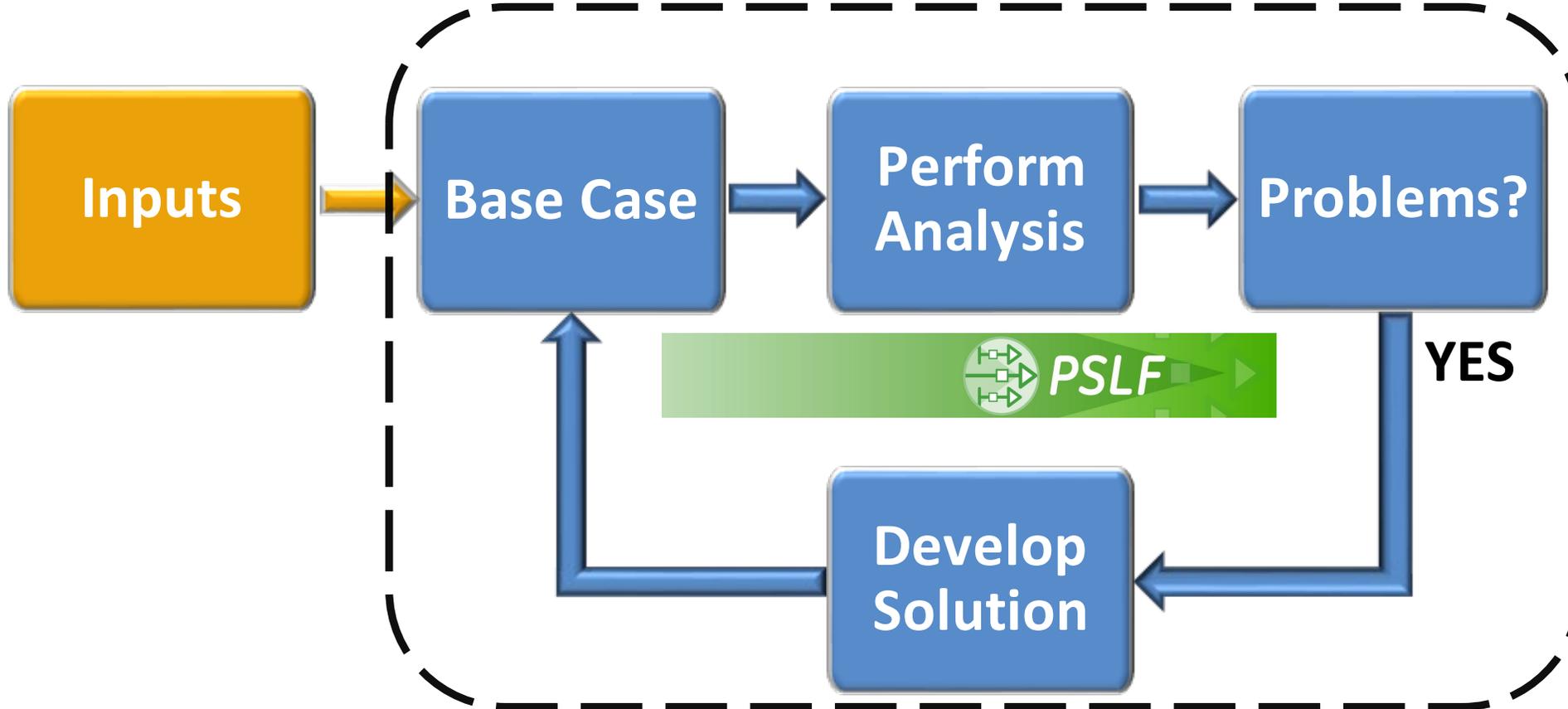


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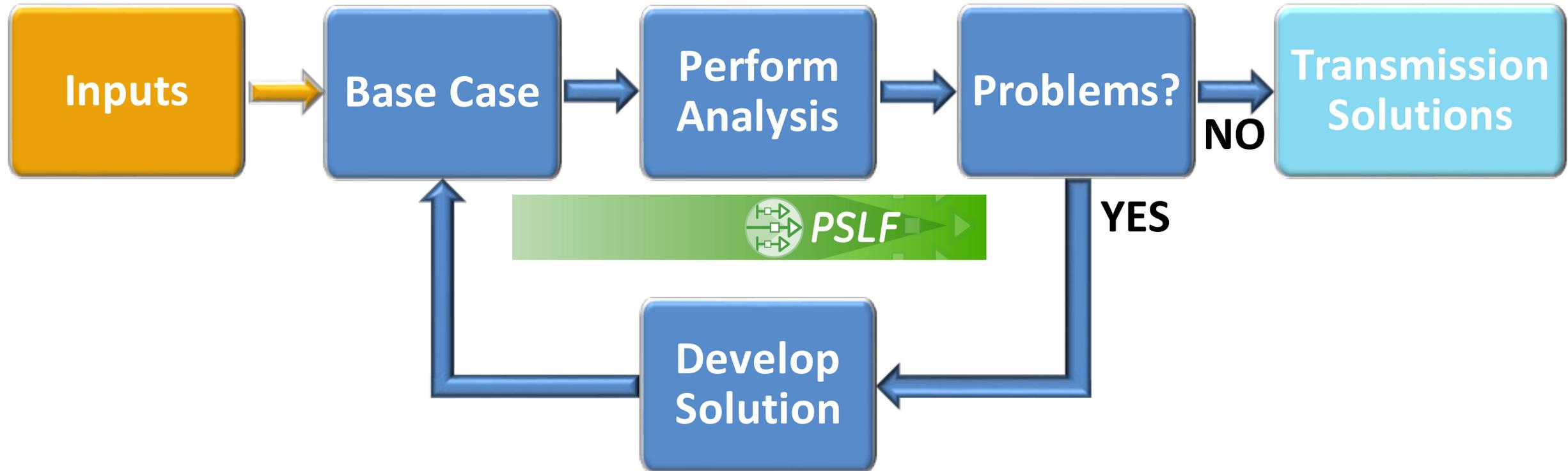


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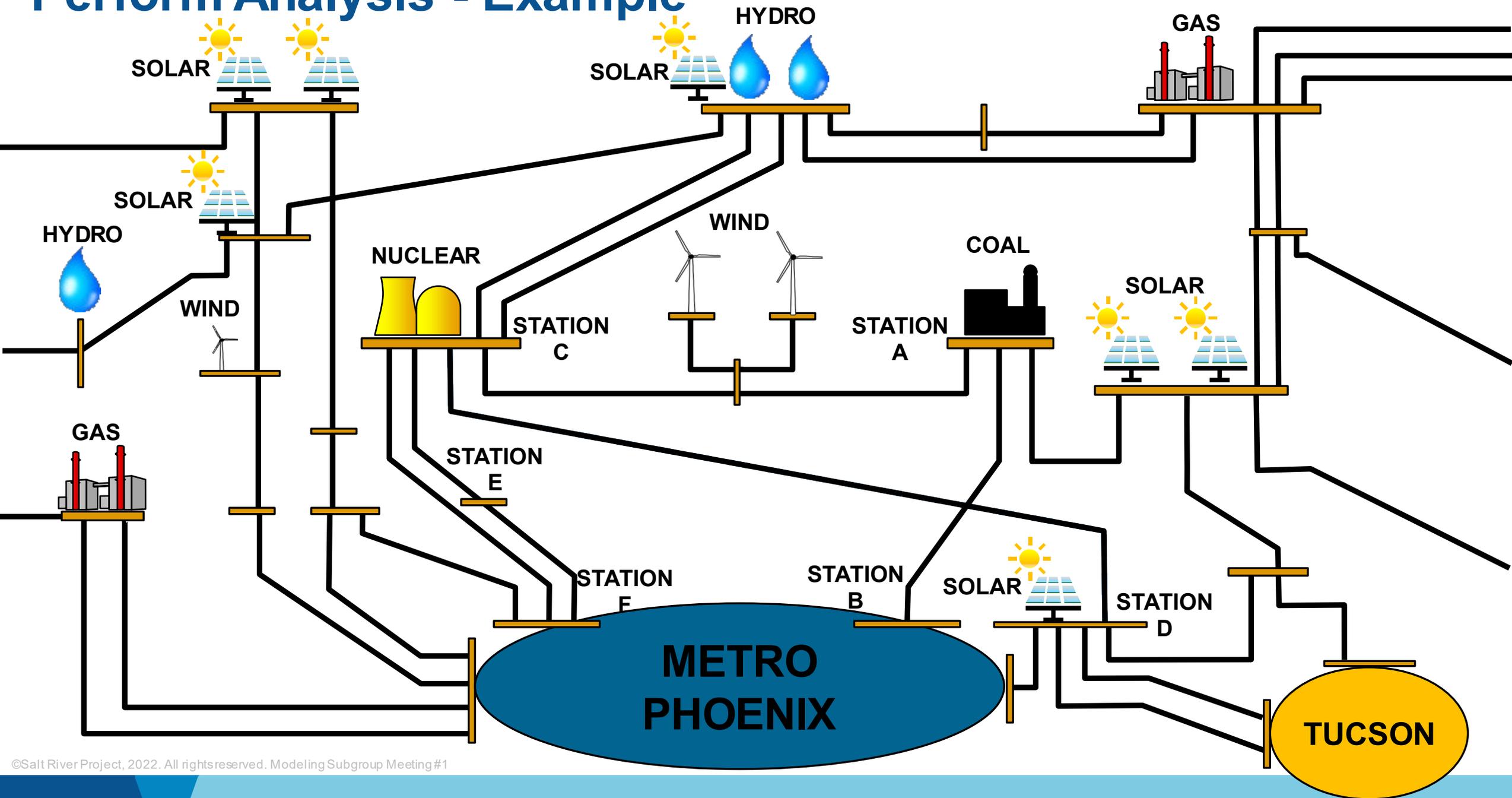
**Repeat Until All Problems Solved**



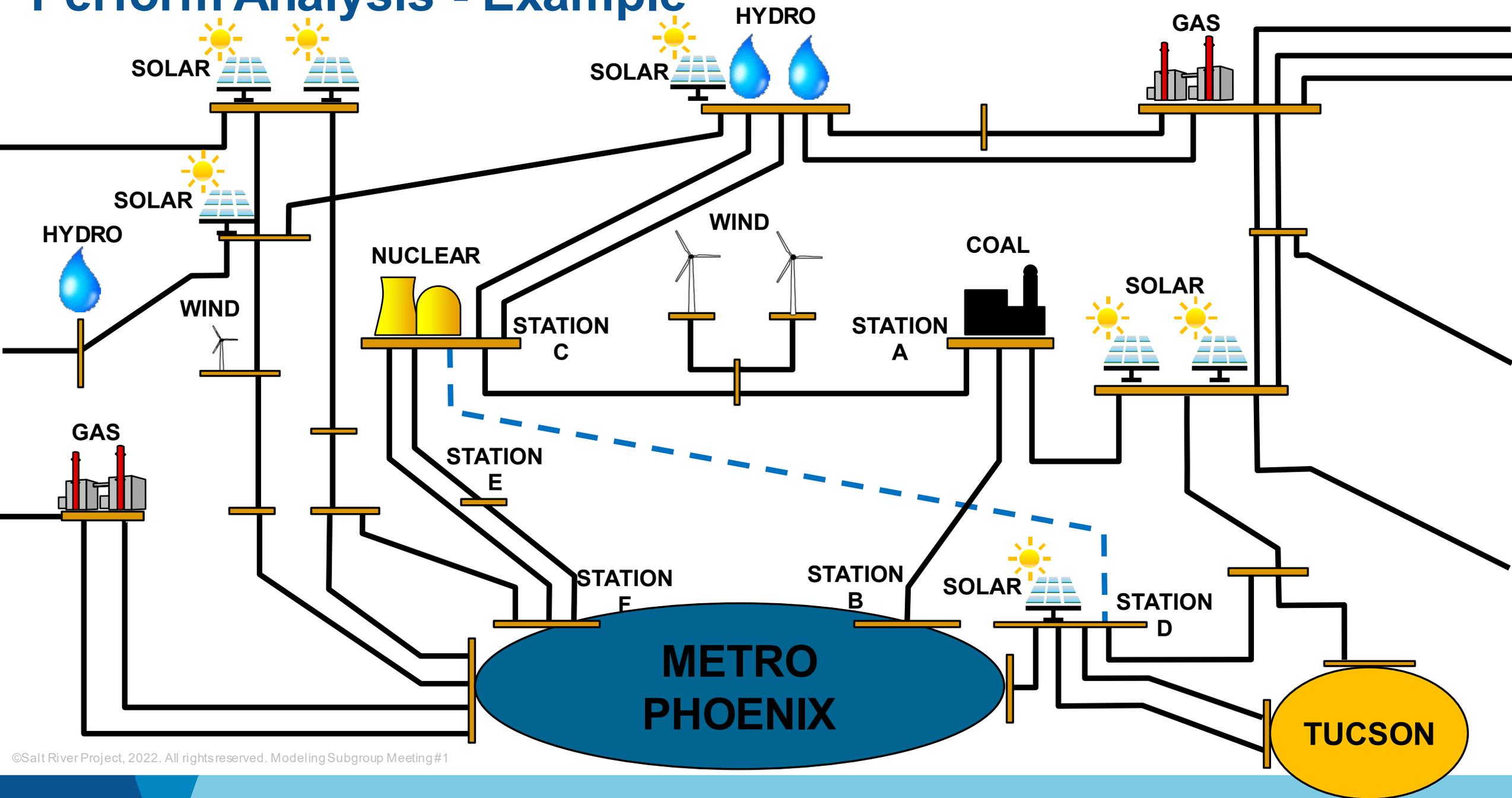
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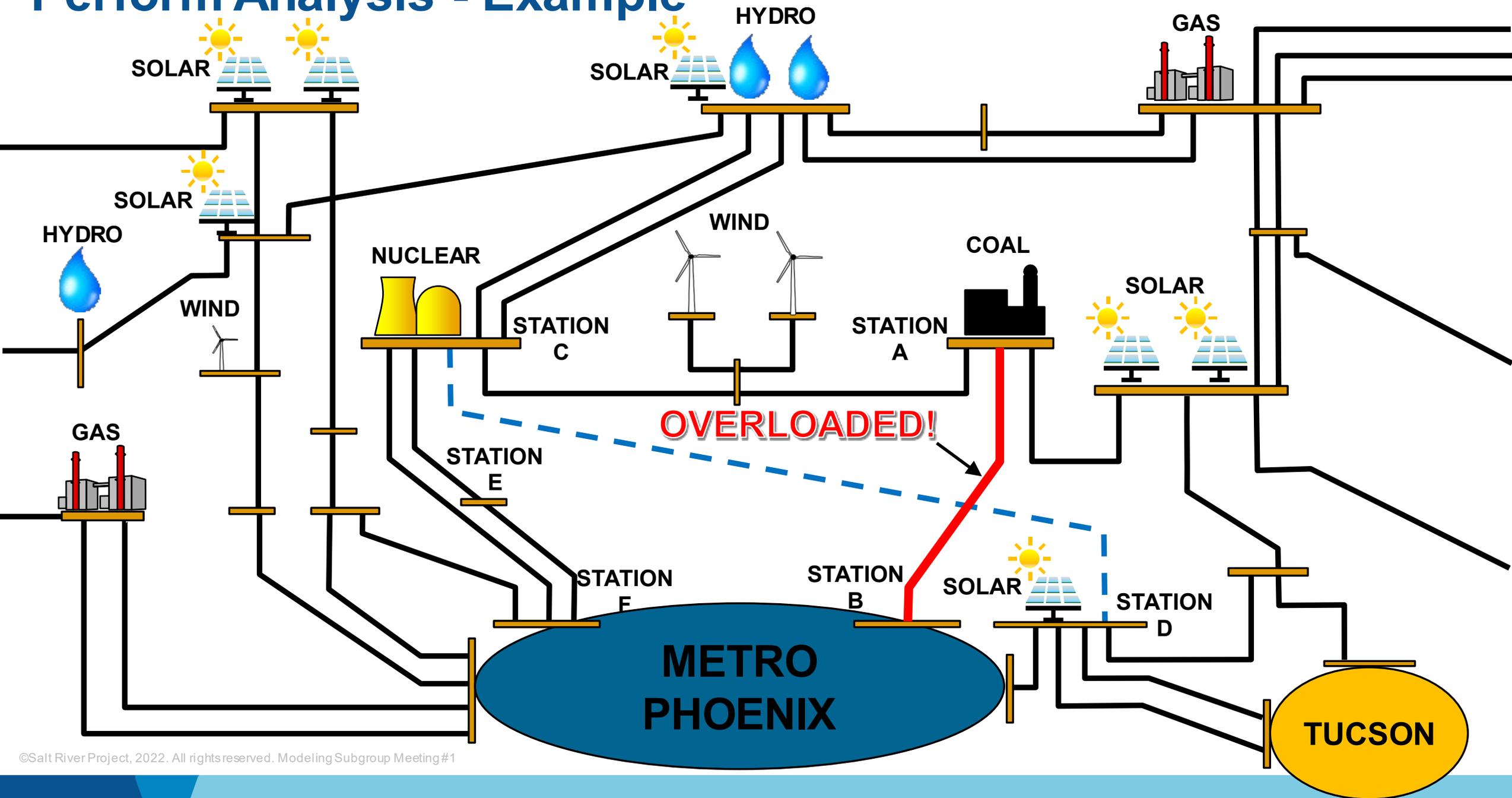
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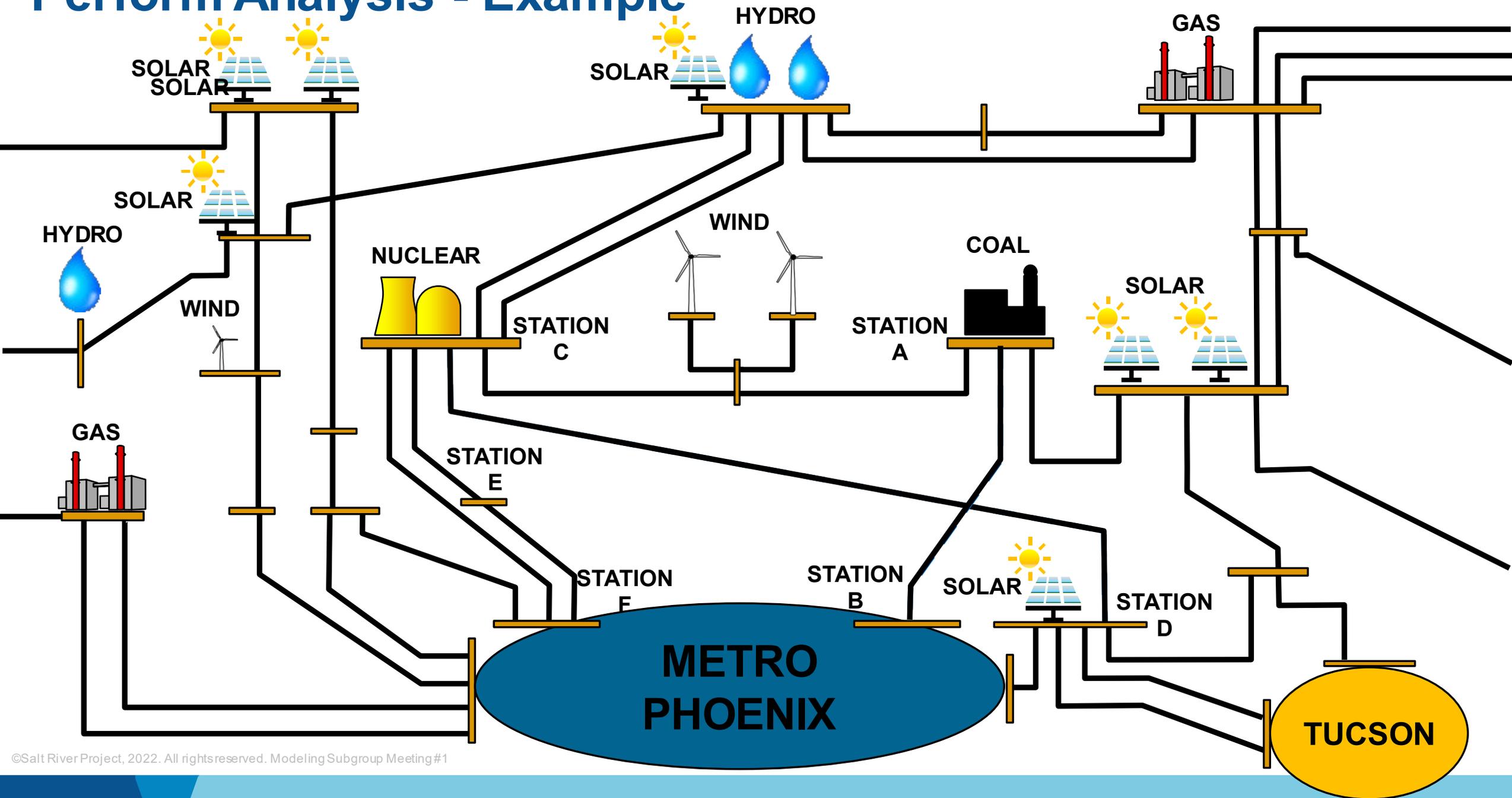
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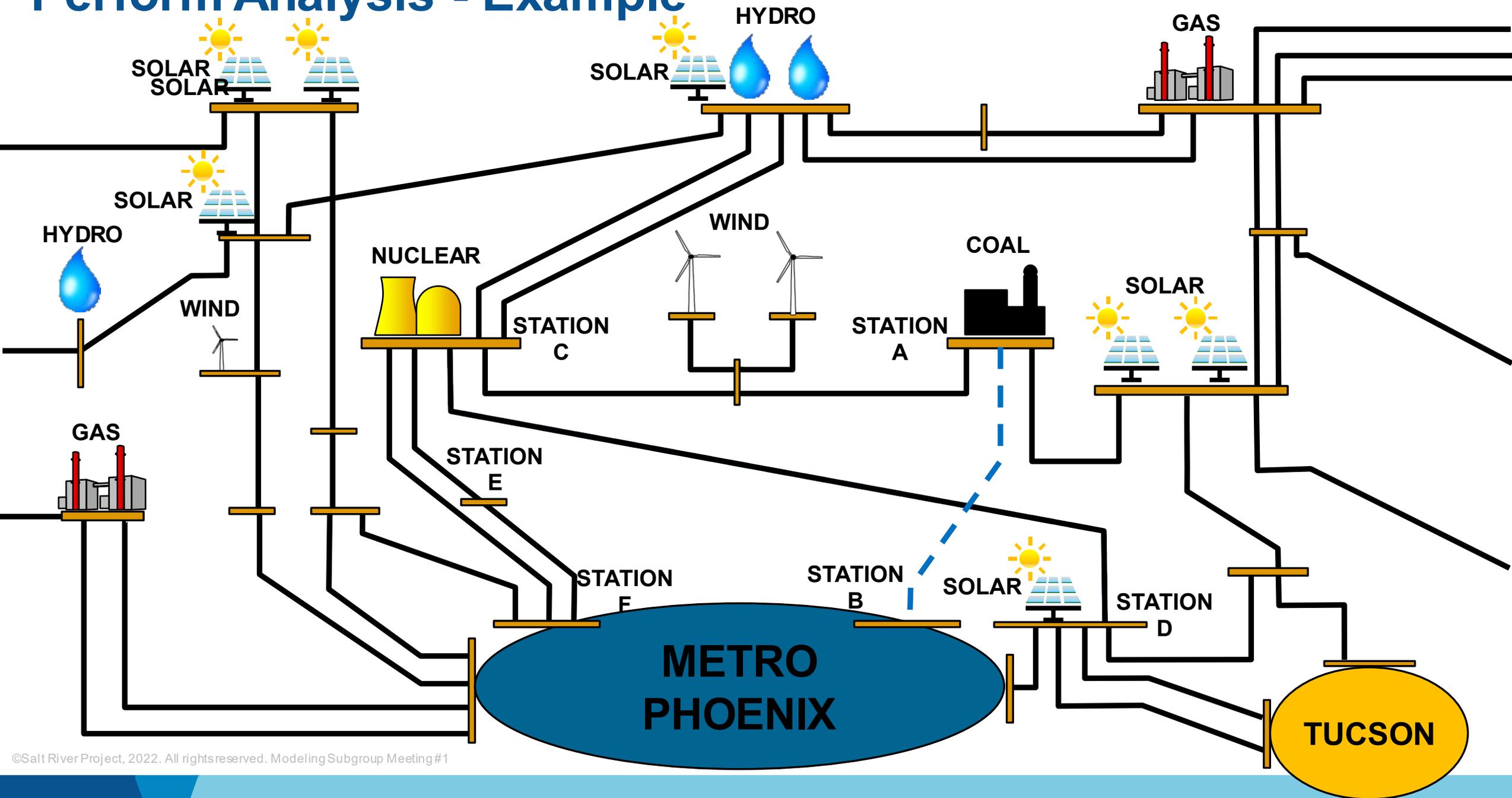
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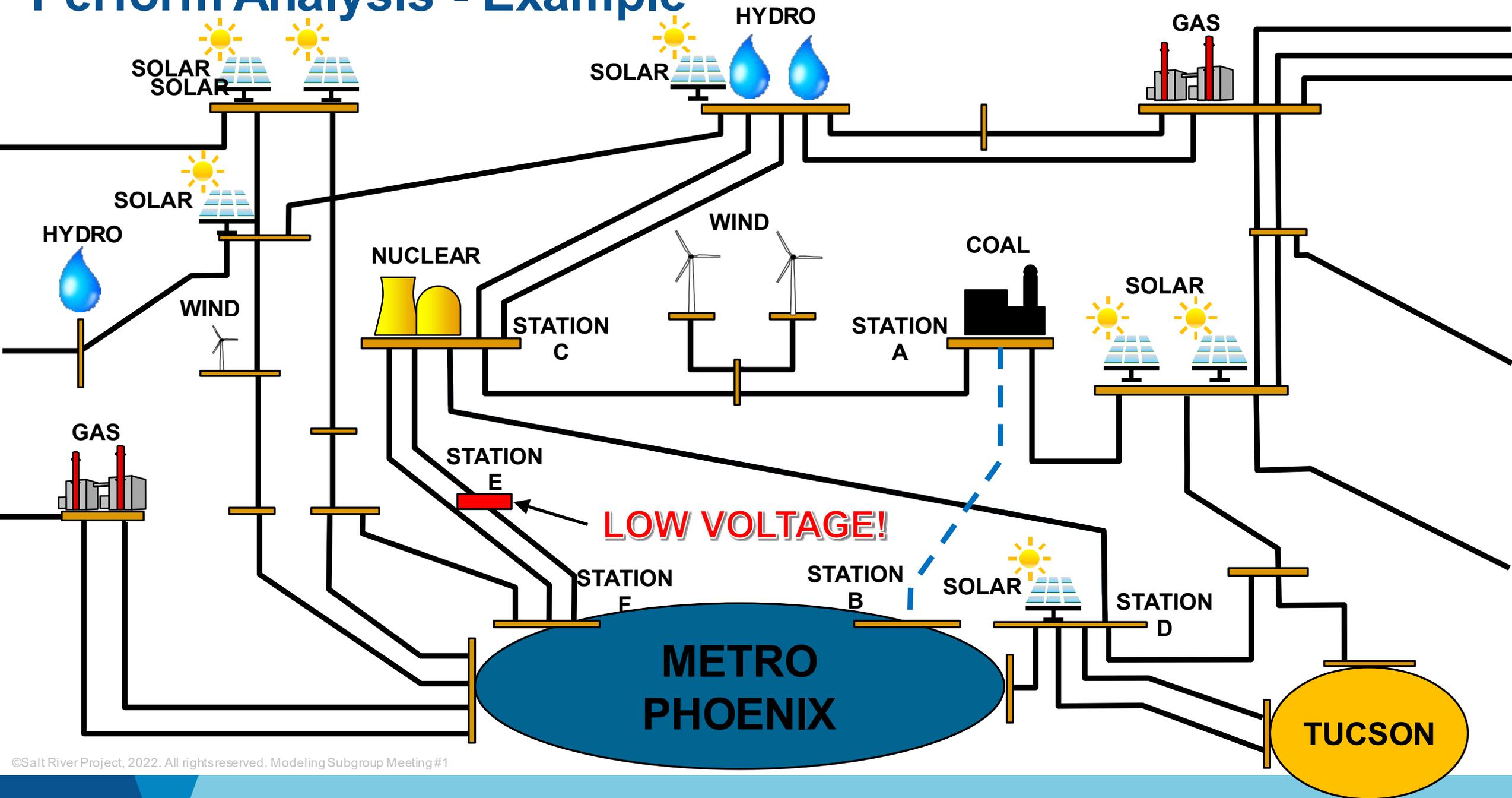
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# Transmission Investment: Analysis Outputs

**Steady State Flow:** How the power flows on all transmission system elements either pre or post contingency

**How it's used :** To determine if overloads exist on a transmission system element either pre or post contingency

**Voltage at each Station:** The calculated voltage at each station

**How it's used :** To determine if high or low voltage conditions exist either pre or post contingency

**Transmission Solutions:** Required upgrades to the power system to fix overloads and voltage issues

**How it's used:** Costs of these upgrades included in overall system plan cost

# Modeling Ecosystem Recap

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# Next Steps and Wrap Up

Joan Isaacson

Lead Facilitator (Kearns & West)

# Next Steps

## Advisory Group Meetings

- **February 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM-1:00PM (MST)** - Scenario Planning Framework- Part 2 & Strategic Approach Options- Part 1 [Virtual]
- **March 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM-1:00PM (MST)** - Strategic Approach Options- Part 2 & Metrics
- **March 21st 10:00AM-12:00PM (MST)** - **Optional Modeling Subgroup Meeting #2**

## Action Items

- *Report out on this meeting to the full Advisory Group next meeting and with a meeting summary*
- *Identify the roster of the Modeling Subgroup*



**Stakeholder Communication Email:**

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**Integrated System Plan: Informational Portal**

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**thank you!**