

# Subregional RTEP Committee – Western FirstEnergy Supplemental Projects

July 22, 2022

# Needs

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**Need Number:** ATSI-2022-Mutiple (See next slide)

**Process Stage:** Need Meeting – 07/22/2022

**Project Driver:**  
*Equipment Material Condition, Performance and Risk*

**Specific Assumption References:**

*Global Factors*

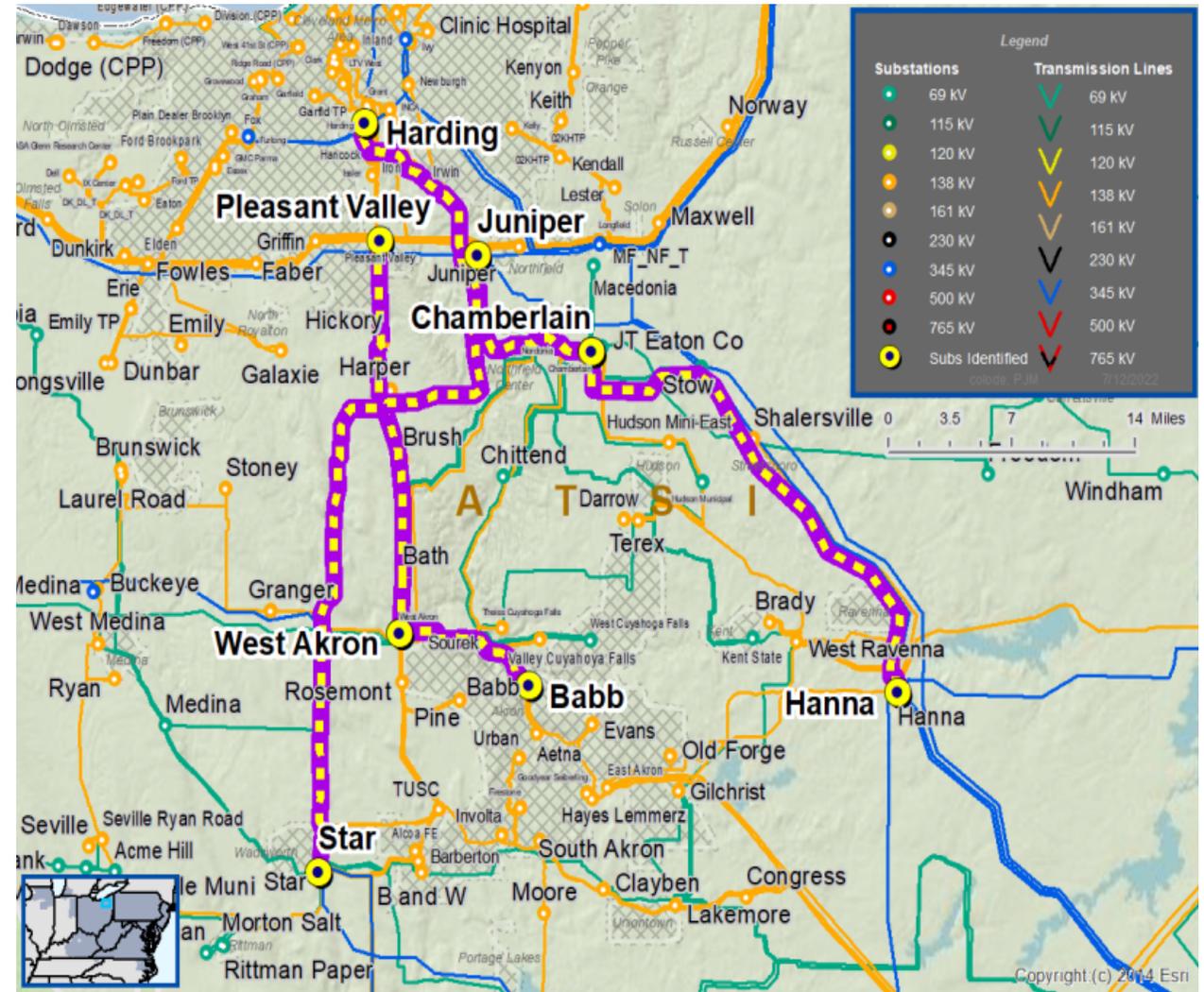
- System reliability and performance
- Substation / line equipment limits

*Upgrade Relay Schemes*

- Relay schemes that have a history of misoperation
- Obsolete and difficult to repair communication equipment (DTT, Blocking, etc.)
- Communication technology upgrades

**Problem Statement:**

- Since 2018 there have been seven (7) reportable misoperations in ATSI as a result of a power line carrier communication (PLC) issues and several other PLC systems have concerning health issues based on alarm and maintenance records.
- Per NATF reporting, DCB schemes are by far the most common protection scheme to misoperate accounting for over 31% of all reported misoperations.
- During the period of 2014-Q1 2018, 2.4% of misoperations in FE were due to the DCB protection scheme. Another 12% of misoperations were due to communication failures, relay failures and unknowns in a DCB-PLC configuration.
- Transmission line ratings are limited by terminal equipment.



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ATSI-2022	Transmission Line / Substation Locations	Existing Line/Terminal Equipment MVA Rating (SN / SE)	Existing Conductor/Transformer MVA Rating (SN / SE)	Limiting Terminal Equipment
-016	Pleasant Valley-West Akron 138 kV Line	153 / 199 217 (WN) / 229 (WE)	237 / 287 267 (WN) / 339 (WE)	Wave trap, substation conductor
-017	Chamberlin-Harding 345 kV Line	1245 / 1394 1394 (WN) / 1394 (WE)	1560 / 1900 1766 (WN) / 2251 (WE)	Circuit breaker, disconnect switch, substation conductor, and relay
-018	Chamberlin-Hanna 345 kV Line	1230 / 1394 1394 (WN) / 1394 (WE)	1542 / 1878 1746 (WN) / 2225 (WE)	Circuit breaker, disconnect switch, substation conductor, and relay
-019	Juniper -Star 345 kV Line	1289 / 1289 1289 (WN) / 1289 (WE)	1518 / 1849 1719 (WN) / 2192 (WE)	Relay, disconnect switch, substation conductor
-021	Babb-West Akron 138 kV Line	190 / 209 217 (WN) / 223 (WE)	200 / 242 226 (WN) / 286 (WE)	Relay, substation conductor, wave trap

# Solutions

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**Need Number:** ATSI-2022-002  
**Process Stage:** Solution Meeting –07/22/2022  
**Previously Presented:** Need Meeting – 03/18/2022

**Supplemental Project Driver(s):**  
*Customer Service*

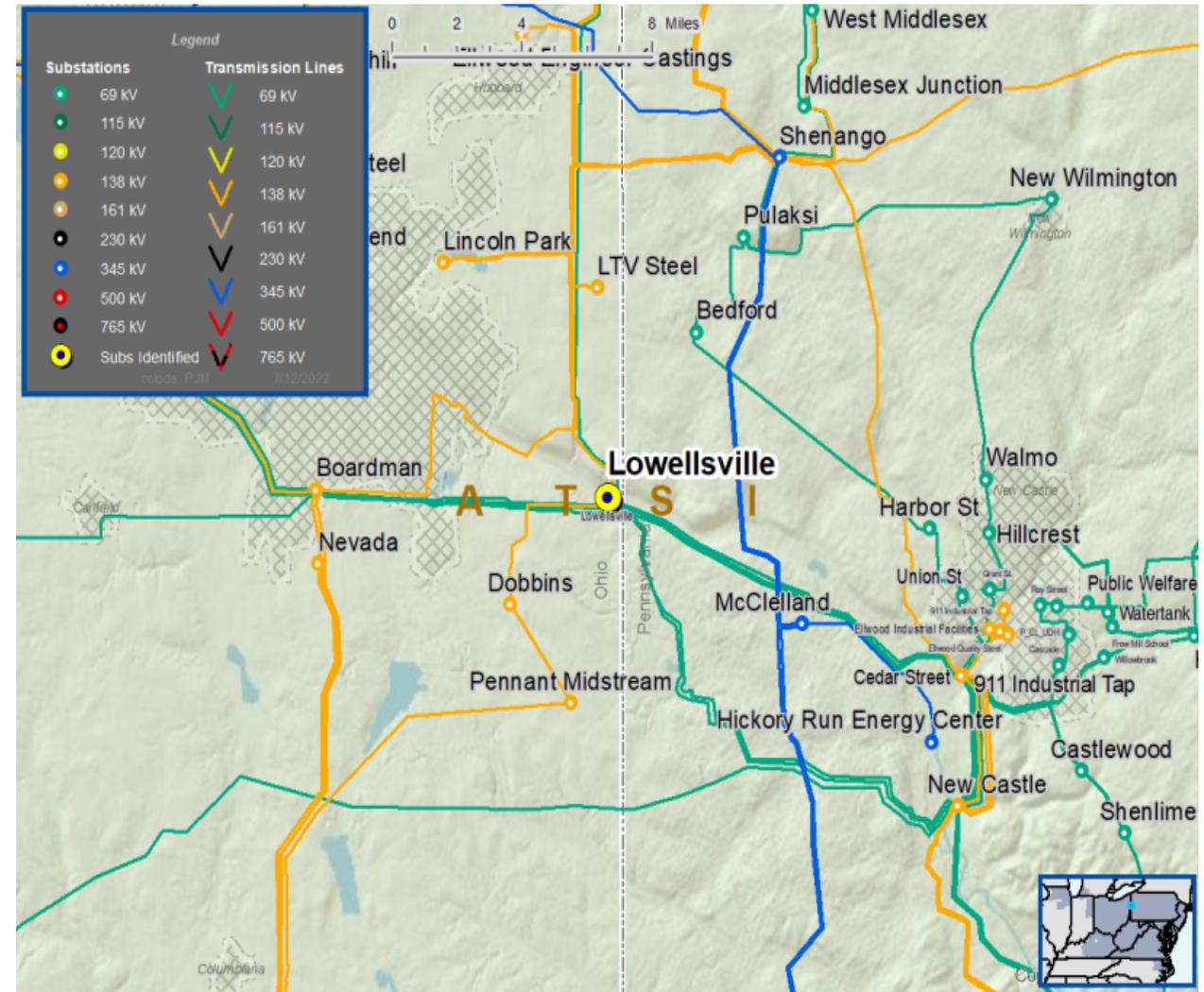
**Specific Assumption Reference(s)**

Customer connection request evaluated per FirstEnergy’s “Requirements for Transmission Connected Facilities” document and “Transmission Planning Criteria” document.

**Problem Statement**

New Customer Connection – A customer requested 69 kV transmission service for approximately 15 MVA of total load near the Carbon Limestone (Lowellville) 69 kV line.

**Requested In-Service Date:** December 30, 2022





# ATSI Transmission Zone M-3 Process Carbon Limestone (Lowellville) 69 kV New Customer

**Need Number:** ATSI-2022-002  
**Process Stage:** Solution Meeting – 07/22/2022  
**Previously Presented:** Need Meeting – 03/18/2022

**Proposed Solution:**  
**69 kV Transmission Line Tap**

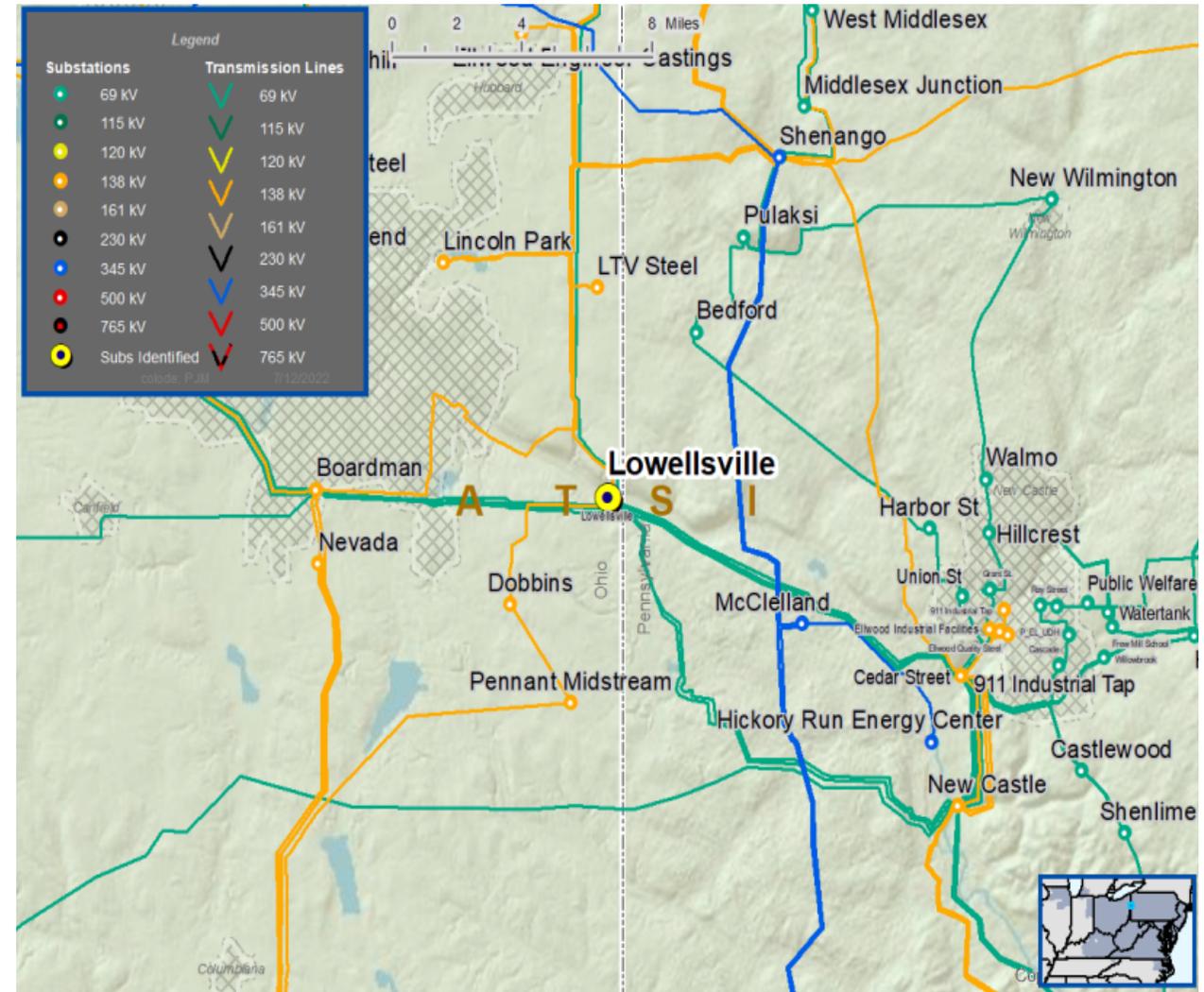
- Install one SCADA controlled transmission line switch
- Adjust relay settings at Lowellville substation

**Alternatives Considered:**

- Tap Lowellville-New Castle 69 kV Line, and construct 1.3 miles of 69 kV Line to customer substation

**Estimated Project Cost:** \$0.1M

**Projected In-Service:** 09/02/2022  
**Status:** Engineering



**Need Number:** ATSI-2021-003  
**Process Stage:** Solution Meeting – 07/22/2022  
**Previously Presented:** Need Meeting – 01/15/2021

**Supplemental Project Driver(s):**  
*Customer Service*

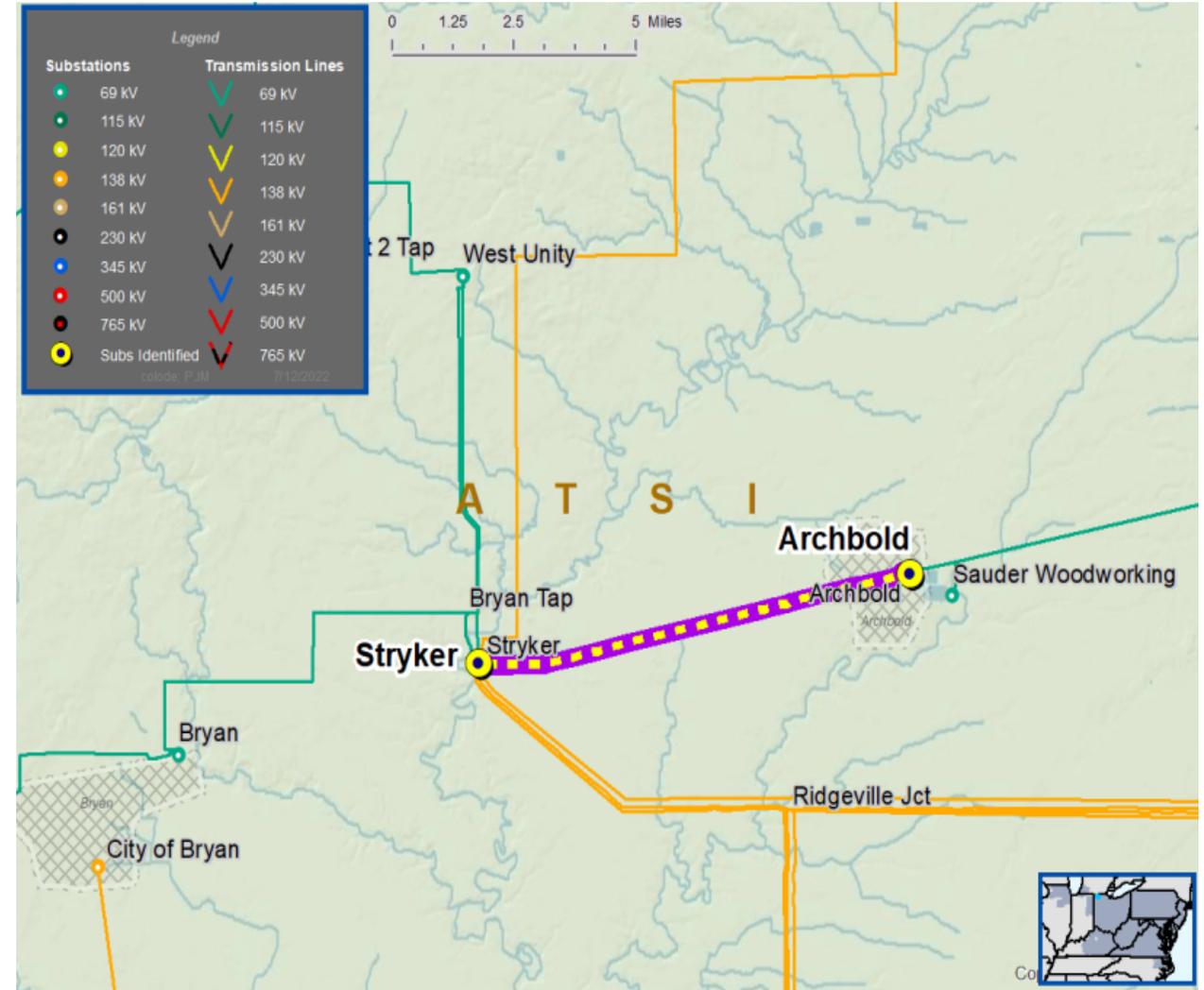
**Specific Assumption Reference(s)**

Customer connection requests will be evaluated per FirstEnergy’s “Requirements for Transmission Connected Facilities” document and “Transmission Planning Criteria” document.

**Problem Statement**

New Customer Connection – A customer requested 69 kV transmission service for approximately 5.6 MVA of total load near the East Archbold – Stryker 69 kV line.

**Requested In-Service Date: May 1, 2021**





# ATSI Transmission Zone M-3 Process East Archbold – Stryker 69 kV New Customer

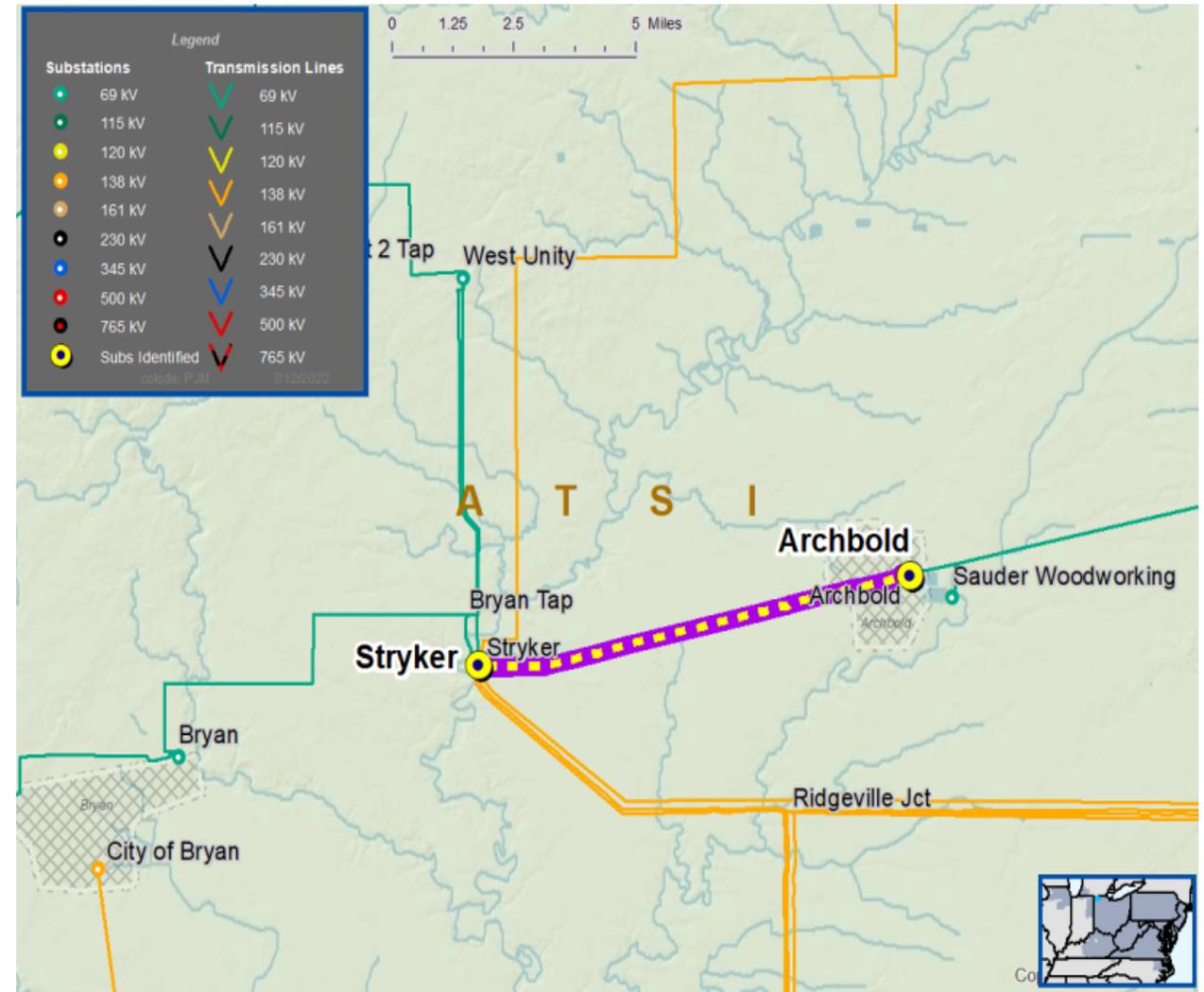
**Need Number:** ATSI-2021-003  
**Process Stage:** Solution Meeting – 07/22/2022  
**Previously Presented:** Need Meeting – 01/15/2021

**Proposed Solution:**  
***New 69 kV Customer***

- Construct a 69 kV tap (approximately 0.1 miles) off the East Archbold – Stryker 69 kV line to the customer substation. The customer substation tap location is approximately 6 miles from Stryker substation.
- Add two SCADA control switches at transmission line tap location and one tap switch
- Revise relay settings at East Archbold and Stryker Substations

**Alternatives Considered:**  
▪ No alternatives considered for this project

**Estimated Project Cost:** \$1.7M  
**Projected In-Service:** 12/01/2022  
**Status:** Engineering  
**Model:** 2019 Series 2024 Summer RTEP 50/50



**Need Number:** ATSI-2021-015  
**Process Stage:** Solution Meeting – 07/22/2022  
**Previously Presented:** Need Meeting – 08/16/2021

**Supplemental Project Driver(s):**  
*Equipment Material Condition, Performance, and Risk  
 Infrastructure Resilience*

**Specific Assumption Reference(s):**

**Global Factors**

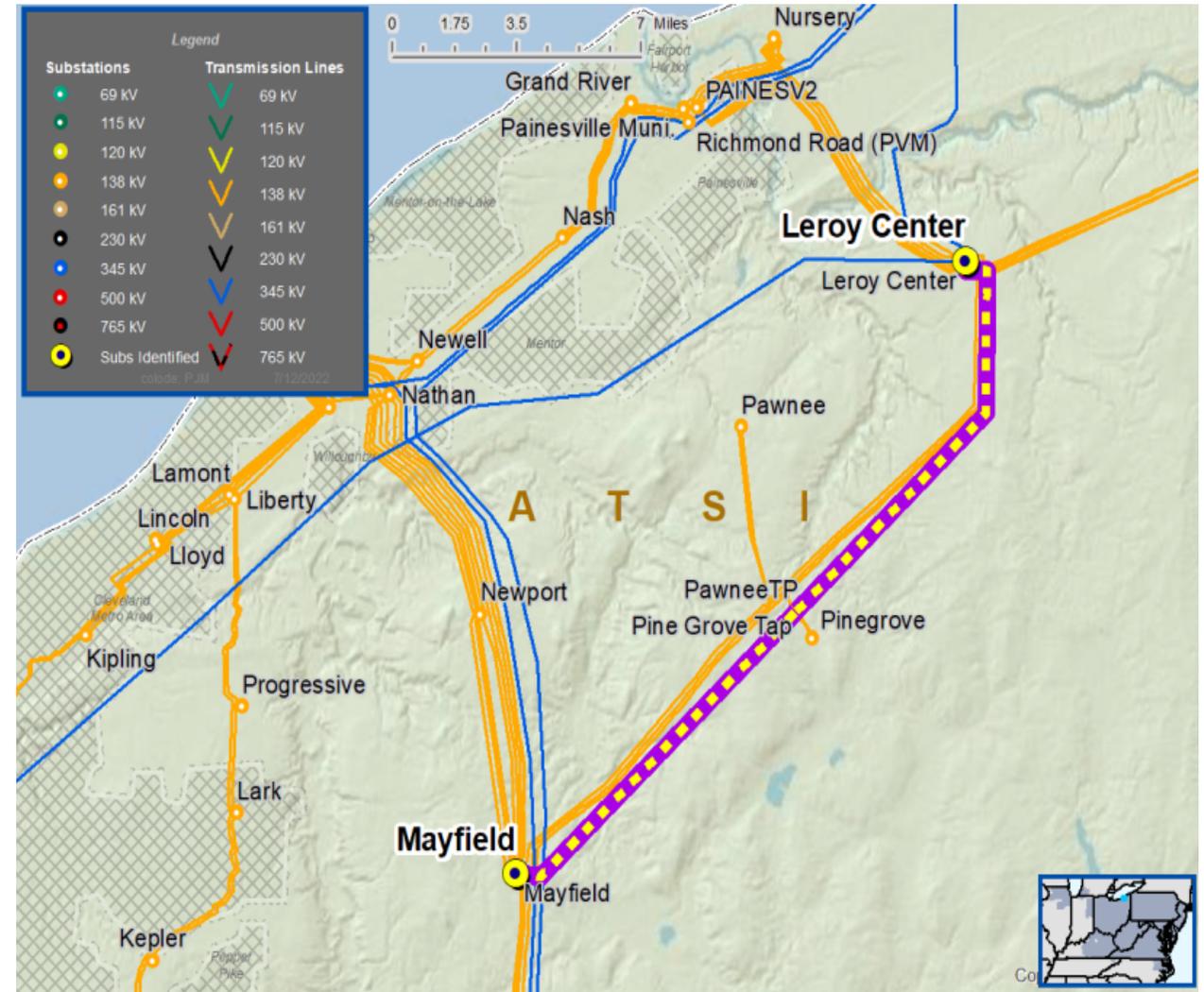
- System Reliability and Performance
- Load at risk in planning and operational scenarios
- Increase line loading limits
- Age/condition of transmission line conductors

**Line Condition Rebuild/Replacement**

- Transmission lines with loading at 80% or greater
- End of Life Methodology

**Problem Statement**

- The Leroy Center – Mayfield Q2 138 kV line loads to 95% under contingency conditions in the 2020 RTEP Case.
- The Leroy Center – Mayfield Q2 138 kV line has the potential to feed 7,017 customers and 20 MW at the Pawnee Substation, back up feed to LC-MF Q1 138 kV line.
- The existing conductor is 4/0 CU and can cause protection issues due to not being able to handle the short circuit current for faults.

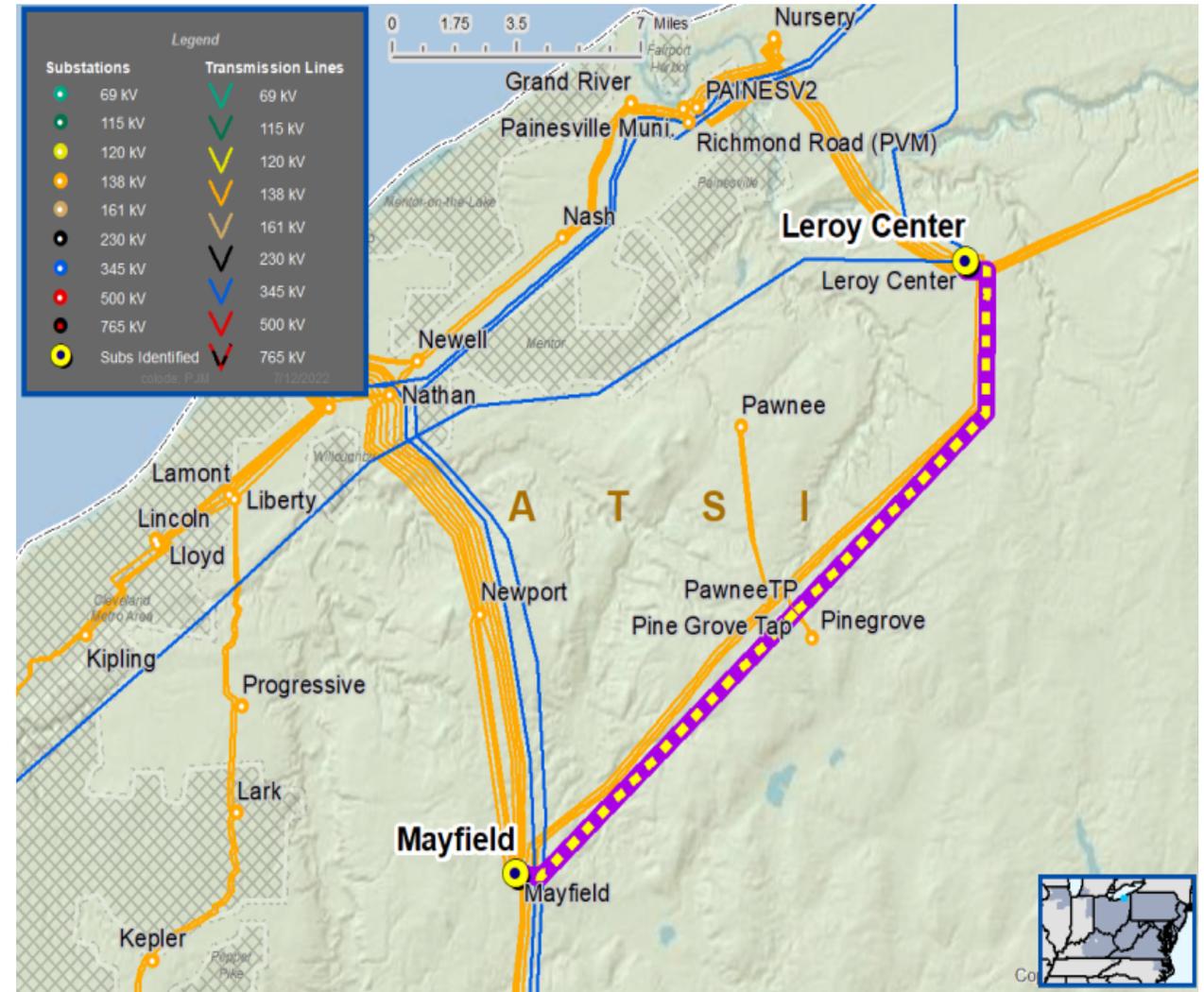


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**Need Number:** ATSI-2021-015  
**Process Stage:** Solution Meeting – 07/22/2022  
**Presently Presented:** Need Meeting – 08/16/2021

**Problem Statement Continued...**

- Age/condition of transmission line conductors and hardware (mid 1940s).
- The Leroy Center – Mayfield Q2 138 kV line has experienced one (1) sustained outage in the past five years.



**Need Number:** ATSI-2021-015  
**Process Stage:** Solution Meeting – 07/22/2022  
**Presently Presented:** Need Meeting – 08/16/2021

**Proposed Solution:**

- Reconductor the Leroy Center-Mayfield Q2 138 kV Line (~16 miles) from Leroy Center - Pawnee Tap and Pawnee Tap - Mayfield with 336 ACSS. Replace tower structures, insulators and hardware as needed to address condition items and support new conductor.

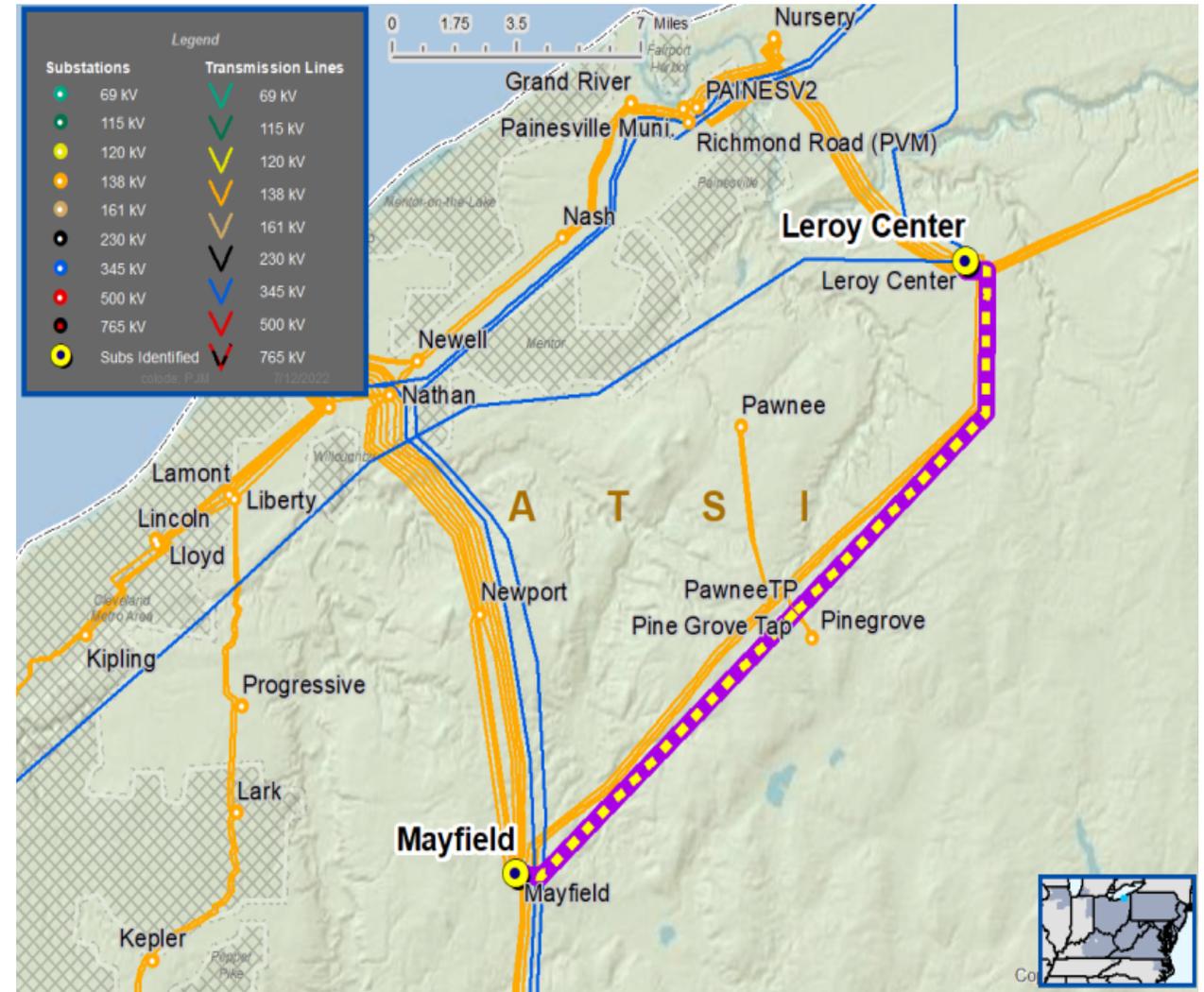
**Transmission Line Ratings:**

- Leroy Center - Mayfield Q2 138 kV Line
  - Before Proposed Solution: 115 MVA SN/ 115 MVA SE
  - After Proposed Solution: 252 MVA SN / 291 MVA SE

**Alternatives Considered:**

- Maintain existing condition. No alternatives considered for this project

**Estimated Project Cost:** \$14.9M  
**Projected In-Service:** 06/01/2026  
**Status:** Engineering  
**Model:** 2020 Series 2025 Summer RTEP 50/50



# Re-Present Solutions

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**Need Number:** ATSI-2019-011 (s1954)  
**Process Stage:** Re-Present Solutions Meeting – 07/22/2022  
**Previously Presented:** Needs Meeting 01/14/2019  
 Solutions Meeting 03/25/2019

**Project Driver(s):**  
*Equipment Material, Condition, Performance and Risk*  
*Operational Flexibility and Efficiency*  
*Infrastructure Resilience*

**Specific Assumption Reference(s)**

**Global Considerations**

- System reliability and performance
- Substation / Line equipment limits

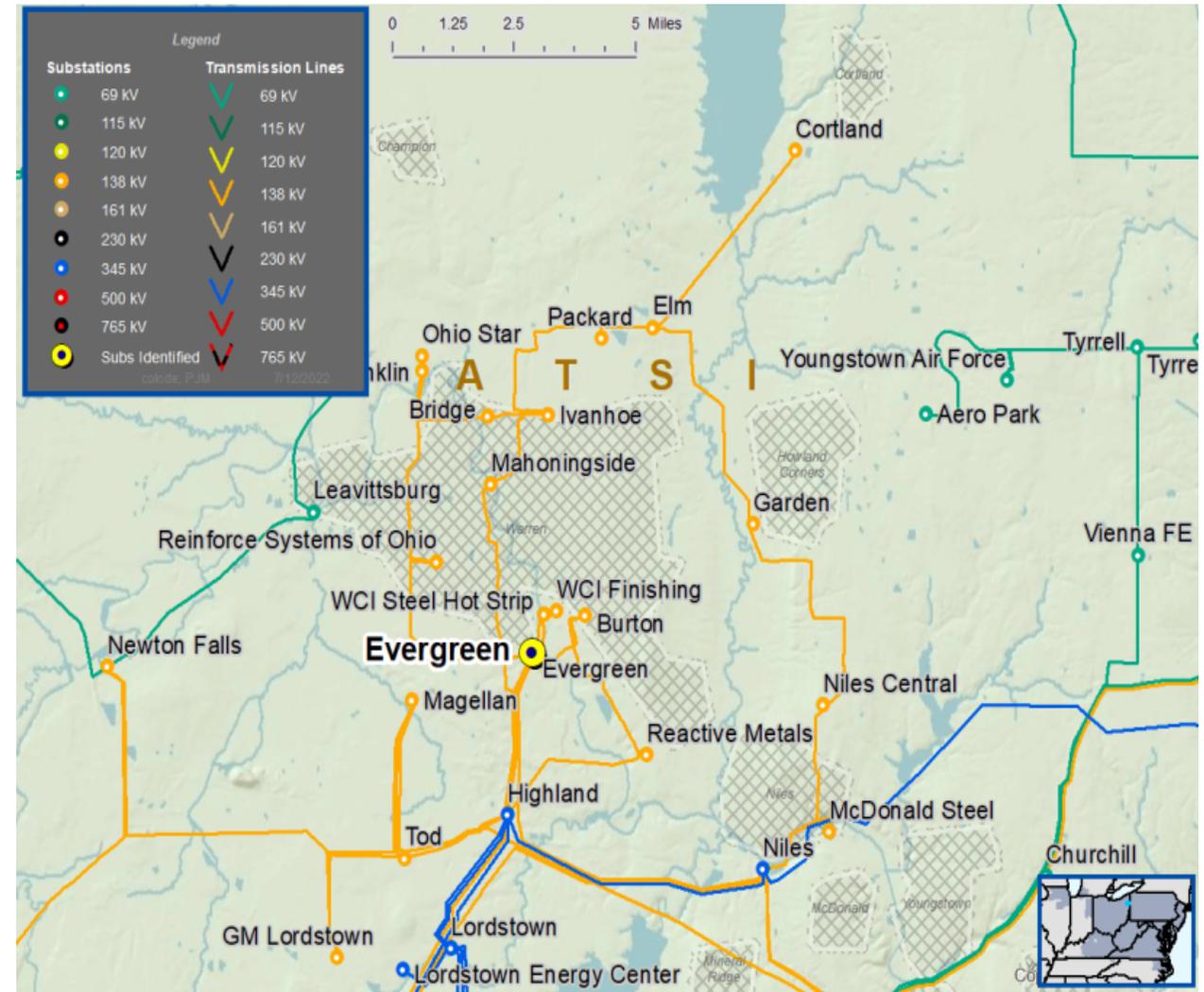
**Upgrade Relay Schemes**

- Bus protection schemes
- Relay schemes that have a history of mis-operation

**Problem Statement**

Evergreen Substation 138 kV Equipment and Protection

- BES bus protection is presently performed by a complex scheme that has a history of causing mis-operations at other substations. The scheme uses distributed electromechanical relays to exclude a bus fault rather than detecting the bus fault directly.



**Need Number:** ATSI-2019-011 (s1954)  
**Process Stage:** Re-Present Solutions Meeting – 07/22/2022  
**Previously Presented:** Needs Meeting 01/14/2019  
 Solutions Meeting 03/25/2019

**Proposed Solution:**

*Evergreen 138 kV Relay Upgrades*

- Replace bus protection scheme with dual differential protection.
- Replace bus PTs due to condition
- Replace 3 breakers (B23, B24, and B27 bus transfer) due to condition and insufficient lack of sufficient CTs for proper system to support standard, redundant bus protection
- Add a new 138 kV bus tie breaker, disconnect switches, and relaying to eliminate exposure of the transmission system related to customer-owned equipment failures/faults in the substation

**Transmission Line Ratings:**

- Evergreen-Ivanhoe 138 kV Line
  - Before Proposed Solution: 226 MVA WN / 249 MVA WE
  - After Proposed Solution: 226 MVA WN / 286 MVA WE
- Evergreen-Niles 138 kV Line
  - Before Proposed Solution: 224 MVA SN / 293 MVA SE
  - After Proposed Solution: 278 MVA SN / 339 MVA SE

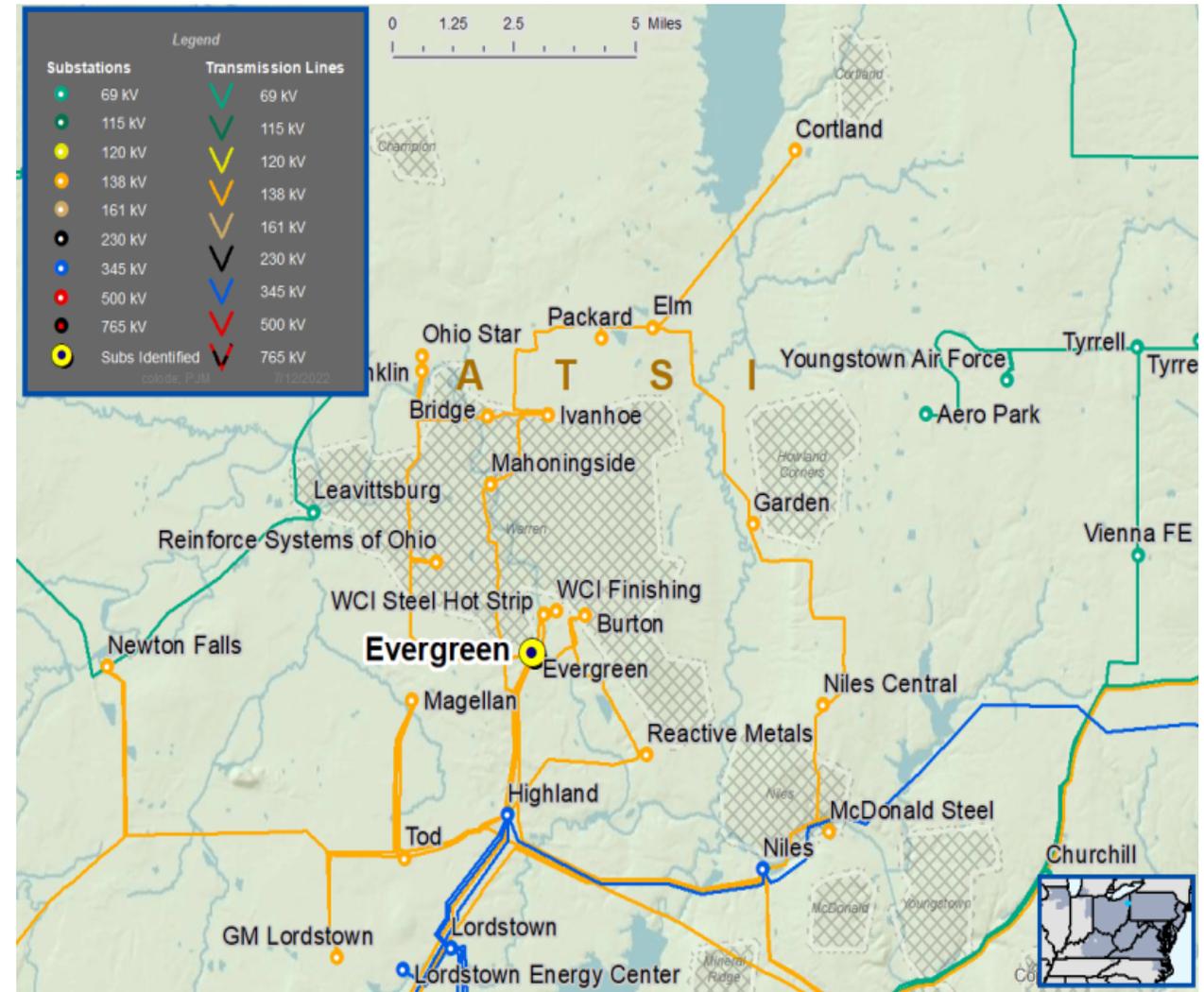
**Alternatives Considered:**

- Maintain existing protection scheme with high risk for mis-operation.

**Estimated Project Cost:** ~~\$1.3M~~ 4.2M

**Projected IS Date:** ~~3/1/2021~~ 12/08/2023

**Status:** Conceptual-Engineering



Assumptions	Activity	Timing
	Posting of TO Assumptions Meeting information	20 days before Assumptions Meeting
	Stakeholder comments	10 days after Assumptions Meeting
Needs	Activity	Timing
	TOs and Stakeholders Post Needs Meeting slides	10 days before Needs Meeting
	Stakeholder comments	10 days after Needs Meeting
Solutions	Activity	Timing
	TOs and Stakeholders Post Solutions Meeting slides	10 days before Solutions Meeting
	Stakeholder comments	10 days after Solutions Meeting
Submission of Supplemental Projects & Local Plan	Activity	Timing
	Do No Harm (DNH) analysis for selected solution	Prior to posting selected solution
	Post selected solution(s)	Following completion of DNH analysis
	Stakeholder comments	10 days prior to Local Plan Submission for integration into RTEP
	Local Plan submitted to PJM for integration into RTEP	Following review and consideration of comments received after posting of selected solutions

# Revision History

7/12/2022 – V1 – Original version posted to pjm.com