

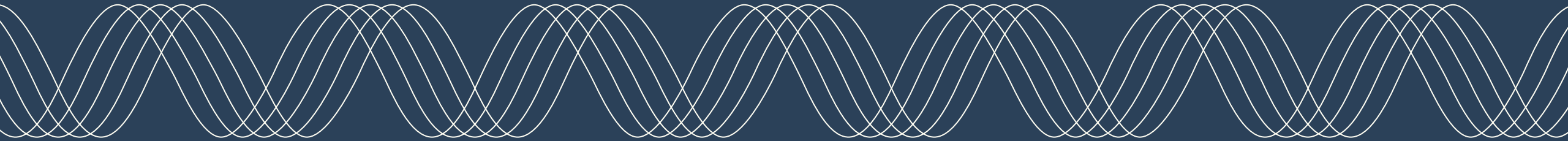


# Portland General Electric: Transmission Overview

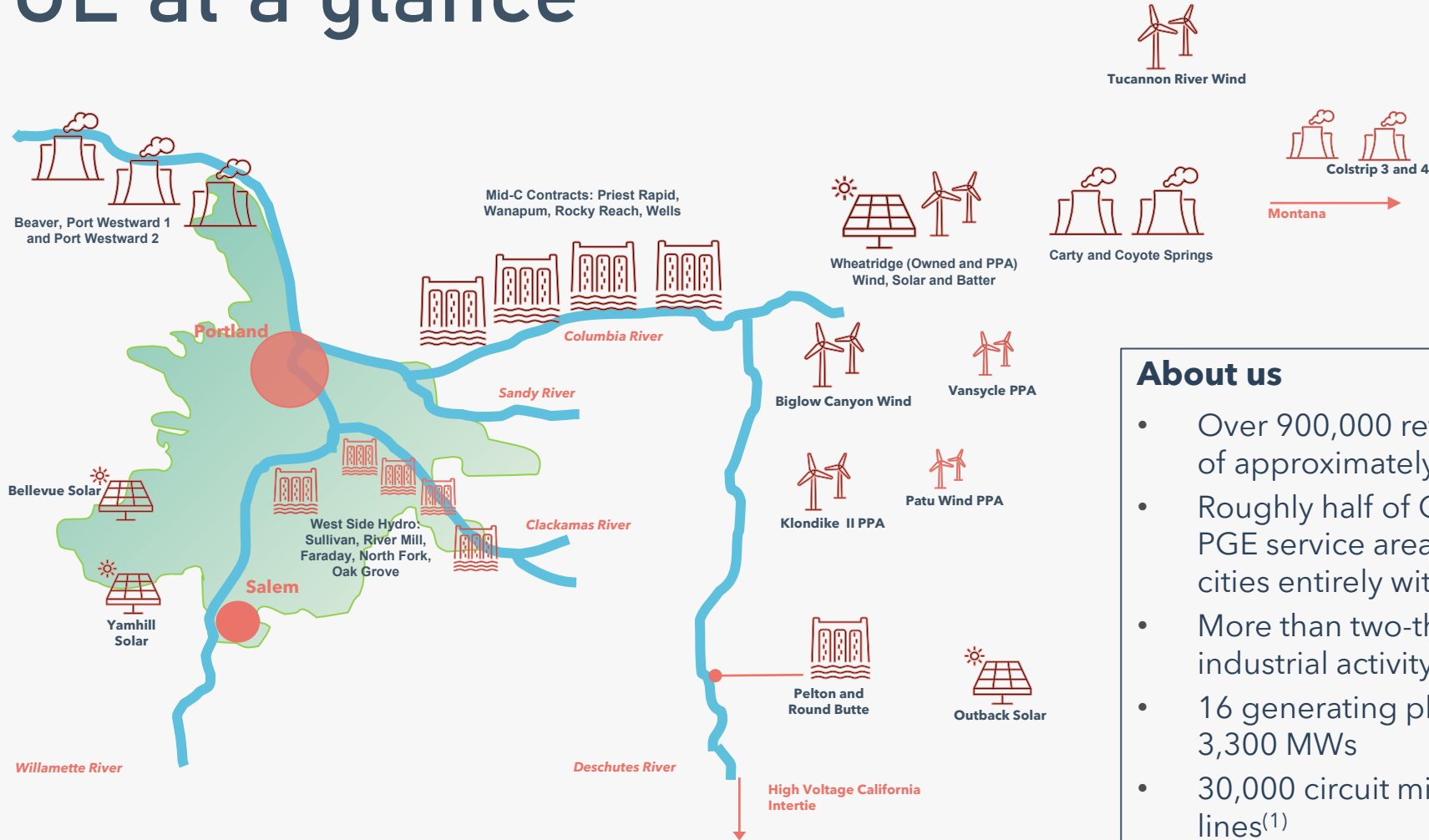
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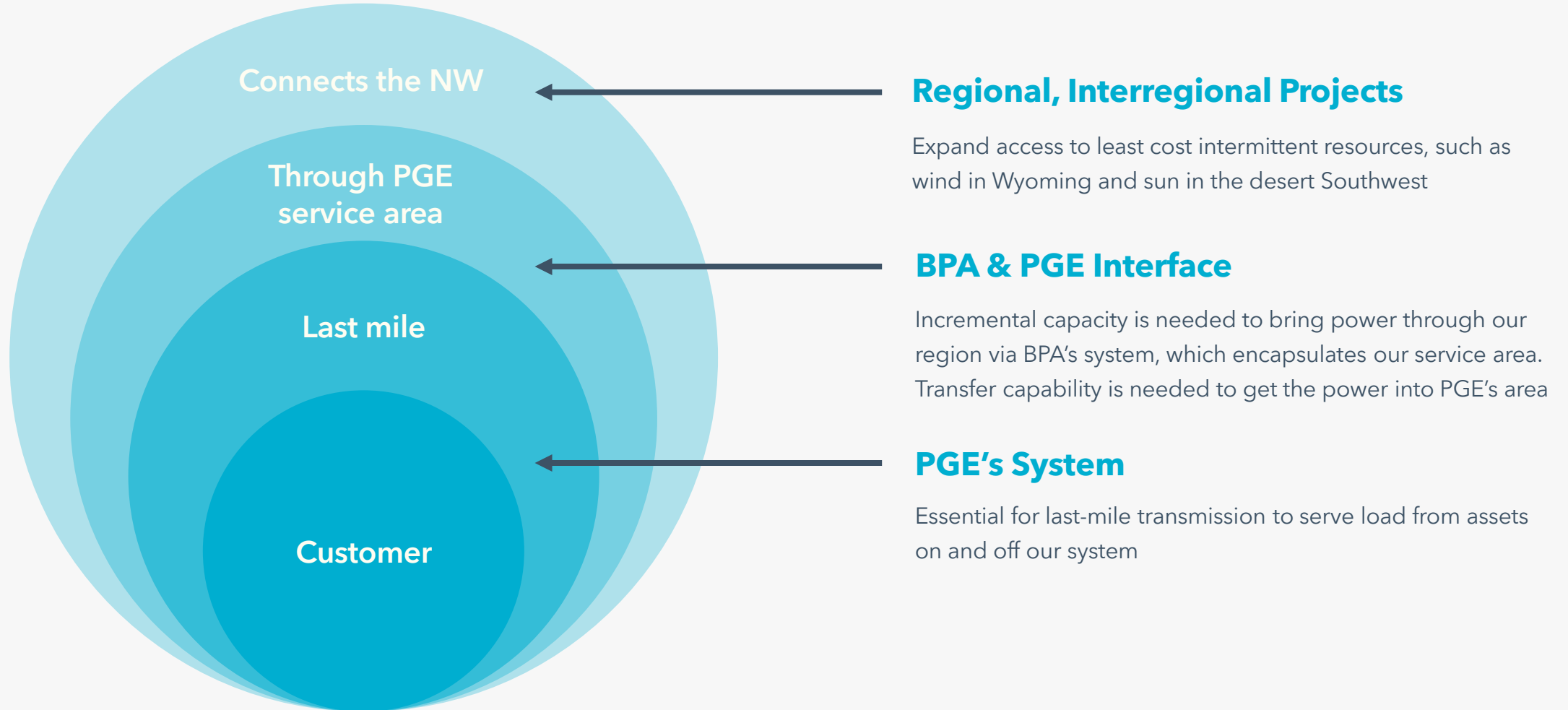
# PGE at a glance



## About us

- Over 900,000 retail customers within a service area of approximately 2 million residents
- Roughly half of Oregon's population lives within PGE service area, encompassing 51 incorporated cities entirely within the State of Oregon
- More than two-thirds of Oregon's commercial and industrial activity occurs in PGE service area
- 16 generating plants, 14 of which are in Oregon; 3,300 MWs
- 30,000 circuit miles of transmission and distribution lines<sup>(1)</sup>
- \$5.5M in charitable giving and 18,000 volunteer hours, with 69% employee participation (2022)
- Approximately 3,000 employees across the state of Oregon

# Transmission systems essential to PGE



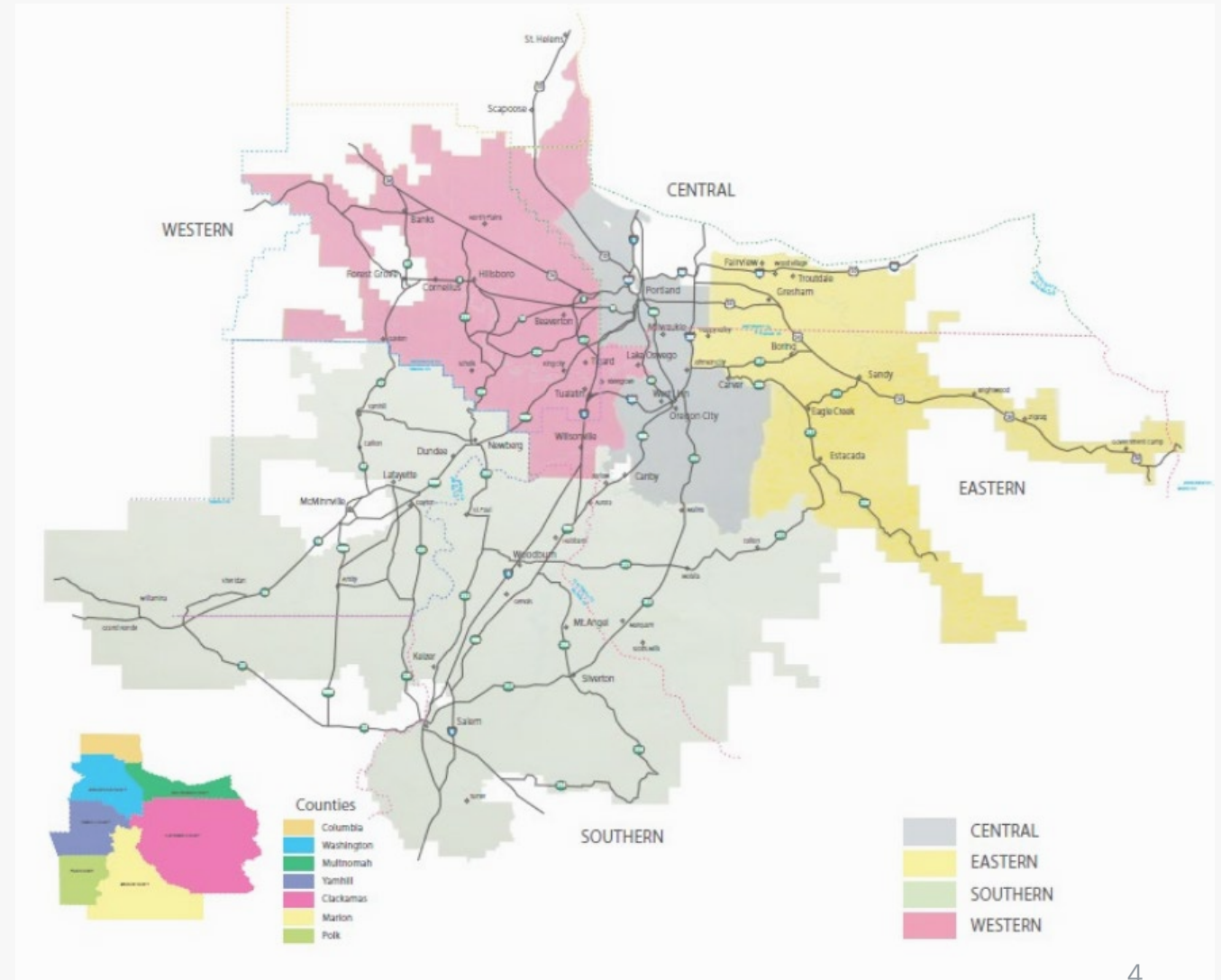
# PGE's transmission system



PGE serves approximately 4,000 square miles of service area, with 1,630 circuit miles of sub-transmission and transmission voltage (ranging from 57-500 kV).

**This system is generally used to deliver electricity wheeled via BPA.**

Voltage	Circuit Miles
500 kV	268
230 kV	329
115 kV	570
57 kV	463



# PGE's approach to transmission is evolving

## PAST

**BPA's transmission system largely fulfilled PGE resource import needs.**

PGE's transmission planning primarily focused on localized NERC reliability needs.

Generation resources were largely located near existing transmission footprint.

## PRESENT

**BPA's transmission system is fully subscribed.**

PGE is forecasting 3500-4500 MW of new resource need to meet the HB 2021 decarbonization target.

Additional transmission is needed to ensure reliable and affordable service from new locations.

## FUTURE

**Must expand capacity at BPA & PGE interface, preparing PGE transmission assets for additional resources.**

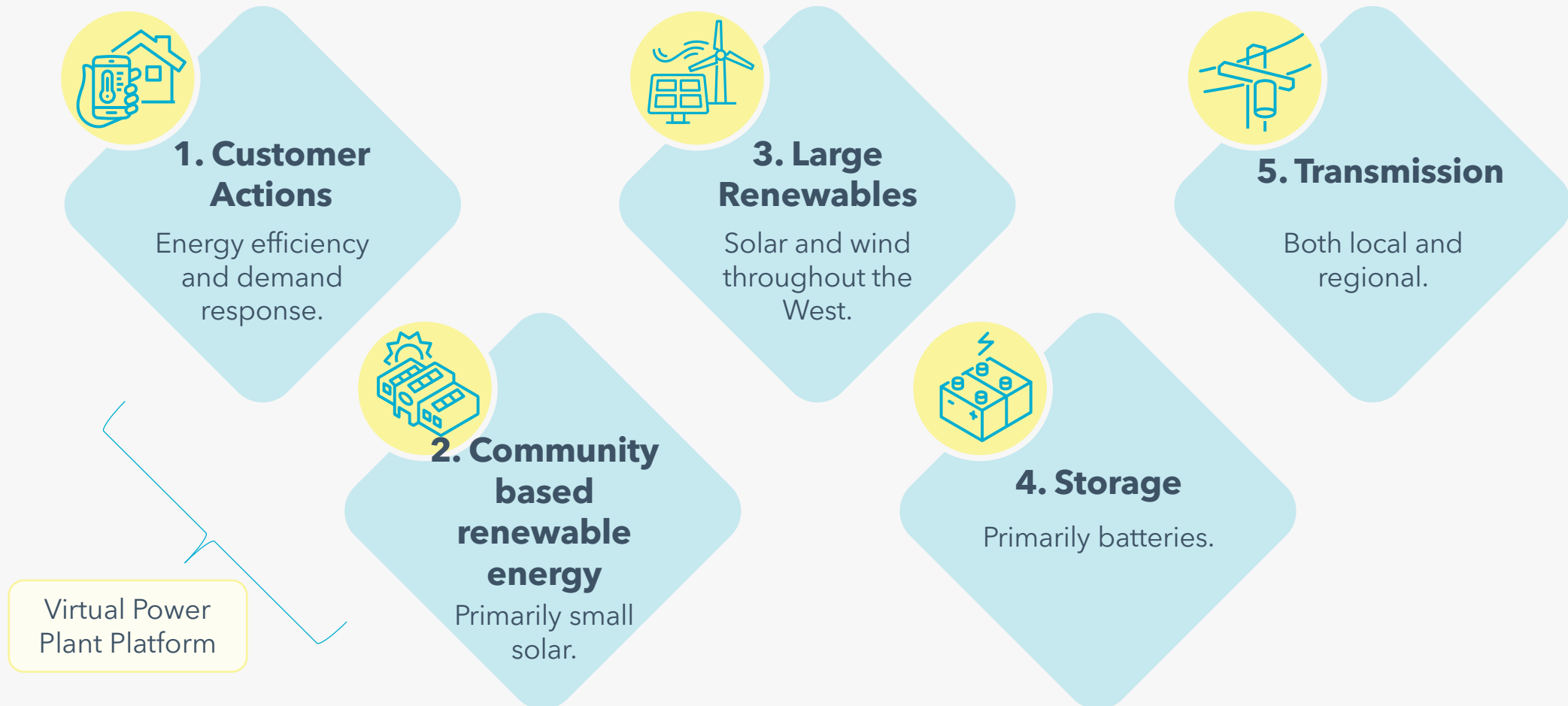
Seeking transmission access existing rights to access renewable resource zones.

Address transmission constraints to rapid decarbonization per HB 2021 and enable region's economic development.

- North American Electric Reliability Corporation (**NERC**)
- Bonneville Power Administration (**BPA**)

# Transmission is key to decarbonizing reliably and affordably

Clean Energy Plan and Integrated Resource Plan submitted to PUC March 31, 2023



# Increasing transmission capacity

We are using all the tools in our toolbox to increase transmission capacity

Advancing more than a dozen transmission projects with significant involvement of other jurisdictions, including the BPA.

Actively engaging with BPA to increase transmission capacity by collaborating to accelerate upgrades and reinforce key substations and transmission lines along our 230kV and 500kV systems.

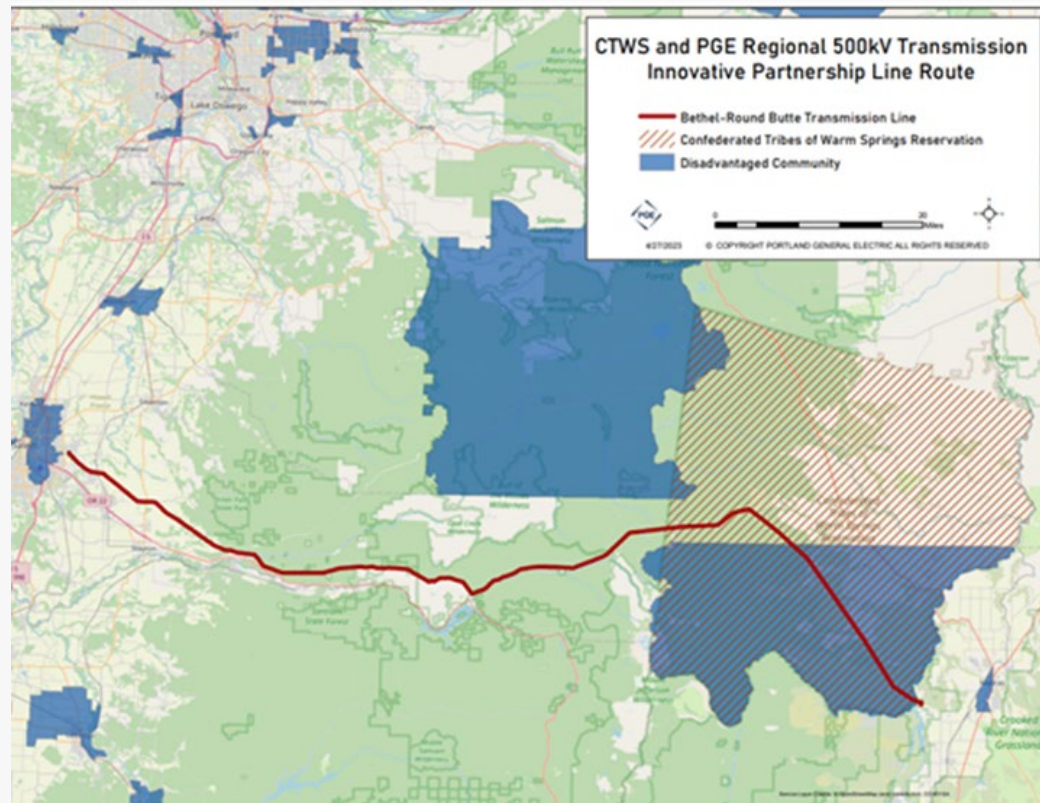
Engaging residential and commercial customers to add value to the grid by participating in programs that compensate customers for lending their demand flexibility to the operation of the grid.

Deploying grid edge technology such as remote sensors, dynamic line ratings, and the use of advanced conductor materials that help increase capacity.

# Bethel-Round Butte 500kV Upgrade

Federal Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Program  
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs and PGE Partnership

**Federal Grant Award:** \$250,000,000



## Scope

Create additional transmission capacity (230kV to 500kV) on the existing Bethel-Round Butte Transmission line to unlock moving large amounts of renewable energy from **east of the Cascades**, including those on the Warm Springs Reservation, to **PGE's load centers**.

## Benefits

- Access to affordable and reliable clean energy
- Create Tribal social and economic benefits, including job creation
- Align with state decarbonization mandates
- Improved communications reliability/broadband access



# Thank you.

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