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Ms. Linda C. Bridwell, P.E. Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, KY 40602

RE: Request for Declaratory Order—Construction Work Plan

Dear Ms. Bridwell:

This letter is a request by Meade County RECC ("Meade") for a Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") Declaratory Order that, pursuant to KRS 278.020(1) and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 15(3), its 2024-2027 Construction Work Plan ("CWP"), described below and provided herein, does not require the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") by the Commission. Meade is requesting this Declaratory Order based on the process implemented by the Commission in 2012 with respect to the CWP.

Meade proposes the following construction projects grouped by Rural Utilities Service ("RUS") Codes: 1) New Line Extensions-RUS Code 100 at a projected cost of \$5,002,420; 2) Conversion and Line Changes-RUS Code 300 at a projected cost of \$5,480,360; 3) Substation Changes-RUS Code 500 at a projected cost of \$1,213,900; 5) Miscellaneous Distribution Equipment-RUS Code 600 at a projected cost of \$18,177,863; 6) Other Distribution Items-Code 700 at a projected cost of \$2,157,058. The total estimated cost of all projects contained in Meade's CWP is \$32,031,600.

KRS 278.020(1) exempts from prior approval "retail electric suppliers from obtaining a CPCN for service connections to electric-consuming facilities located within its certified territory" and "ordinary extensions of existing systems in the usual course of business." Ordinary extensions in the usual course of business are fully defined in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 15(3) as those that "do not create wasteful duplication of plant, equipment, property, or facilities, or conflict with the existing certificates or service of other utilities operating in the same area and under the jurisdiction of the commission that are in the general or contiguous area in which the utility renders service, and that do not involve sufficient capital outlay to materially affect the existing financial condition of the utility involved, or will not result in increased charges to its customers."

It is Meade's belief that the projects contained in its CWP meet the exemptions outlined in KRS 278.020(1). On a project by project basis, the items contained in the CWP do not create wasteful duplication of plant, do not involve sufficient capital outlay to materially affect Meade's financial condition, and will not result in increased charges to Meade's members. Accordingly, this CWP should not require a CPCN. Meade would respectfully request that the Commission Staff issue a Declaratory Order to that effect.

Please also be advised that the CWP has been reviewed and approved by the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service (RUS).

Please contact me at your convenience if you have questions or require additional information.

This is to certify that the foregoing electronic filing was transmitted to the Commission on November 22, 2023; and that pursuant to prior Commission Orders, no paper copies of this filing will be made.

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Yours very truly,

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#### 2024-2027 Construction Workplan (CWP)

Martin Littrel, President/CEO Meade County RECC

I have completed my review of the cooperative's 2024-2027 CWP, and find it to be generally satisfactory for loan contract purposes. Approval to proceed with the proposed distribution system construction is contingent upon RUS's review and approval of an Environmental Report (reference 7 CFR 1970).

You should make a special effort to inform all of the cooperative's employees and contractors, involved in the construction of utility plant of any commitments made in the Environmental Report covering the construction of the facilities recommended in the CWP.

Changes (line improvements, tie lines, extensions, substations, etc.) in the CWP will require RUS approval. The environmental acceptability of any such changes shall also be established in accordance with 7 CFR 1970. The procedure for satisfying these environmental requirements shall be the same as that used in connection with this CWP approval.

It is your responsibility to determine whether or not loan funds and/or general funds are available for the proposed construction. If general funds are used, the requirements as outlined in 7 CFR 1717 need to be followed.

The construction shall be accomplished in accordance with RUS requirements. Specific reference should be made to 7 CFR 1726, Electric System Construction Policies and Procedures.

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# **1 Executive Summary**

# 1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to outline an orderly plan for carrying out construction and other needed improvements from 2024 through 2027 on the Meade County RECC (Meade or Cooperative) electric distribution system. Complementary to this purpose, it is the Engineer's responsibility to ensure that the proposed projects are reasonable and economically justifiable.

The report will provide the most up-to-date forecast possible for financial requirements for the next four years. The cost estimates provided will assist the Cooperative with the data necessary for completion of their annual business work plans and budgets, as well as be a basis for long-term financial forecasts and load applications.

Reliability and quality of service are the foundation of operation for any electric utility. The function of system planning is to evaluate the existing and projected system configuration, voltage levels and load balance in a manner that strives to increase this reliability and quality of service. Therefore, this study provides recommendations for upgrading the system as necessary to provide adequate service to both new and existing customers in accordance with criteria established by Meade, RUS, and Power System Engineering (PSE).

System planning is a continuing effort and, to serve its intended purpose, must change dynamically as the governing conditions change. This Construction Work Plan provides Meade with a current philosophy on those specific improvements which will best meet the present needs of the system. It is recommended that the user of this study periodically compares the actual system load growth and voltage measurements to the projections made before committing to a specific project.

# 1.2 Financial Results

The proposed distribution plant investment summary can be seen in Table 1-1 for system improvement projects, age and condition projects, member service costs, and miscellaneous distribution equipment.

CONSTRUCTION COST SUMMARY										
		Estimate	d Cost (\$)		2024-2027	Percent of Total				
	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total (\$)	(%)				
100-New Line Extensions	1,035,000	1,166,330	1,316,359	1,484,731	5,002,420	15.62				
200-New Tie Lines	0	0	0	0	0	0.00				
300-Conversions and Line Changes	913,800	1,679,040	1,198,747	1,688,773	5,480,360	17.11				
400-New Substations	0	0	0	0	0	0.00				
500-Substation Changes	621,000	0	592,900	0	1,213,900	3.79				
600-Misc. Distribution Equipment										
601-Transformers	1,358,489	1,515,198	1,691,959	1,888,920	6,454,567					
601-Meters	275,000	302,500	332,750	366,025	1,276,275					
602-Service Changes	12,235	13,458	14,804	16,285	56,782					
603-Sectionalizing Equipment	177,000	184,700	193,170	202,487	757,357					
604-Voltage Regulators	0	0	0	0	0					
605-Capacitors	0	0	0	0	0					
606-Poles	975,605	1,073,165	1,180,482	1,298,530	4,527,782					
607-Miscellaneous	100,000	110,000	121,000	133,100	464,100					
608-Conductor Replacements	1,000,000	1,100,000	1,210,000	1,331,000	4,641,000					
600-Total	3,898,329	4,299,022	4,744,165	5,236,347	18,177,863	56.75				
700-Other Distribution Items										
702-Outdoor Lights	464,783	511,261	562,387	618,626	2,157,058					
700-Total	464,783	511,261	562,387	618,626	2,157,058	6.73				
Total Proposed Work	6,932,912	7,655,653	8,414,559	9,028,476	32,031,600	100.00				

#### **Table 1-1 Summary of Plant Investments**

The proposed total distribution plant from 2024-2027 is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 3.9 percent, which is above the four-year average annual rate of 3.1 percent experienced since 2018. An inflation rate of 10% was assumed for this work plan.

# 1.3 Design Loads

The methodology for the development of the system and substation design loads is discussed in detail in Section 3 of this report. Overall, the design loads were established by considering the most current Load Forecast, historical demand data, Meade staff perceptions, financial forecasts, and a newly developed small area load forecasting methodology. Individual substation design load represents the 2027/28 winter peak conditions. This Construction Work Plan is designed to accommodate approximately 172 MW of non-coincident peak demand and to serve approximately 32,600 consumers in 2027.

# 1.4 Recommendations

The following recommendations concern the future expansion of the Meade distribution system.

### 1.4.1 General

- 1. Adopt the proposed plan as a general guide for making future system improvements.
- 2. Before major construction is completed, give careful consideration to the alternatives and recommended contingency projects.
- 3. Periodically examine the planning criteria and system development to ensure that any dynamic conditions are recognized.
- 4. Periodically review the overall system regarding customer service, reliability, and changing industry requirements.
- 5. Schedule system improvements by developing construction work plans based on actual prevailing conditions.
- 6. Review the system's overcurrent protection on a regular basis so that device ratings are adequate.

### 1.4.2 Financial

- 1. Incorporate the results of this study into an updated financial forecast.
- 2. Perform a strategic forecast examining the long range financial alternatives.

This report should provide a valuable guide for future system development, as well as serve as a useful tool in planning future financial requirements. Construction of facilities proposed in this study should be initiated based on load growth conditions as they actually develop. In this manner, the planning report should continue to provide overall coordination for system development, even though local changes in load growth or system conditions may require some departure from the proposed plans.

# 1.5 Reference Material

The following reports were referenced to assist in the completion of this Construction Work Plan.

- 2019-2029 Long Range Plan prepared by Distribution System Solutions
- 2021-2023 Construction Work Plan prepared by Distribution System Solutions
- 2023 Load Forecast developed by Big Rivers Electric Corporation

# 2 Existing System Review and Load Analysis

# 2.1 Service Area

Meade is a rural electric utility with headquarters located in Brandenburg, KY. The service area is located west of Louisville, and includes significant portions of Breckinridge and Meade counties, as well as parts of Hancock, Ohio, Grayson, and Hardin counties not served by other municipal or investor-owned utilities.

The area's economy is based on services, trade and transportation, and manufacturing, primarily. Meade will continue to benefit from commercial and residential growth around the incorporated areas of the service territory. Most of the residential growth is in the southern portion of Breckinridge County, as well as the surrounding the town of Brandenburg.

# 2.2 Power Supply

Meade purchases its power and energy requirements from Big Rivers Electric Corporation (Big Rivers) with headquarters in Owensboro, KY. Big Rivers is responsible for obtaining the necessary transmission facilities for Meade. The available facilities are limited to those owned and operated only by Big Rivers.

Meade owns 21 substations which receive delivery at 69kV. These are Andyville, Battletown, Brandenburg, Brandenburg West, Buttermilk Falls, Centerview, Cloverport, Custer, Doe Valley, Easton Road, Falls of Rough, Flaherty, Fordsville, Fort Avenue, Garret, Hardinsburg 1, Hardinsburg 2, Harned, Irvington, McDaniels, and Union Star. The substations are served at 69 kV and vary in size from 6,441 kVA to 28,000 kVA.

# 2.3 Distribution System Performance

As of December 2022, the Meade distribution system had 3,143 miles of overhead conductor and 143 miles of underground cable serving 32,970 services and 31,209 members, which corresponds to 9.5 members per mile. The system is operated at 7.2/12.47 kV grounded wye. Overhead conductor size ranges from 8A to 795 ACSR. Underground conductor size ranges from 1/0Al to 500 MCM.

A review of the 2021 Review Ratings Summary (Form 300) has found the system to be well maintained.

### 2.3.1 Losses

Estimated energy losses during the past 5 years have averaged 4.73 percent. This percentage in losses is below the guidelines established in RUS Bulletin 45-4 for system load density characteristics similar to Meade. Energy losses are estimated indirectly by subtracting the amount of energy sold from the amount of energy purchased. Some of the year-to-year variation results from differences which occur between the time when billing meters are read at the consumer's location and at the substations.

### 2.3.2 Power Factor

Big Rivers does not have a power factor policy or penalty in place. Power factor at each substation is generally above 90% however during peak, with the exception of Fordsville during the summer.

#### 2.3.3 Pole Inspections

A pole inspection program is important to identify poles in poor condition, as well as to generally prolong the life of poles by application of proper treatment. RUS 1730B-121 (Wood Pole Inspection and Maintenance) recommends that poles be inspected on a 10 year interval for decay zone 3. Additional guidelines are provided which describe how to spot check and prioritize different areas for pole inspection when initially developing a pole inspection program.

Voar	Poles Poles		Number	Percent	Percent
Tear	Installed	Inspected	Rejected	Inspected	Rejected
2018	67626 45137		730	67%	1.6%
2019	69022	37456	488	54%	1.3%
2020	70361	34653	192	49%	0.6%
2021	71534	44716	264	63%	0.6%
2022	72744	31762	172	44%	0.5%
5 Yr. Avg.	70258	38745	370	55%	1.0%

 Table 2-1 Pole Inspections

## 2.3.4 Reliability

Service reliability is defined in this plan by SAIFI and SAIDI, which are defined in IEEE 1366-2003, Guide for Electric Power Distribution Reliability Indices. SAIFI is defined as the system average number of outages per customer per year. SAIDI represents the system average outage duration per customer per year.

Meade maintains detailed outage records that track outages by time, duration, location, and cause.

Outage records for the Cooperative are kept in accordance with RUS Bulletin 1730A-119. The average minutes per member for the period between January 2018 and December 2022 are illustrated in Table 2-2.

Year	Power Supply	Major Event	Planned	All Other	Total
2018	1.76	382.52	4.16	112.33	500.77
2019	0	47.81	8.1	77.39	133.3
2020	4.48	4.29	4.09	63.52	76.38
2021	0	109.63	4.49	70.64	184.76
2022	0	42.86	7.7	75.59	126.15
5 Yr. Avg.	1.25	117.42	5.71	79.89	204.27

**Table 2-2 Annual SAIDI** 

When subtracting the power supply and major event contributions, service interruptions for the past five years have averaged 86 minutes per consumer per year. Detailed outage records are maintained as recommended in RUS Bulletin 161-1. Several design and planning guidelines have been established for this Work Plan which should aid in achieving a reliable system design and provide further reductions in the number of outage hours per member. These guidelines are discussed in Section 3, Planning Criteria.

It is recommended that Meade continue to monitor and record outages to the best and most accurate extent possible. The following list contains some general recommendations.

- 1. Record the location of an outage as specifically as possible. An input field should be created on the outage recording tickets and spreadsheet to indicate the location of the nearest member to the fault. Since the SEDC billing database contains a link by account number to the Milsoft software line section number, areas of frequent outages may be determined and used for reliability review. In addition to the nearest member to the fault, the circuit number should be recorded. If this is too difficult, the recorded fault location can be linked to a circuit, as the SEDC database contains a link between member number and circuit derived from the Milsoft software.
- 2. Hold additional training sessions to discuss outage recording practices to ensure accuracy and consistency. This will lead to more useful remediation efforts.
- 3. Establish benchmarks for future reliability targets using RUS and IEEE guidelines. Set benchmarks to be much more stringent than current RUS recommendations.
- 4. Continue to log Power Supplier outages so that Big Rivers can be consulted on transmission reliability issues and policy violations.

### 2.3.5 System Protection

A full system-wide sectionalizing study has not been completed, though a study of 1-2 substation areas is performed every year.

### 2.3.6 Construction Program Status

The previous construction work plan identified five different 300 code projects and one 500 code project. Completion status of each project can be seen in Table 2-3 below.

Project Code	Substation	Carryover from Previous CWP	Status
320	Doe Valley		Complete
321	Doe Valley		Complete
322	Fort Avenue		Complete
323	Garrett		Complete
324	Garrett		Complete
502	Hardinsburg		Complete

**Table 2-3 Previous CWP Project Status** 

# 2.4 Load Analysis Purpose & Procedure

The electric load forecasting process is one of the most critical steps in the planning process. This forecast not only needs to indicate non-coincident peak demand growth for each substation on the system but should also provide an indication of where the growth will occur. The load projections are then used in the various circuit analyses to indicate where there may be planning criteria violations, and therefore needed system improvements, which is the objective of this plan.

Analysis of the present system and the impact of historical loads during periods of peak demand is also a very important step. It is necessary to properly allocate the consumer loads to an engineering model to reflect the most accurate representation of the conditions during a recent substation non-coincident peak. In this planning effort, the load additions and member distributions in each substation area are forecasted through newly developed methodologies, while the load allocation process uses historical, measured values to create a more accurate system model. Therefore, the iterative load allocation process is most important to allow anticipated, but somewhat dynamic, loads to be applied to an accurately modeled system.

The historical load allocation process used a database consisting of each member's monthly energy usage as well as measured peak demands from large power load accounts. Presently, significantly more data is available for each member due to advancements in technology, such as automatic meter infrastructure (AMI). One example of this data is kW demand measurements every 15 minutes, which can be used in new load allocation processes.

The results of the historical and present load allocation processes are compared to actual measured system data. If there are major discrepancies between calculated results and measurements, this step indicates which method produces more accurate results, so that the differences can be investigated and resolved. This allows for verification that a correct engineering model is being used to match the existing system conditions.

Newly developed forecasting methodologies for member and load additions in small geographic planning areas will produce the most accurate system model. Furthermore, the data and results from outside agencies' studies are used in the forecasting process and load distribution to small areas of the system.

# 2.5 Historical Loads

During the past five years, the average number of members served by Meade has increased by 1.05 percent annually. Energy sales during the past five years have decreased at an annual rate of 1.06 percent. A breakdown of the number of consumers and energy sales for 2022 is shown below.

Consumer Classification	Dec. 31 No. of Consumers	Percent of Total (%)	Energy Sales (MWH)	Percent of Total (%)
Residential	29,031	93%	355,117	76%
Seasonal	-	0%	-	0%
Irrigation	-	0%	-	0%
Commercial, 1000 kVA or less	2,172	7%	112,533	24%
Commercial, over 1000 kVA	-	0%	-	0%
Public Lighting	6	0%	1,045	0%
Public Authorities	-	0%	-	0%
Sale for Resale	-	0%	-	0%
Total	31,209	100%	468,695	100%

Table 2-4 2022 Consumers and Energy Sales

Total energy sales from rural residential and seasonal members account for approximately 100 percent of total sales. The public lighting classification account for a negligible percent of the energy usage.

Table 2-5 is a substation summary indicating substation historical, peak demands experienced during the four-year period of 2019-2022.

Substation	Season	2019	2020	2021	2022
Andyville	W	4,216	3,560	3,741	5,391
Battletown	W	4,670	3,728	4,177	4,147
Brandenburg	W	14,850	12,157	12,869	11,768
Brandenburg West	W	0	0	4318	6196
Buttermilk Falls	W	2,981	2,718	2,817	5,080
Centerview	W	2,702	2,650	2,469	3,869
Cloverport	W	4,102	4,056	3,985	5,009
Custer	W	5,318	4,532	4,618	6,795
Doe Valley	W	6,808	5,862	5,936	9,534
Easton Road	W	0	0	2,762	3,267
Falls of Rough	W	7,407	7,005	6,474	10,809
Flaherty	W	11,184	8,670	6,908	10,737
Fordsville	W	9,765	8,670	6,908	10,737
Fort Avenue	W	0	4,314	4,091	6,505
Garrett	W	16,517	12,480	11,113	17,762
Hardinsburg 1	S	7,574	7,318	7,721	7,807
Hardinsburg 2	W/S	4,411	3,888	4,082	4,925
Harned	W	4,882	4,199	4,238	5,944
Irvington	W	10,984	9,396	9,403	13,349
McDaniels	W	8,142	7,878	7,069	11,771
Union Star	W	3,622	3,263	3,200	4,641

Table 2-5 2020 Substation Load Data

# 2.6 Load Forecast

Big Rivers issued a load forecast for Meade in August, 2023. The results indicate that a uniform annual growth rate will occur in the energy usage per member, peak demand, and energy sales per the forecasting methodology used.

The Big Rivers system forecast results consider economy, population trends, industrial development, electric price, household income, weather, and changes to appliance efficiency. This scenario is believed to be the most probable and realistic for system planning purposes. According to the Big Rivers 2023 Load Forecast, Meade is projected to realize a non-coincident peak of approximately 139 MW.

The engineering model uses a much higher demand however. In 2022 a non-coincident system peak of 162 MW was realized. This is believed to be an anomaly and so a growth rate was not applied to this demand over the course of the work plan. It was however used as the basis for capacity planning for this work plan.

	Actual					Annual Increase		
	2022	2024	2025	2026	2027	2024-2027		
No. of Consumers Served (Average)	30,975	31,836	32,241	32,575	32,636	1.05%		
Peak Demand (kW) <sup>1</sup>	162,053	137,765	138,045	138,870	139,318	0.37%		
1. Non-coincident sum of rural annual peak								

**Table 2-6 System Load Forecast** 

#### **Design Load** 2.7

The design load represents the sum of the yearly non-coincident substation peak demands, independent of month. The design loads for the individual substations are shown in the following table.

						( 1			Substation
Substation	Season	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Growth %	Loading
Andyville	W	5,391	5,446	5,502	5,558	5,615	5,615	1.02%	80%
Battletown	W	3,905	3,945	3,985	4,026	4,067	4,517	3.71%	60%
Brandenburg	W	11,768	11,888	12,010	12,133	12,257	12,890	2.30%	55%
Brandenburg West	W	6,196	6,259	6,323	6,388	6,453	6,818	2.42%	65%
Buttermilk Falls	W	5,080	5,132	5,184	5,237	5,291	5,499	2.00%	39%
Centerview	W	3,869	3,909	3,949	3,989	4,030	4,597	4.40%	33%
Cloverport	W	5,009	5,060	5,112	5,164	5,217	5,346	1.64%	38%
Custer	W	6,795	6,865	6,935	7,006	7,077	7,130	1.21%	76%
Doe Valley	W	9,534	9,632	9,730	9,830	9,930	10,783	3.13%	77%
Easton Road	S	2,965	2,995	3,026	3,057	3,088	3,800	6.40%	27%
Falls of Rough	W	10,809	10,920	11,031	11,144	11,258	12,895	4.51%	92%
Flaherty	W	10,737	10,847	10,958	11,070	11,183	11,443	1.60%	82%
Fordsville	S	2,756	2,784	2,813	2,841	2,871	3,392	5.33%	36%
Fort Avenue	W	6,505	6,572	6,639	6,707	6,775	7,073	2.11%	51%
Garrett	W	17,762	17,944	18,127	18,313	18,500	19,090	1.82%	68%
Hardinsburg 1	S	7,807	7,887	7,968	8,049	8,131	8,008	0.64%	57%
Hardinsburg 2	W	4,925	4,975	5,026	5,078	5,130	5,317	1.93%	57%
Harned	W	5,944	6,005	6,066	6,128	6,191	6,007	0.26%	64%
Irvington	W	13,349	13,486	13,624	13,763	13,904	14,034	1.26%	50%
McDaniels	W	11,771	11,891	12,013	12,136	12,260	13,298	3.10%	95%
Union Star	W	4,641	4,688	4,736	4,785	4,834	4,872	1.22%	78%
System (Su	m of Subs)	157,518	159,129	160,757	162,402	164,063	172,424		
Note: Though Falls of	f Rough and McDani	els exceed (	90% of thei	r rated cap	acity, much	ı of this loa	d will be sl	nifted to a p	proposed

**Table 2-7 2027 Substation Design Loads** 

substation in the Rough River area.

#### Member and Load Distribution 2.8

The anticipated member and load additions developed using the previously described processes were distributed throughout the system. Reference studies by outside agencies, historical growth patterns in particular areas, as well as input Meade staff were used to locate areas of load growth.

# **3 Distribution System Design Criteria**

# 3.1 General

The criteria below were agreed upon between Meade County RECC, Power System Engineering, and the RUS General Field Representative

- The minimum acceptable primary distribution voltage is 118 volts (120 volt base, 126 volts at source).
- Equipment loading should be limited to the following ratings:

0	Distribution Transformers	100%
0	Voltage Regulators	100%
0	Step Transformers	100%
0	Reclosers and Fuses	70%

- Conductors replacement or upgrade will be considered on a case by case basis. Local reliability data and input from engineering and operations will be used to justify any work associated with conductor.
- Single phase lines loaded to greater than 50 amps should be reviewed.
- Aged conductor should continue to be replaced as needed, based upon discussion with Meade engineering and operations personnel.
- New primary conductor should be selected based on a combination of projected growth and capacity of the line, minimum primary voltage realized downline, and an economic evaluation. Generally, new primary overhead conductors will be #2 ACSR, 3/0 ACSR, or 336 ACSR, while new primary underground cable will be 1/0 Al UG, 4/0 Al UG or 500 MCM Al UG.

# **4 Recommended Plan**

# 4.1 General

The recommended construction identified in this study is based on improving the present distribution system to provide adequate service through 2027 according to forecasted non-coincident peak demands. The reasons for new substations, existing substation capacity upgrades, and distribution primary line improvements are explained in detail.

A three-letter substation identifier followed by a three-digit construction item number identify the items. They are further described by one or more reason codes, to justify their decision (e.g. additional backup capacity, replacement of aged conductor, etc.).

# 4.2 System Improvements (Code 200 & 300)

This section contains a discussion of recommendations for distribution system improvements required during the next four years. A construction requirements work list and cost estimate including proposed primary line construction by substation and circuit is shown in Sections 5 of this report. Unit construction costs are summarized in Exhibit 6-1.

The following is a discussion of proposed system improvements by substation area.

## **NEW LINE NARRATIVES**

#### BRANDENBURG WEST Code BGW-301

Estimated Cost: \$609,600 Year: 2024

#### **Description of Proposed Construction:**

Project BGW-301 is the upgrade of 3.81 miles of three-phase 3/0 ACSR to three-phase 336 ACSR along Highway 79 between Brandenburg and Irvington.

#### **Reason for Proposed Construction:**

This project will improve the reliability and strengthen the tie between Brandenburg West and Irvington substations. This project will be completed along with IRV-305 and IRV-309.



## **NEW LINE NARRATIVES**

### **EASTON ROAD**

Code EAS-302 Estimated Cost: \$163,979 Year: 2027

#### **Description of Proposed Construction:**

Project EAS-302 is the conversion of 0.77 miles of three-phase 3/0 ACSR to three-phase 336 ACSR along Highway 54 in Fordsville.

#### **Reason for Proposed Construction:**

This project will improve the reliability and strengthen the loop around the city of Fordsville.



### **NEW LINE NARRATIVES**

# FORDSVILLE

<u>Code FDV-303</u> Estimated Cost: \$851,840 Year: 2025

#### **Description of Proposed Construction:**

Project FDV-303 is the upgrade of 4.84 miles of three-phase #2 ACSR to three-phase 336 ACSR, along S Highway 261 near McQuady.

#### **Reason for Proposed Construction:**

This project is driven primarily by the desire to replaced aged conductor and to improve the backup capability between Fordsville and Hardinsburg 2 substations.



### LINE CONVERSION NARRATIVES

### FORT AVENUE

Code FRT-304 Estimated Cost: \$23,595 Year: 2026

#### **Description of Proposed Construction:**

Project FRT-304 is the upgrade of 0.15 miles of three-phase 1/0F Copperweld to three-phase 336 ACSR along Highway 60.

#### **Reason for Proposed Construction:**

This project serves to removed aged three phase copper from the system.



### LINE CONVERSION NARRATIVES

# GARRETT

Code GAR-305 Estimated Cost: \$1,352,296

Year: 2027

#### **Description of Proposed Construction:**

Project GAR-305 is the conversion of 6.34 miles of three-phase 1/0F Copperweld to three-phase 336 ACSR.

#### **Reason for Proposed Construction:**

This project is driven primarily by the desire to replaced aged conductor and to improve the backup capability between Irvington and Garrett substations.



### LINE CONVERSION NARRATIVES

#### Hardinsburg 2 Code HDB2-306

Estimated Cost: \$827,200 Year: 2025

#### **Description of Proposed Construction:**

Project HDB2-306 is the conversion of 4.7 miles of three-phase #2 ACSR to three-phase 336 ACSR along Long Branch Fork Rd.

#### **Reason for Proposed Construction:**

This project improves voltage and load balance and current carrying capacity.



### LINE CONVERSION NARRATIVES

# IRVINGTON

<u>Code IRV-307</u> Estimated Cost: \$1,175,152 Year: 2026

#### **Description of Proposed Construction:**

Project IRV-307 is the conversion of 6.07 miles of three-phase #3/0 ACSR to three-phase 336 ACSR along Highway 79. Of this, approximately 0.65 miles is currently 1/0F Copperweld underbuild. This will be converted to 3/0 ACSR underbuild.

#### **Reason for Proposed Construction:**

This project will strengthen the tie between Brandenburg West and Irvington substations. This will be completed along with BGW-304 and IRV-309.



### LINE CONVERSION NARRATIVES

#### MCDANIELS Code MCD-308

Estimated Cost: \$304,200 Year: 2024

#### **Description of Proposed Construction:**

This project MCD-308 is the conversion of 2.34 miles of three-phase #4 ACSR to three-phase 3/0 ACSR along Laurel Branch Road.

#### **Reason for Proposed Construction:**

This is some of the last three phase #4 ACSR on the system. Removing this will serve to remove aged conductor from the system, as well as improve service reliability.



### LINE CONVERSION NARRATIVES

#### HARDINSBURG 2 Code HDB2-309

Estimated Cost: \$71,874 Year: 2027

#### **Description of Proposed Construction:**

Project HDB2-309 is the conversion of 0.55 miles of three-phase #4 ACSR to three-phase #2 ACSR along Brown Farm Road.

#### **Reason for Proposed Construction:**

This is some of the last three phase #4 ACSR on the system. Removing this will serve to remove aged conductor from the system, as well as improve service reliability.



### LINE CONVERSION NARRATIVES

#### MCDANIELS Code MCD-310

Estimated Cost: \$100,624 Year: 2027

#### **Description of Proposed Construction:**

Project MCD-310 is the conversion of 0.65 miles of three-phase #4 ACSR to three-phase #2 ACSR along S Highway 259.

#### **Reason for Proposed Construction:**

This is some of the last three phase #4 ACSR on the system. Removing this will serve to removed aged conductor from the system, as well as improve service reliability.



# 4.3 Substation Changes (Code 500)

A number of voltage regulator control and recloser replacements are planned over the next four years. A total of 48 voltage regulator controls will be purchased and installed to replace the existing controls. There are also a total of 29 three phase feeder reclosers and controls that will be upgraded and replaced. These upgrades are detailed in the table below.

	Replacement Qty					
	Voltage	Recloser				
Substation	Regulator	and				
Name	Control	Control				
Andyville	3					
Battletown		2				
Brandenburg	3					
Brandenburg West	3					
Buttermilk Falls						
Centerview	3					
Cloverport		6				
Custer	3					
Doe Valley		5				
Easton Road						
Falls of Rough	3	4				
Flaherty	3	4				
Fordsville	3					
Fort Avenue						
Garrett	6	3				
Hardinsburg 1						
Hardinsburg 2	3					
Harned	3	2				
Irvington	6	3				
McDaniels	3					
Union Star	3					
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Table 4-1 Substation Changes (Code 500)

# 4.4 Sectionalizing

Meade performs a sectionalizing review of 1-2 of their substations per year. Periodic review of system sectionalizing is recommended to ensure that changes in fault current, load current, and system configuration are properly accounted for. As specific protective device review and recommendations are beyond the scope of this construction work plan, cost estimates represent a continuation of past annual expenditure at an appropriate rate of inflation.

# 4.5 Voltage Regulation

Low voltage is often corrected through the addition of voltage regulators. A general rule is to refrain from using more than two voltage regulators in series. In instances when additional benefits could be realized, low voltage areas will be corrected through alternative means, such as conductor change-outs and system re-structuring.

# 4.6 New Line Extensions

New line extensions to serve new members (Code 100) were estimated based on a combination of historic annual new members from previous years' Form 7's, extended out over the horizon of this construction work plan.

# 4.7 Miscellaneous Distribution Equipment

This section describes the various RUS 601-608 Codes.

### 601 - Transformers and Meters

This category includes new and upgraded (increased capacity) transformers and meters for new or existing overhead and underground services and new transformers for voltage conversion (12 kV to 25 kV, etc.).

### <u>602 – Service Changes</u>

This category includes all installations for changes in service capacity to a single consumer, including service conductor, secondary conductor, primary conductor (including single-phase to three-phase), conversion of secondary to primary, and increasing the number of service conductors. This code also includes replacing existing services for change in capacity.

### <u>603 – Sectionalizing Equipment</u>

This code includes all assemblies associated with a line sectionalizing installation, including the sectionalizing equipment (breakers, reclosers, sectionalizers, or fuses) and associated equipment such as switches, arrestors, and platforms. Substation breakers, reclosers, etc., should be under Code 500 for additions and changes.

### <u>604 – Regulators</u>

This code includes all assemblies associated with initial voltage regulation installations, including regulators or auto-boosters, pole top assemblies, fuses, switches, arrestors, platforms, support

poles, guys, anchors, and grounding assemblies. This includes line regulators only; substation regulators should be under Code 500 for additions and changes.

#### 605 – Capacitors

This code includes all assemblies associated with line capacitor installations, including capacitors, racks, fuses, switches, arrestors, platforms, controls, and cabinets. Substation capacitors should be under Code 500 for additions and changes.

#### 606 – Pole Replacements/Additions

This category includes all costs where the predominant item is related to the pole change-out due to the condition of the pole.

#### Code 607- Miscellaneous Replacements

Code 607 includes all costs associated with replacement of plant items such as guys, anchors, crossarms, insulator strings, etc. where pole change-out due to the condition of the pole is not the predominant cost involved. This code excludes poles covered under Code 606 and conductor covered under Code 608.

#### Code 608- Conductor Replacements

This code includes costs associated with construction to replace aged, deteriorating overhead or underground line sections (except service wires) and includes all associated structure changes. These costs can be included as a lump sum on RUS Form 740c, with supporting data included either in the CWP or in a separate report.

# 4.8 Other Distribution Items

This section describes the various RUS 702-705 Codes.

#### <u> 702 – Outdoor Lights</u>

This category includes costs associated with purchase and installation of lights. This includes line extensions (when required) to service the lights, as well as the cost of installation and material for all associated equipment. Also included are plant replacements, conversions, and improvements necessary in providing outdoor light service.

#### Code 704- Load Management/SCADA

Feasibility and other support data are to be included under this code.

#### Code 705 - Automated Meter Reading Equipment

This code includes all costs associated with AMI systems, except meters and retrofits included under Code 601.

# **5** Construction Costs

This section shows all relevant costs over the planning period, broken down by RUS loan application codes. The following tables provide additional details and support.

# 5.1 Cost Estimate Summary

A summary of the cost estimate by RUS loan application code for 2024-2027 is found in Table 5-1 below.

CONSTRUCTION COST SUMMARY									
		<b>F</b> -4 <sup>2</sup> 4-			2024 2027	Percent			
	2024	2025	$\frac{1}{2026}$	2027	2024-2027 Total (\$)	01 1 otal (%)			
100-New Line Extensions	1.035.000	1.166.330	1.316.359	1.484.731	5.002.420	15.62			
200-New Tie Lines	0	0	0	0	0	0.00			
300-Conversions and Line Changes	913,800	1,679,040	1,198,747	1,688,773	5,480,360	17.11			
400-New Substations	0	0	0	0	0	0.00			
500-Substation Changes	621,000	0	592,900	0	1,213,900	3.79			
600-Misc. Distribution Equipment									
601-Transformers	1,358,489	1,515,198	1,691,959	1,888,920	6,454,567				
601-Meters	275,000	302,500	332,750	366,025	1,276,275				
602-Service Changes	12,235	13,458	14,804	16,285	56,782				
603-Sectionalizing Equipment	177,000	184,700	193,170	202,487	757,357				
604-Voltage Regulators	0	0	0	0	0				
605-Capacitors	0	0	0	0	0				
606-Poles	975,605	1,073,165	1,180,482	1,298,530	4,527,782				
607-Miscellaneous	100,000	110,000	121,000	133,100	464,100				
608-Conductor Replacements	1,000,000	1,100,000	1,210,000	1,331,000	4,641,000				
600-Total	3,898,329	4,299,022	4,744,165	5,236,347	18,177,863	56.75			
700-Other Distribution Items									
702-Outdoor Lights	464,783	<u>511,261</u>	<u>562,387</u>	<u>618,626</u>	<u>2,157,058</u>				
700-Total	464,783	511,261	562,387	618,626	2,157,058	6.73			
Total Proposed Work	6,932,912	7,655,653	8,414,559	9,028,476	32,031,600	100.00			

### **Table 5-1 Cost Estimate Summary**

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# 5.2 New Line Extensions (Code 100)

NEW LINE EXTENSIONS (Code 100)										
	Ac	tual		Wor	k Plan Esti	imate				
	2021	2022	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total			
Service Extensions for New Members (100)										
1. Number of New Members Cor	nnected									
Total	763	814	450	461	473	485	1,869			
2. Total Length Built Per Year (mi	i)									
Total	32.1	37.2	21.0	21.6	22.1	22.7	87.4			
3. Average Cost per Build (before	CIAC)									
Total	1,881	2,316	2,300	2,530	2,783	3,061	2,669			
4. Cost of New Members	4. Cost of New Members									
Total Cost (before CIAC)	1,434,900	1,884,823	1,035,000	1,166,330	1,316,359	1,484,731	5,002,420			

### Table 5-2 New Line Extensions (Code 100)

# 5.3 New Tie-Lines (Code 200)

	NEW TIE LINES (CODE 200)									
	Project				Reason		Estimated			
	Code	Year	Substation-Circuit	Project Description	Code(s)	Miles	Cost (\$)			
			None							
			Total for all Years	November 10, 2023		0.00	0			
		Cost 20	0 by Year							
		2024				0.00	0			
		2025				0.00	0			
		2026				0.00	0			
		2027				0.00	0			
		Total	Total Cost Code 200 by Ye	ear		0.00	0			
Reaso	n Code(s)									
А	To replace Aged an	d deterio	prated overhead line.							
В	To improve Backup	p betwee	en circuits and substations.							
С	To provide addition	nal Capa	city.							
D	To Divide the load	for impr	oved load balance, voltage a	and reliability.						
F	To accommodate Future load.									
R	To improve service <b>R</b> eliability.									
U	To replace old 175 M il or 220 Mil bare concentric neutral Underground cable									
s	S ingle-ph current over 40A									
Cu	Copper Replaceme	nt								
v	To improve Voltag	e.								

### Table 5-3 New Tie-Lines (Code 200)

# 5.4 Conversions and Line Changes (Code 300)

	CONVERSION AND LINE CHANGES (CODE 300)									
Project	New			Reason		Estimated				
Code	Year	Substation-Circuit	Project Description	Code(s)	Miles	Cost (\$)				
BGW-301	2024	Brandenburg West R-33082	3ph 3/0 ACSR to 3ph 336 ACSR	А	3.81	609,600				
EAS-302	2027	Easton Road R-34284	3ph 336 ACSR, 3ph 3/0 ACSR, 1ph #2 ACSR to (sam	ne) A	0.77	163,979				
FDV-303	2025	Fordsville RC-1345	3ph #2 ACSR to 3ph 336 ACSR	A, B, R	4.84	851,840				
FRT-304	2026	Fort Avenue R-31082	3ph 1/0F CW to 3ph 3/0 ACSR	Cu	0.15	23,595				
GAR-305	2027	Garrett R-1399	3ph 1/0F CW to 3ph 336 ACSR	A, Cu	6.35	1,352,296				
HDB2-306	2025	Hardinsburg 2 R-1378	3ph #2 ACSR to 3ph 336 ACSR	A, B, R	4.70	827,200				
IRV-307	2026	Irvington RC-1375, RC-1376	3ph 3/0 ACSR to 3ph 336 ACSR	А	6.07	1,175,152				
MCD-308	2024	McDanielS RC-1387	3ph #4 ACSR to 3ph 3/0 ACSR	R	2.34	304,200				
HDB2-309	2027	Hardinsburg 2 R-1378	3ph #4 ACSR to 3ph #2 ACSR	А	0.45	71,874				
MCD-310	2027	McDaniels RC-1386	3ph #4 ACSR to 3ph #2 ACSR	А	0.63	100,624				
		Total for all Years	Novembe	er 10, 2023	30.11	5,480,360				
	Cost 3	00 by Year								
	2024				6.15	913,800				
	2025				9.54	1,679,040				
	2026				6.22	1,198,747				
	2027				8.20	1,688,773				
	Total	Total Cost Code 300 by Year			30.11	5,480,360				
<b>D</b>										
Reason Cod	le(s) To replace A	and and datamonated examples d line.								
A D	To improvo I	geu anu ueteriorateu overneau nne.	tions							
ь С	To provide a	ditional Capacity	tions.							
D	10 provide additional Capacity.									
F	To accommodate Future load									
R	1 o accommodale ruture toad.									
U	To replace of	d 175 Mil or 220 Mil bare concent	ic neutral Underground cable							
s	Single phase	current over 40A.								
Cu	Copper (Cu)	Replacement.								
v	To improve '	Voltage.								

#### Table 5-4 Conversions and Line Changes (Code 300)

# 5.5 Substation Changes (Code 500)

SUBSTATION CHANGES (CODE 500)									
Project				Estimated					
Code	YR	Substation Name	Project Description	Cost (\$)					
501	2024	As Listed in Table 4-1	(15) G&W Viper-ST with SEL-651R Controls	\$525,000					
502	2026	As Listed in Table 4-1	(14) G&W Viper-ST with SEL-651R Controls	\$592,900					
503	2024	As Listed in Table 4-1	(48) SEL-2431 Voltage Regulator Controls	\$96,000					

#### Table 5-5 Substation Changes (Code 500)

# 5.6 Code 600 Items

MISCELLANEOUS DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT (Code 601-606)									
	Act	ual		Wo	rk Plan Esti	mate			
	2021	2022	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total		
Transformer Data (60	1)								
1. Number of New Trar	isformers								
a. Overhead 1 Ph	347	398	410	420	431	442	1,703		
b. Padmounted 1 Ph	20	20	30	30	30	30	120		
c. Padmounted 3 Ph	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>40</u>		
d. Total	367	418	450	460	471	482	1,863		
2. Average Cost per Un	it								
a. Overhead 1 Ph	1,055	1,218	1,896	2,086	2,295	2,524	2,200		
b. Padmounted 1 Ph	2,281	2,714	2,866	3,152	3,467	3,814	3,325		
c. Padmounted 3 Ph	-	-	49,500	54,450	59,895	65,885	57,432		
3. Total Cost									
a. Overhead 1 Ph	366,110	484,903	777,524	876,137	988,992	1,115,656	3,758,308		
b. Padmounted 1 Ph	45,626	54,289	85,965	94,562	104,018	114,419	398,964		
c. Padmounted 3 Ph	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>495,000</u>	<u>544,500</u>	<u>598,950</u>	<u>658,845</u>	<u>2,297,295</u>		
d. Total Cost	411,736	539,192	1,358,489	1,515,198	1,691,959	1,888,920	6,454,567		
Meter Data (601)									
1. Number of Meters	15	13,700	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	4,000		
2. Average Installed Cost	713	<u>140</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>303</u>	<u>333</u>	<u>366</u>	1,276		
3. Total Meter Cost	10,698	1,918,320	275,000	302,500	332,750	366,025	1,276,275		
Note: AMI meter project expe	cted to be co	mplete this	year						

### Table 5-6 Miscellaneous Distribution Equipment (Code 601-606)

MISC. DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT (Code 601-606) - (Continued)								
	Acti	ıal		Wor	k Plan Estir	nate		
	2021	2022	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total	
Service Changes (602)								
1. Number of Increases								
1. Number of New Units	10	8	10	10	10	10	40	
2. Average Cost per Unit (\$)	<u>1,755</u>	<u>618</u>	<u>1,223</u>	<u>1,346</u>	<u>1,480</u>	<u>1,628</u>	1,420	
3. Total Cost (\$)	17,549	4,943	12,235	13,458	14,804	16,285	56,782	
Line Sectionalizing Equipment (60	(3)							
1. Total Cost (\$)	44,645	124,446	177,000	184,700	193,170	202,487	757,357	
Line Regulators (604)								
1. Number of New Units	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2. Average Cost per Unit (\$)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
3. Total Cost (\$)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Line Capacitors and/or Reactors	(605)							
1. Number of New Units	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2. Average Cost per Unit (\$)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
3. Total Cost (\$)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Pole Replacements and/or Addition	ons and Ass	ociated H	lardware ((	506)				
1. Number of Poles Replaced	192	394	365	365	365	365	1,460	
2. Average Installed Cost Per Pole (\$)	<u>1,981</u>	2,673	<u>2,673</u>	<u>2,940</u>	<u>3,234</u>	<u>3,558</u>	12,405	
3. Total Cost (\$)	380,352	1,053,162	975,605	1,073,165	1,180,482	1,298,530	4,527,782	
Note: Line Sectionalizing Equipment (603) an additional 20 OCRs per year in preparati	assumes \$1001 on for upcomi	c per year to	reflect histori lizing studies.	ic spending or	1 sectionalizi	ng equipment	t, as well as	

Table 5-7 Miscellaneous Equipment Replacements (Code	607)
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MISCELLANEOUS REPLACEMENTS (CODE 607)									
Project					Estimated				
Code	Year	Substation-Circuit	Project Description	Miles	Cost (\$)				
607.24	2024	System	Miscellaneous Plant Equipment Replacement Work		100,000				
607.25	2025	System	Miscellaneous Plant Equipment Replacement Work		110,000				
607.26	2026	System	Miscellaneous Plant Equipment Replacement Work		121,000				
607.27	2027	System	Miscellaneous Plant Equipment Replacement Work		133,100				
		Total Cost Code 607 by Y	lear		464,100				
Code 607 - (Exe	Code 607 - (Excludes Poles covered under Code 606 and Conductor covered under Code 608). Includes all costs associated								
with replaceme condition of po	nt of pl le is nc	lant items such as guys, an of the predominant cost inv	nchors, crossarms, insulator strings, etc. where pole cha volved.	inge-out o	due to				

CONDUCTOR REPLACEMENTS (CODE 608)									
Project					Estimated				
Code	Year	Substation-Circuit	Project Description	Miles	Cost (\$)				
Non-Site Specif	Non-Site Specific OH and UG Plant Replacement Work								
608.24	2024	System	Non-Site Specific Plant Replacement Work	10.00	1,000,000				
608.25	2025	System	Non-Site Specific Plant Replacement Work	10.00	1,100,000				
608.26	2026	System	Non-Site Specific Plant Replacement Work	10.00	1,210,000				
608.27	2027	System	Non-Site Specific Plant Replacement Work	10.00	1,331,000				
		Total Cost Code 608 by Y	Year for Non-Site Specific Projects	40.00	4,641,000				
Code 608 - Incl (except service	ludes co wires)	osts associated with constru- and includes all associated	uction to replace aged-deteriorating overhead or underg	ground lin	e sections				

 Table 5-8 Conductor Replacements (Code 608)

# 5.7 Code 700 Items

<b>OTHER DISTRIBUTION ITEMS (Code 700)</b>													
	Act	ual	Work Plan Estimate										
	2021	2022	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total						
Outdoor Lights (702)													
1. Number of Lights	275	224	310	310	310	310	1,240						
2. Average Installed Cost (\$)	<u>1,348</u>	<u>1,363</u>	<u>1,499</u>	<u>1,649</u>	<u>1,814</u>	<u>1,996</u>	<u>1,740</u>						
3. Total Cost (\$)	370,772	305,416	464,783	511,261	562,387	618,626	2,157,058						

Table 5-9 Other Distribution Items (Code 700)

# 6 Exhibits

### Exhibit 6-1 Unit Cost Estimates

UNIT COST ESTIMATES (1)													
I. Distribution													
Overhead Tie Line (14.4/24.94 kV)													
	Cost Per Mile (\$)												
		1ø			3ø								
Size (ACSR)	2024	2025	2026	2027	2024	2025	2026	2027					
#2	65,000	71,500	78,650	86,515	100,000	110,000	121,000	133,100					
3/0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	120,000	132,000	145,200	159,720					
336 KCMIL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	140,000	154,000	169,400	186,340					
Overhead to Overhead Conversion (14.4/24.94 kV)													
					Cost Per Mile (\$)								
Existing		New			2024	2025	2026	2027					
1ø		1ø-#2 ACSR			70,000	77,000	84,700	93,170					
1ø		Vø-#2 ACSR			81,000	89,100	98,010	107,811					
1ø		3ø-#2 ACSR			100,000	110,000	121,000	133,100					
1ø		3ø-3/0 ACSR			115,000	126,500	139,150	153,065					
Vø		Vø-#2 ACSR			90,000	99,000	108,900	119,790					
Vø		3ø-#2 ACSR			110,000	121,000	133,100	146,410					
Vø		3ø-3/0 ACSR			120,000	132,000	145,200	159,720					
3ø		3ø-#2 ACSR			120,000	132,000	145,200	159,720					
3ø		3ø-3/0 ACSR			130,000	143,000	157,300	173,030					
3ø		3ø-336 KCMIL			160,000	176,000	193,600	212,960					
(1) Costs include an allowance for engineering, legal, and overhead expenses.													