



# A Case Study of a Healthcare Energy Infrastructure Project: OCHSNER MEDICAL CENTER

# Introductions



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# Learning Objectives

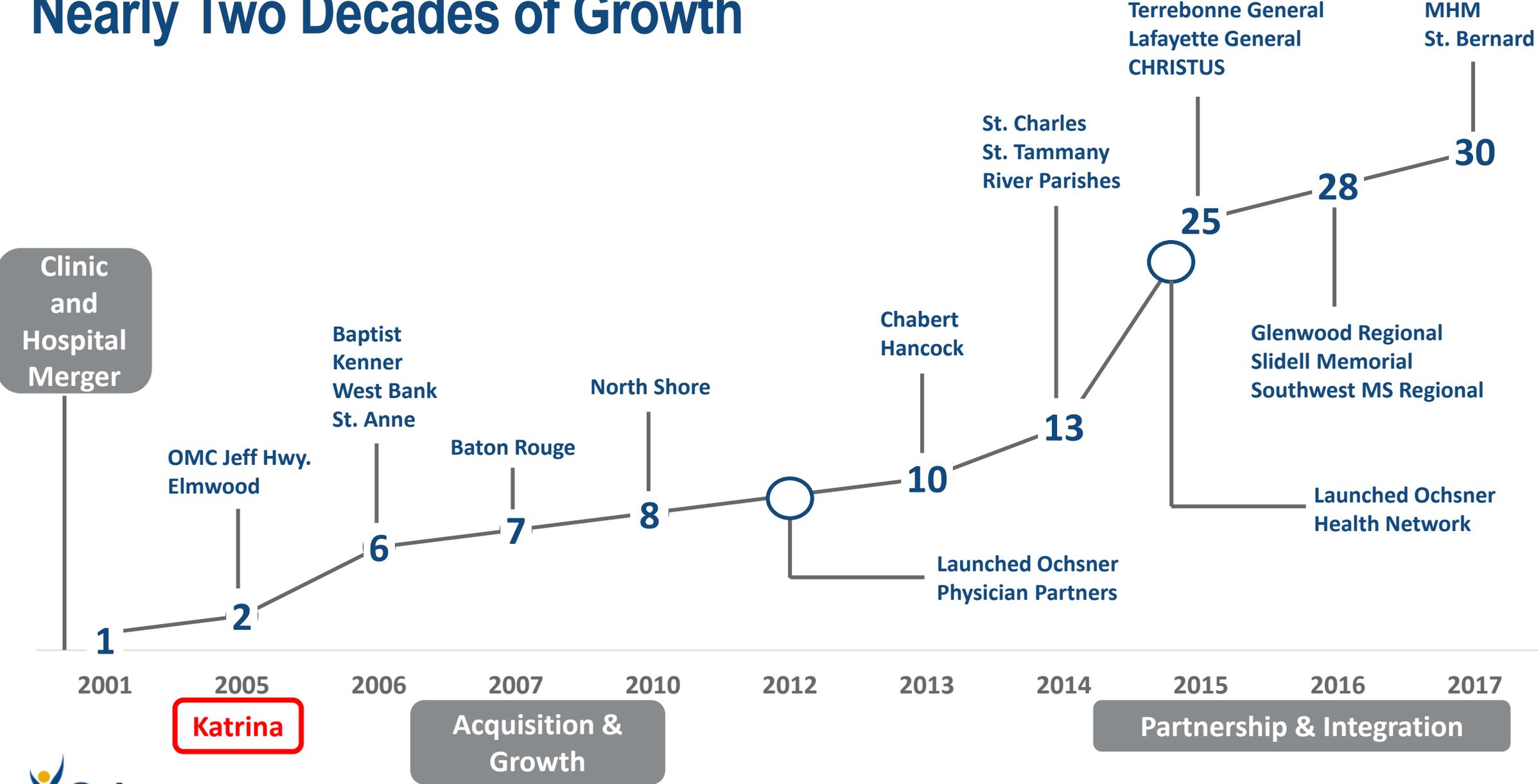
- Ochsner Challenges—Post Hurricane Katrina and Affordable Care Act
- How the Ochsner Bernhard Partnership Addressed these Challenges
- Lessons Learned



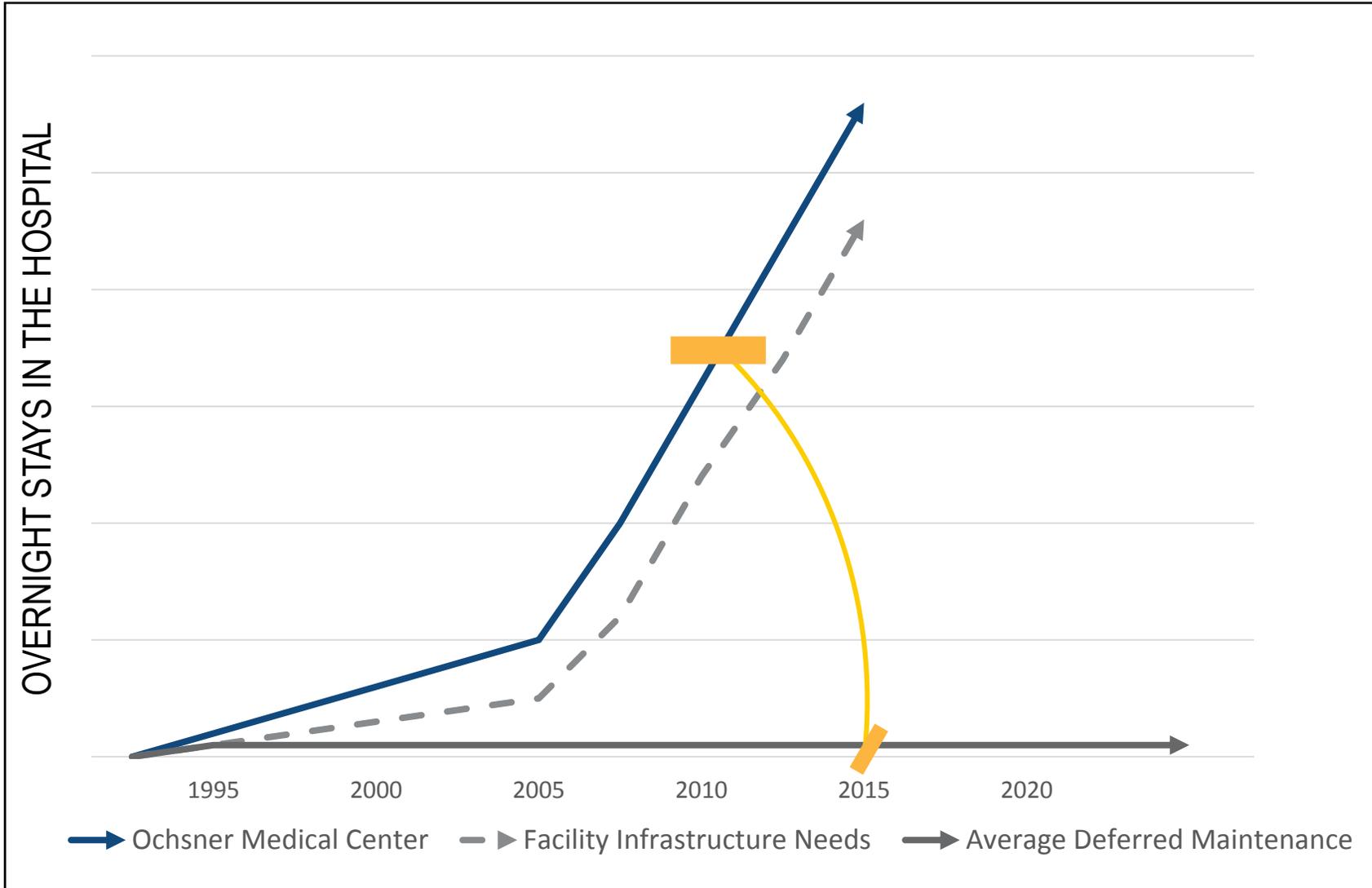
# Post Hurricane Katrina



# Nearly Two Decades of Growth



# Ochsner Medical Center



**468,023**  
PATIENT INCREASE  
OVER THE PAST 12 YEARS



**260 nurses**  
HIRED IN 2017



**West Tower**

- 7-story addition
- Single-room occupancy
- Increasing in-patient capacity to 767 beds



**Benson Cancer Center**

- 5-story addition
- 26 Additional Infusion Chairs
- Ochsner Precision Cancer Therapies Program – 2018 ACCC Innovator Award Winner

# Ochsner Medical Center Key Challenges



- Competing Capital Funds
- Fluctuating Annual Budget
- Deferred Infrastructure Backlog
- Redundancy
- Increasing Utility and O&M Cost



SCORE:  
**13**

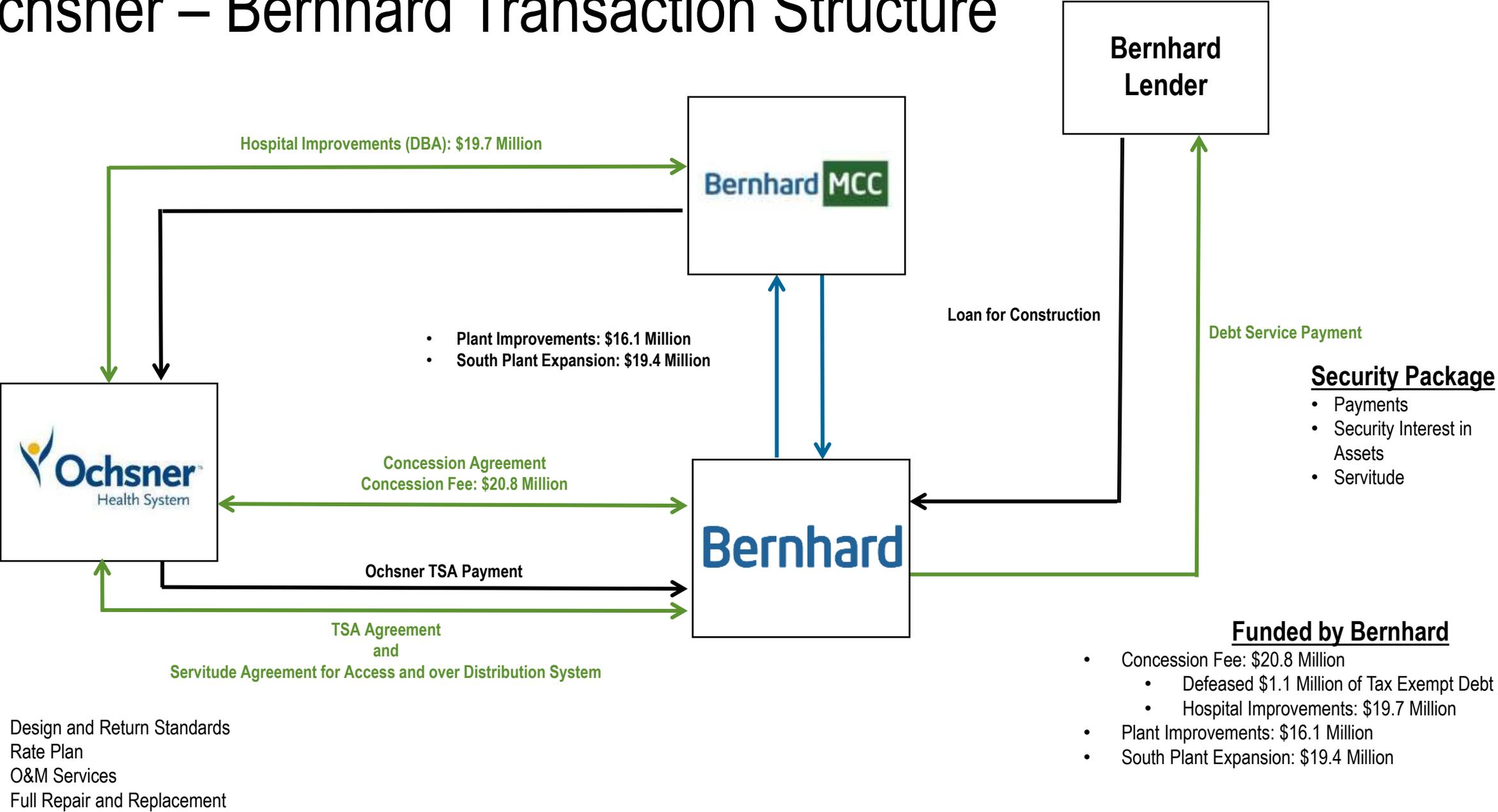




# Components of the Transaction

- Advance Lease Payment
- Design & Construction
- Capital Funding-New Plant
- Risk Transfer
- Energy Savings
- Long Term O&M with Full Repair and Replacement
- Off Balance Sheet Treatment

# Ochsner – Bernhard Transaction Structure



- Design and Return Standards
- Rate Plan
- O&M Services
- Full Repair and Replacement

- Funded by Bernhard**
- Concession Fee: \$20.8 Million
    - Defeased \$1.1 Million of Tax Exempt Debt
    - Hospital Improvements: \$19.7 Million
  - Plant Improvements: \$16.1 Million
  - South Plant Expansion: \$19.4 Million

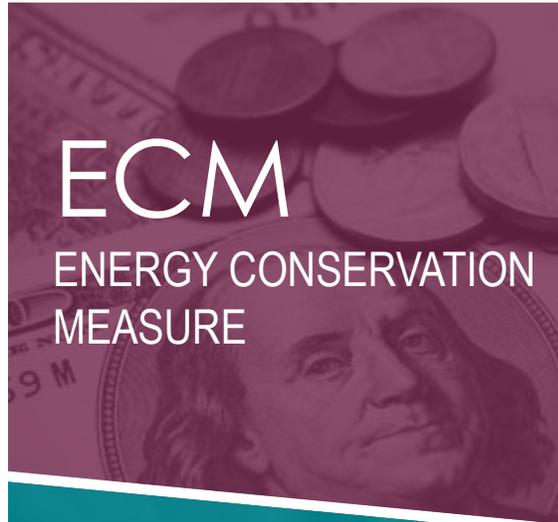
- Security Package**
- Payments
  - Security Interest in Assets
  - Servitude

# Risk Transfer

- Transfers O&M Cost Risk
- Transfers Equipment Renewal & Replacement Cost Risk
- Increases Infrastructure Reliability & Resiliency
- Provides Flexibility
- Contains Safeguards



# Improvements



## Projects that Result in Utility Cost Savings

South Plant Expansion ▪ Upgrade Chilled Water System ▪ Initial Service Deficiency Corrections ▪ Upgrade Steam System ▪ Install Metering & Security Systems ▪ Retro-Commission and Upgrade BAS ▪ Upgrade HVAC Systems



## Projects that Result in Labor Cost Savings

Train HVAC Technicians ▪ Reduce Lighting Operations & Maintenance ▪ Reduce Boiler Operations and Maintenance ▪ Reduce Chiller Operations and Maintenance

# Operations and Maintenance Partnership

IMPROVES EFFICIENCY, LOWERS UTILITY COSTS



Annual Services Plan provides for flexibility over term of agreement



Ochsner Employees Operate Plant under Guidance of Bernhard Energy and Plant Manager



Full annual training to Ochsner employees

- Trained to correctly diagnose problems and fix underlying issues.
- Staff provided constant feedback through M&V for continuous improvement.

# Performance Based Infrastructure-Project Benefits

EXISTING CONDITIONS	PROJECTED RESULTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2,121,366 SQFT</li><li>• Independent North and South Campus Central Plants</li><li>• Annual Energy Cost: \$9,498,468</li><li>• ENERGY STAR Score: 13</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2,501,366 SQFT</li><li>• Interconnected North and South Plants</li><li>• Annual Energy Cost: \$7,087,271</li><li>• ENERGY STAR Score: 80</li></ul>

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**Financial Impact ▪ Energy Impact ▪ Additional Benefits**

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# Lessons Learned

Contract Negotiations

Construction Phase

Operations Phase



# Questions?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME