



COMBINED HEAT AND POWER

Lessons Learned from the Implementation of Projects Across the Country

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Background

- Perspective from:
 - Designing and implementing systems over 15+ years
 - Successes
 - Bumps and bruises
 - Failures to launch
- Not a CHP 101 discussion
- Addressed toward privately-owned CHP, not utility side
- Names changed to protect the innocent



Industrial Enhanced Oil Recovery
20 MW CHP

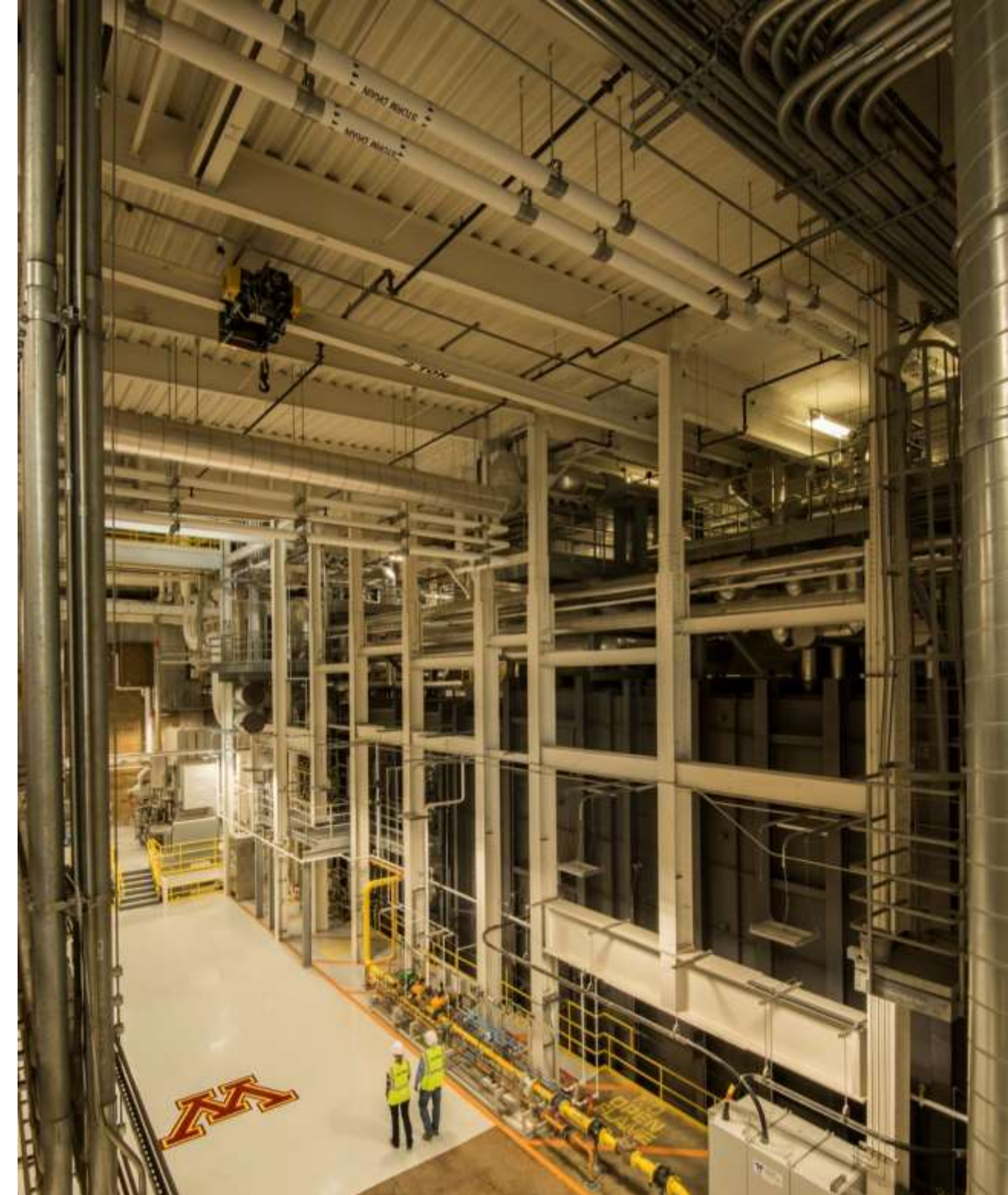
Lesson #1

CHP is not for everyone!

CHP is *not* for everyone

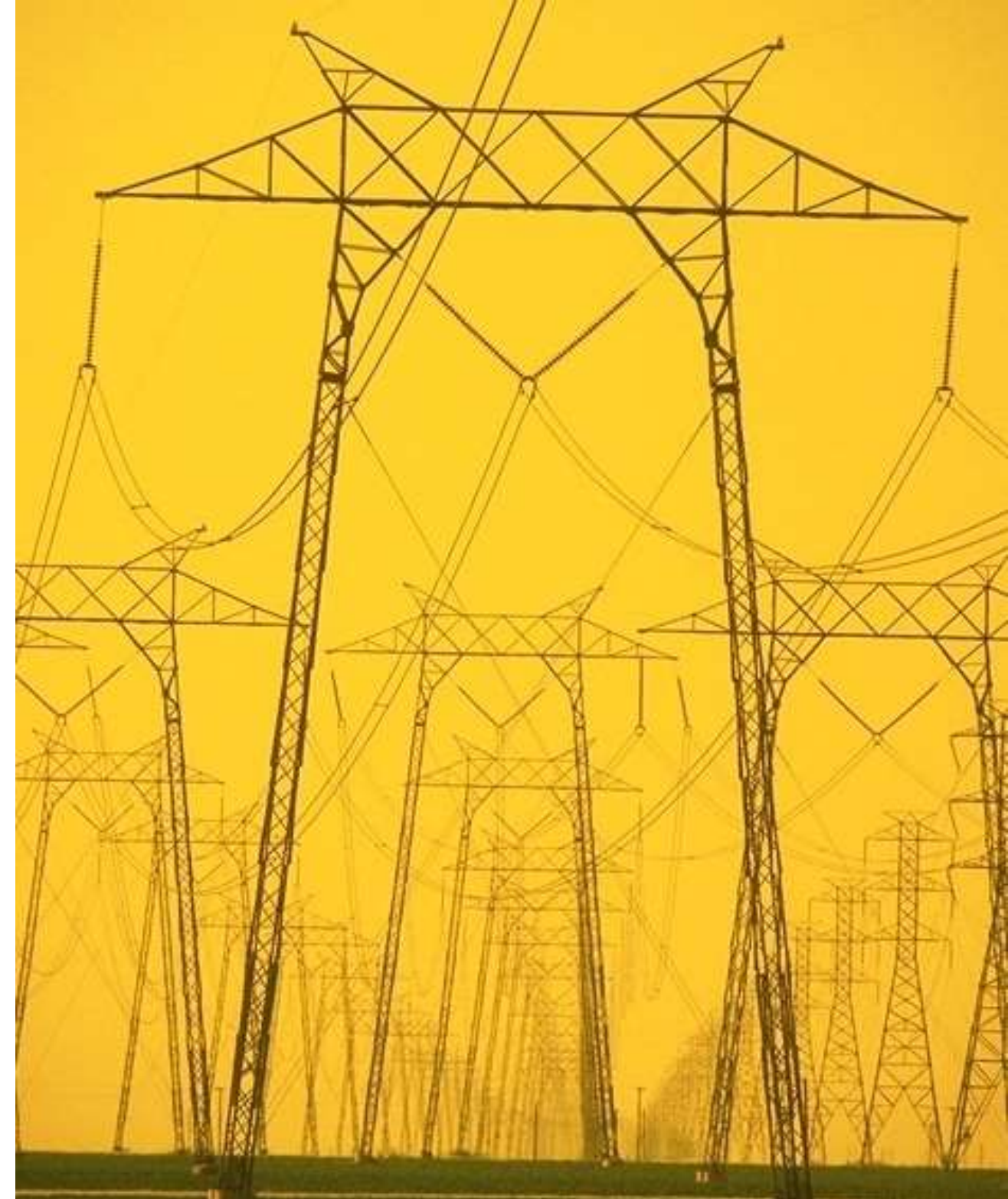
Big Idea

- Understand your project drivers
- Accept that the right answer might be:
 - Yes!
 - Maybe later
 - No
 - Never!



CHP is **not**:

- A means to beat your utility at their own game
 - Frustration with your utility is a poor motivator
 - The utility will always win, one way or another
 - Incentives
 - Standby charges
 - Departing load charges
 - Interconnection fees
 - Time (they dictate this)
- Always the cleanest form of electricity
 - Comparisons can be confusing



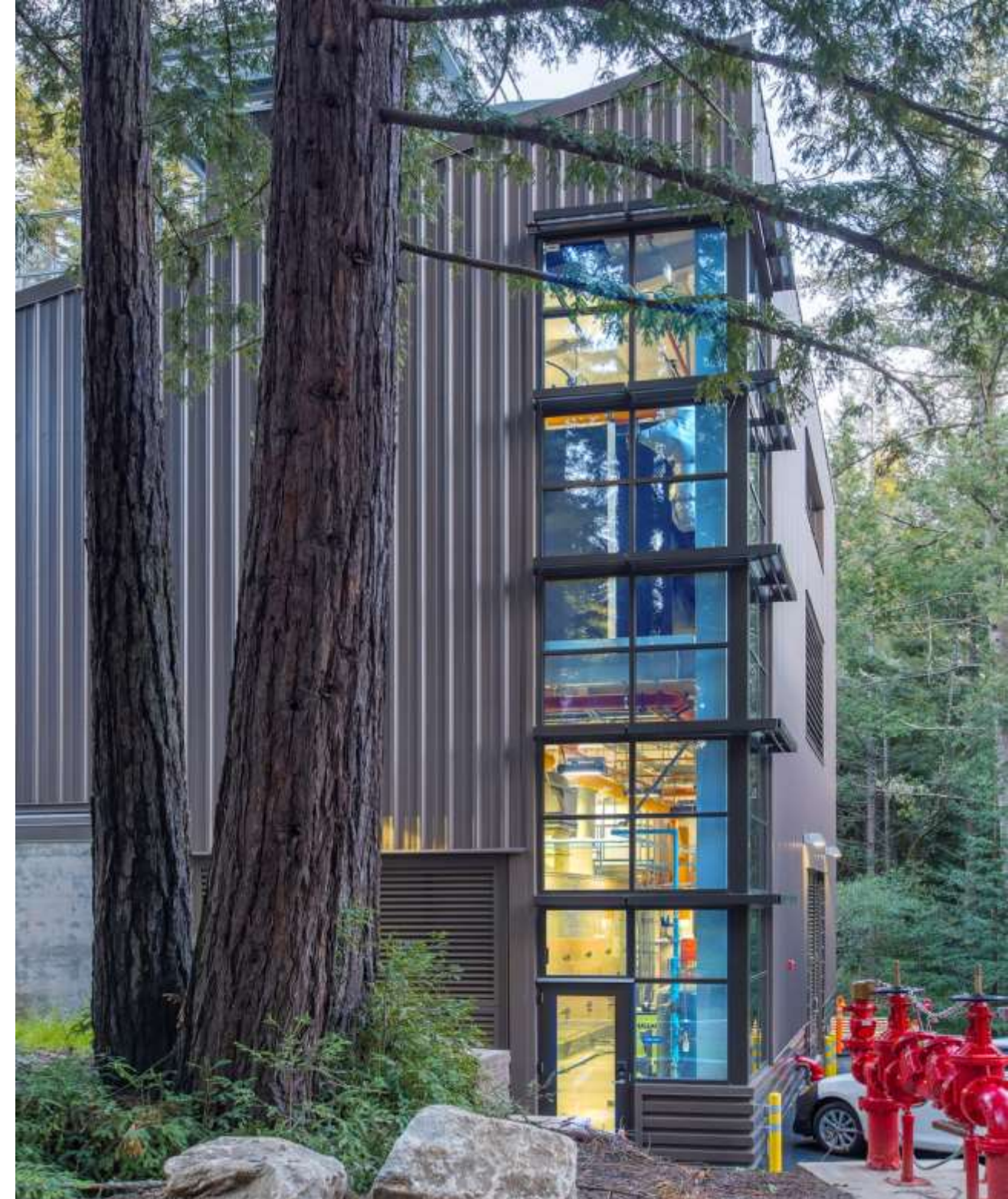
CHP is **not**:

- A universal solution
 - Every system is unique
 - Beware of peer pressure
- The California Highway Patrol
 - Understand your audience
 - Understand their motivation
 - How much?
 - What's the benefit?
- Fast, cheap or easy!
 - See remaining lessons...



CHP might be right when:

- Coincident thermal and electrical demands
- Consistent thermal demand baseline
- Electricity is expensive, fuel is cheap
- Resiliency is in play
- Financial and policy incentives exist
- Sustainability is a goal
 - GHG goals
 - Eliminate coal



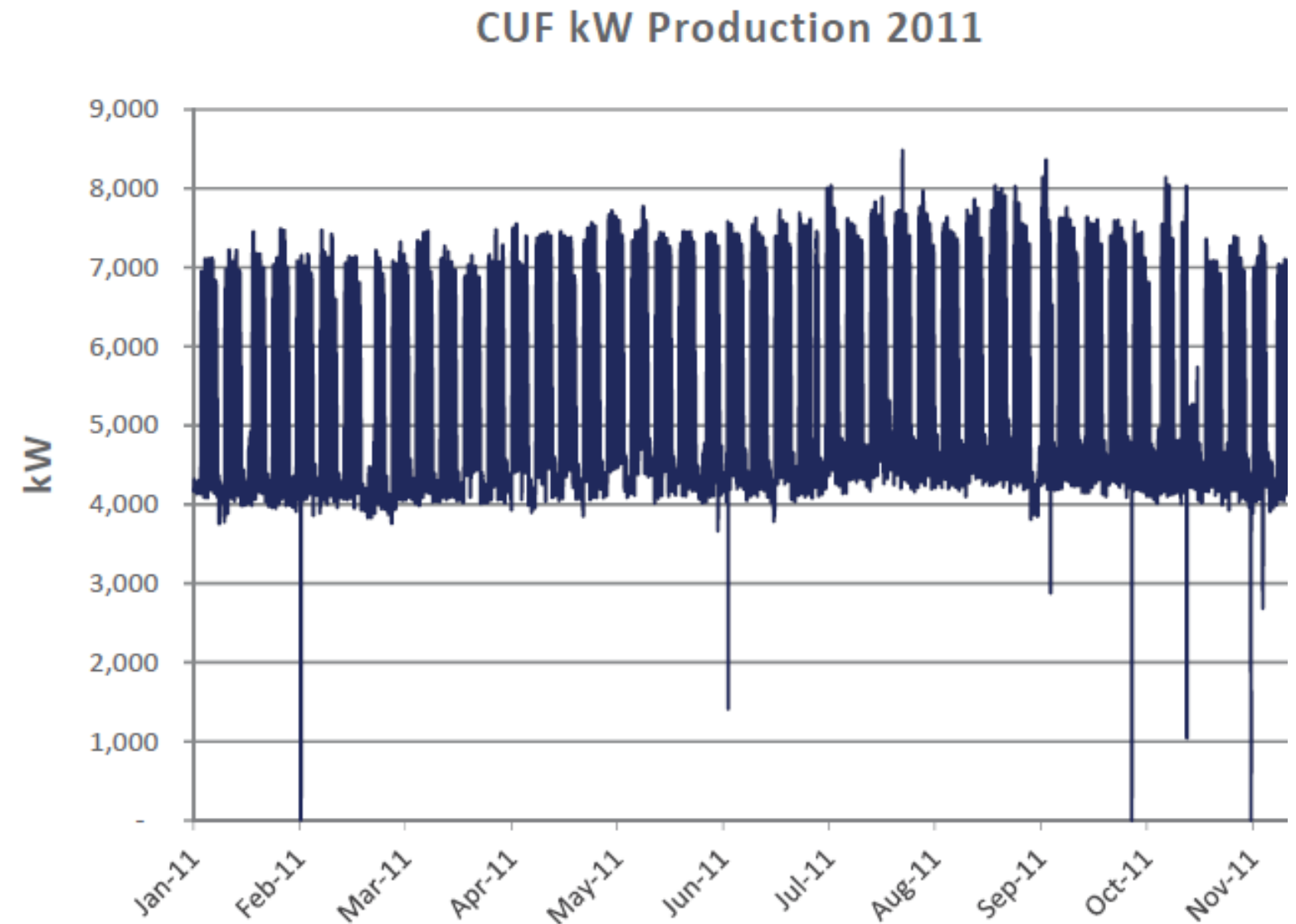
Application

Case Studies

- The “load follower”
- The “grow into it”
- The “free study said it’s a go”

Application

- Understand project drivers, opportunities
- Seek qualified assistance to advance development
- Apply Lesson #2





The University of Texas at Austin
32 MW CHP

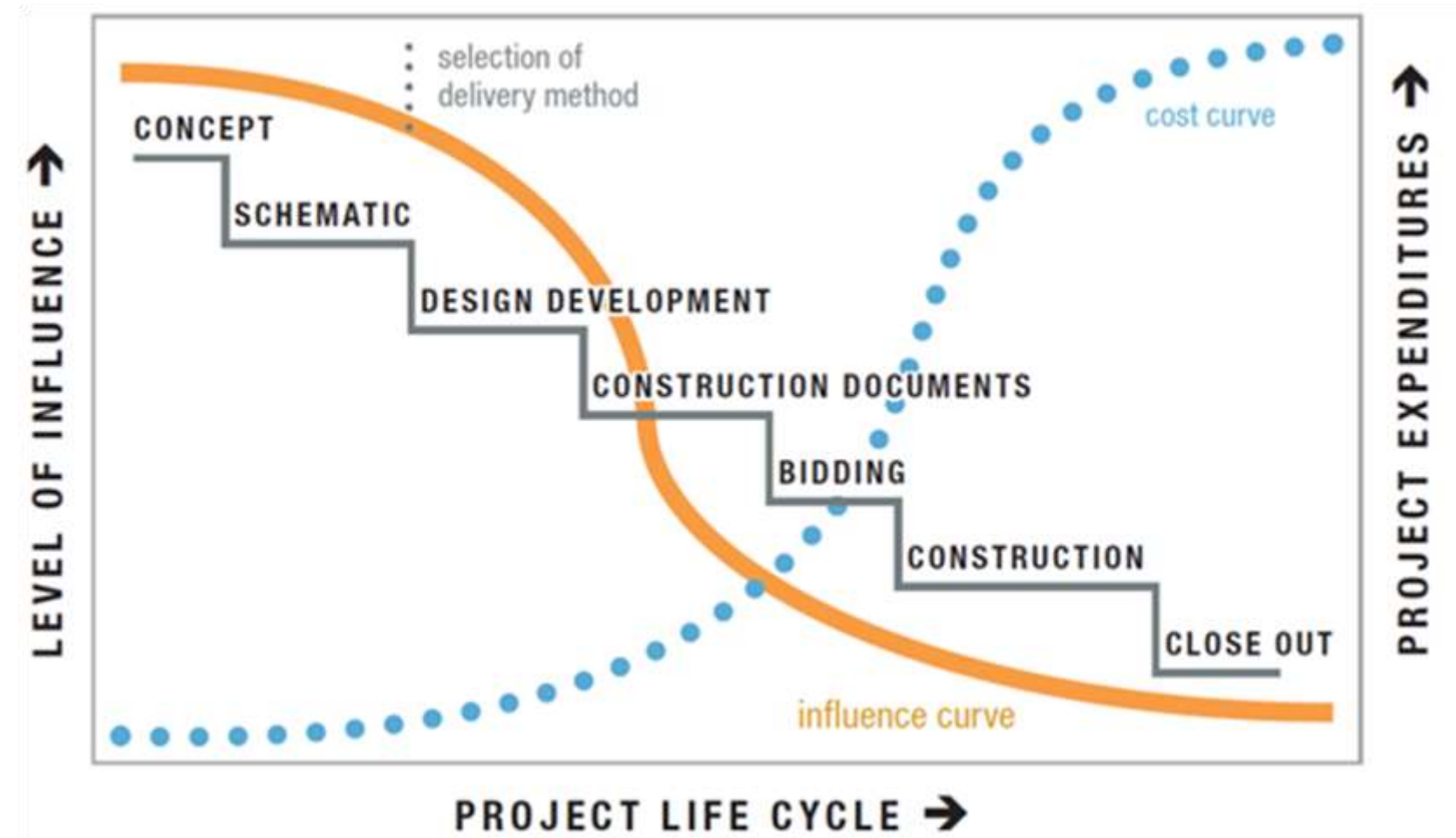
Lesson #2

CHP projects require
intense due diligence!

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Big Idea

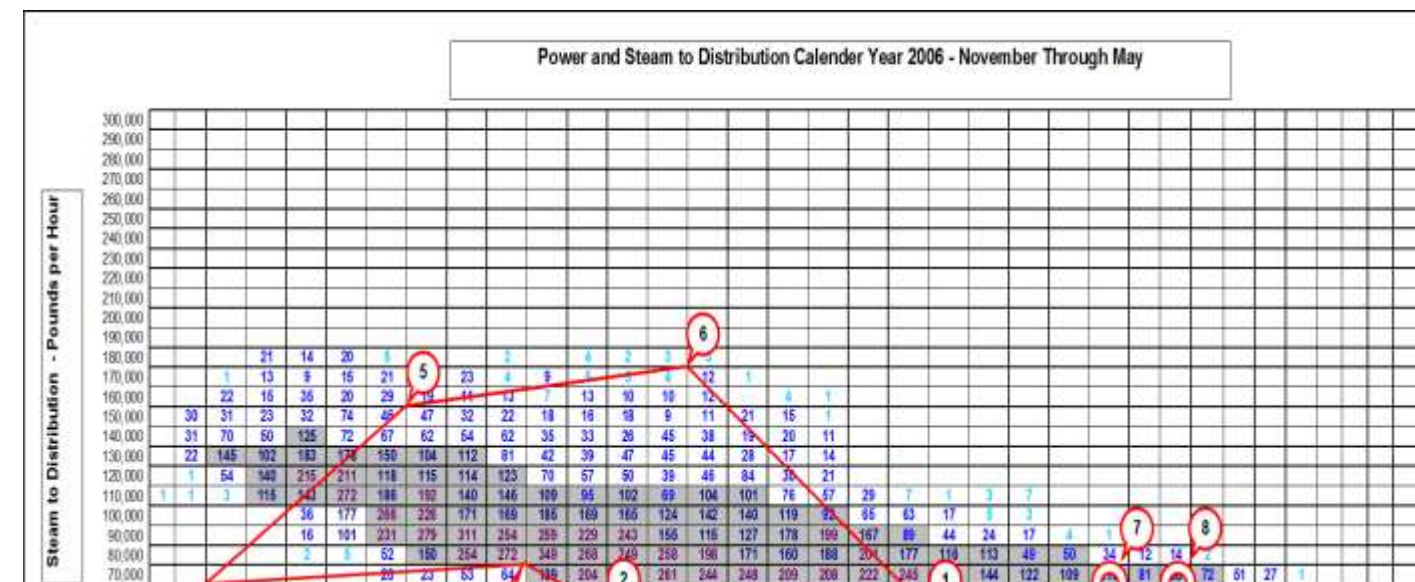
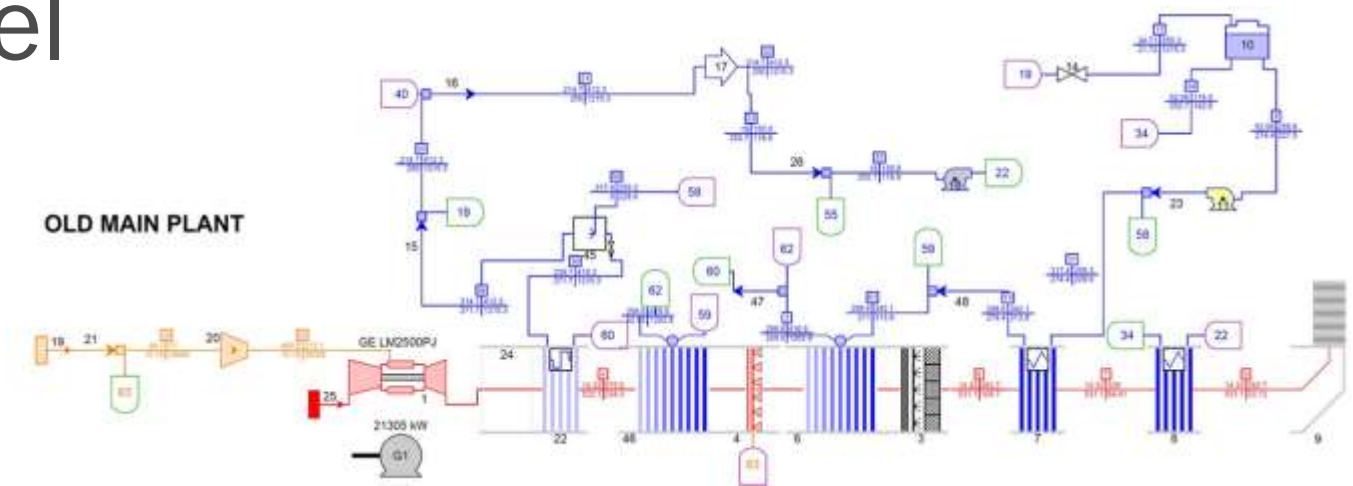
- EARLY is when to do the project right
- Do your homework
- Ask the right questions
- Consider every step of development
- Be realistic with input and results



Invest in a rigorous and detailed study

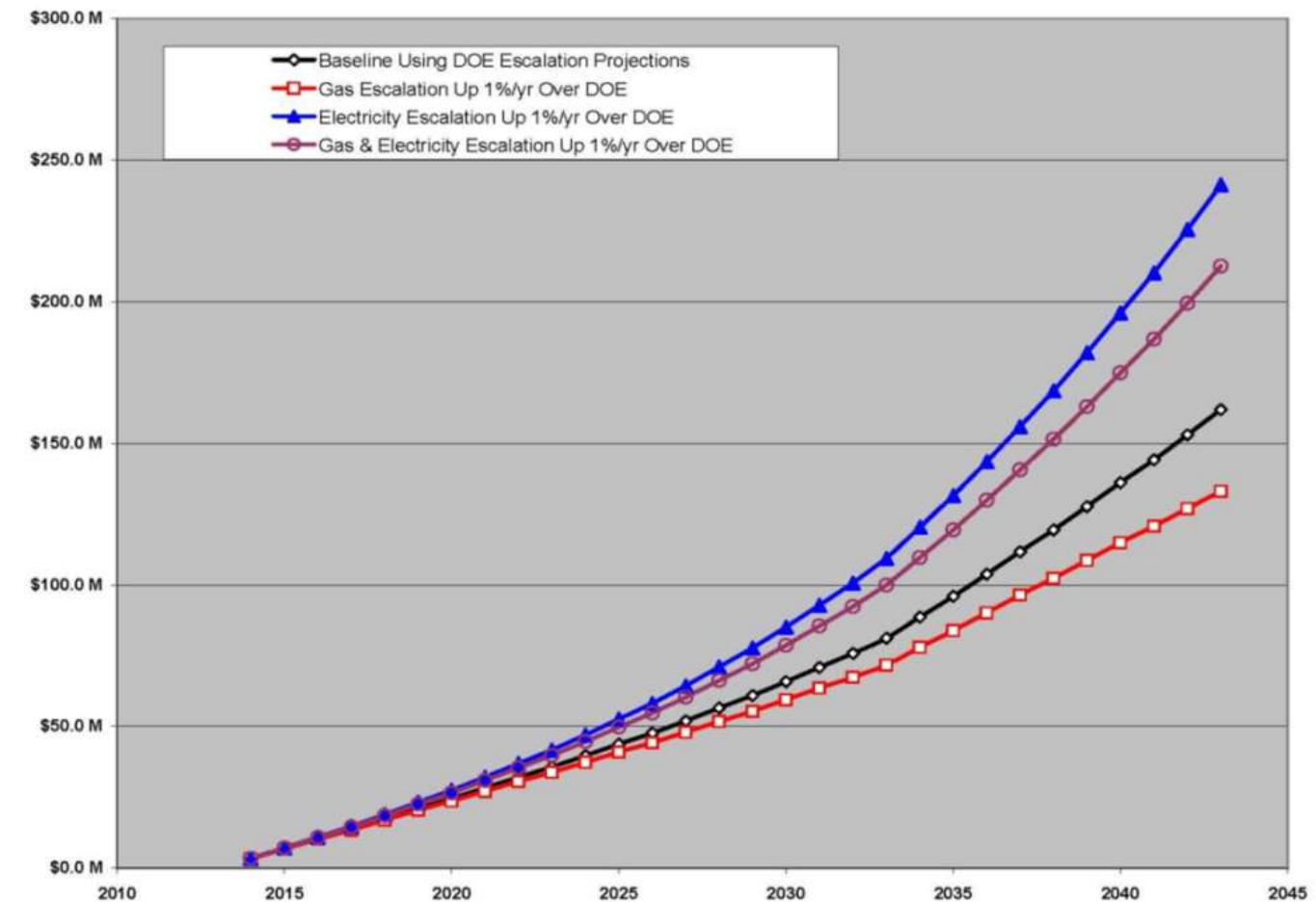
- Detailed thermodynamic model

- Quality (hourly, metered) data
- Caution re: future projections
- Mindful of parasitic loads
- Explore and optimize:
 - Economizers
 - Inlet air cooling
 - Condensate pre-heaters
 - Low grade heat recovery
 - Water usage



Invest in a rigorous and detailed study

- Understand requirements of CFO & Finance
- Sensitivities
- Value for carbon/GHG?
- Full project cost
 - Construction
 - Permitting
 - Utility interconnect
 - Design
 - Existing conditions
 - Permits
 - Owner contingency
 - Commissioning
 - Training
 - Project management



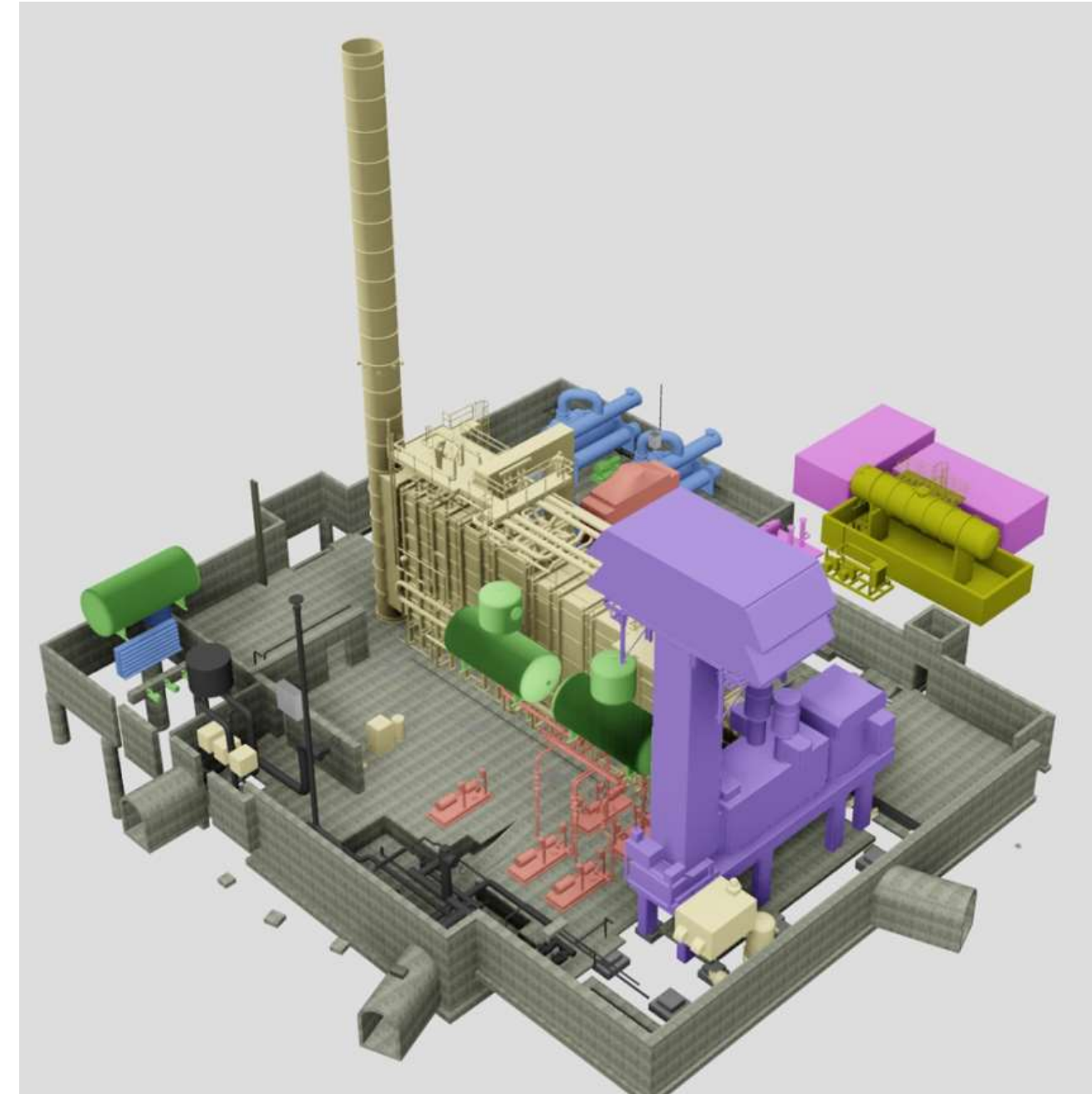
Application

Case Study

- University of Minnesota
 - LCC Savings – \$94M
 - GHG Savings – 35,700 tons annually

Application

- Understand financial metrics necessary for approval
- Growing into a project is risky
- A screening does not a project make





Lesson #3

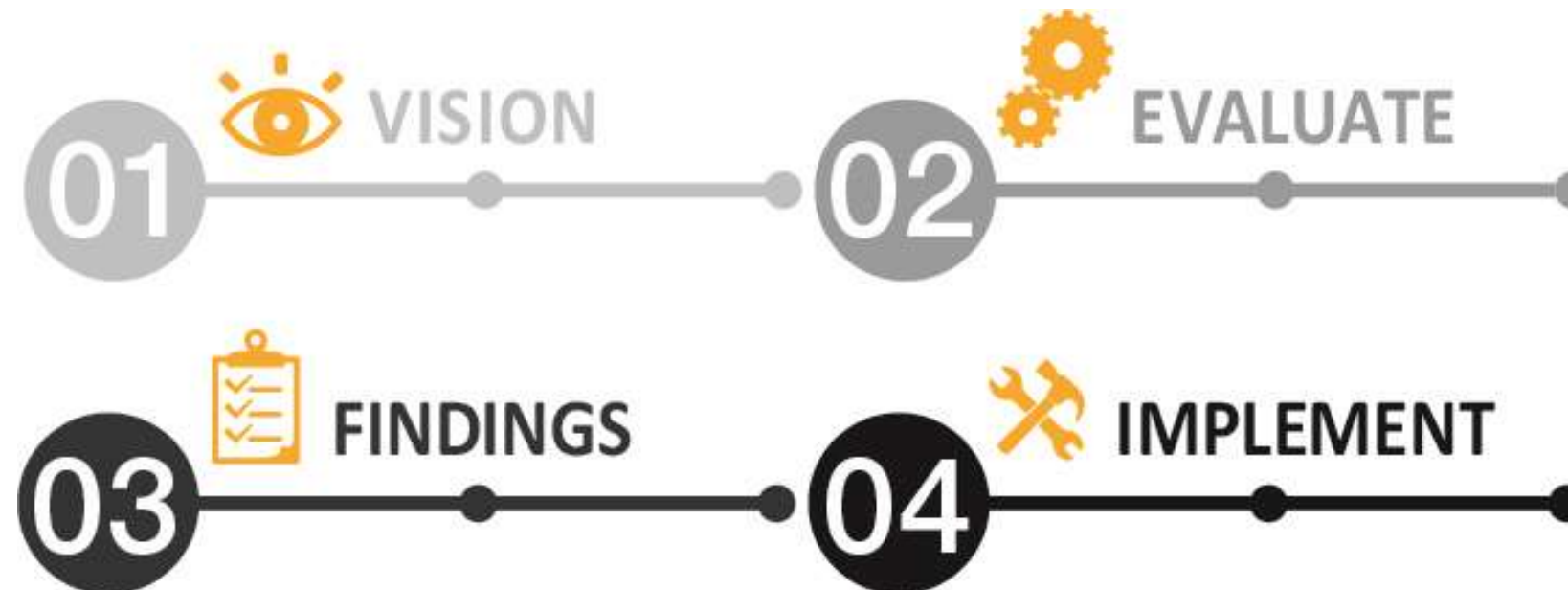
CHP projects take time. Lots of time.
Longer than you expect. Plus more.

University of Oklahoma
15 MW CHP

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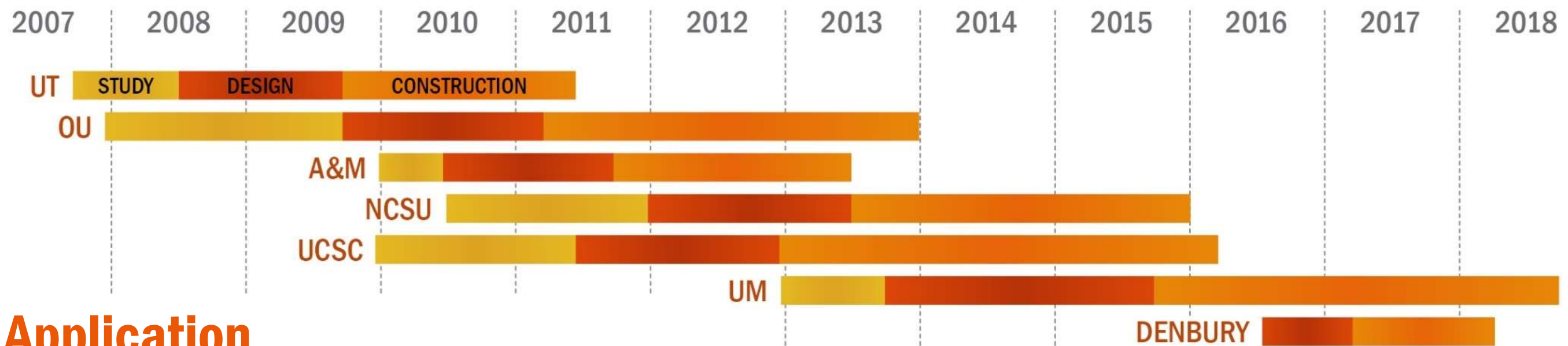
Big Idea

- Understand the steps of developing a CHP opportunity
- Have reasonable expectations
- Create schedule margin
- You are not always in control



Application

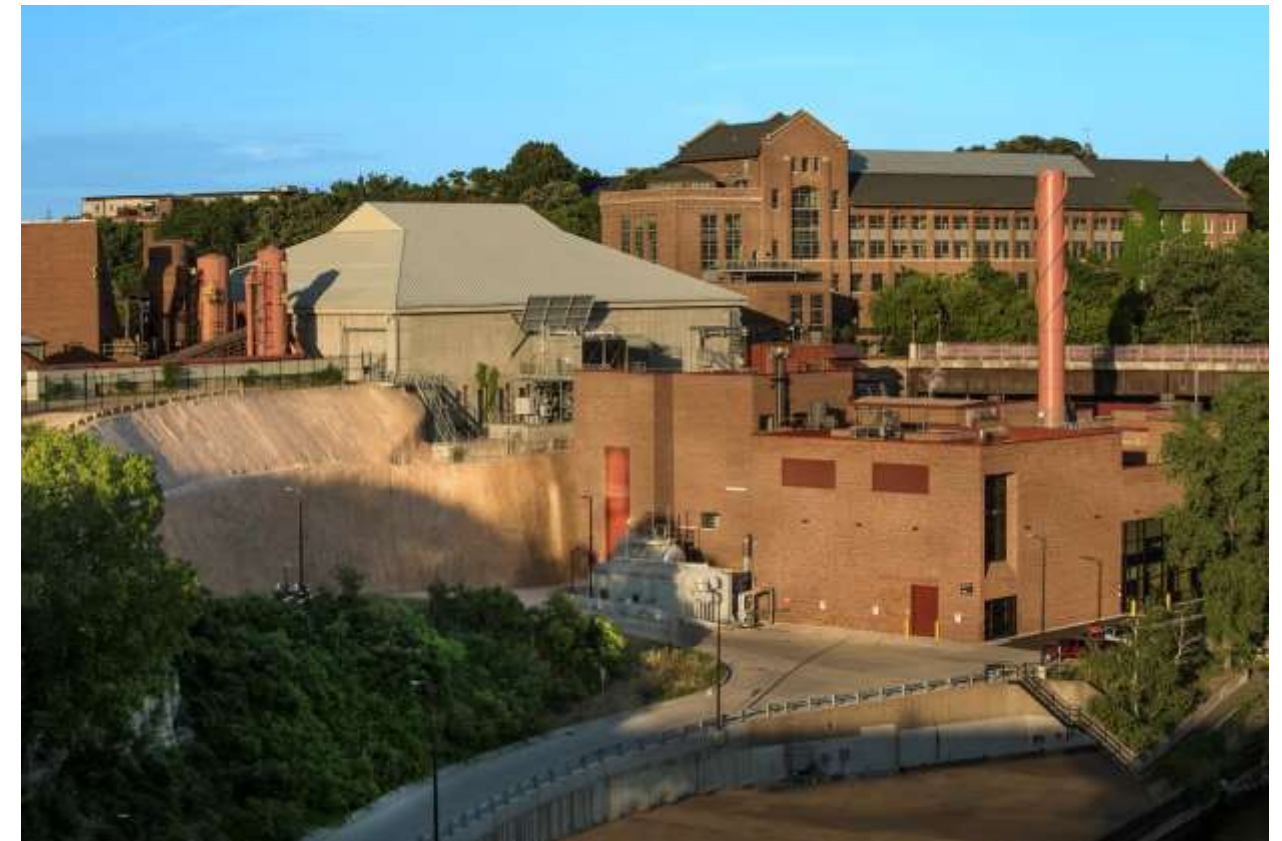
Case Studies



Application

- EPA permitting = 9-12 months
- ISO permitting = 9-12 months (before paralleling)
- Equipment procurement = 12+ months
- Set realistic expectations for all stakeholders
- Time = \$\$\$
- Beware of project fatigue

Steps in Development





Texas A&M University
43.5 MW CHP

Lesson #4

Consider safety in design
and operations.

Plant safety

Big Idea

- Take safety seriously
- Safety is a cultural topic
- Take a leadership role

OSHA Guidance

- 29 CFR 1910.269
- 29 CFR 1926 Subpart V



Design tips

Safety Hazards in a Power Plant

- Electrical safety
- Machine safety
- Working at elevation
- Excavation work
- Lifting operations
- Confined spaces
- Chemical hazards
- High temperature piping and ductwork
- Vehicle movement
- Control of contractors



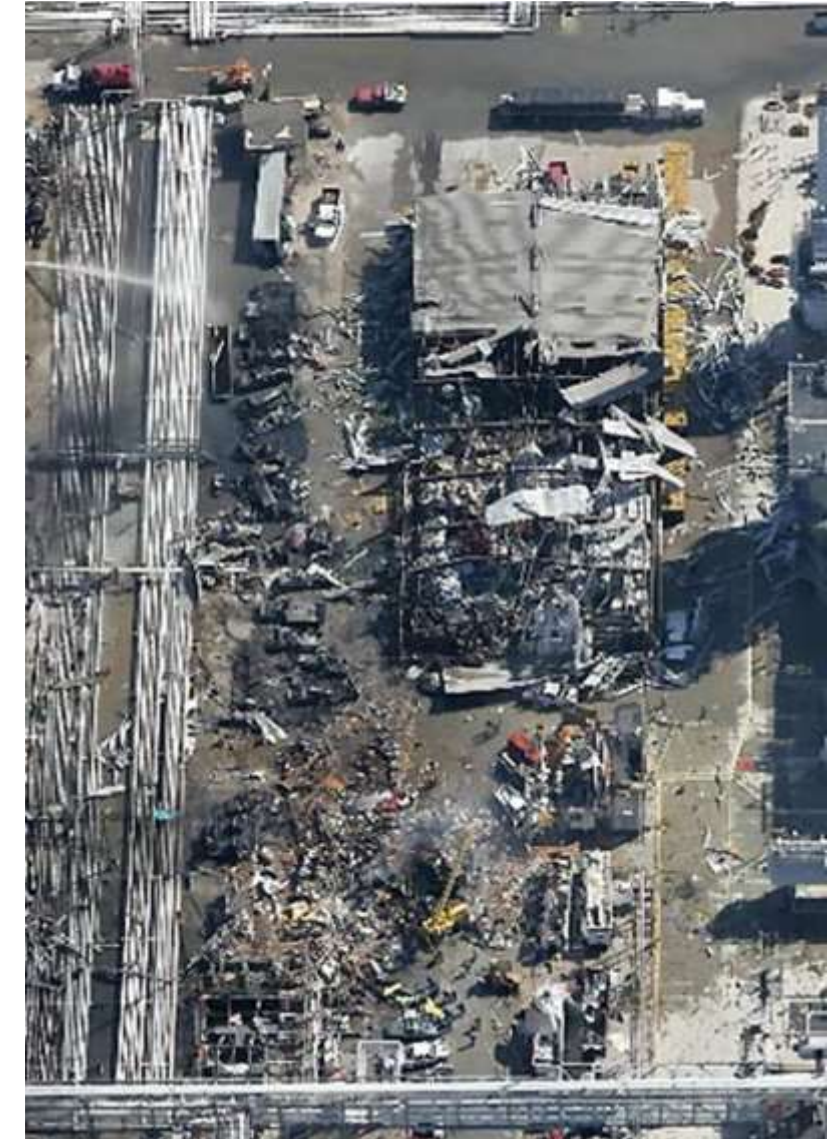
Application

Case Study

- Jacobs project
 - 11 employees killed

Application

- Evaluate ALL risks
- Create a culture that values safety, transparency and accountability
- Don't let a tragedy serve as the stimulus





University of California Santa Cruz
5 MW CHP

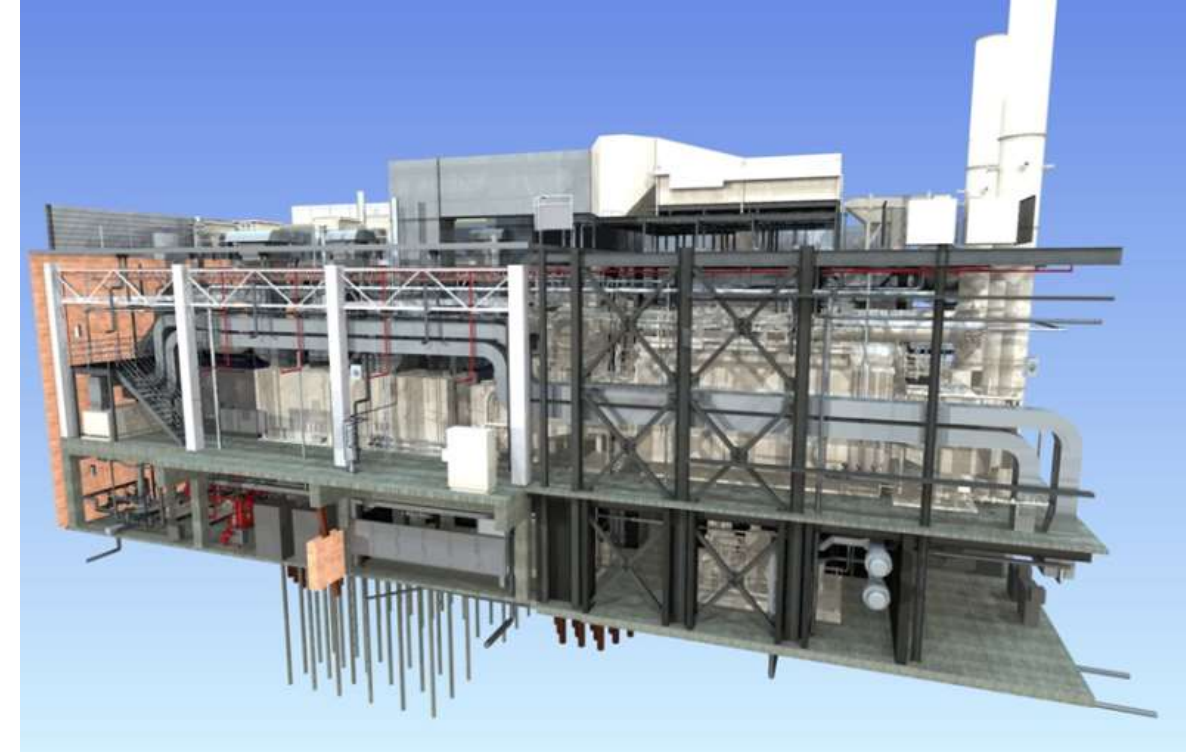
Lesson #5

CHP plants don't have to be ugly.
But don't make them pretty first.

Plant Aesthetics

Big Idea

- Design from inside to out
- The engineer gets to drive!
- PFDs yield systems to plan around
- Consider O&M and traffic flow
- Plan around noise, drift and emissions



Design Tips

- **CHP = Engineered System**
 - Start with PFD, not rendering
 - Engineering led
 - Architecturally supported
- Design from the inside out
 - Plan around largest equipment
 - Stacks, air intakes, vents and rooftop equipment
 - Electrical gear
 - Single source



Application

Case Study

- University of Oklahoma
- University of Minnesota

Application

- Engineering first
- Safe and functional
- Aesthetics third





Oregon State University
6.5 MW CHP

Parting Shots:

6. Natural gas compressors.
You don't want one.
7. Project delivery; choose wisely.
8. Permitting: Go local, start early.
9. Don't forget Cx – later in this broadcast...

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