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Thermal Energy Storage Couples Savings with Flexibility at NCSU Centennial Campus

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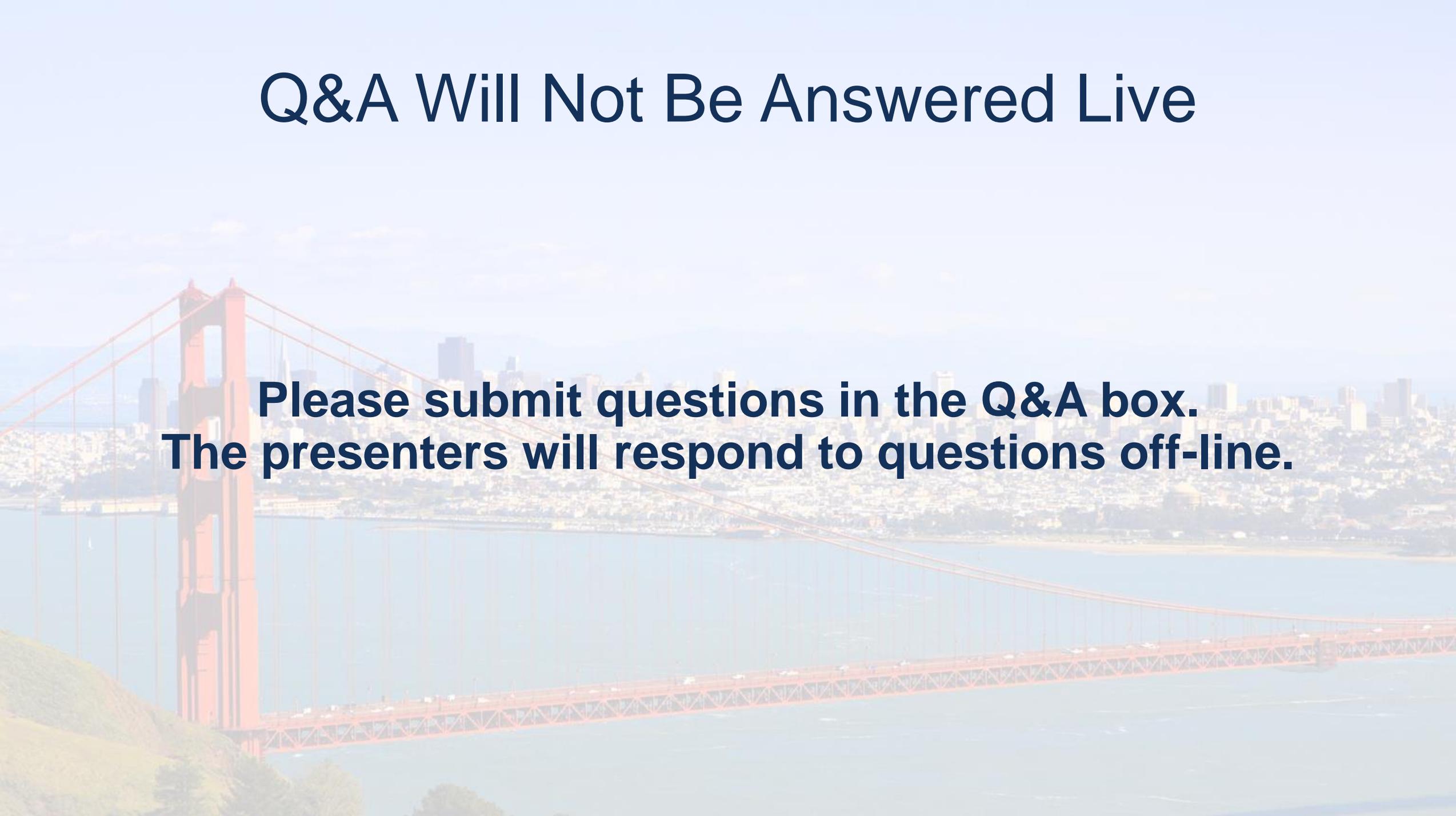


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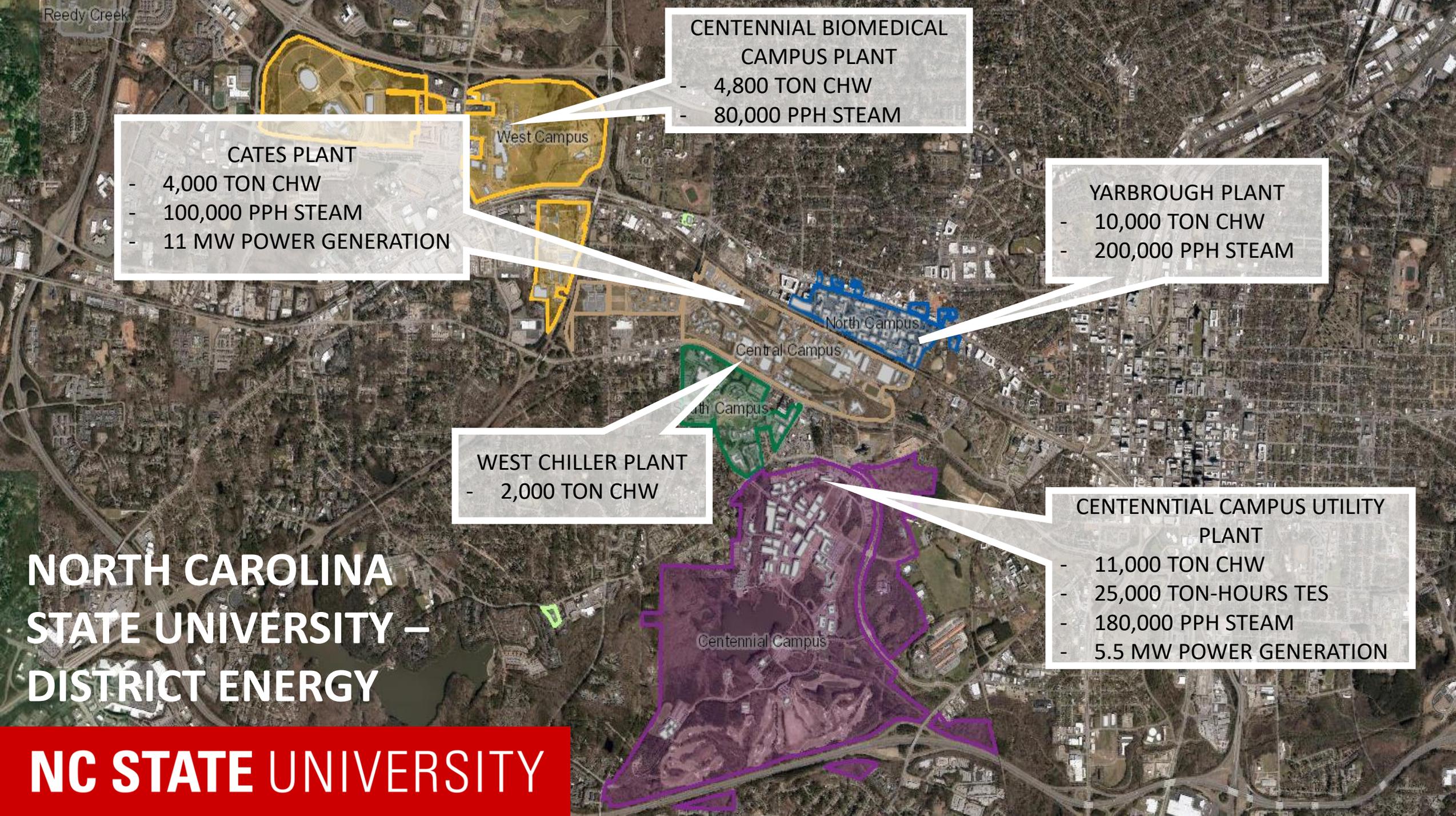


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- Founded in 1887 in Raleigh, North Carolina
- 36,000 Students
- 8,800 Faculty and Staff
- 12 colleges representing all major academic fields

CENTENNIAL CAMPUS

- Public-Private research campus
- 70+ corporate, government and nonprofits
- 70+ research and academic units
- Home to College of Engineering, College of Textiles and Institute for Emerging Issues



CENTENNIAL BIOMEDICAL CAMPUS PLANT
- 4,800 TON CHW
- 80,000 PPH STEAM

CATES PLANT
- 4,000 TON CHW
- 100,000 PPH STEAM
- 11 MW POWER GENERATION

YARBROUGH PLANT
- 10,000 TON CHW
- 200,000 PPH STEAM

WEST CHILLER PLANT
- 2,000 TON CHW

CENTENNIAL CAMPUS UTILITY PLANT
- 11,000 TON CHW
- 25,000 TON-HOURS TES
- 180,000 PPH STEAM
- 5.5 MW POWER GENERATION

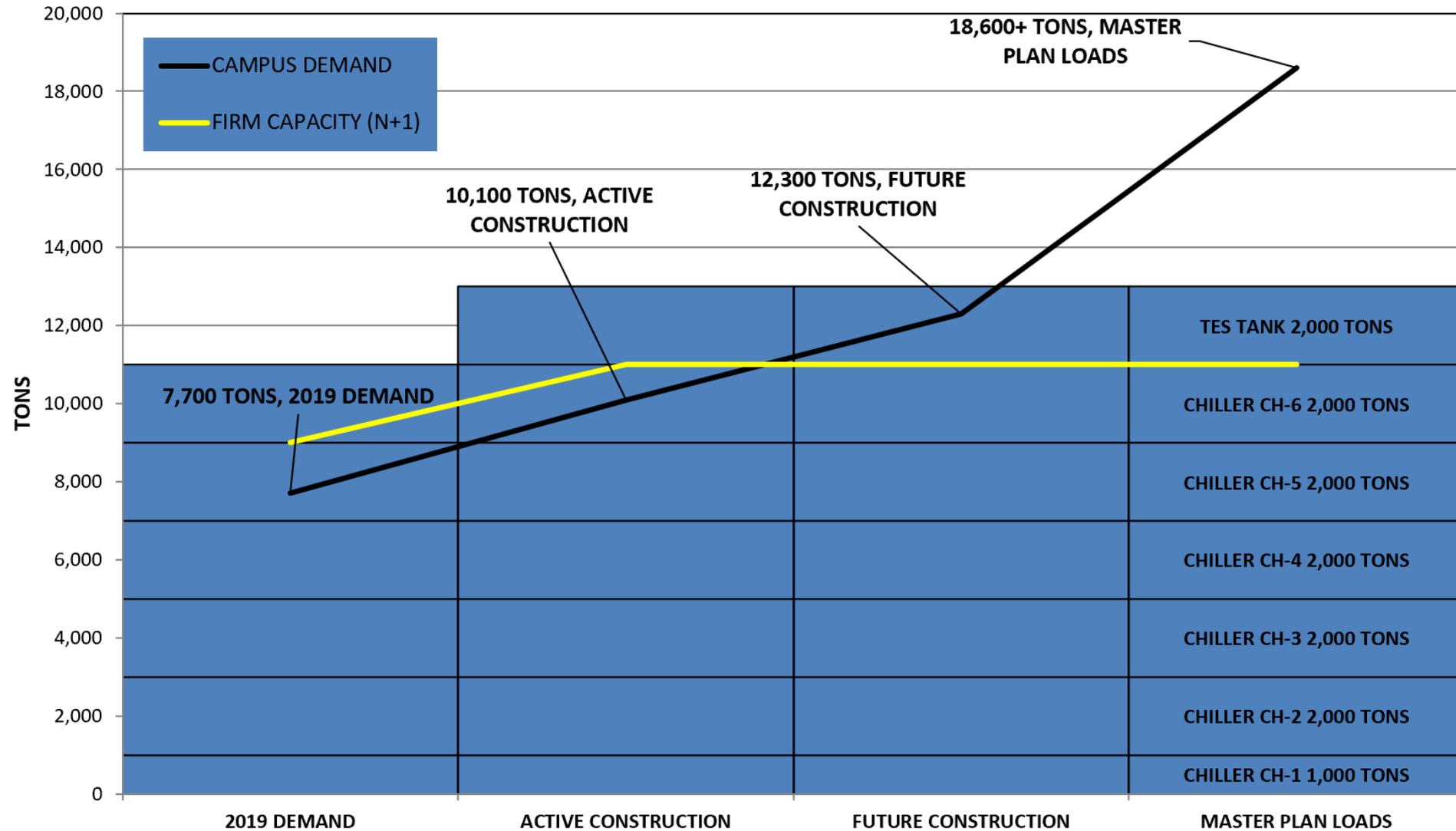
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Problem: Growth on Centennial Campus



CENTENNIAL CAMPUS UTILITY PLANT - CHILLED WATER

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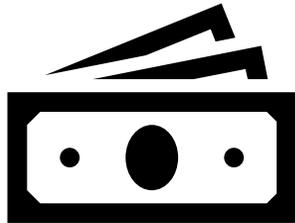
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Reliability. Efficiency. Integrity.

Utility Cost Savings – Time of Use

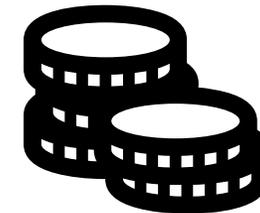
On-Peak Cost

- \$19.29/kW Summer Demand Charge
- \$14.15/kW Winter Demand Charge
- \$0.054 per kWh Energy Charge



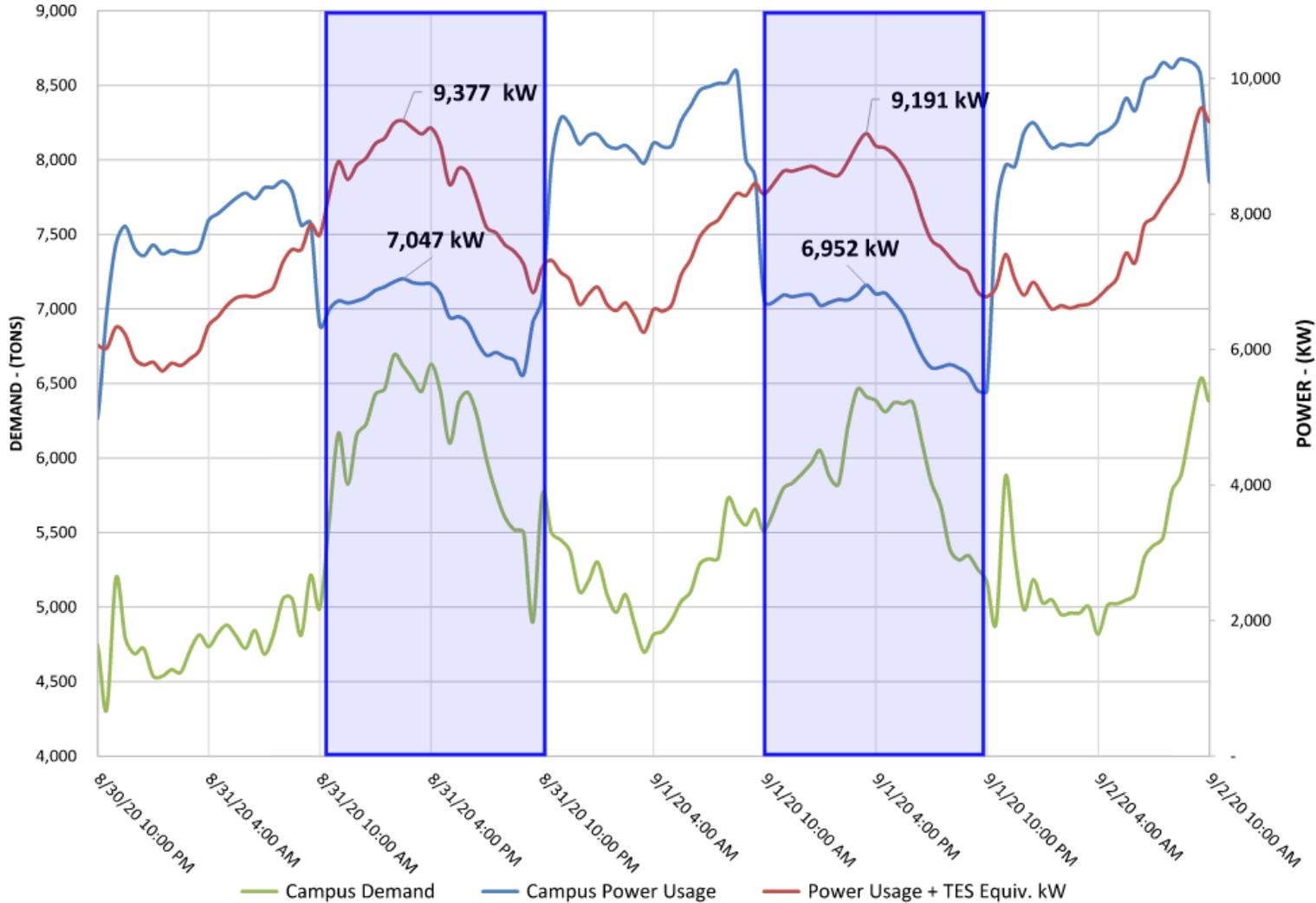
Off-Peak Cost

- \$0.89/kW Demand Charge
- \$0.049/kWh Energy Charge



Summer Power Shift

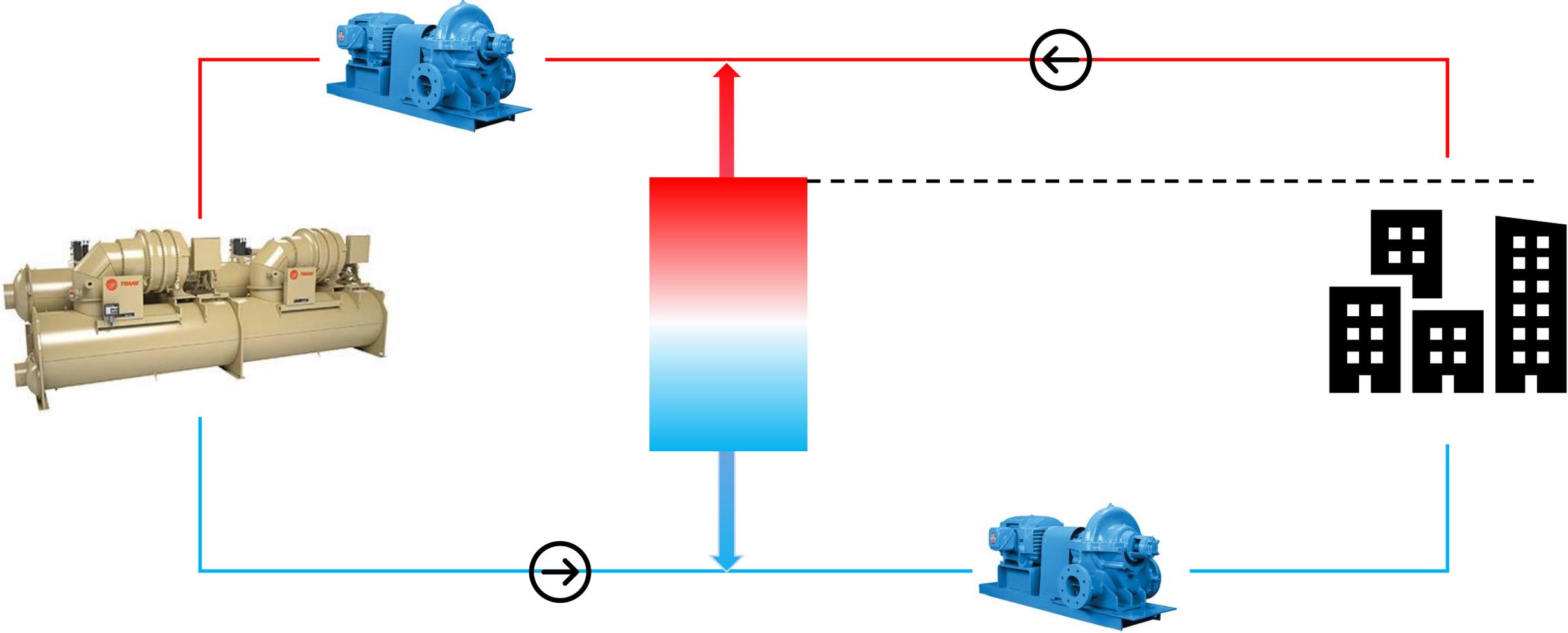
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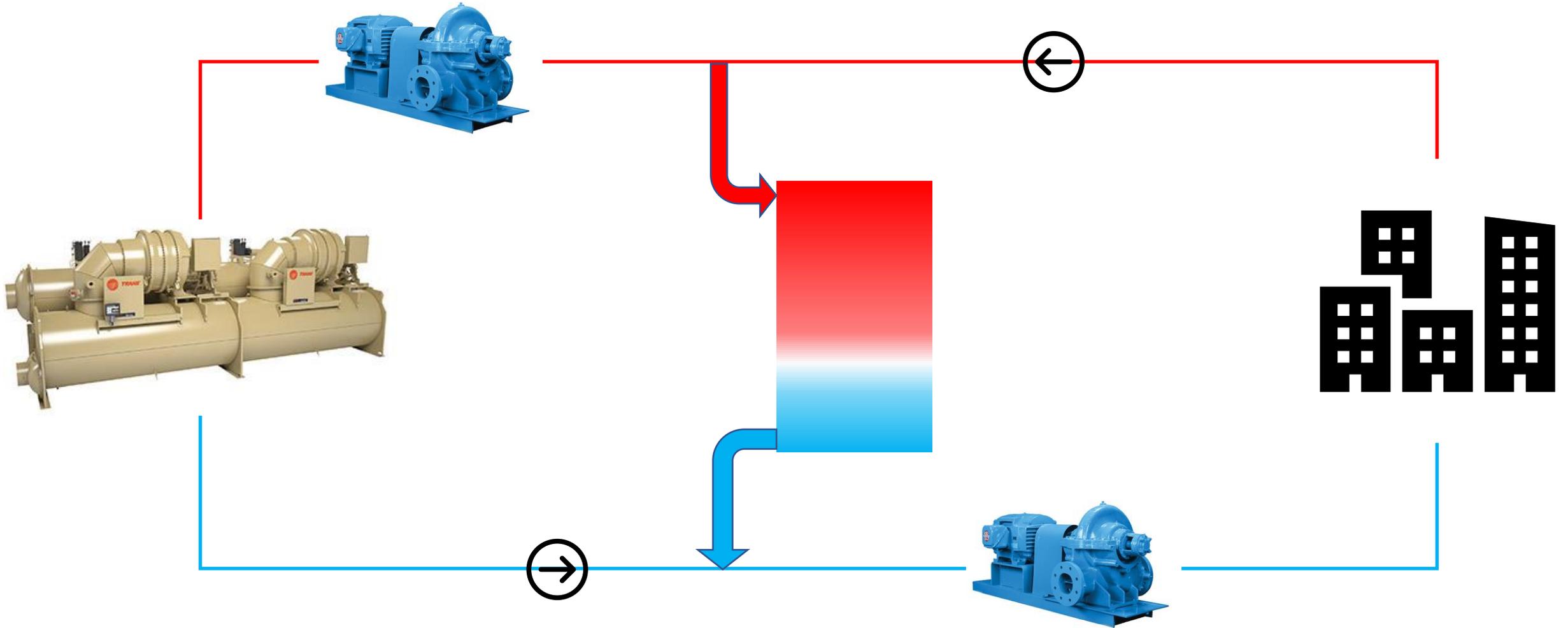
Average Monthly Demand
Charge Savings:
2,000 kW per month

Estimated Annual Savings
\$290,000+/year

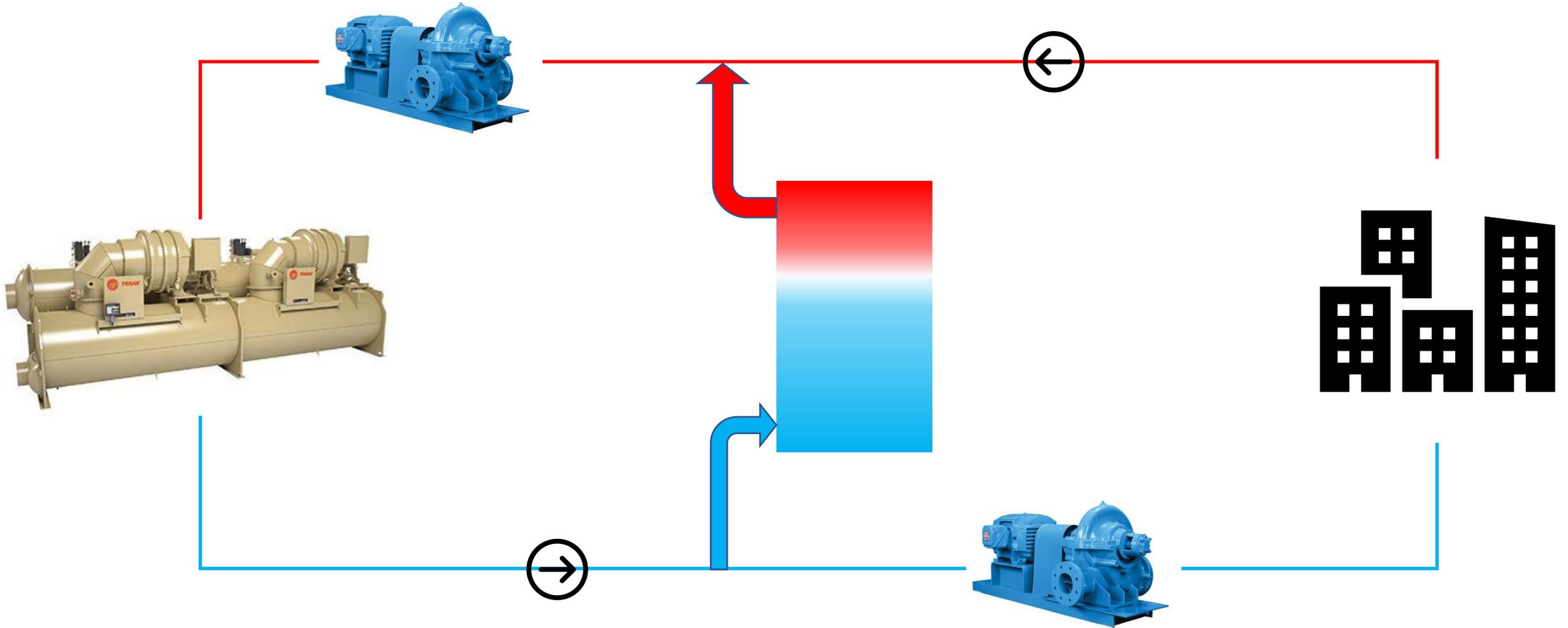
Connectivity



Connectivity: Discharge

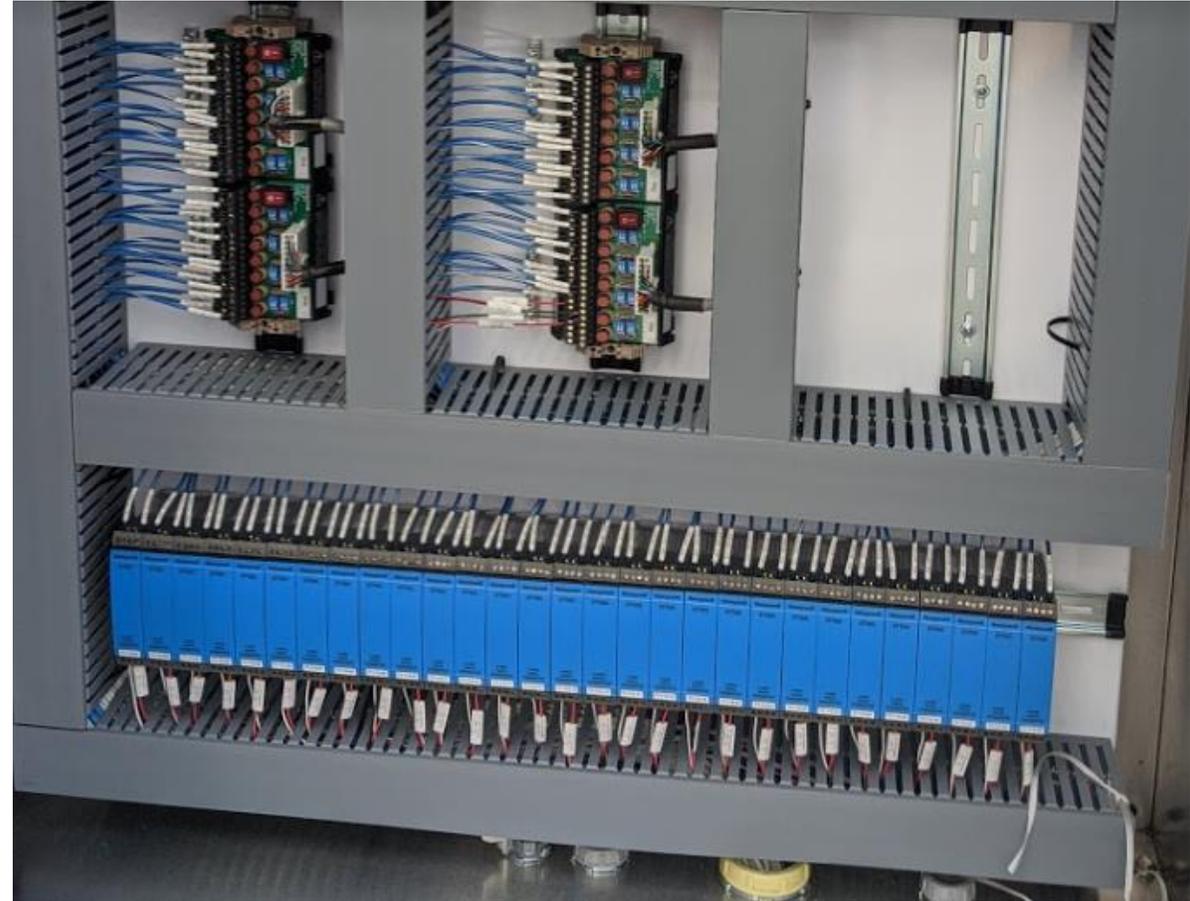


Connectivity: Charge



Challenge: Operation and Control

- PLC Based Control System
- Desired Automatic Dispatching
- Capital Project Limitations
- Predictive Weather Data
- Operator Control



OUTSIDE AIR

TEMP
67.5 °F

WET BULB
50.7 °F

HUMIDITY
29.1 %

ENTHALPY
20.7 BTU/LB

CHILLED WATER

CONDENSER WATER

COOLING TOWERS

TES TANK

WEATHER DATA

BUTTON 6

BUTTON 7

TRENDS

ALARMS

LOGIN

ACK ALM

FORECAST DATA

TIME		TEMP (°F)	HUMIDITY (%)	PRESSURE (mb)	ENTHALPY (BTU/LB)	ESTIMATED TONS
16:00		59.6	46	1027.7	19.6	1218
17:00		60.7	45	1026.7	20.0	1267
18:00		61.7	44	1026.5	20.3	1318
19:00		61.5	46	1026.8	20.5	1342
20:00		59.8	51	1026.8	20.3	1314
21:00		58.6	56	1026.9	20.3	1317
22:00		57.2	61	1026.8	20.2	1301
23:00		56.1	64	1026.6	20.0	1268
24:00		55.2	69	1026.4	20.1	1283
1:00		54.5	74	1025.8	20.2	1299
2:00		53.7	77	1025.2	20.1	1285
3:00		53.5	79	1024.8	20.2	1296
4:00		53.4	80	1024.5	20.2	1305

FORECAST DATA

TIME		TEMP (°F)	HUMIDITY (%)	PRESSURE (mb)	ENTHALPY (BTU/LB)	ESTIMATED TONS
5:00		53.3	81	1024.0	20.3	1312
6:00		52.1	83	1023.9	19.8	1245
7:00		51.4	84	1023.9	19.5	1205
8:00		51.2	84	1024.0	19.5	1192
9:00		51.8	84	1024.1	19.7	1234
10:00		52.7	84	1024.2	20.2	1304
11:00		53.6	85	1024.2	20.8	1396
12:00		55.1	81	1024.1	21.2	1465
13:00		57.8	77	1023.8	22.3	1639
14:00		60.2	75	1023.5	23.4	1842
15:00		62.6	71	1022.8	24.2	2013
16:00		64.6	69	1022.1	25.1	2196

PLANT

PRODUCTION
1419 TONS

0.731 kW/TON

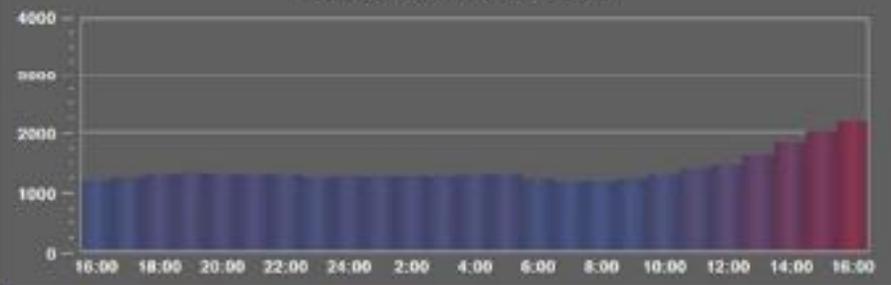
RLA AVG
74.3 %

STAGING

CURRENT STAGE
1

STAGE LOGIC
ENABLED

HOURLY ESTIMATED TONS

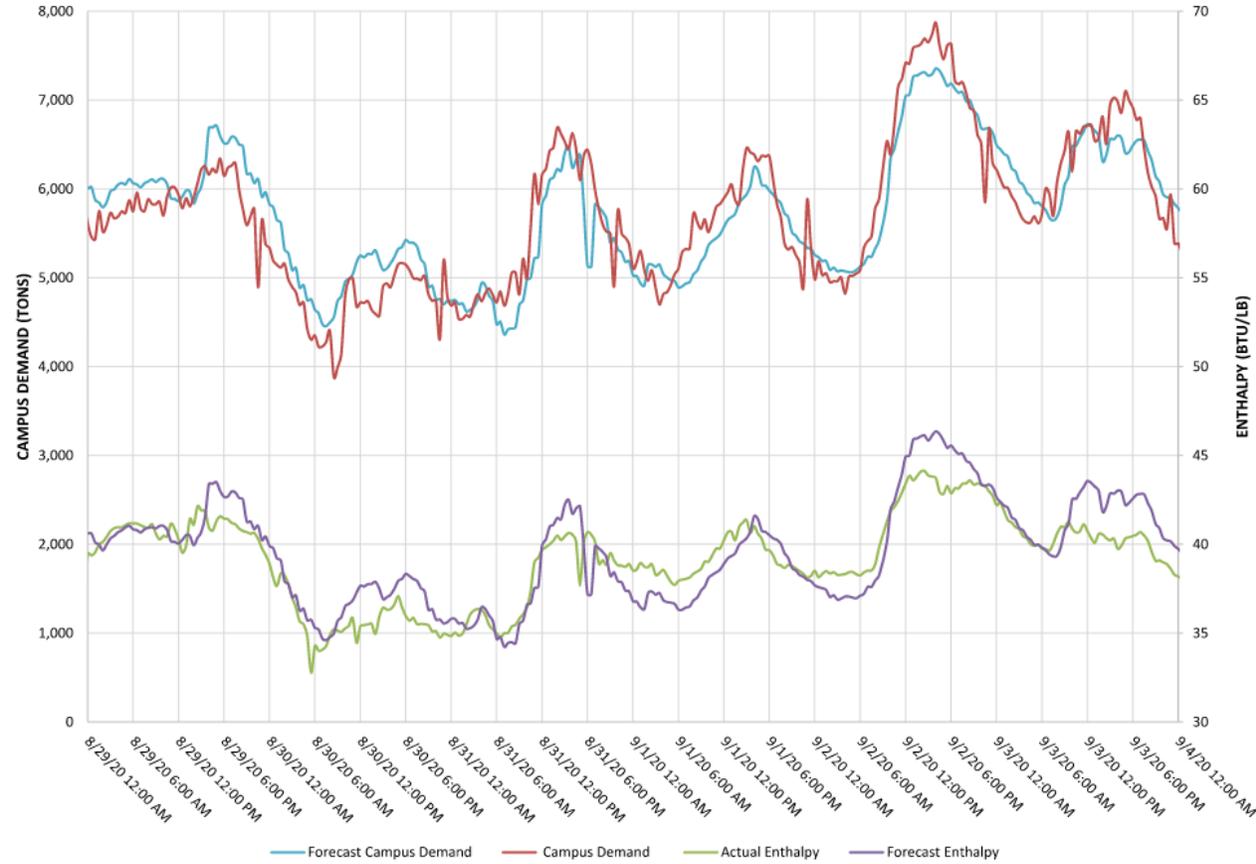


Weather Powered by Dark Sky

Forecast Accuracy

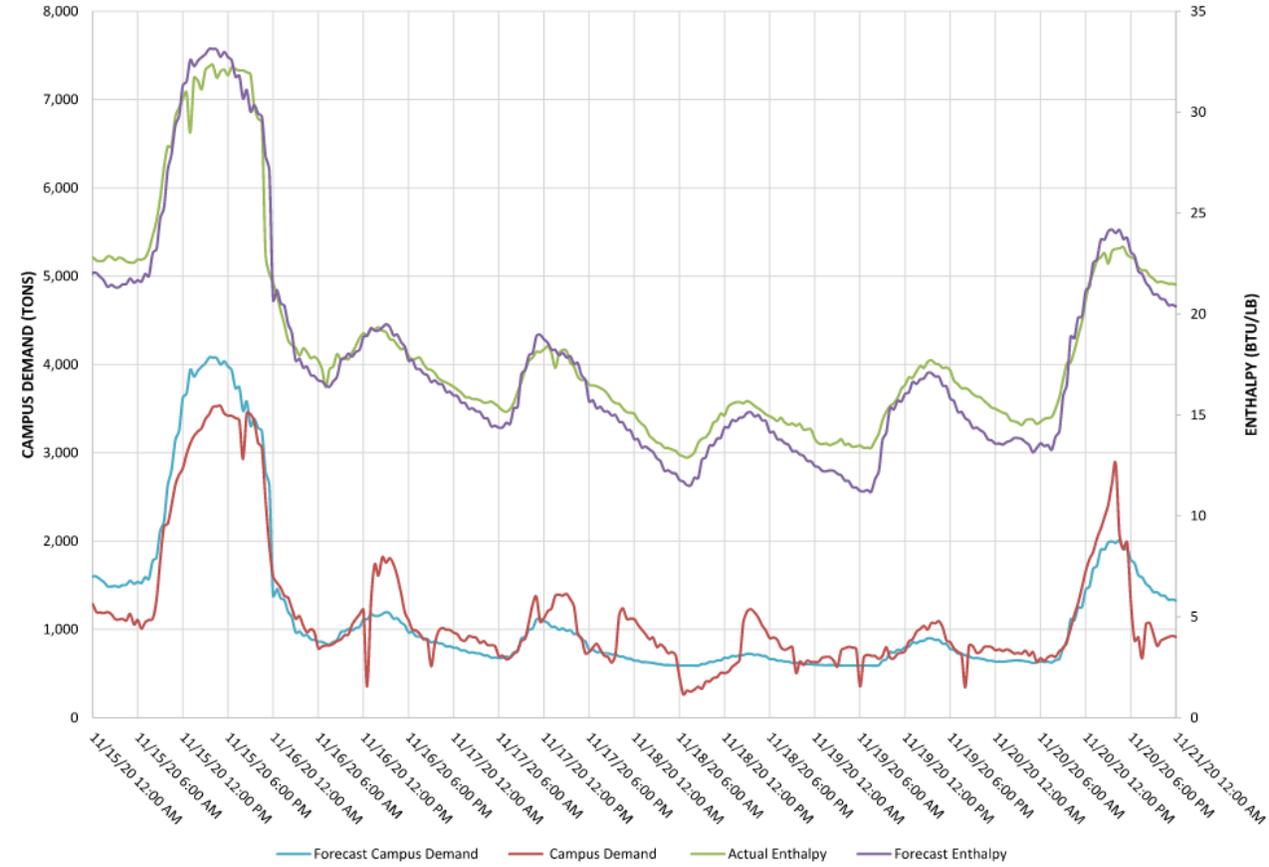
FORECAST VS ACTUAL ENTHALPY & LOAD - SUMMER

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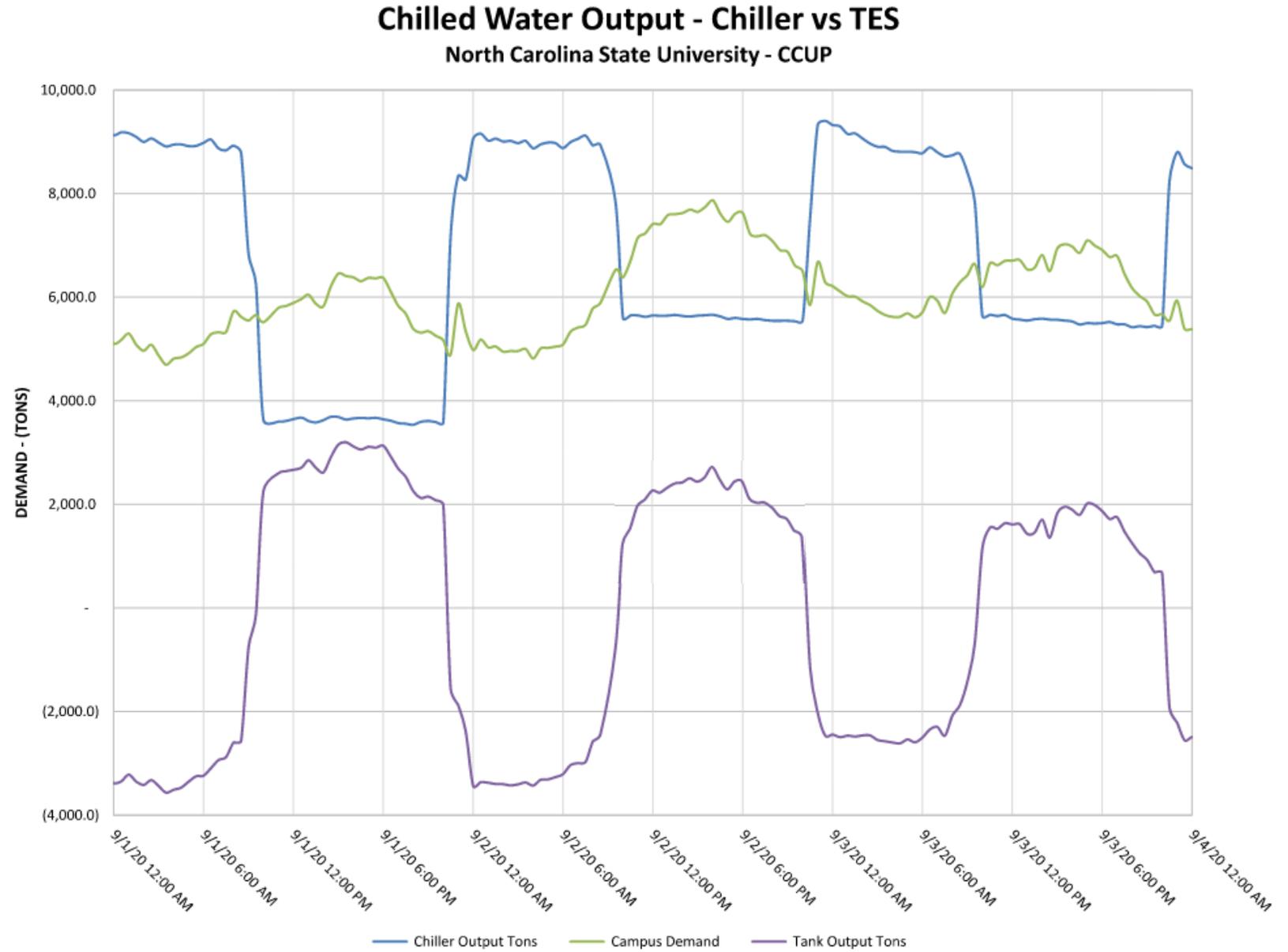
FORECAST VS ACTUAL ENTHALPY & LOAD - WINTER

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Sequencing

- Forecast ton-hours
- Tank capacity
- Available chillers



OUTSIDE AIR

TEMP
53.1 °F

WET BULB
45.4 °F

HUMIDITY
55.4 %

ENTHALPY
17.9 BTU/LB

CHILLED WATER

CONDENSER WATER

COOLING TOWERS

TES TANK

WEATHER DATA

DETAILS

TRENDS

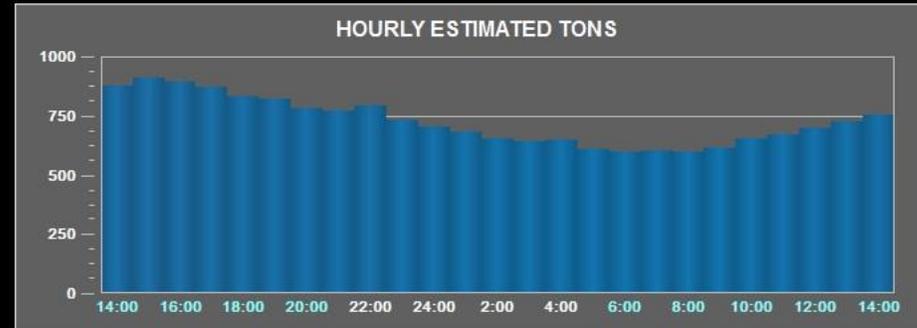
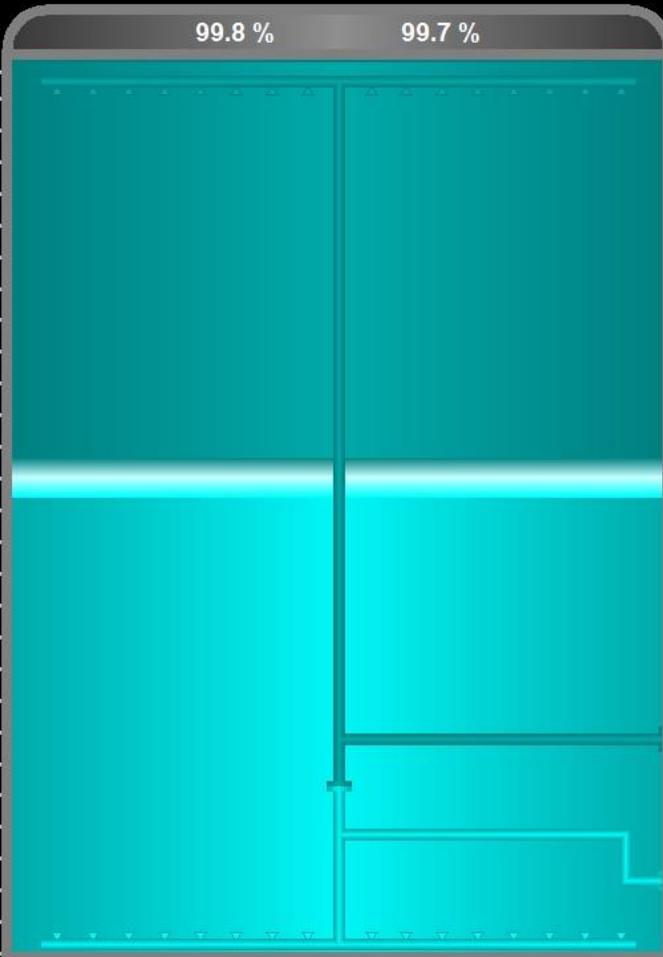
ALARMS

LOGIN

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SEASON	PREP START	DEMAND START	DEMAND END	TES STAGE	TANK AVAILABLE (TONS)	DEMAND ESTIMATE (TONS)	DEMAND REMAINING (TONS)	TES CHLR STAGE	CHILLER BIAS	CHILLERS					
WINTER	5:30	5:45	21:15	DEMAND	12499	11575	5345	0	NO BIAS	CH 1	CH 2	CH 3	CH 4	CH 5	CH 6

- RTD 29: 49.9 °F
- RTD 28: 50.2 °F
- RTD 27: 49.9 °F
- RTD 26: 49.7 °F
- RTD 25: 49.6 °F
- RTD 24: 49.5 °F
- RTD 23: 49.4 °F
- RTD 22: 49.3 °F
- RTD 21: 49.2 °F
- RTD 20: 49.2 °F
- RTD 19: 49.2 °F
- RTD 18: 48.7 °F
- RTD 17: 46.9 °F
- RTD 16: 43.0 °F
- RTD 15: 42.5 °F
- RTD 14: 42.4 °F
- RTD 13: 42.4 °F
- RTD 12: 42.2 °F
- RTD 11: 42.2 °F
- RTD 10: 41.6 °F
- RTD 09: 42.1 °F
- RTD 08: 42.1 °F
- RTD 07: 42.1 °F
- RTD 06: 41.4 °F
- RTD 05: 42.1 °F
- RTD 04: 42.2 °F
- RTD 03: 41.8 °F
- RTD 02: 41.9 °F
- RTD 01: 41.9 °F



EXPANSION TANK VALVE

TES-4

0.0 %
0.4 %

TES TANK MAKE-UP WATER

29.3 PSIG 0.0 %
0.6 %

0 GPM

LEVEL CTRL ACTIVE

TES LEVEL (%)

PV: 99.8
SP: 98.0
OP: 0.0

AUTO LSP

PLANT PRODUCTION
785 TONS

0.016 kW/TON

RLA AVG
0.0 %

STAGING
CURRENT STAGE
0

STAGE LOGIC
DISABLED

TES FLOW
500 GPM/ACTIVE
ACTIVE

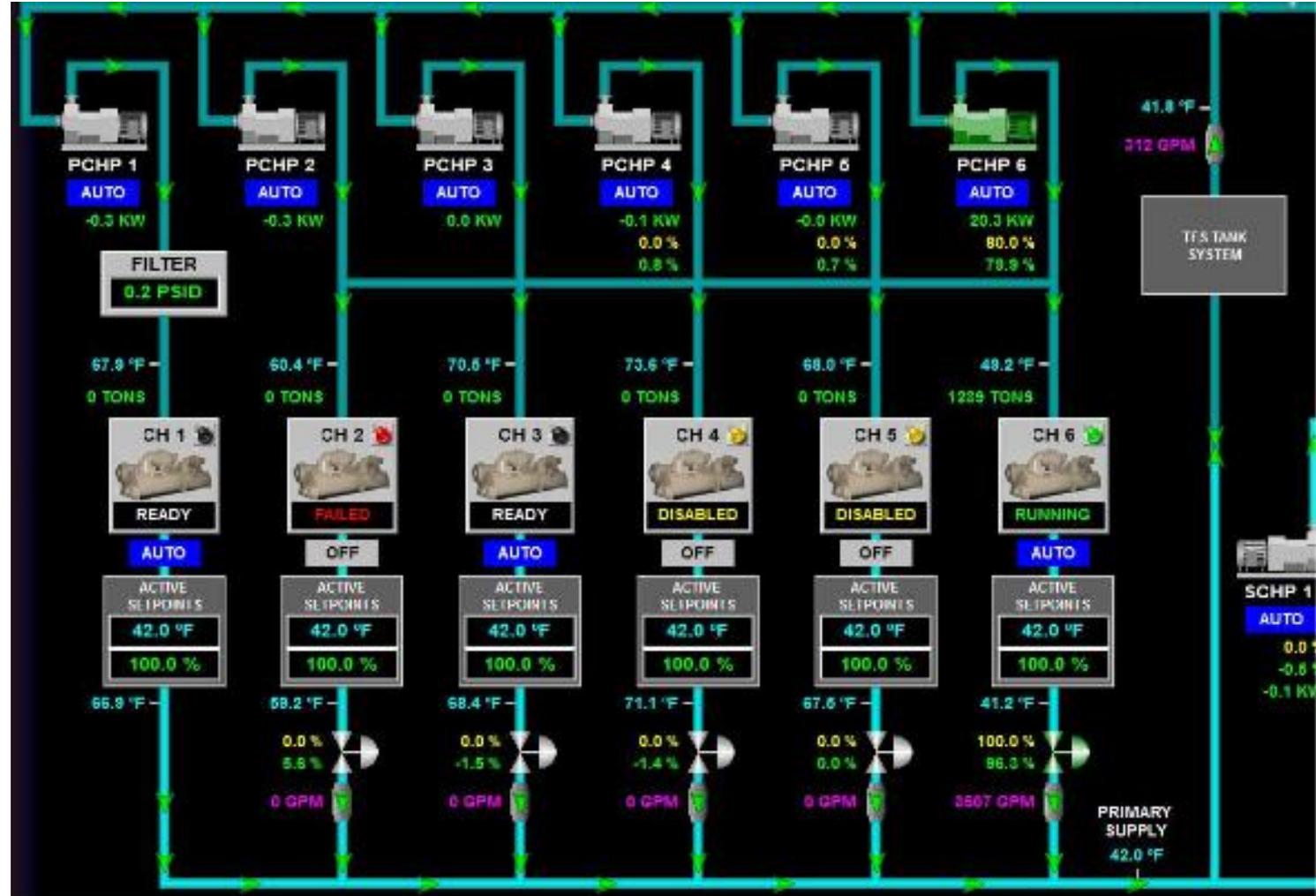
PEAK kW IMPORT
3836

kW IMPORT
3497

DELTA kW
339

Alarms & Operator Control

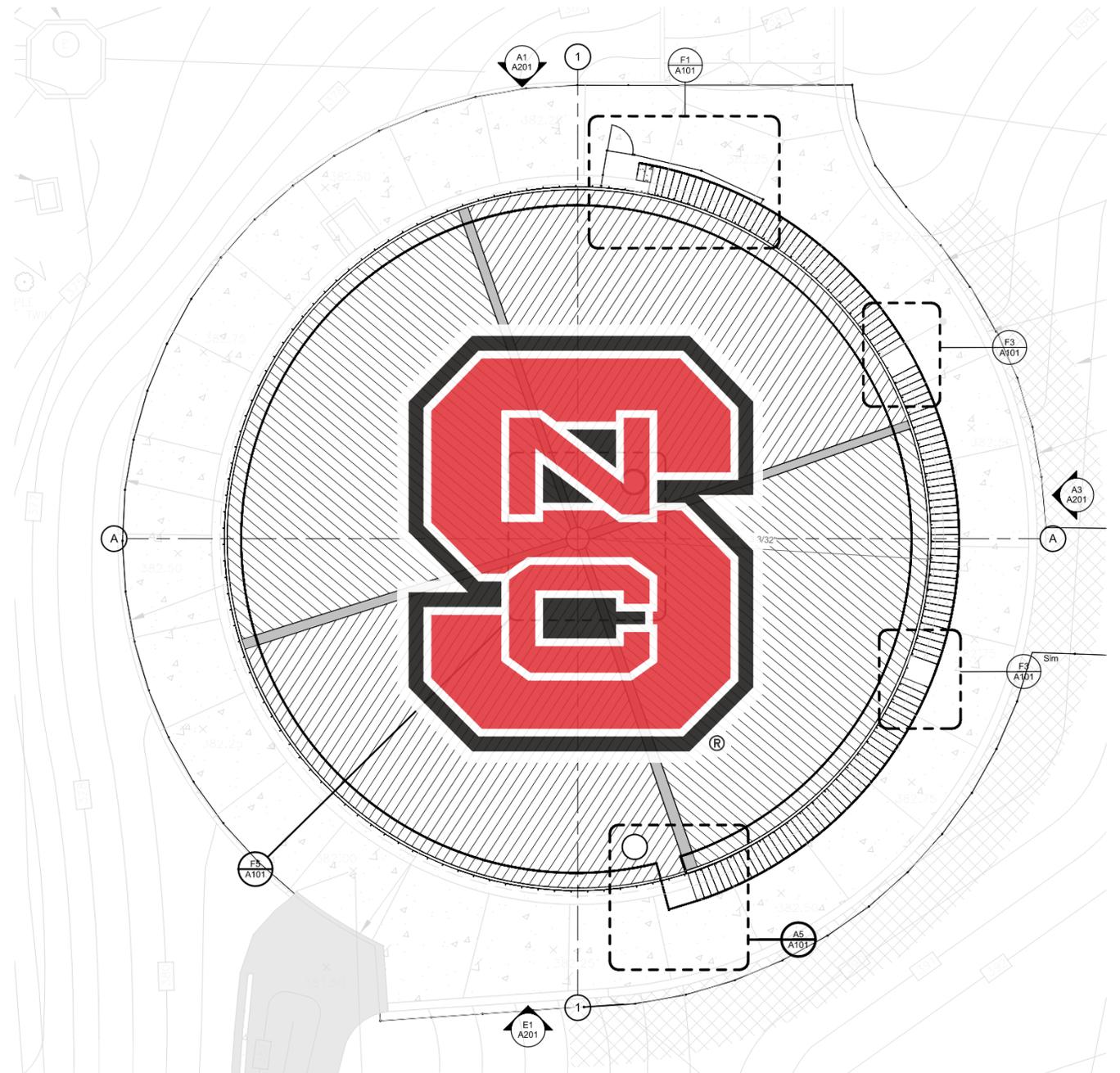
- Alarms
- Operational Chiller Selection



Design Decisions

- Foundation System
- Stairs vs Ladder
- Thermowells vs string temperature sensors
- Dual level transmitters
- Façade & Roof

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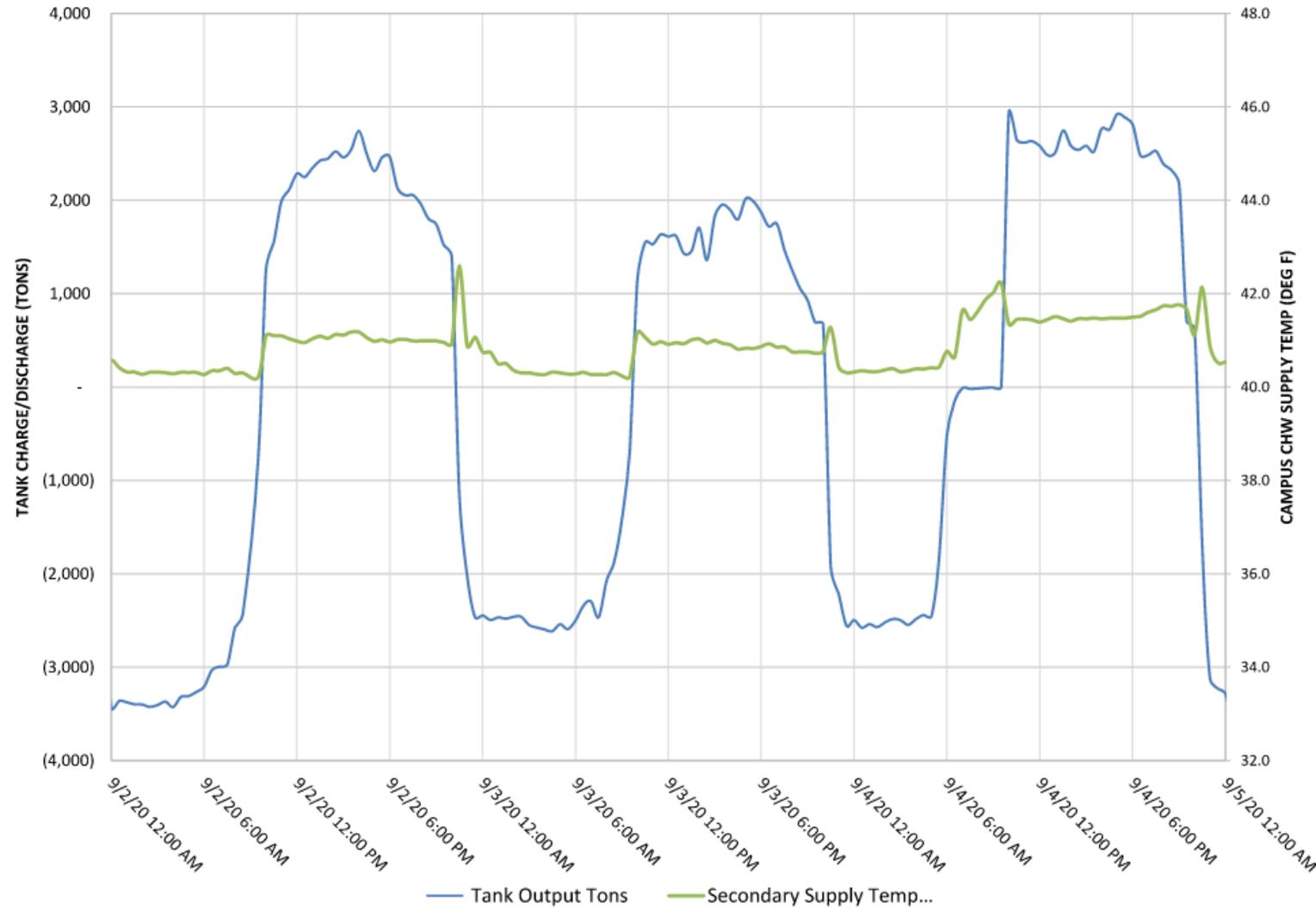
A1 ROOF PLAN - TES TANK
1/8" = 1'-0"

Lessons Learned

- Chiller Maintenance Routine
- Building Controls – Predictable temperature spikes at chiller startup
- Construction collaboration is critical!

CHW SUPPLY TEMP VS TES OPERATION

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