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# Thermal Energy Storage Couples Savings with Flexibility at NCSU Centennial Campus

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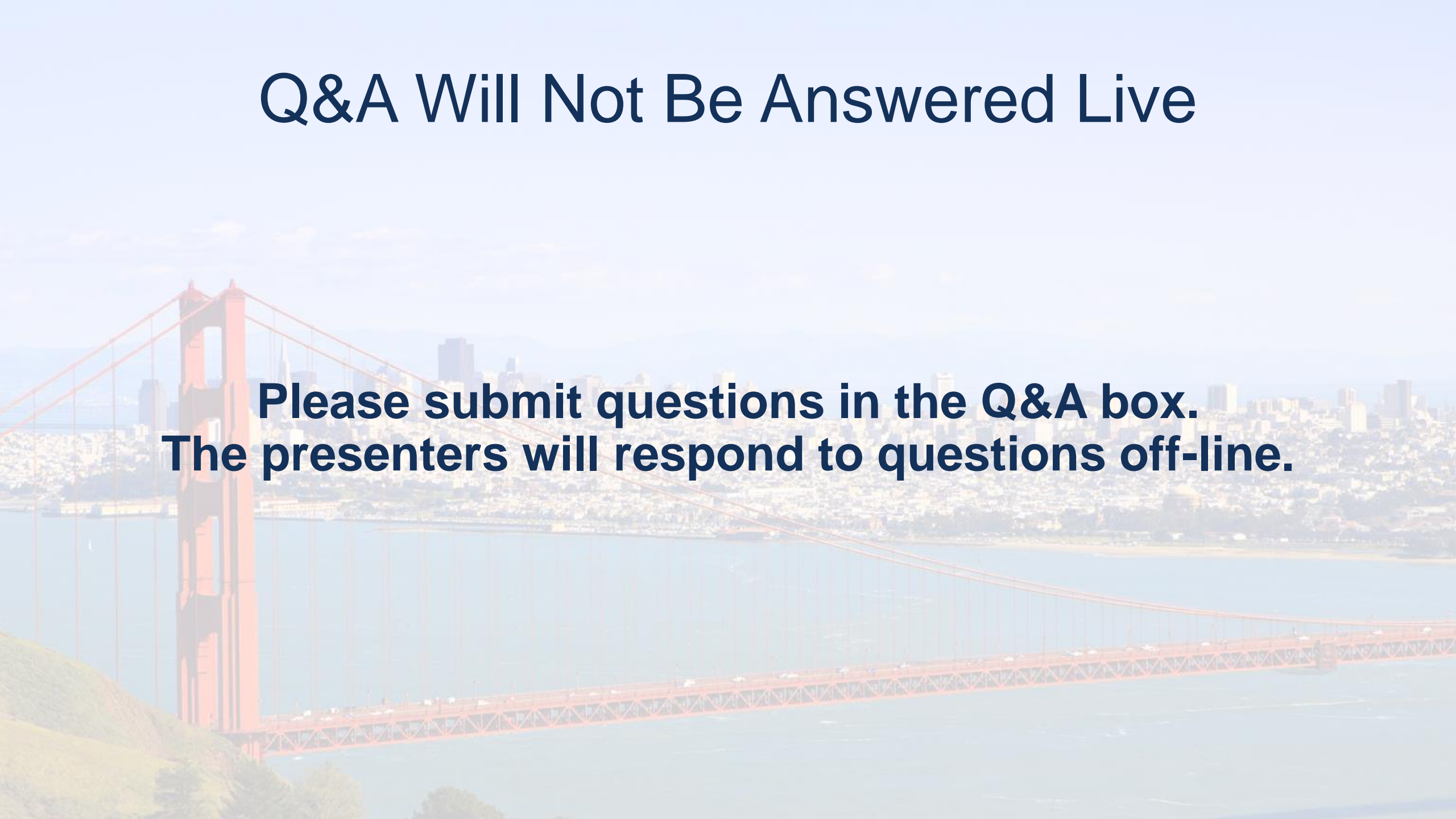


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## **NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY**

- 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

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### CATES PLANT

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

West Campus

### CENTENNIAL BIOMEDICAL CAMPUS PLANT

- 4,800 TON CHW
- 80,000 PPH STEAM

### YARBROUGH PLANT

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

North Campus

Central Campus

South Campus

### WEST CHILLER PLANT

- 2,000 TON CHW

Centennial Campus

### 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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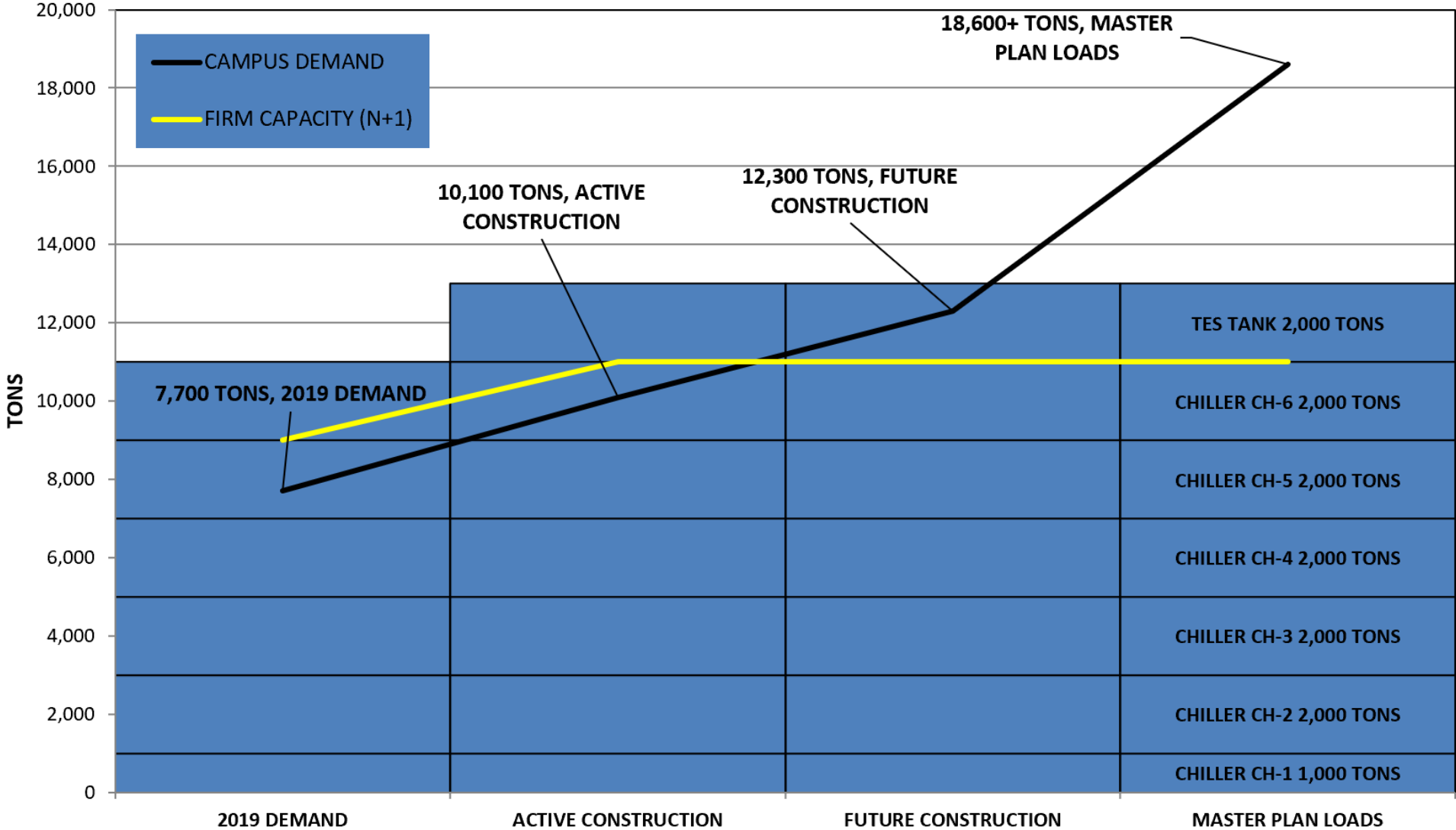
# Problem: Growth on Centennial Campus



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**CENTENNIAL CAMPUS UTILITY PLANT - CHILLED WATER**  
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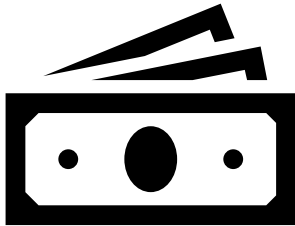
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# Utility Cost Savings – Time of Use

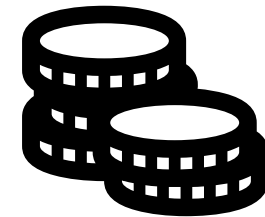
## On-Peak Cost

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



## Off-Peak Cost

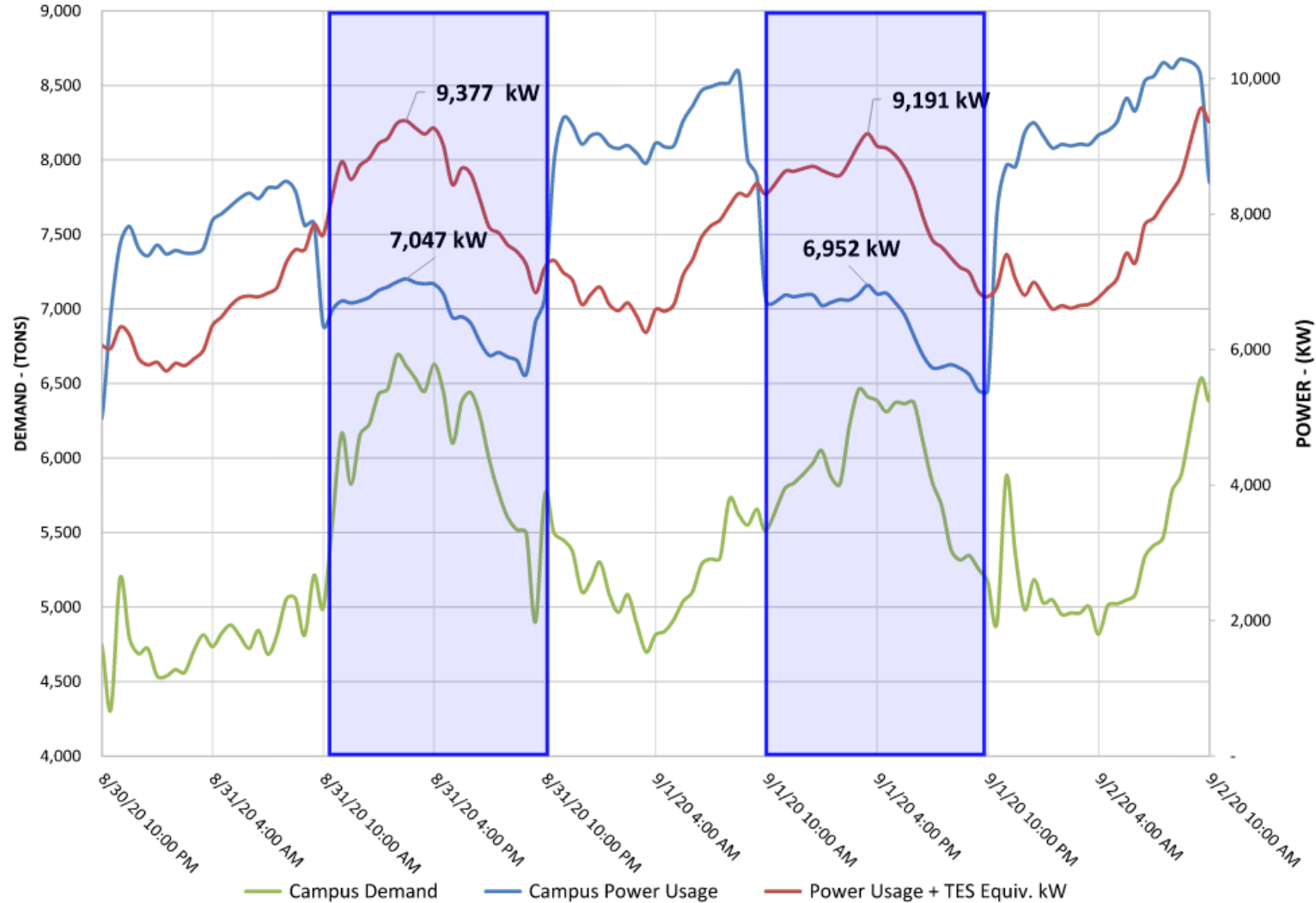
- \$0.89/kW Demand Charge
- \$0.049/kWh Energy Charge





## Summer Power Shift

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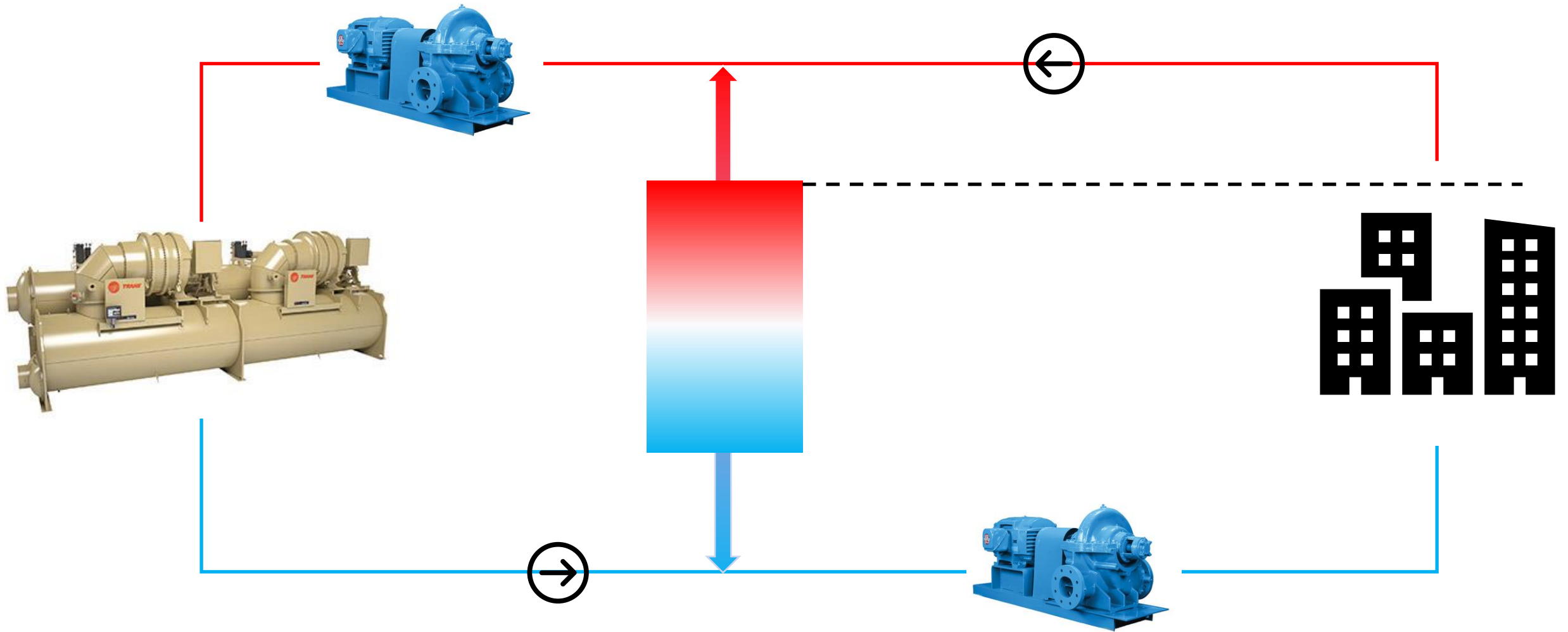


Average Monthly Demand  
Charge Savings:  
2,000 kW per month

Estimated Annual Savings  
\$290,000+/year

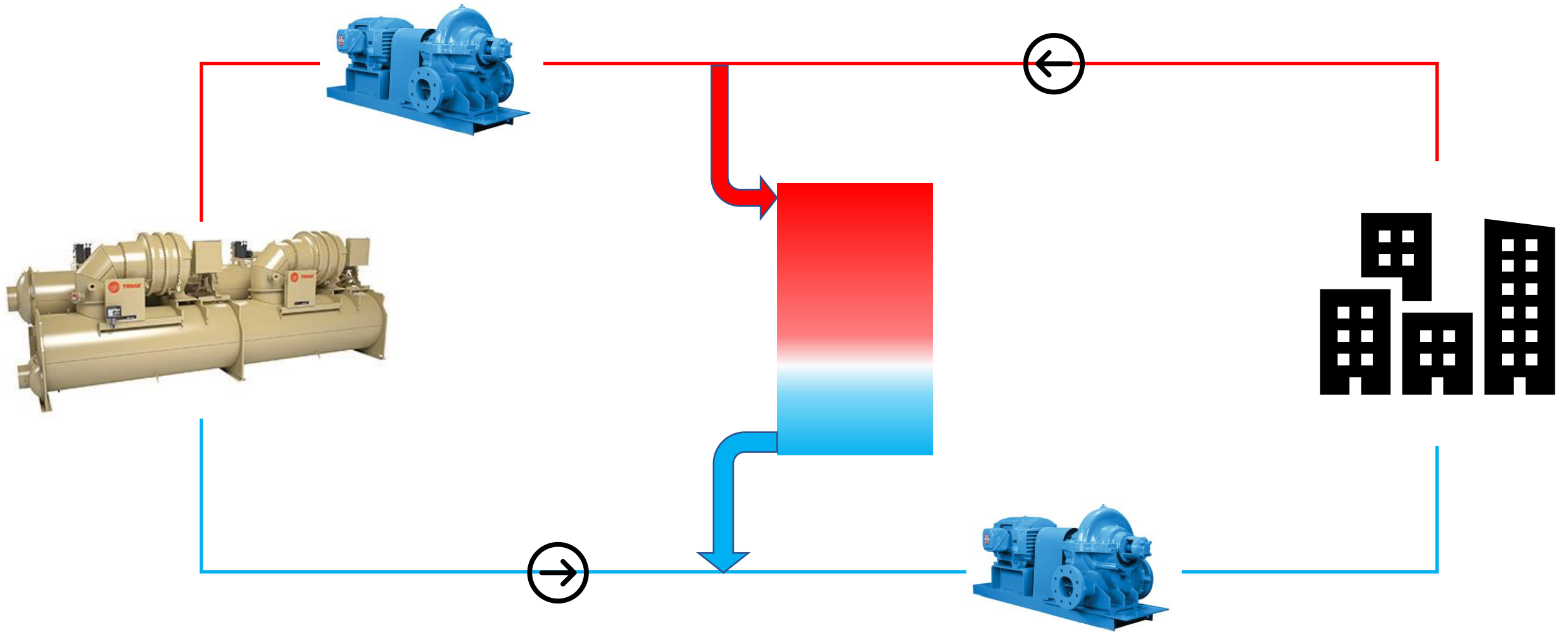


# Connectivity



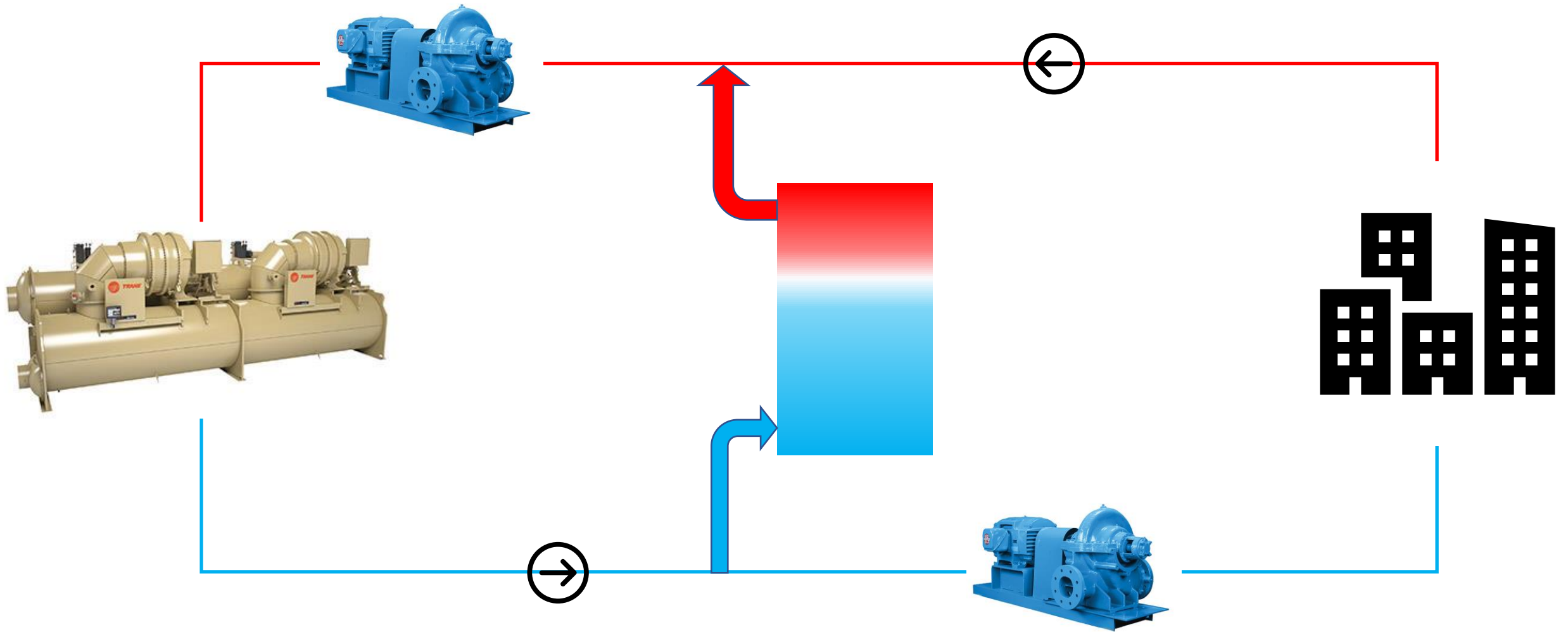


# Connectivity: Discharge





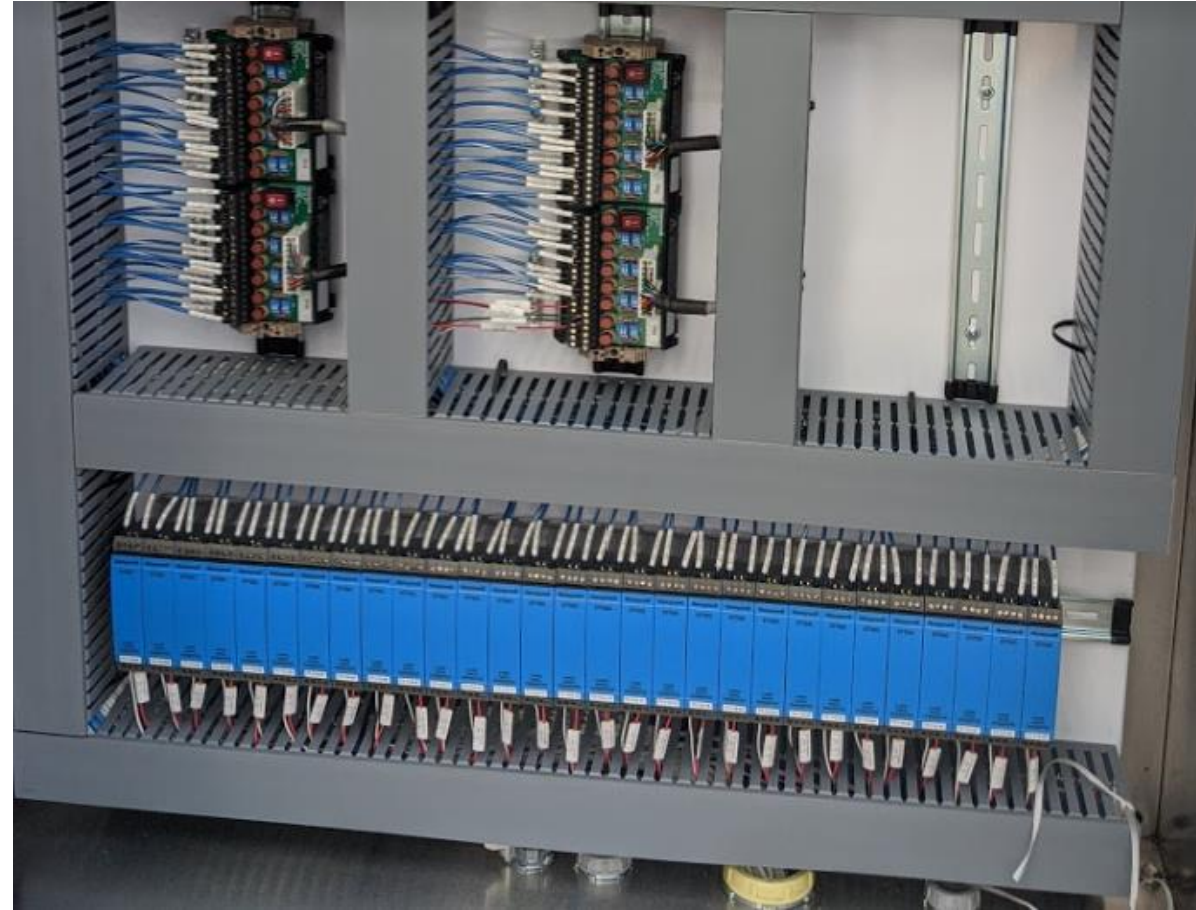
# Connectivity: Charge





# 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**

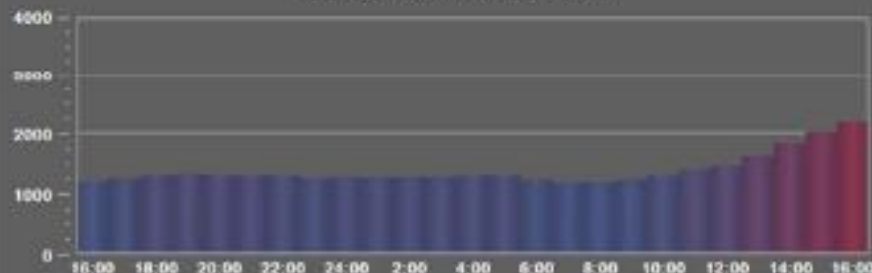
CURRENT STAGE

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STAGE LOGIC

ENABLED

**HOURLY ESTIMATED TONS**

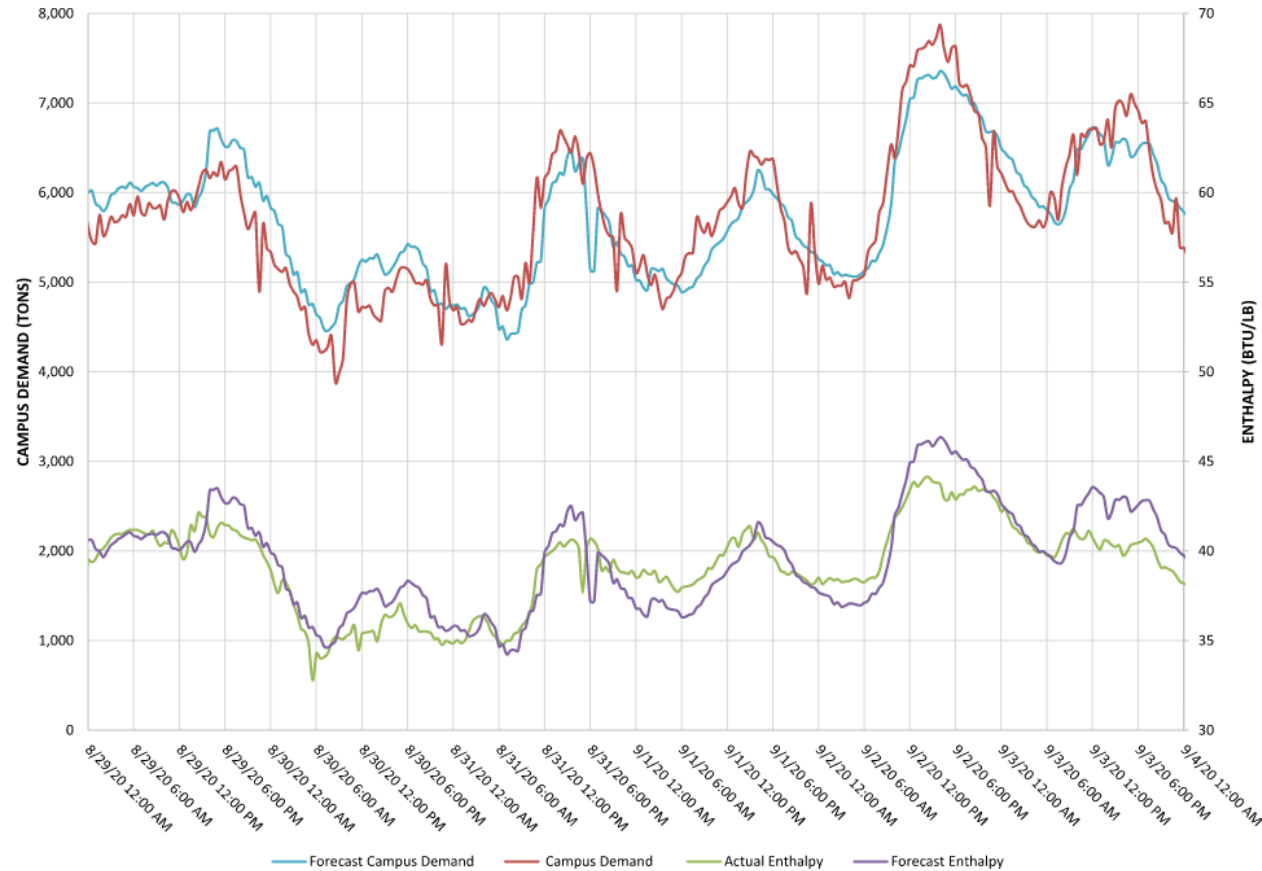


Weather Powered by Dark Sky

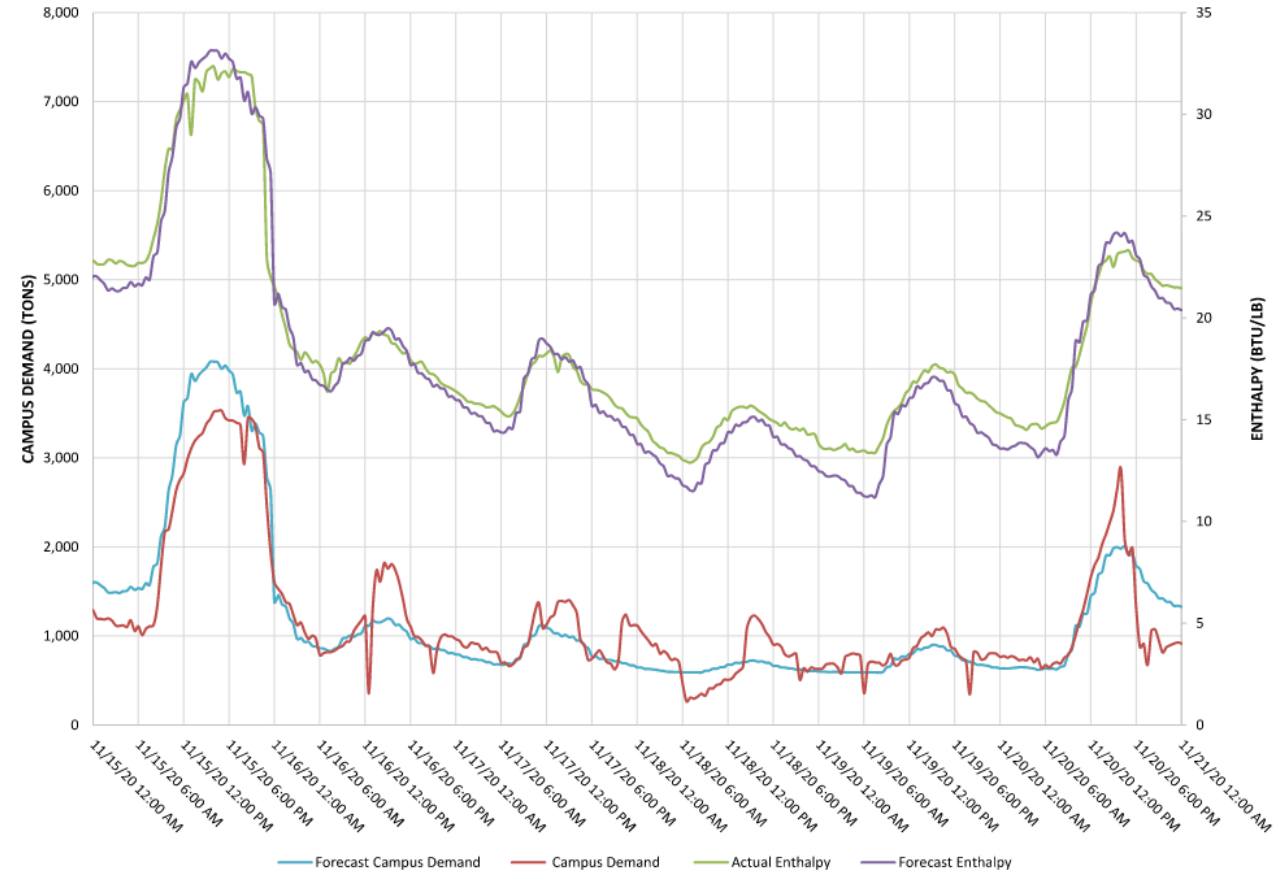


# Forecast Accuracy

**FORECAST VS ACTUAL ENTHALPY & LOAD - SUMMER**  
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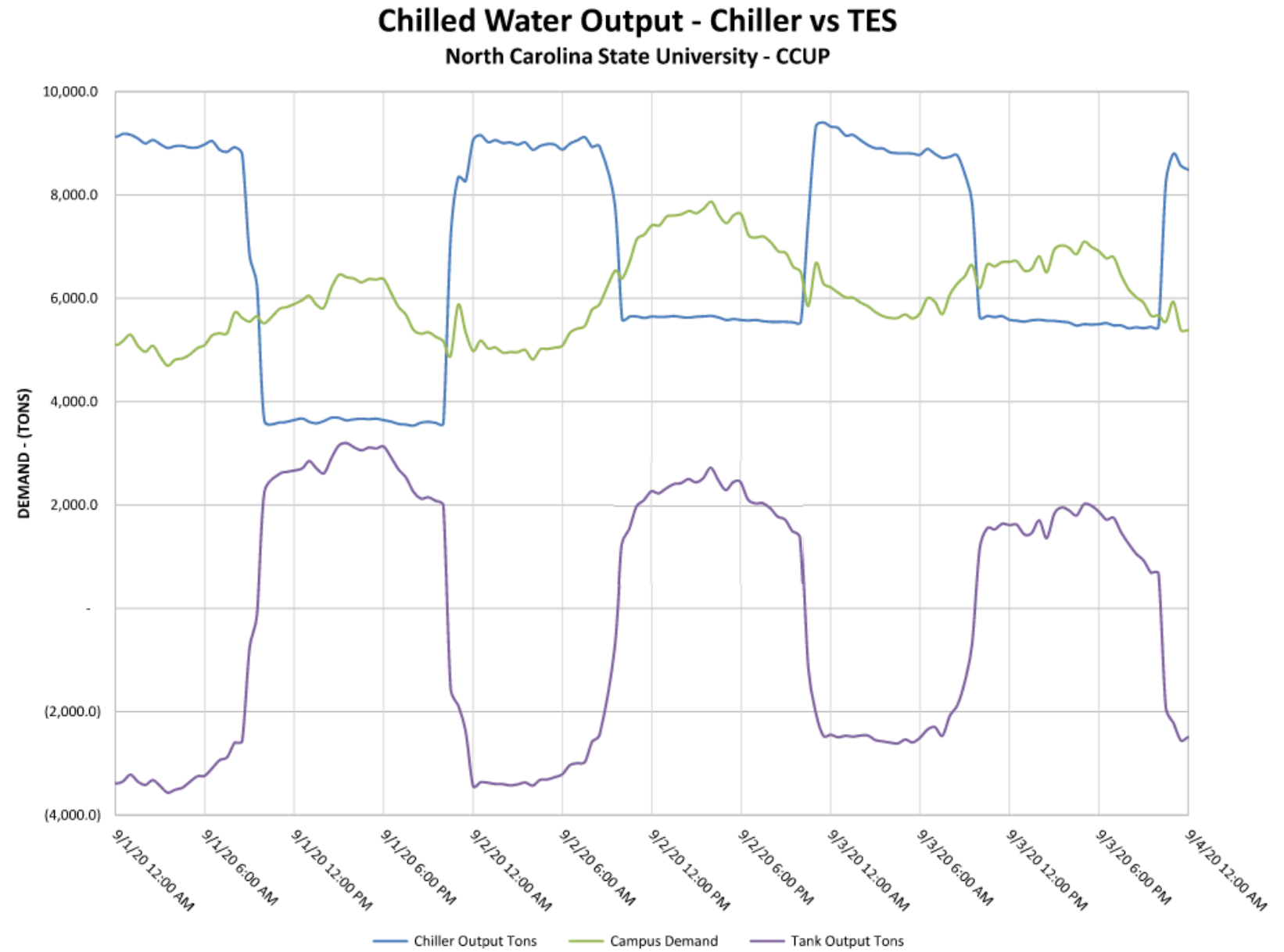
**FORECAST VS ACTUAL ENTHALPY & LOAD - WINTER**  
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# Sequencing

- Forecast ton-hours
- Tank capacity
- Available chillers





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OUTSIDE AIR  
TEMP

53.1 °F

WET BULB

45.4 °F

HUMIDITY

55.4 %

ENTHALPY

17.9 BTU/LB

CHILLED  
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DATA

DETAILS

TRENDS

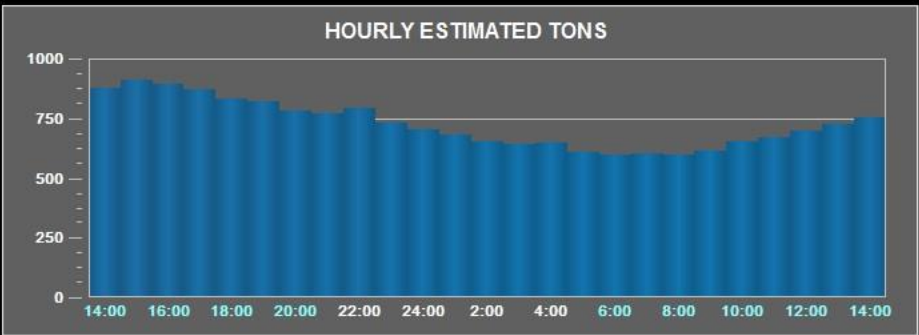
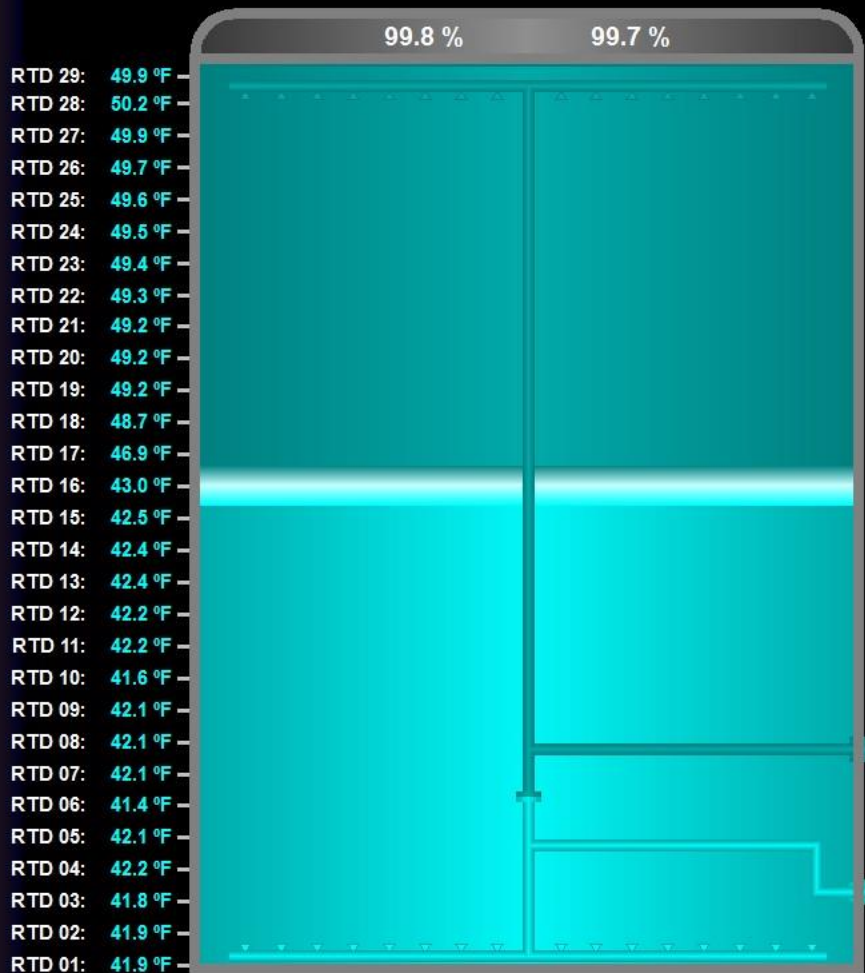
ALARMS

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

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

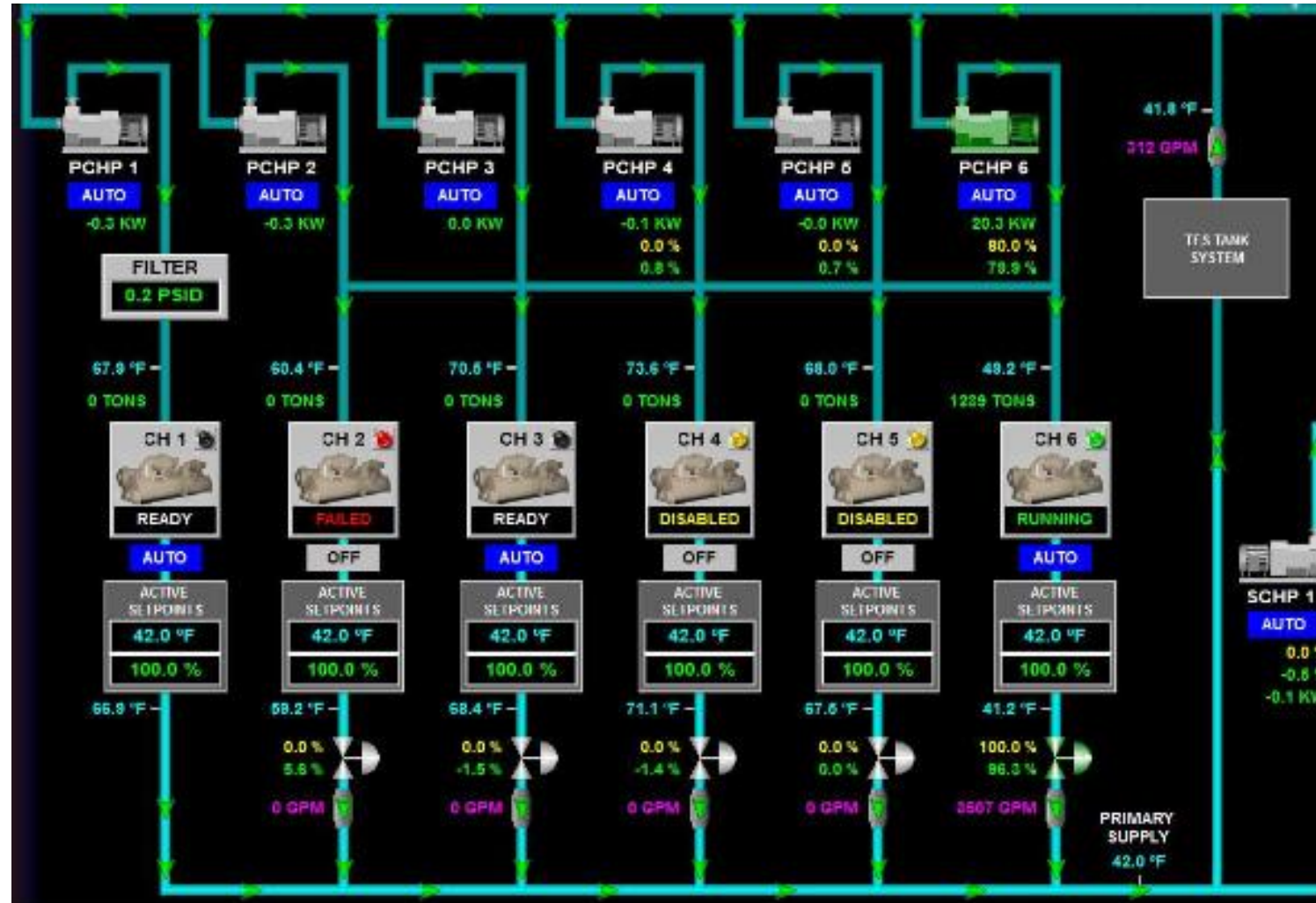


EXPANSION TANK VALVE TES-4 0.0 % 0.4 %	TES TANK MAKE-UP WATER 29.3 PSIG 0.0 % 0.6 % 0 GPM LEVEL CTRL ACTIVE	TES LEVEL (%) PV 99.8 SP 98.0 OP 0.0 AUTO LSP
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# Alarms & Operator Control

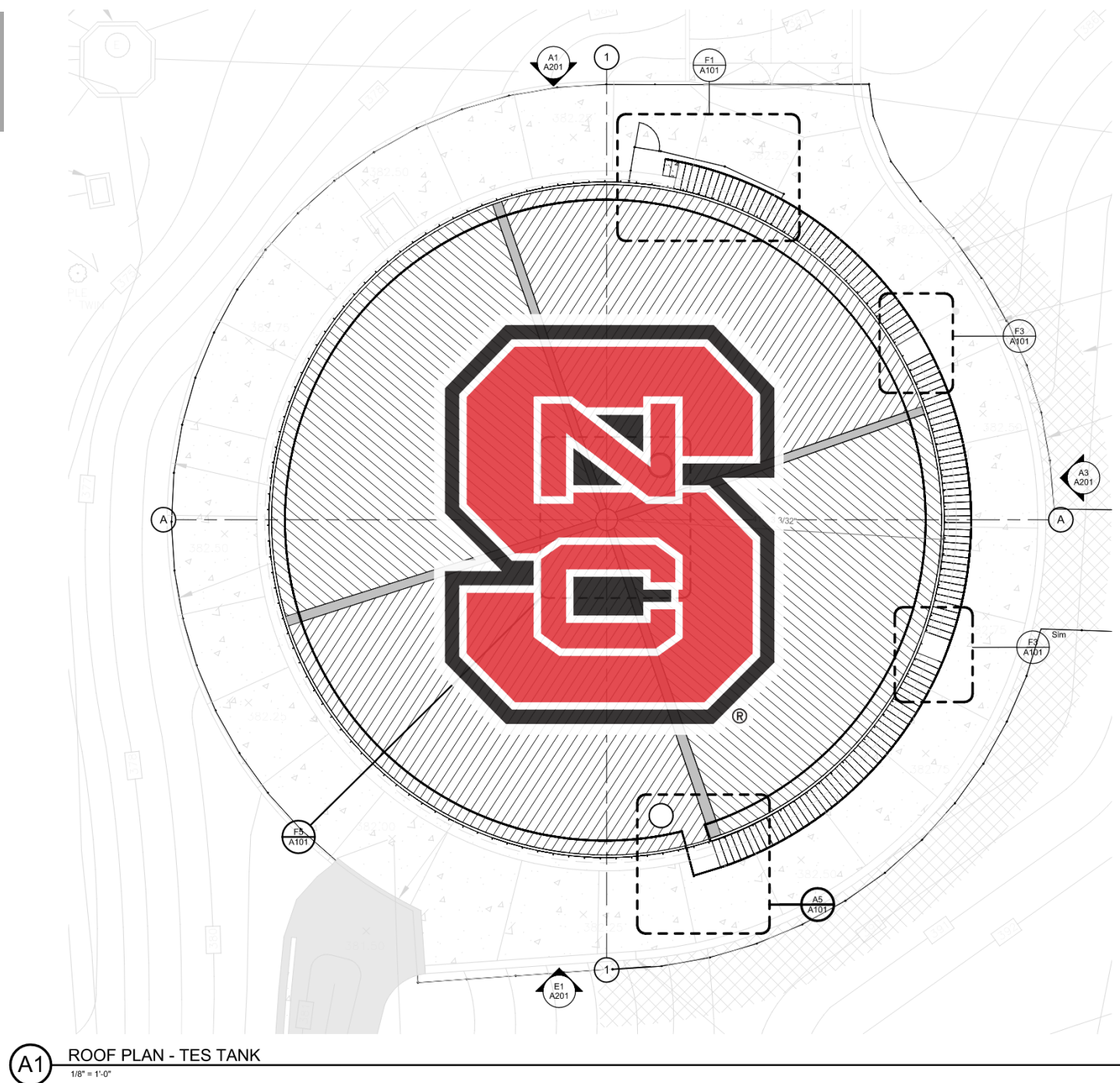
- Alarms
- Operational Chiller Selection



# Design Decisions

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

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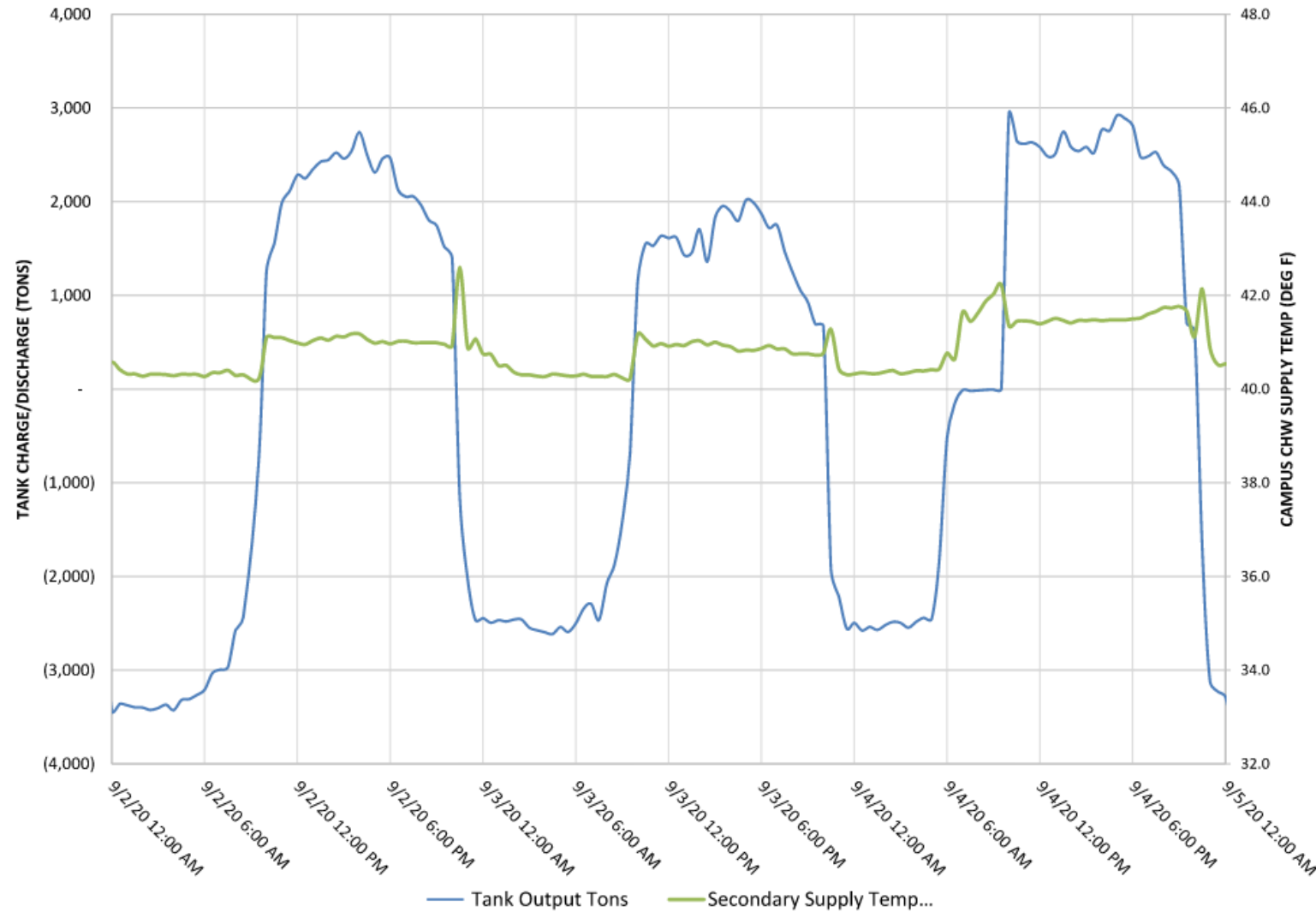


# Lessons Learned

- 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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