



Cogeneration at the US Capitol

Architect of the Capitol

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Area Served



AOC Mission: Serve, Preserve, Inspire

AOC employees work every day to *serve* Congress and the Supreme Court, *preserve* America's Capitol, and *inspire* memorable experiences for all who visit the buildings and grounds.



Who We Are



The AOC traces its beginnings to the laying of the Capitol cornerstone in 1793. Our work is rooted in a tradition of unique craftsmanship and ingenuity. 2,100+ employees work behind the scenes to oversee the infrastructure and facilities of the Capitol campus and support congressional operations.

What We Do



We care for 18.4 million+ square feet of facilities, 570+ acres of grounds and thousands of works of art. We oversee an annual budget of approximately \$700 million per year and host 5 million visitors annually while serving 30,000 daily occupants around the clock to maintain the Capitol campus.

Project History

- Capitol Power Plant (CPP) in operation since 1910
 - Additional customers external to Congress
- Old boilers costly to maintain
- Cogeneration selected to address numerous concerns
- Contract vehicle selection
- Initial attempt
- Original design issues



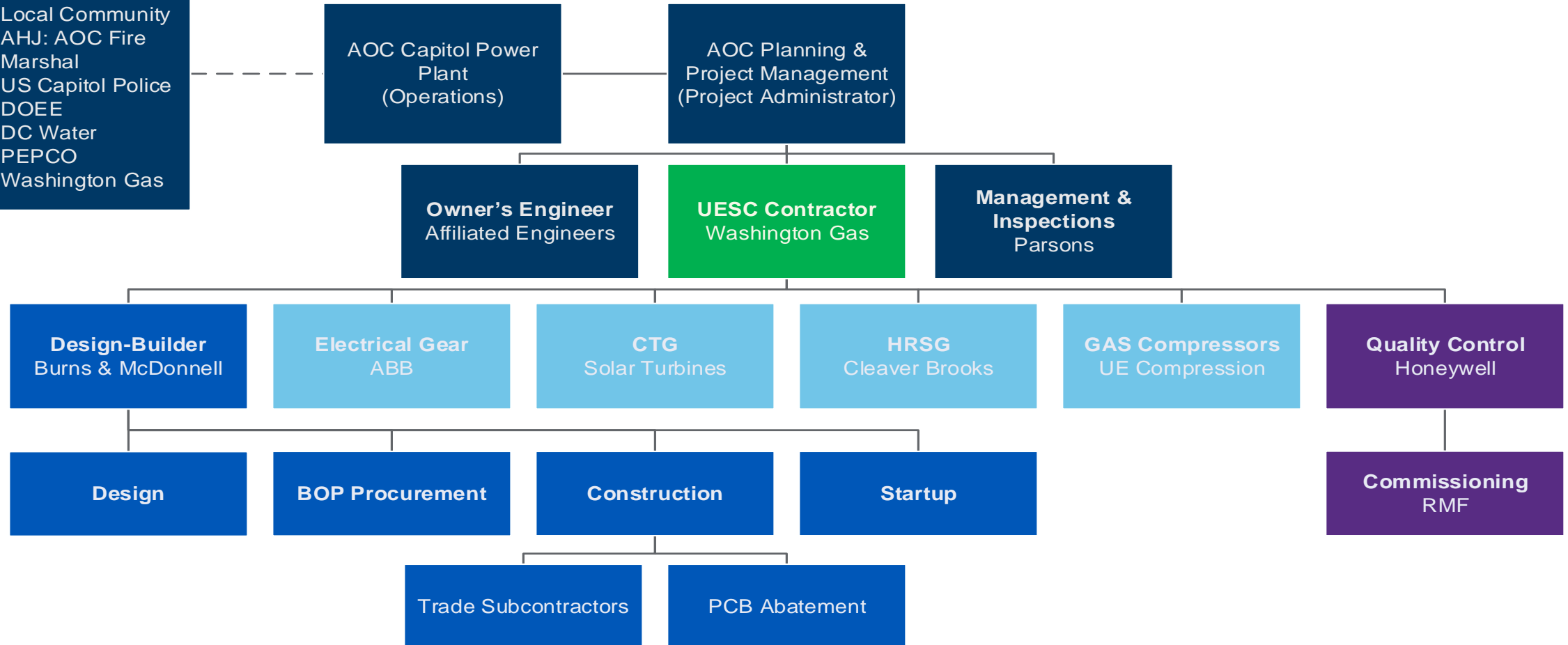
Project Approach

- CPP still in need of means to execute solution
- AOC chose new path
 - Savings vs. performance?
- New vendor
- UESC: Washington Gas
 - EPC Contractor: Burns & McDonnell



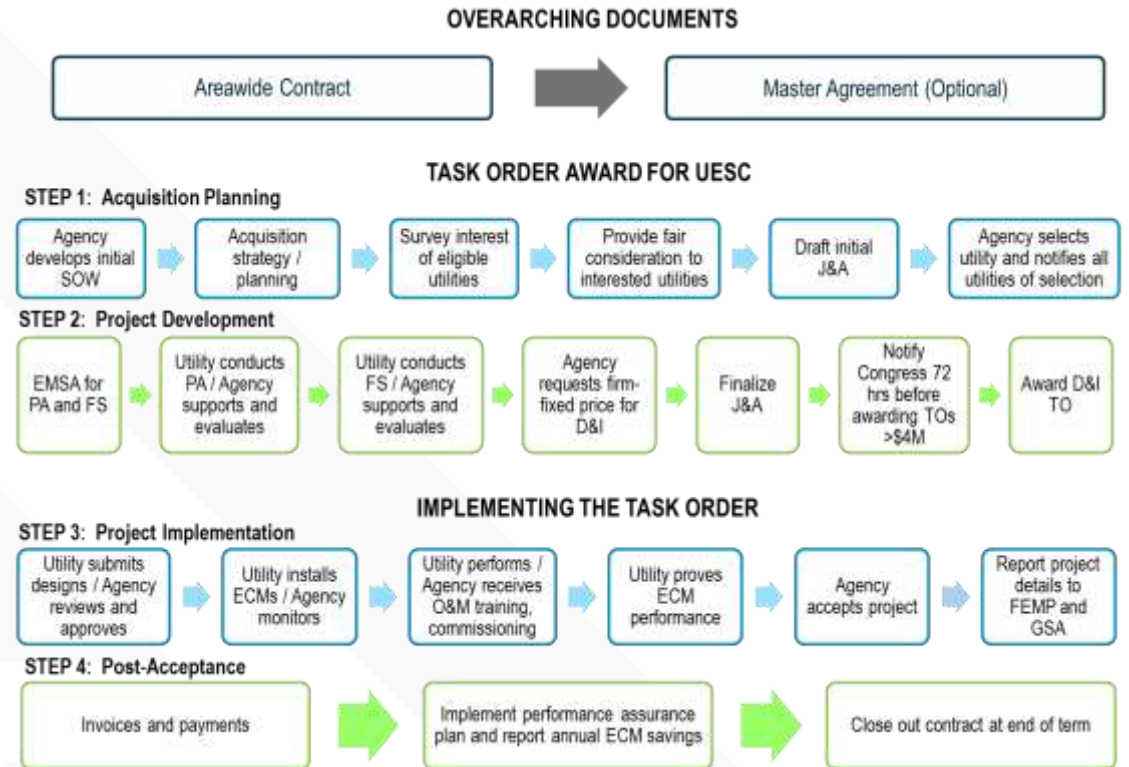
US Capitol Power Plant Cogeneration Project

- Regulators
- Utilities
- Local Community
- AHJ: AOC Fire Marshal
- US Capitol Police
- DOEE
- DC Water
- PEPCO
- Washington Gas



Project Economics

- ▶ UESC – “A Utility Energy Service Contract is a limited-source contract between a federal agency and serving utility for energy management services including energy and water efficiency improvements and demand-reduction services.” –US DOE
 - Project capital cost includes UESC fee, paid for through energy savings
- ▶ Total Project Value: \$57M



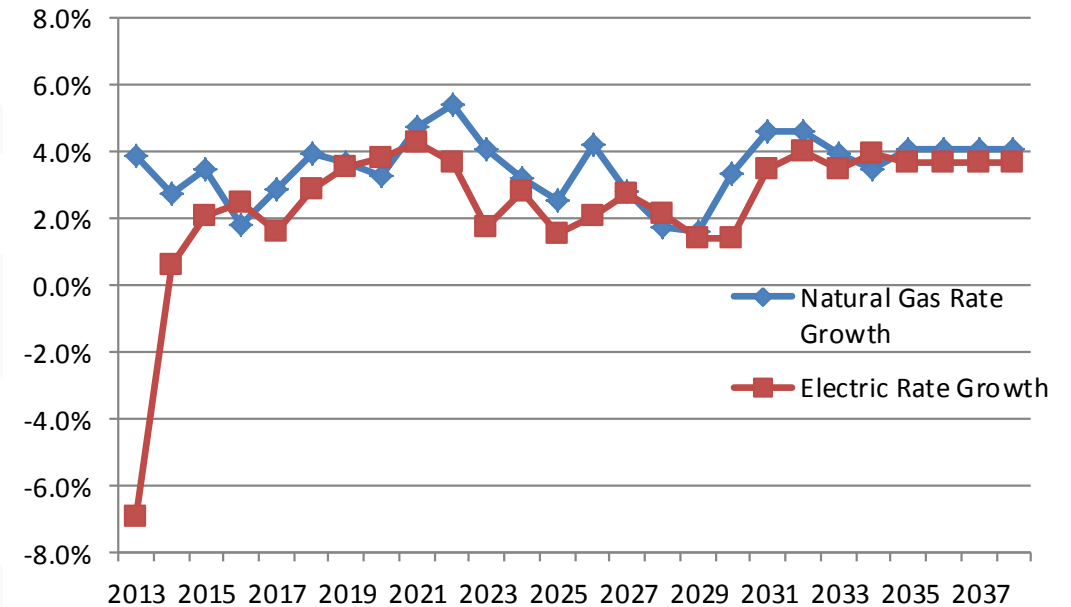
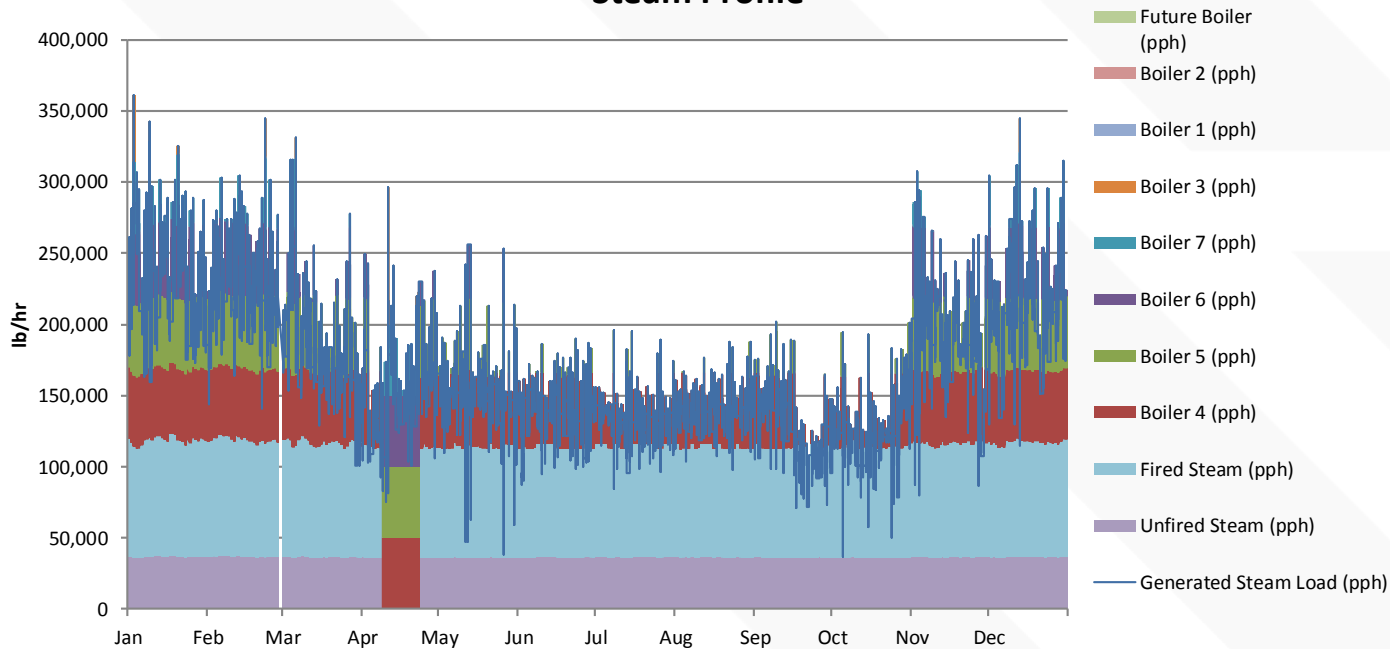
*Utility Energy Service Contract Guide: US DOE FEMP

Project Economics

► Initial Economic Evaluation

- Energy & Dispatch Modeling Paired with Utility Rate Forecasts per NIST Handbook 135

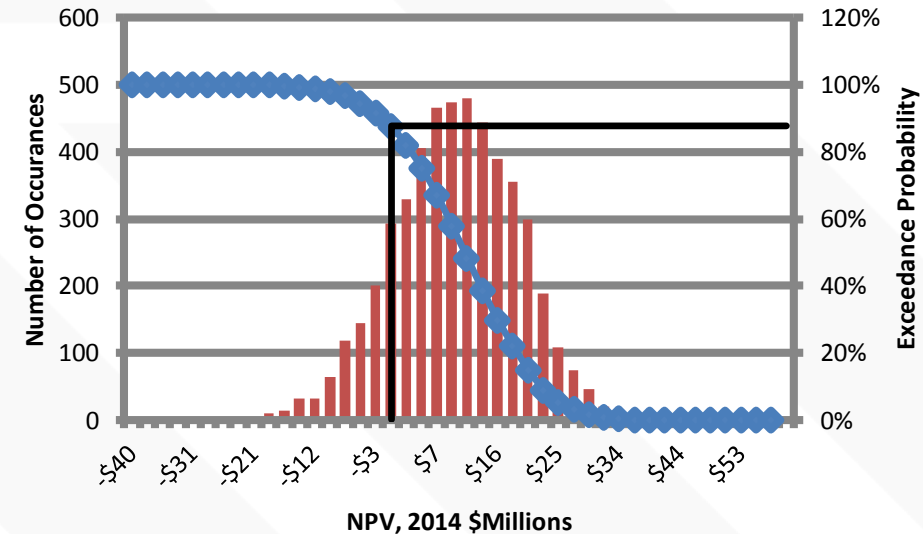
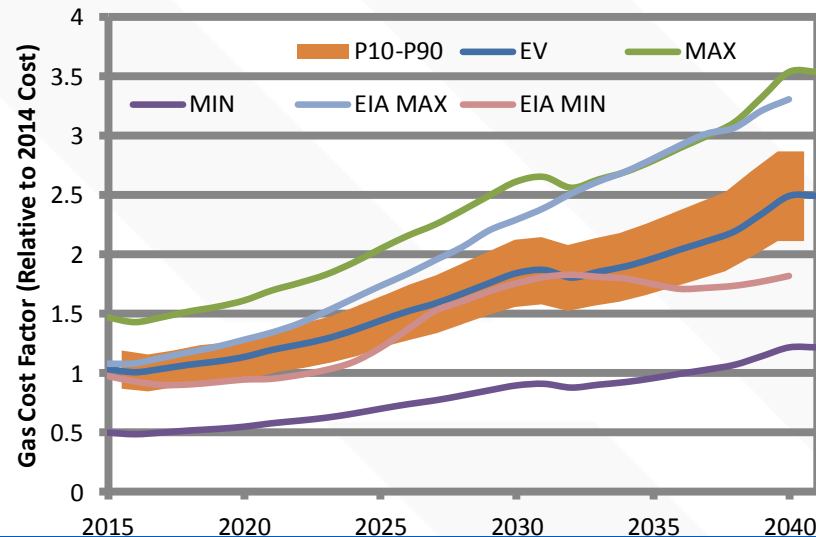
Steam Profile



Project Economics

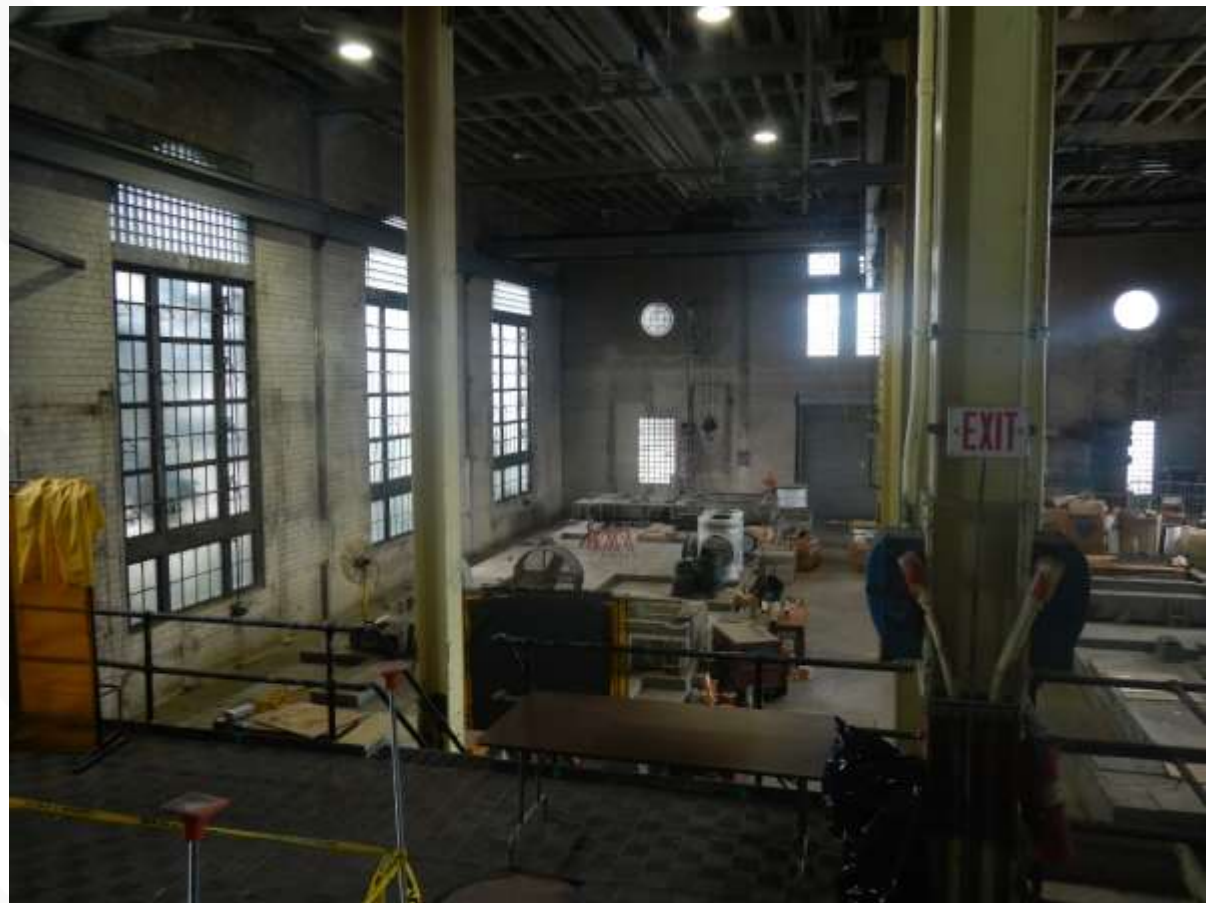
- Present Value of Business-As-Usual Compared to UESC CHP
- Monte Carlo Analysis to Prove Project “Robustness”

AOC CHP ANALYSIS - LIFE CYCLE COST SUMMARY													
OPTION NO.	DESCRIPTION	FUNDING	INITIAL COST (\$1,000)	ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS				ANNUAL SAVINGS				PRESENT VALUE OF SAVINGS (\$1,000)	NET PRESENT VALUE (\$1,000)
				NATURAL GAS (\$1,000/YR)	ELECTRIC (\$1,000/YR)	O&M (\$1,000/YR)	TOTAL (\$1,000/YR)	NATURAL GAS (\$1,000/YR)	ELECTRIC (\$1,000/YR)	O&M (\$1,000/YR)	TOTAL (\$1,000/YR)		
BASE	EXISTING BOILERS	---	---	10,693	8,660	143	19,496	---	---	---	---	---	---
2A	ONE 8.0MW CHP SYSTEM	UESC	56,998	12,695	3,030	459	16,184	(2,002)	5,630	(316)	3,312	67,862	7,278



Project Goals

- ▶ Power Production
 - 7.5 MW Nominal
- ▶ Steam Production
 - 100,000 PPH
 - 180 psi, saturated steam
- ▶ Natural Gas/No 2 Oil Backup
- ▶ Employed Existing Support Functions into the new program.
- ▶ Plant 100% Active during Construction



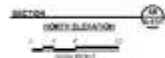
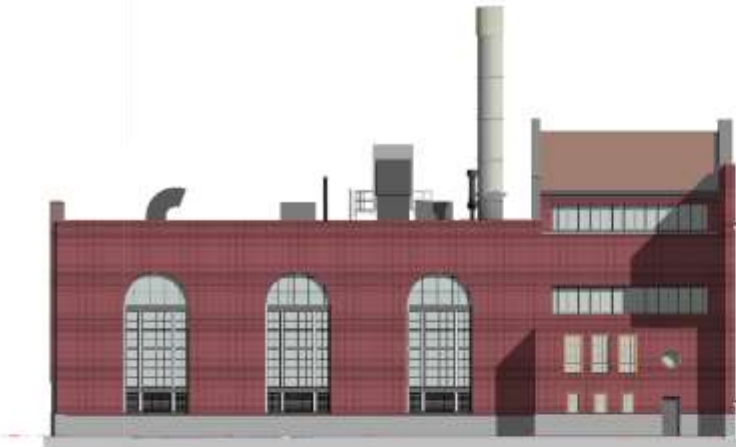
The System

- ▶ 7.5 MW Combustion Turbine
- ▶ 100 KPPH Watertube HRSG
- ▶ 2 Packaged Natural Gas Compressors

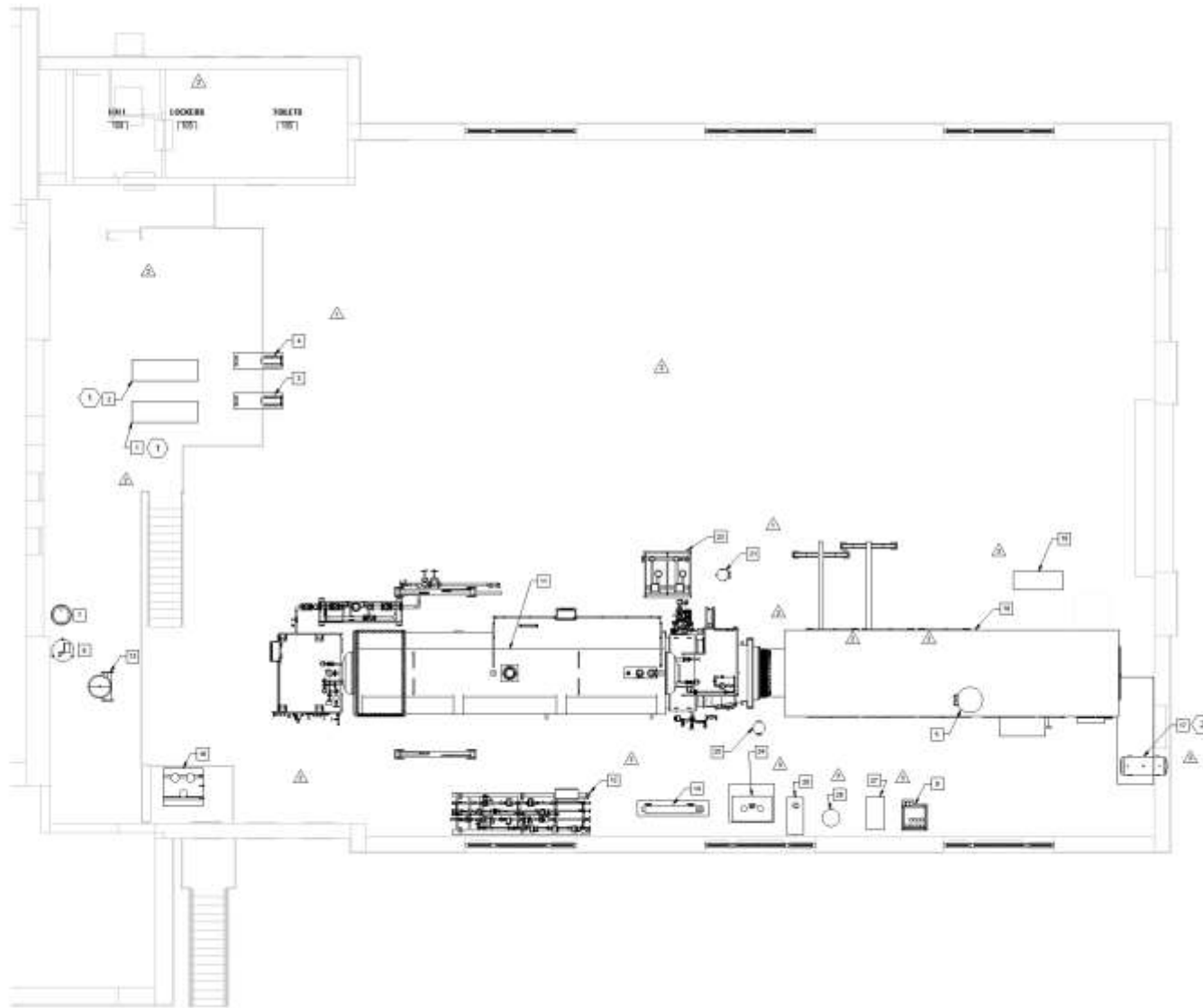


Architectural Considerations

- ▶ Historic Building
 - New Stack
 - Enlarge Door
 - Exterior Equipment Piping
- ▶ Neighborhood
 - Densely Populated
 - Residential Area
 - Noise Restrictions



Room for Growth



Other Constraints

- Intersecting Tunnels below the Turbine and HRSG
 - Micropiles and grade beams span tunnels
 - Vibration Monitors to protect Vintage Brick Sewage Tunnel (still active)
- Switchgear Replacement
 - 5 incoming feeders
 - Plant Active throughout
 - Season Limits for Change

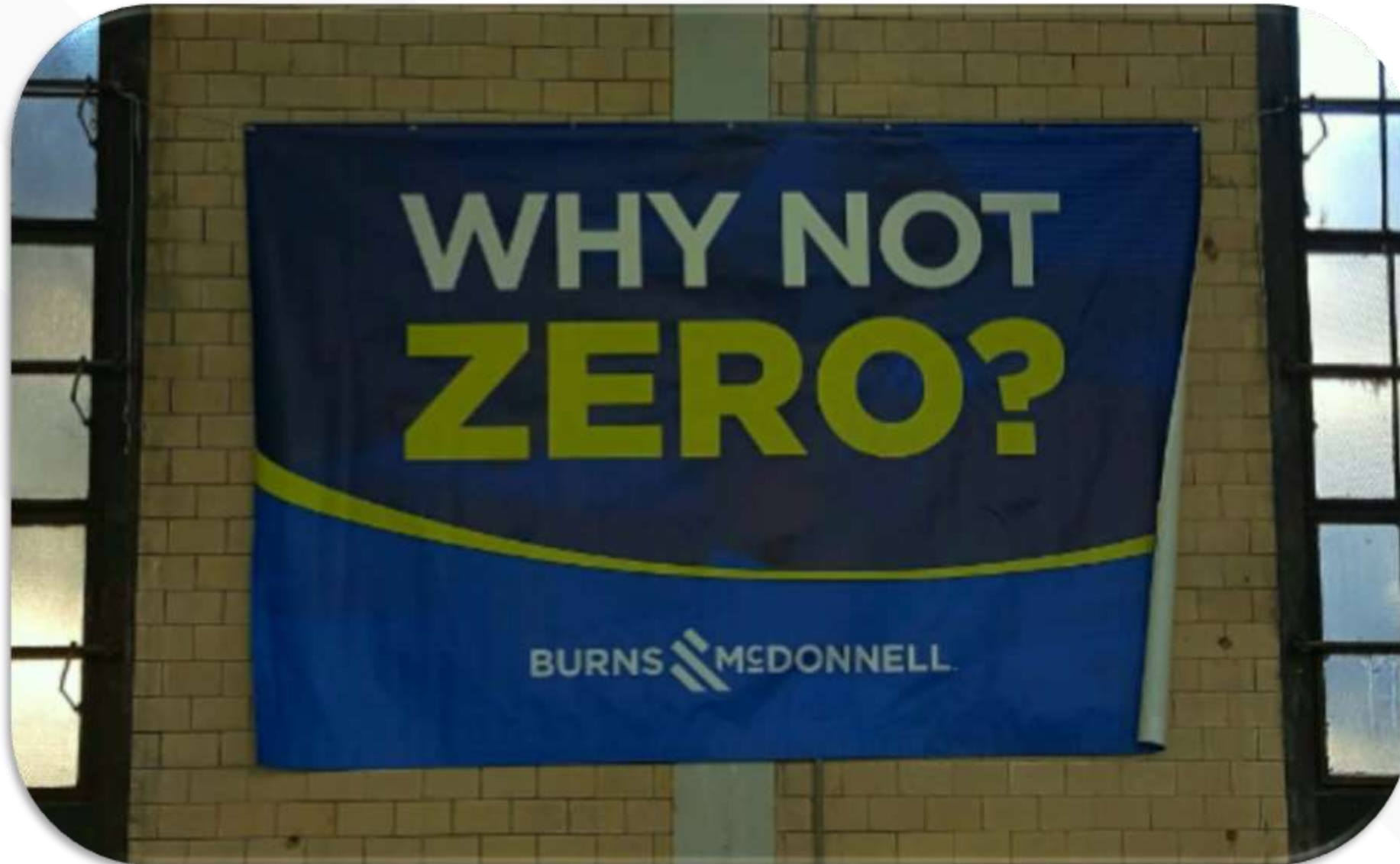


Construction and Delivery Approach

- ▶ Integrated Design-Build Contract
 - Washington Gas: Major Equipment
 - ✂ Burns & Mac: Design & Construction
- ▶ Phased Design, Procurement & Subcontracting
- ▶ Union Project



Safety



Safety

⚠ Challenges

- ⚠ Restricted/crowded work areas
- ⚠ Existing Live Plant Systems
- ⚠ Critical Lifts
- ⚠ Hazmat (lead-based paint, ACM, PCB)

🧠 Strategies

- 🧠 Shift work
- 🧠 Close collaboration with CPP Operations
- 🧠 Vigilant LOTO Program
- 🧠 Rigorous Lift Planning & Coordination
- 🧠 Layout and abatement of anchor points
- 🧠 Air monitoring
- 🧠 Behavior Based Safety Program (TSO's)
- 🧠 Multiple Safety Managers



Safety Results:

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✓ 180,000+ Craft Manhours

✓ Zero Recordables

Construction Challenges / Strategies

► Challenges

- ? Operating Plant – No Service Interruptions
- ? Switchgear Replacement vs. Cooling Season '17
- ? Heavy Demolition vs. Historic Tunnels
- ? Residential neighborhood
- ? Depleted local labor market
- ? Major Equipment vs. Historic Building
- ? Existing PCB HazMat

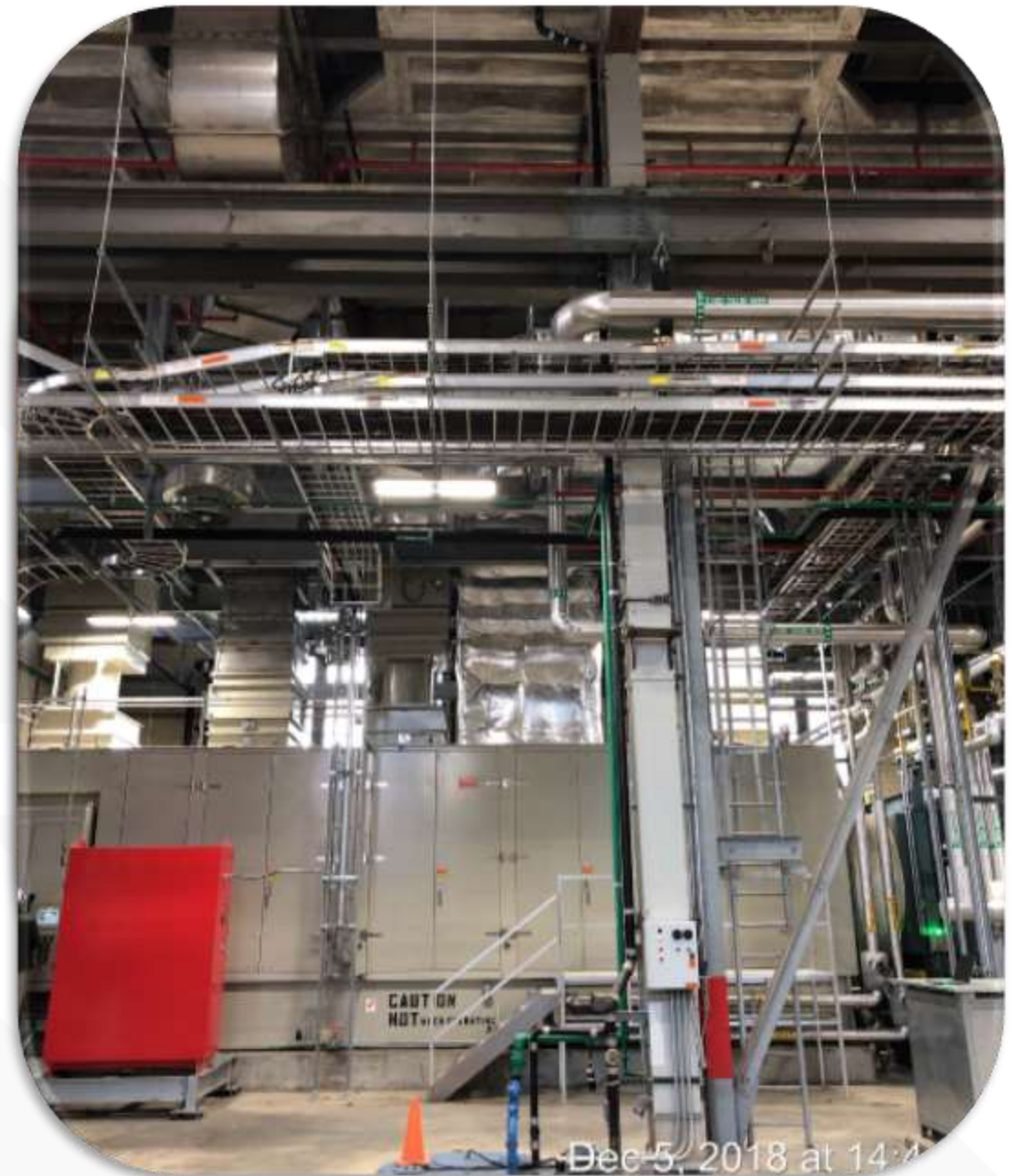
► Strategies

- 🔧 Pre-planning and coordination with scheduled outages
- 🔧 Expedite equipment, Collaborate with utility, Phase the work
- 🔧 Seismic Monitoring
- 🔧 Use smaller equipment
- 🔧 Robust, proactive communication plan
- 🔧 Labor from outside DC
- 🔧 Overtime
- 🔧 Collaboration between AOC and Integrated Design-Build Team
- 🔧 Work where we can, when we can



Results

- 👍 Everything Fit!
 - 👍 UESC: Successful Approach for Congress
 - 👍 Financially Advantageous
 - 👍 Future Expandability
 - 👍 No unscheduled interruptions
 - 👍 First Fire occurred May 17, 2018
 - 👍 Systems functioning as-expected
 - 👍 No complaints from the neighbors!
 - 👍 Zero Recordables
- 😊 **Happy Client!**



Capitol Power Plant

Installation of the Heat Recovery Steam Generator and Combustion Turbine Generator

July 22nd and 23rd, 2017

