



Dynamic Line Ratings: Scaling Up for the Whole Grid

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Power grids have become a mainstream topic

Key to reaching renewable portfolio standards and other economic and reliability goals

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Gridlock: how a lack of power lines will delay the age of renewables
A backlog of wind and solar projects is waiting to connect to infrastructure built for another era, threatening net zero plans

The grid is the backbone of the energy transition...



Efficient utilization of existing and new grid is key to reach net zero



You want net zero? You need the grid. You want offshore wind? You need the grid. You want electric cars? **You need the grid.**

Keith Anderson, CEO of Scottish Power

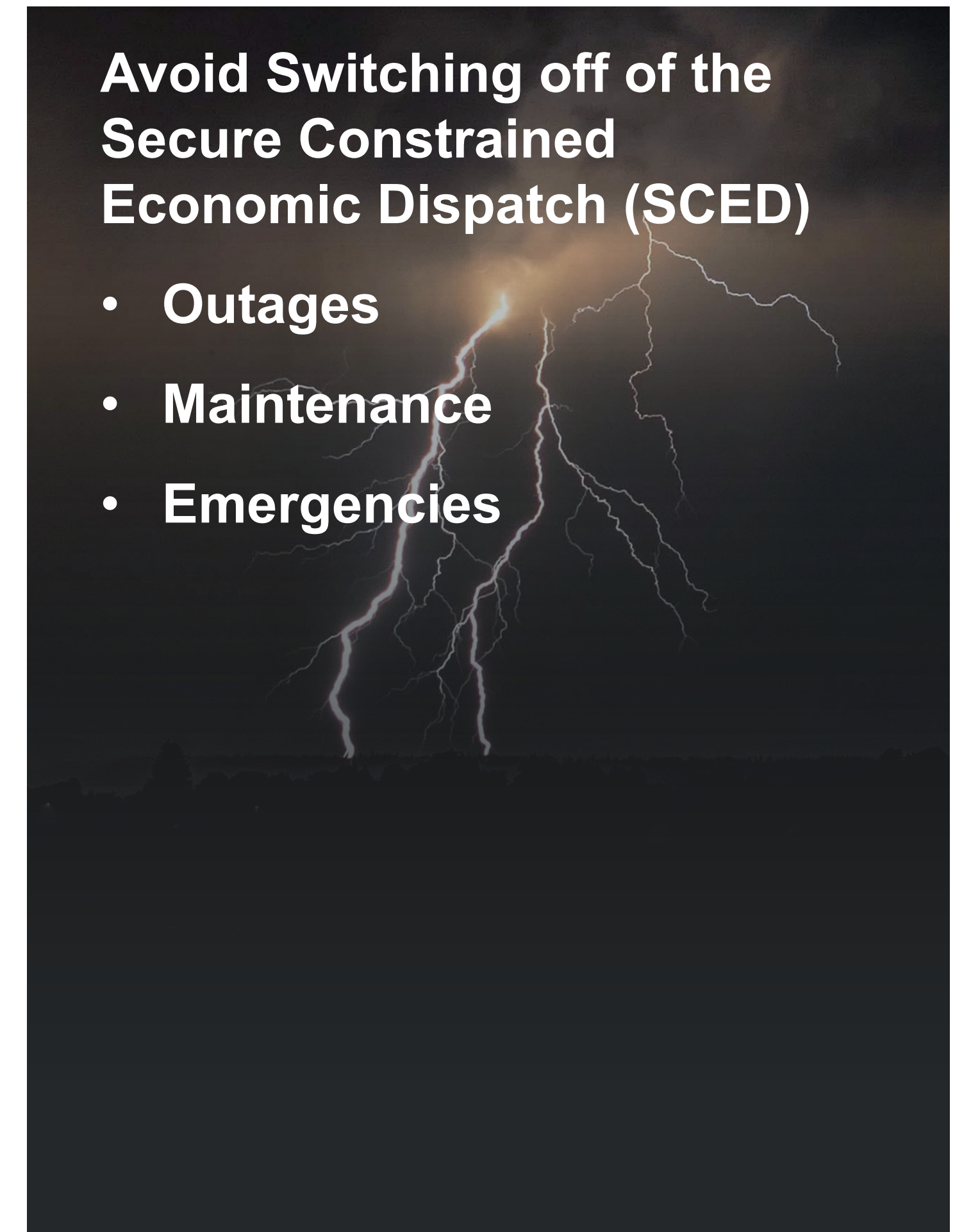
\$70

needed in grid investments on avg. for every \$100 spent on wind and solar assets towards 2050



Financial reasons are real

Grid operators need digital tools to accommodate renewables and electrification





Focusing on Congestion alone

Can we address one line at a time?

Short term and Unpredictable...



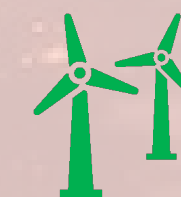
Markets / Bidding / Contracts

...Markets change daily,
hourly, by the minute



Load / Demand

...recent years have shown
unpredicted changes load
growth and demand
patterns



Available Generation

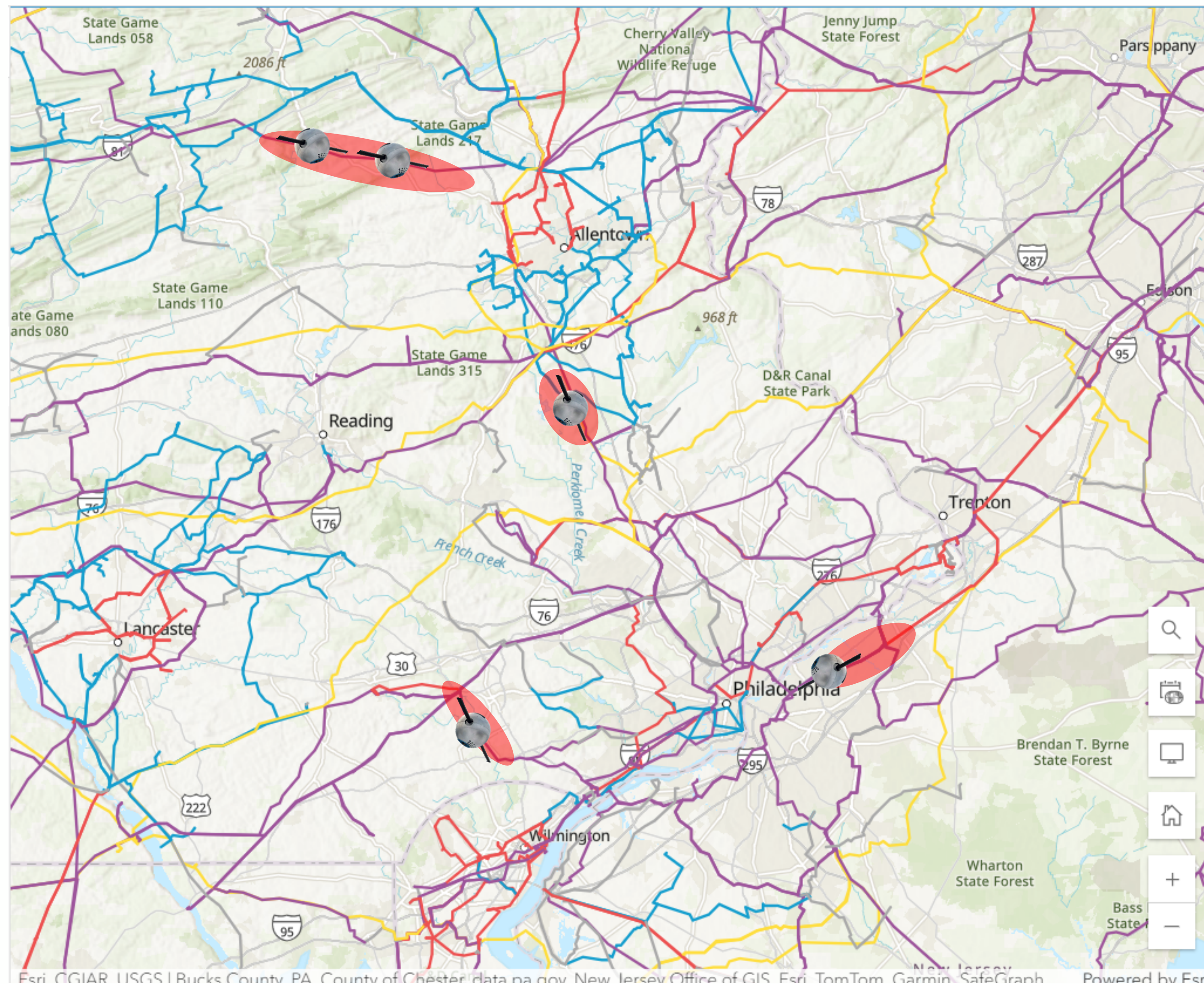
...variable renewable
generation and smaller
peakers replacing traditional
large fossil generation



Outages

...aged grid requiring more
construction and repair.
Extreme weather causing
larger outages.

Congestion: How can this be addressed today?



Add more aluminium?

- Long Term Solution

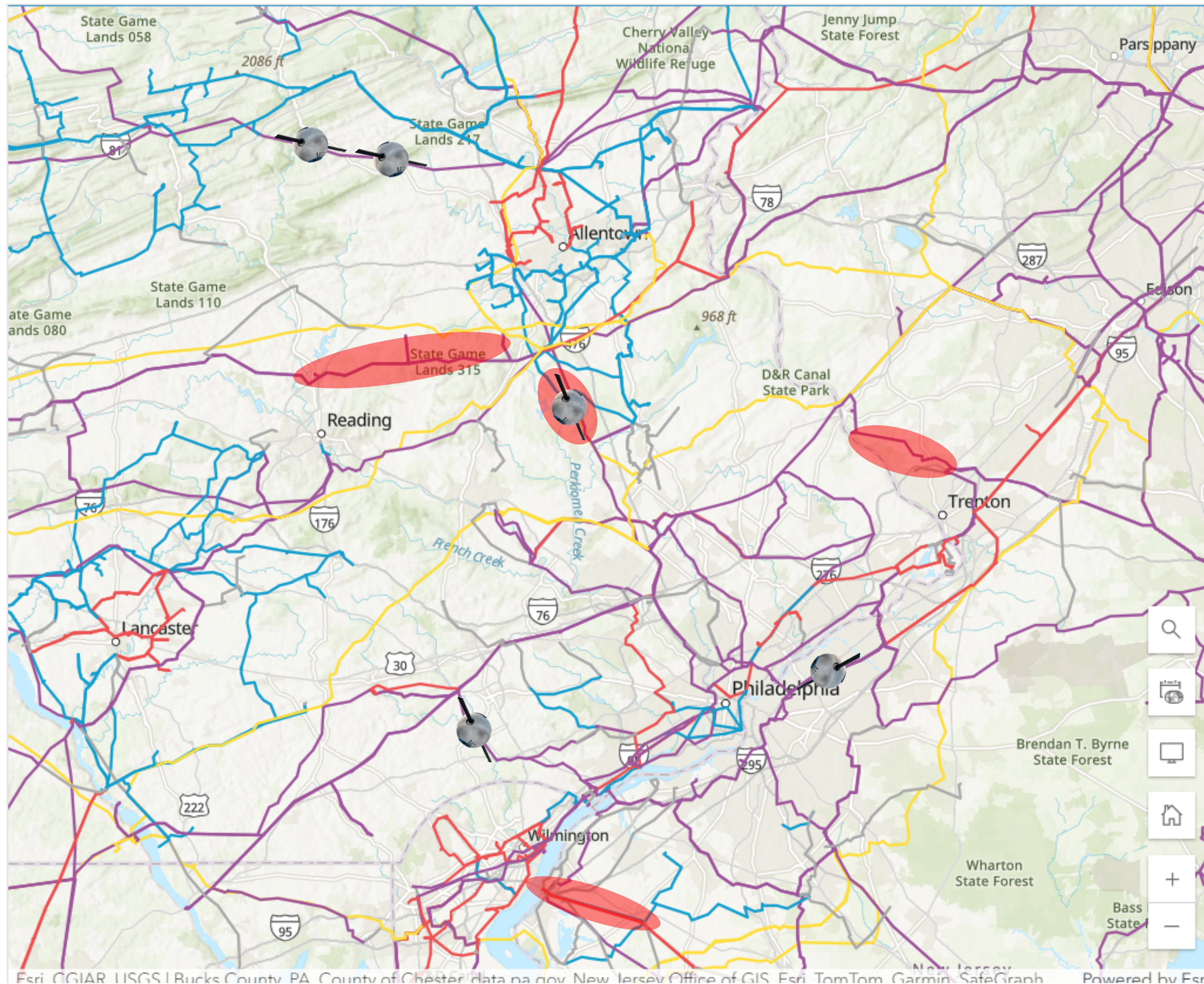
Deploy DLR?

- Immediate

- Where?



How can this be addressed the next day?



Next time period – New congestion patterns

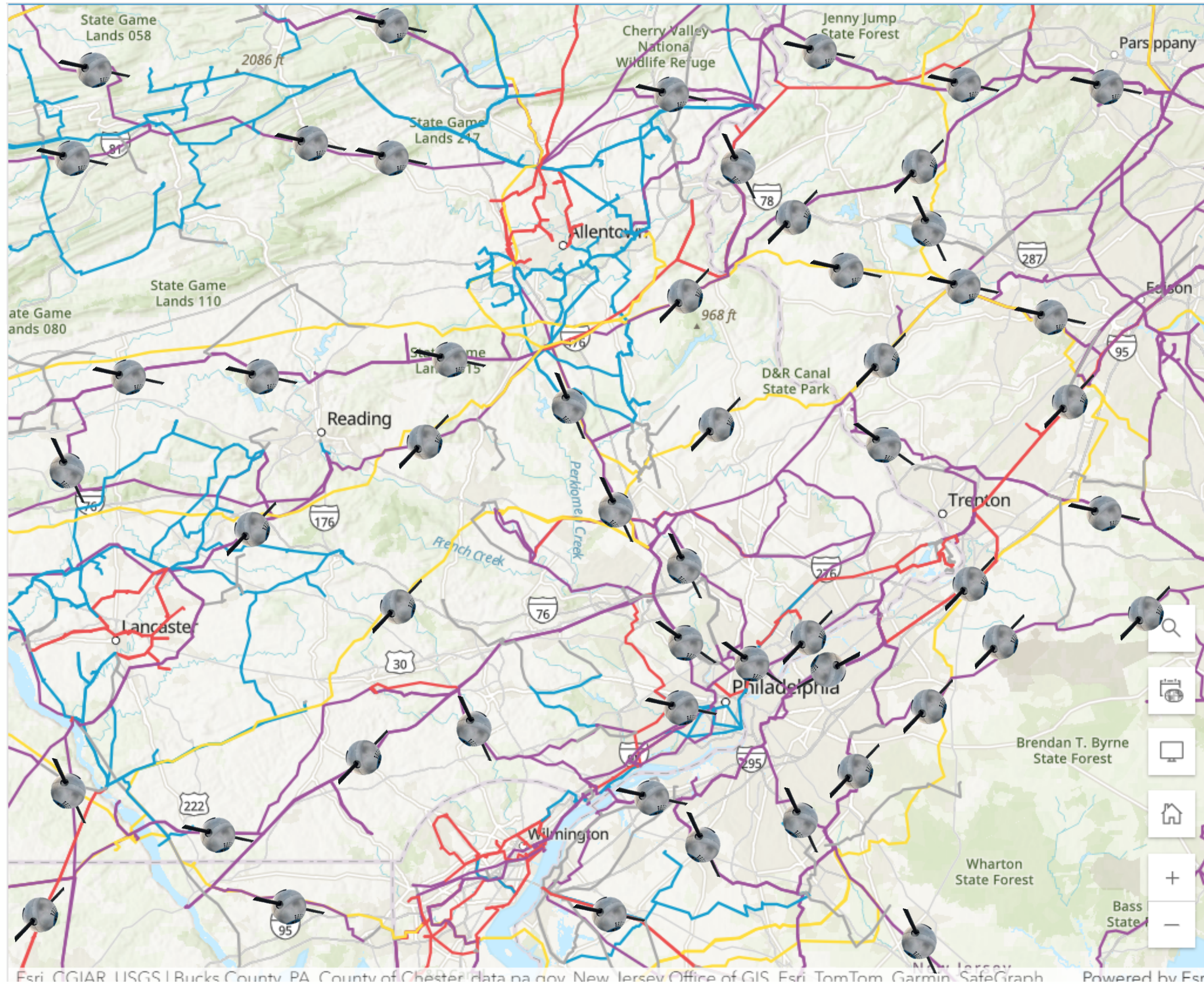
Chasing Congestion can be difficult

However, even a couple hours of congestion can cost millions \$\$

Is there a better way?



A new possibility?



In the last 10 years...

Cost of DLR  over 70%

- Technology
- Economies of Scale
- Competition

Cost of Transmission Construction  100%

20,000 miles of DLR < 30 miles of new construction





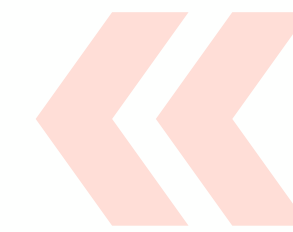
How is wide scale possible now?

What has changed in the last 5 or 10 years?

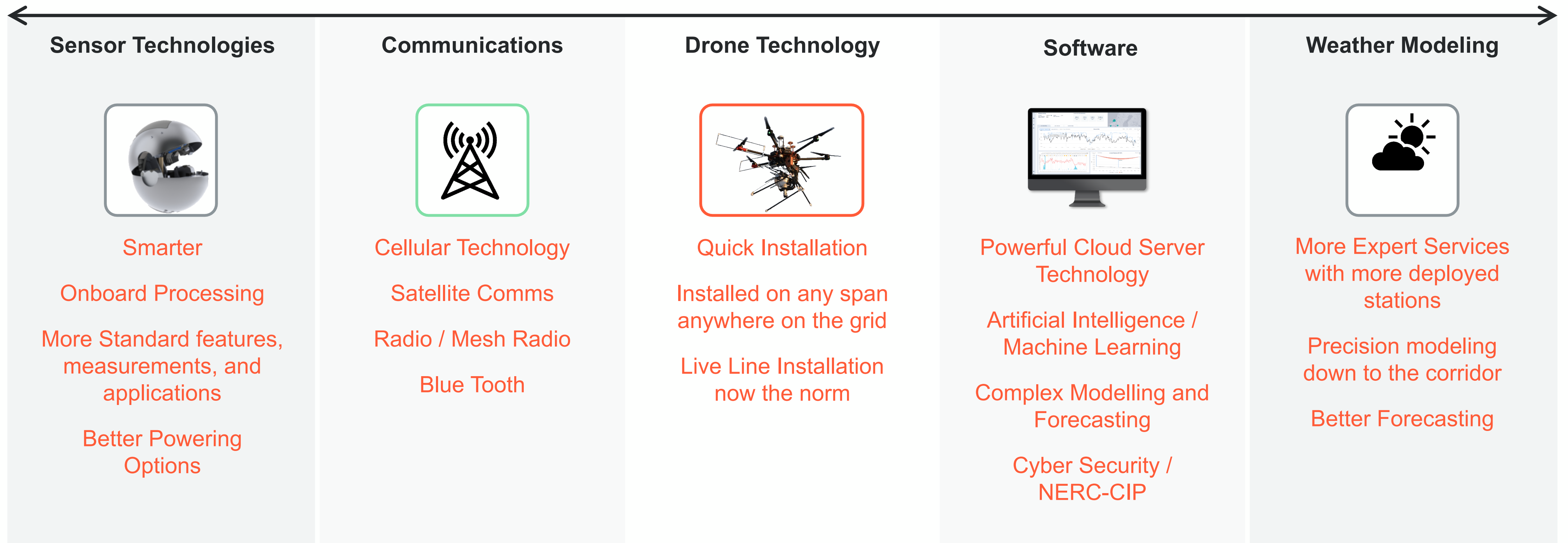
Hardware Technology



Scalable for Grid Wide Deployment
Lower Costs
Better Reliability, Accuracy, Safety



Software Technology



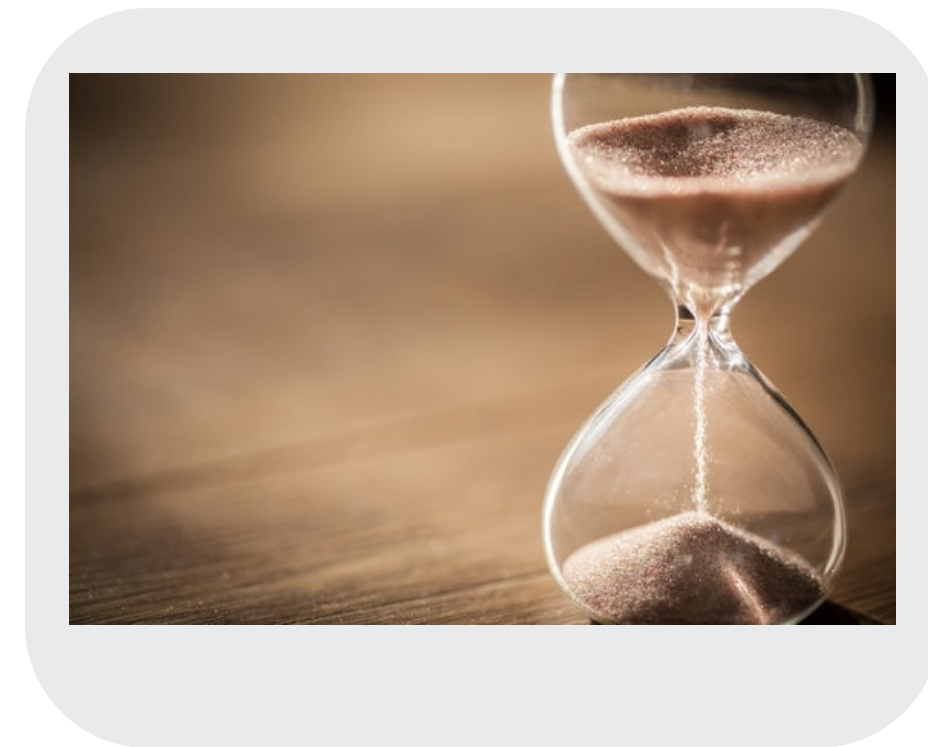


Wide scale DLR: What are the benefits?

How does this impact FERC Order 1920?

Time

- Time to meet new planning and approval requirements
- Time to better schedule projects



Flexibility

- Flexibility to adjust priorities and schedules in a 20-year planning window
- Flexibility to manage grid for new construction



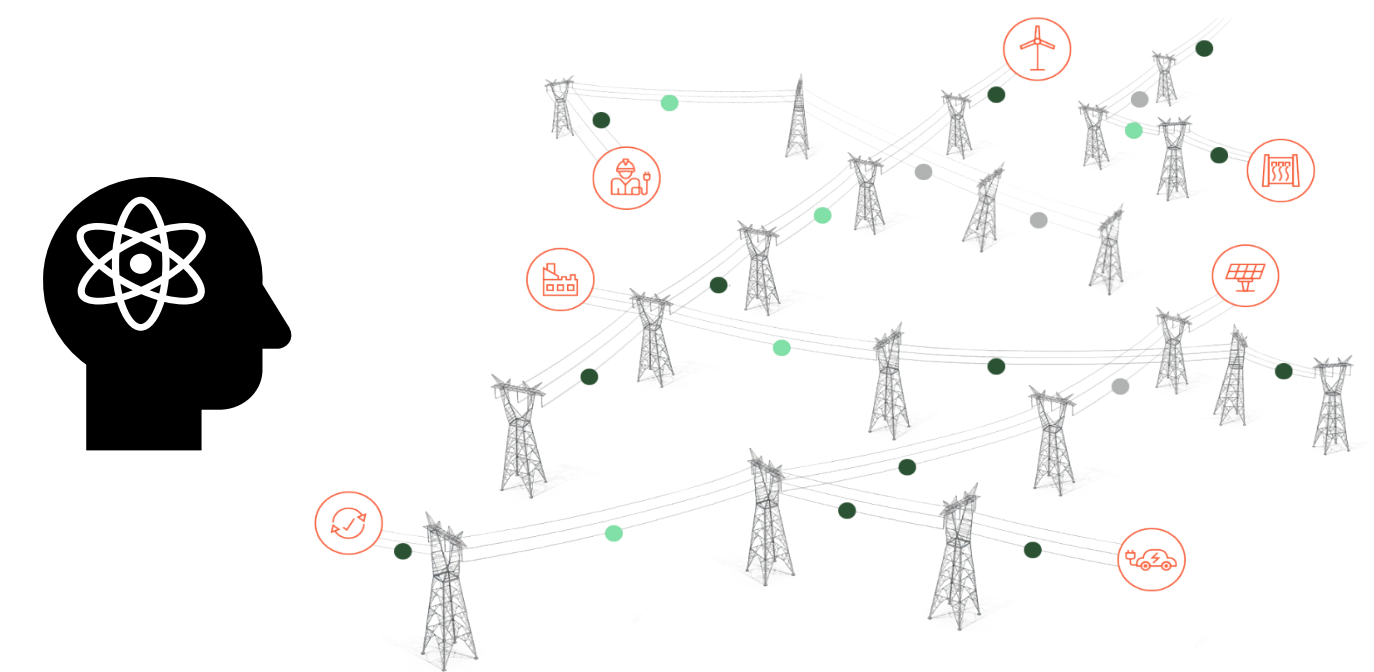
Reliability & Safety

Maintain Grid Reliability and Safety as planning margins narrow and requirements for transmission projects get stricter.



Complete Grid Awareness

- Complete vision of the entire grid in real time
- Documentation to meet all requirements of FERC Order 1920



Use technology to manage the uncertainty of a 20-year planning window



Wide scale DLR: what are the benefits?

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Requirements of FERC Order 1920	DLR
1: Avoiding or deferring reliability transmission infrastructure replacement	✓
2: Reducing loss of load probability or planning reserve margin	✓
3: Increasing production cost savings	✓
4: Reducing transmission energy losses	✓
5: Reducing congestion due to transmission outages	✓
6: Mitigating of extreme weather events and unexpected system conditions	✓
7: Increasing capacity cost benefits by reducing peak energy losses	✓





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