

# Subregional RTEP Committee – Western FirstEnergy Supplemental Projects

October 20, 2023

# Needs

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**Need Number:** ATSI-2023-024  
**Process Stage:** Need Meeting – 10/20/2023

**Supplemental Project Driver(s):**  
*Operational Flexibility and Efficiency*  
*Equipment Material Condition, Performance and Risk*  
*Infrastructure Resilience*

**Specific Assumption Reference(s):**

**Global Considerations**

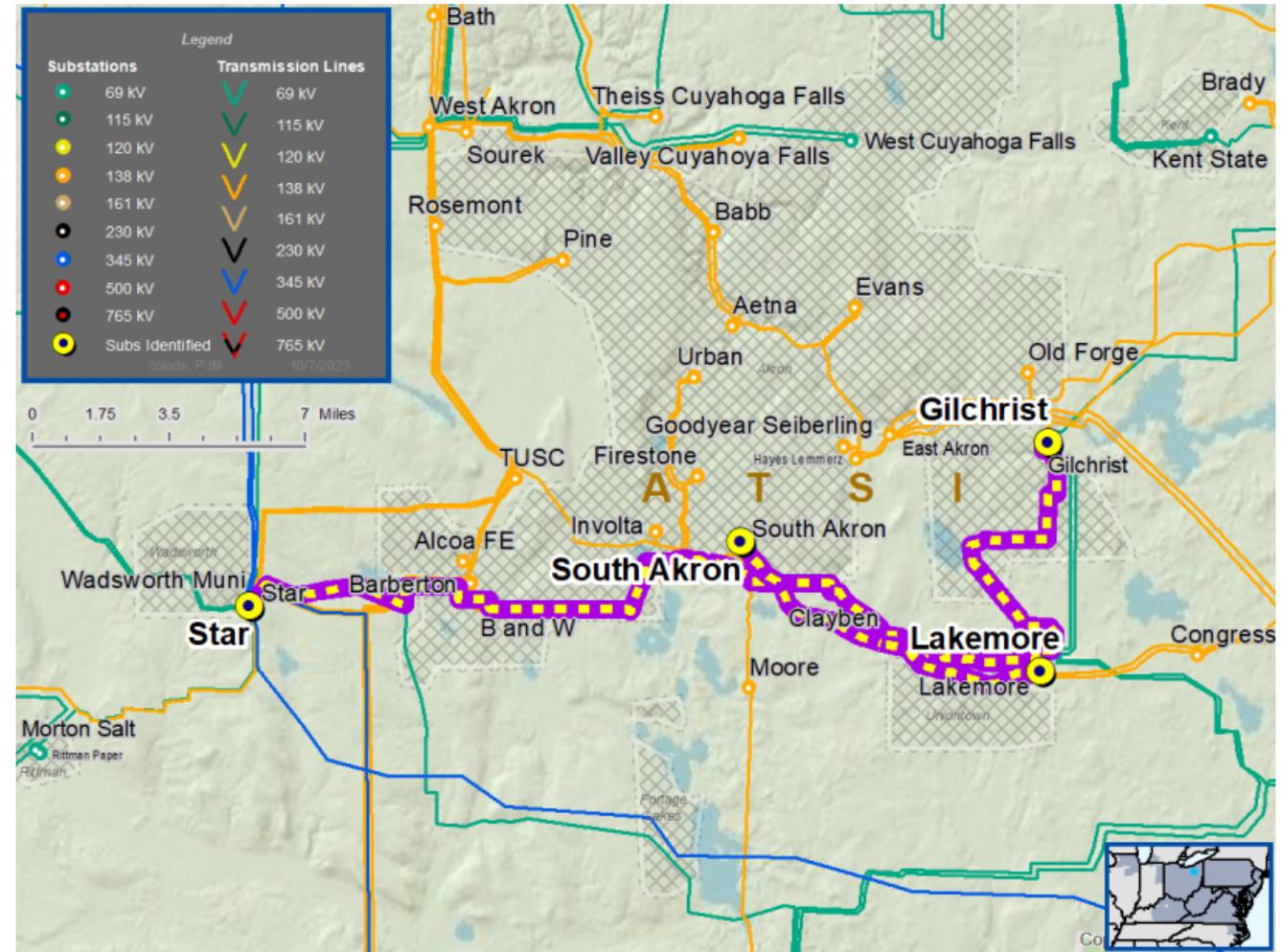
- System reliability and performance
- Load at risk in planning and operational scenarios

**Add/Expand Bus Configuration**

- Loss of substation bus adversely impacts transmission system performance
- Eliminate simultaneous outages to multiple networked elements under N-1 analysis
- Accommodate future transmission facilities
- Capability to perform system maintenance

**Problem Statement:**

- The Gilchrist – Star 69 kV Line is approximately 26 miles and serves four (4) delivery points
  - A line fault will cause approximately 45 MW consequential loss of load and approximately 15,100 customers at risk
  - Since 2020, the Gilchrist – Star 69 kV Line has experienced a total of 2 momentary outages and 4 sustained outages.
- The Lakemore – South Akron 138 kV Line is approximately 8 miles and serves (1) delivery point
  - A line fault will cause approximately 47 MW consequential loss of load and approximately 5,000 customers at risk
  - Since 2020, the Lakemore – South Akron 138 kV Line has experienced a 1 sustained outage.



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*Equipment Material Condition, Performance and Risk*  
*Infrastructure Resilience*

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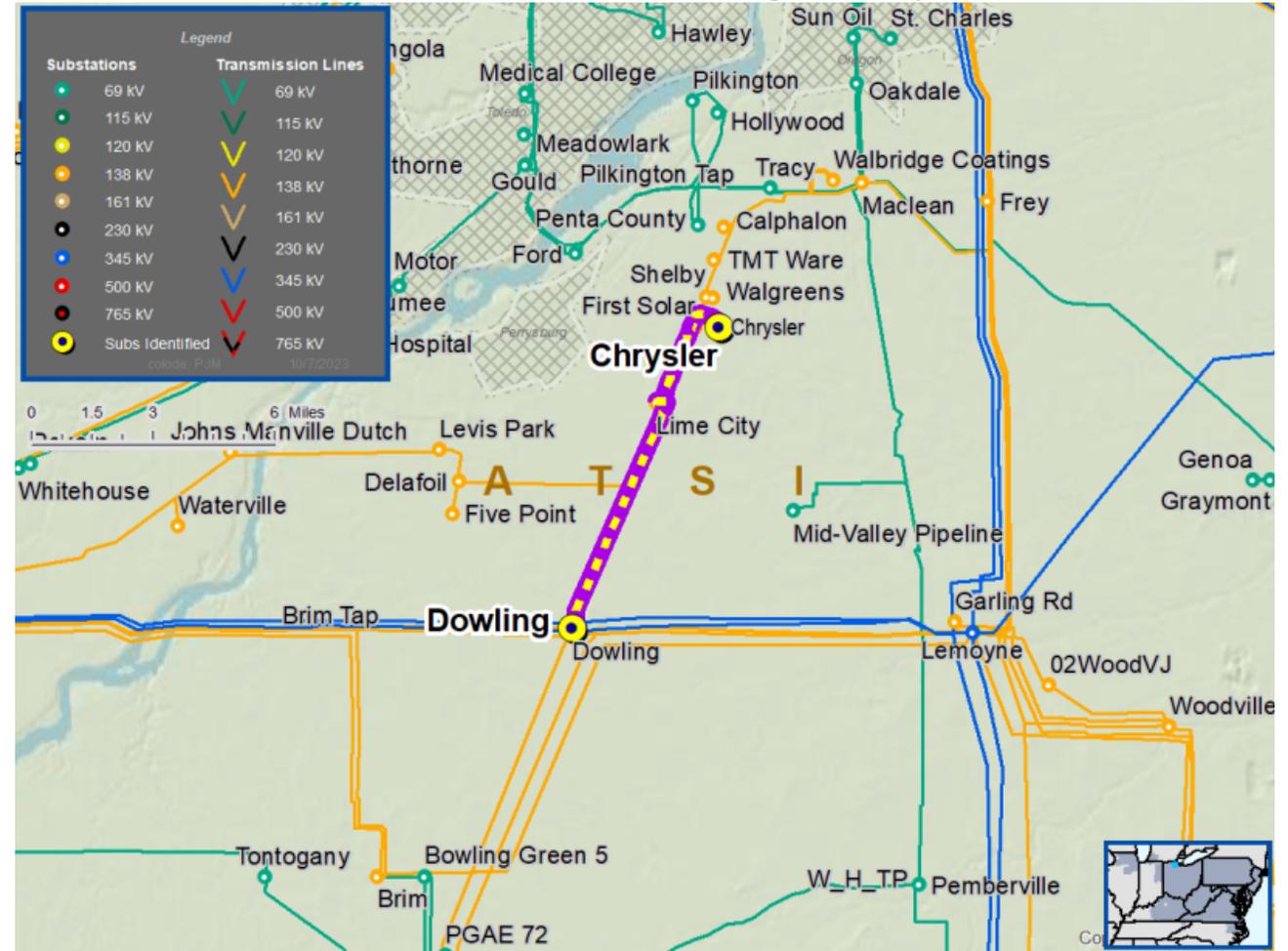
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**Problem Statement:**

- The Chrysler – Dowling 138 kV Line is approximately 10 miles
- A line fault will cause approximately 80 MW consequential loss of load and approximately 4,800 residential customers and 1 industrial customer at risk
- Since 2018, the Chrysler – Dowling 138 kV Line has experienced a total of 1 momentary outages and 2 sustained outages.



**Need Numbers:** ATSI-2023-029 and ATSI-2023-041

**Process State:** Need Meeting 10/20/2023

**Project Driver:**

*Equipment Material Condition, Performance and Risk*

**Specific Assumption Reference:**

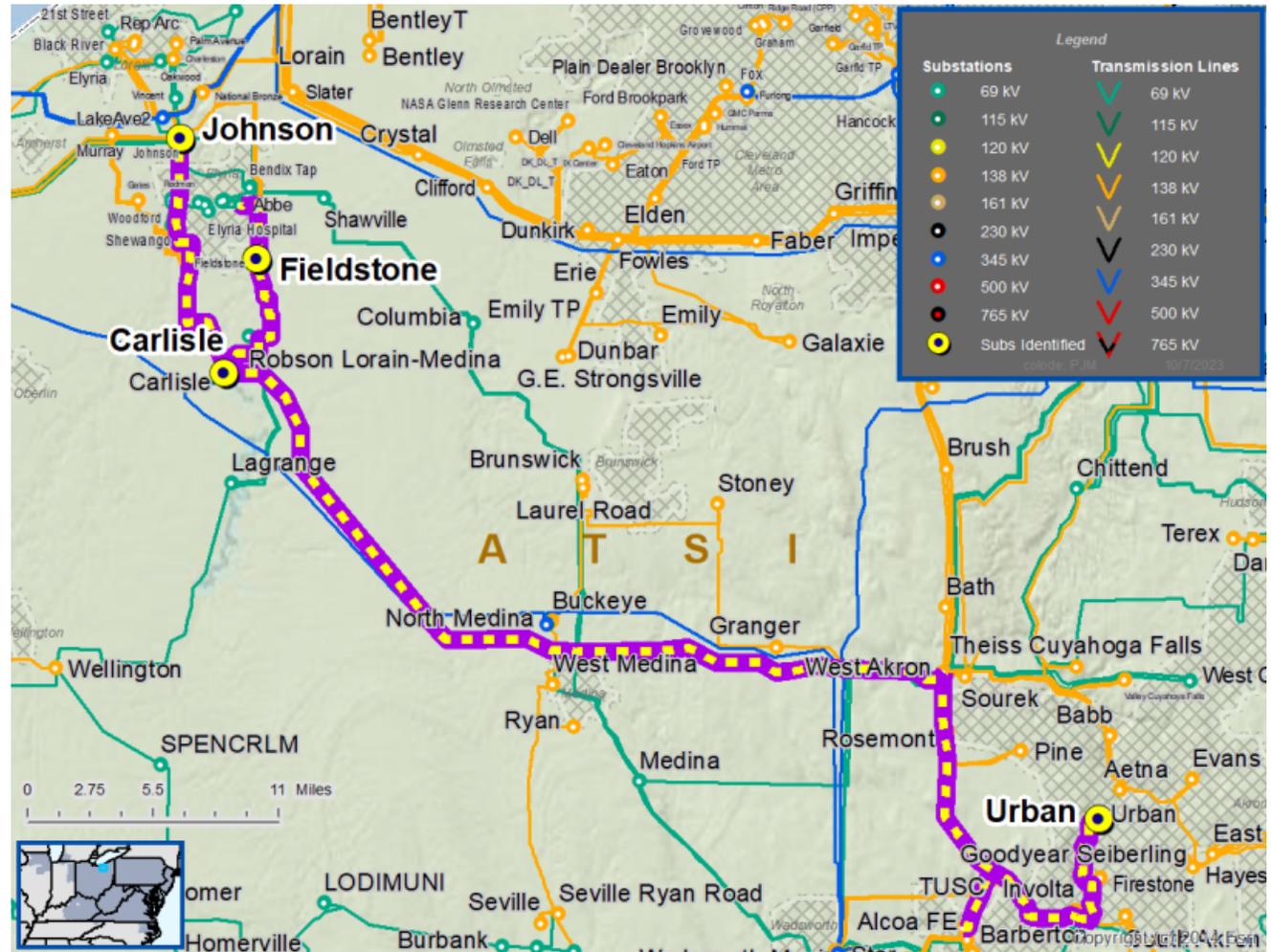
System Performance Projects Global Factors

- System reliability and performance
- Substation/line equipment limits
- Upgrade Relay Schemes
- Obsolete and difficult to repair communication equipment (DTT, Blocking, etc.)
- Communication technology upgrades

**Problem Statement:**

- FirstEnergy has identified protection schemes using a certain vintage of relays and communication equipment that have a history of misoperation.
- Proper operation of the protection scheme requires all the separate components perform adequately during a fault.
- In many cases the protection equipment cannot be repaired due to a lack of replacement parts and available expertise in the outdated technology.
- Transmission line ratings are limited by terminal equipment.

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## ATSI Transmission Zone M-3 Process Misoperation Relays – Multiple Lines

Need #	Transmission Line / Substation Locations	Existing Line Rating (SN / SE / WN / WE)	Existing Conductor Rating (SN / SE / WN / WE)
ATSI-2023-029	Carlisle – Fieldstone Tap 138 kV Line Section	233 / 282 / 263 / 333	233 / 282 / 263 / 333
	Fieldstone Tap – Johnson 138 kV Line Section	225 / 282 / 263 / 333	233 / 282 / 263 / 333
ATSI-2023-041	Firestone – Urban 138 kV Line	189 / 241 / 237 / 249	233 / 282 / 263 / 333

**Need Numbers:** ATSI-2023-019

**Process State:** Need Meeting 10/20/2023

**Project Driver:**

*Equipment Material Condition, Performance and Risk*

**Specific Assumption Reference:**

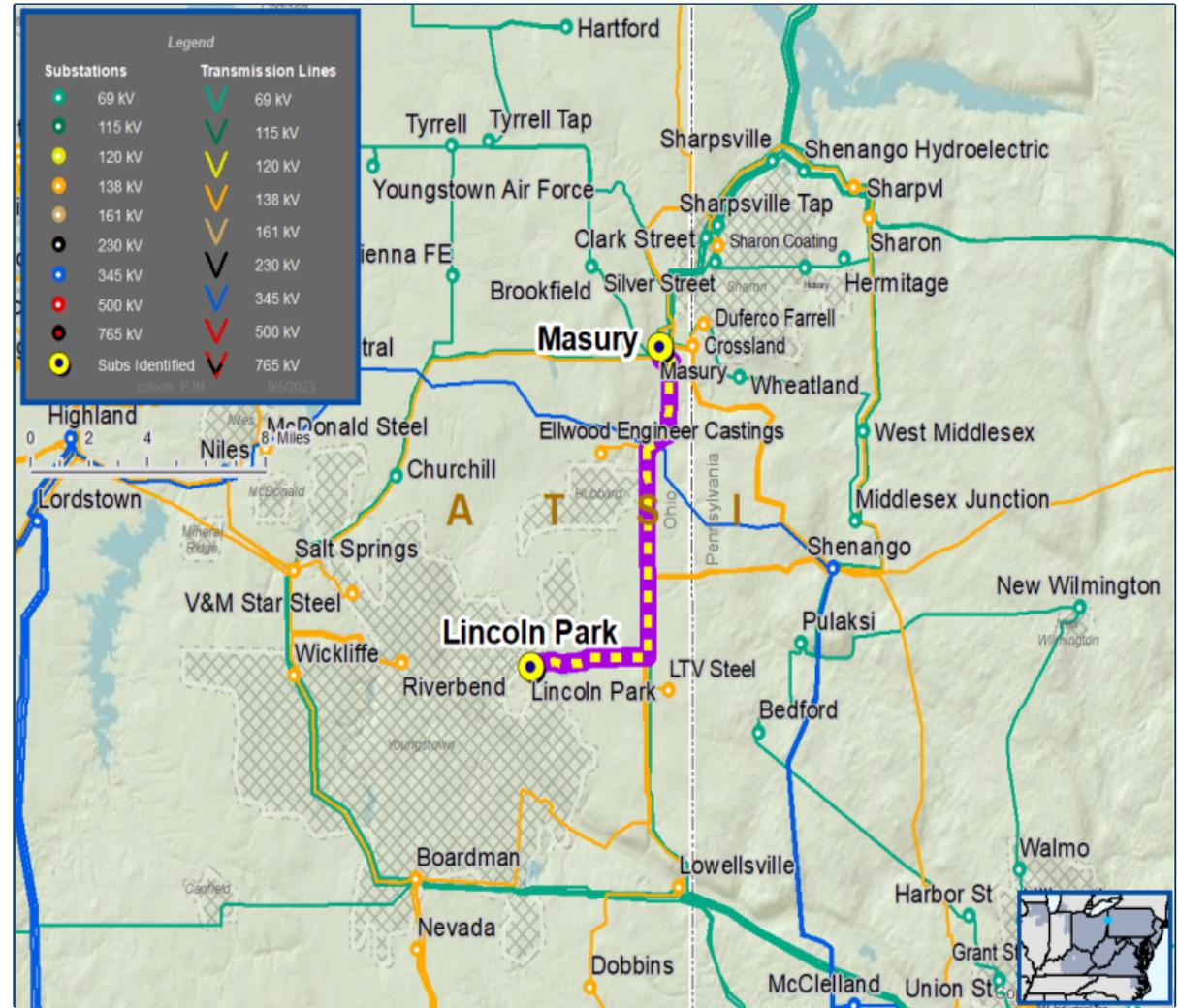
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## ATSI Transmission Zone M-3 Process Masury 138 kV Misoperation Relays

Need #	Transmission Line / Substation Locations	Existing Line Rating (SN / SE)	Existing Conductor Rating (SN / SE)
ATSI-2023-019	Masury – Elwood Tap 138 kV Line	164 / 191	187 / 191
	Lincoln Park – Elwood Tap 138 kV Line	155 / 155	187 / 191

**Need Numbers:** ATSI-2023-020

**Process State:** Need Meeting 10/20/2023

**Project Driver:**

*Equipment Material Condition, Performance and Risk*

**Specific Assumption Reference:**

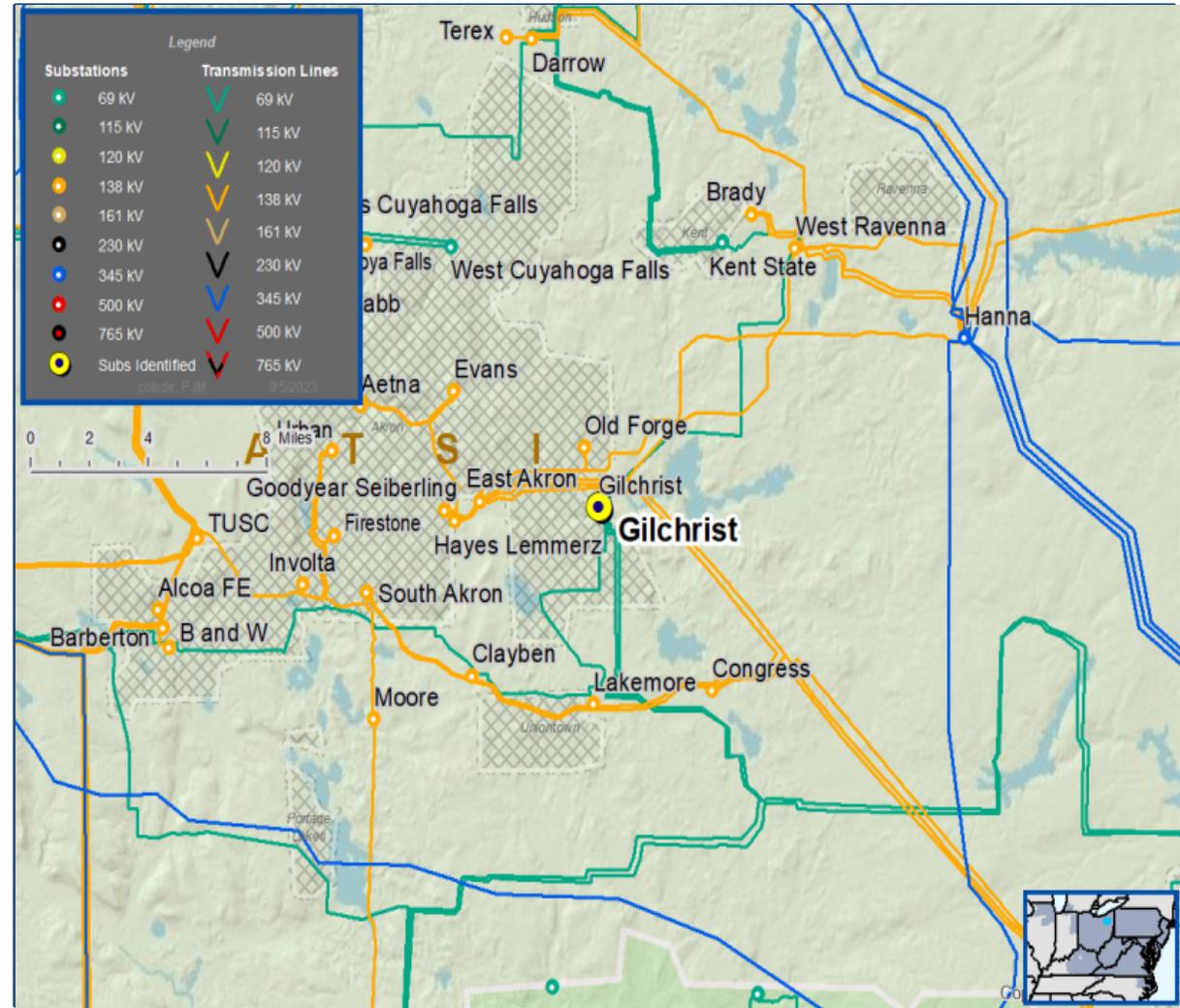
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## ATSI Transmission Zone M-3 Process Gilchrist - Hartville 69 kV Misoperation Relays

Need #	Transmission Line / Substation Locations	Existing Line Rating (SN / SE)	Existing Conductor Rating (SN / SE)
ATSI-2023-020	Hartville - MON 1 Tap 69 kV Line	76 / 76	76 / 92

**Need Number:** ATSI-2023-013

**Process Stage:** Need Meeting – 10/20/2023

**Project Driver(s):**

- Equipment Material Condition, Performance, and Risk*
- System Reliability*
- Operational Flexibility and Efficiency*
- Infrastructure Resilience*

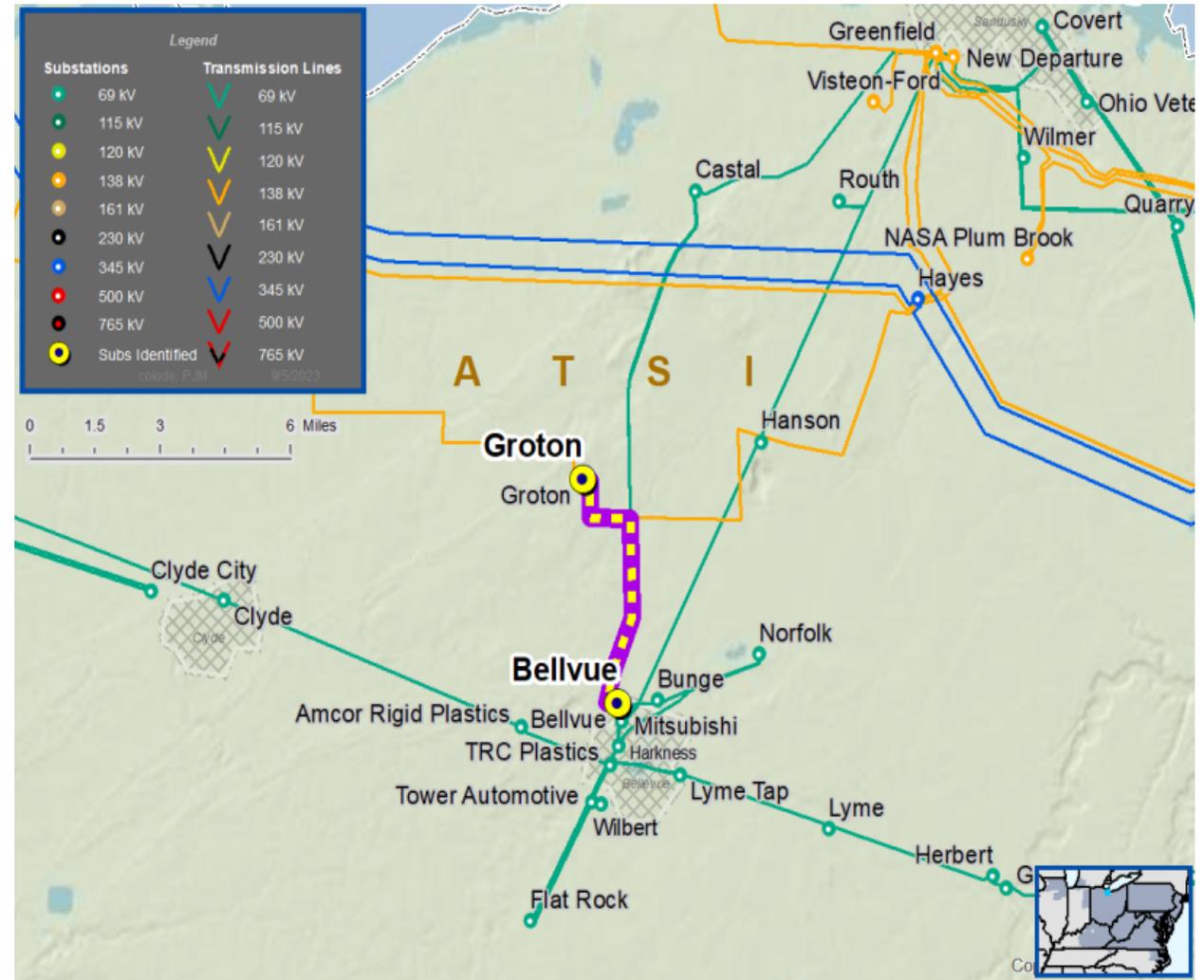
**Specific Assumption Reference(s):**

- Substation / Line equipment limits
- System reliability and performance
- Reliability of Non-Bulk Electric System (Non-BES) Facilities
- Transmission line with high loading

**Problem Statement:**

- The Bellevue – Groton 69 kV Line is approximately four miles in length with 4/0 CU and 336 ACSR 26/7 conductor types.
- The Bellevue-Groton 69 kV Line is expected to approach its thermal capability based on local planning studies.
- Bellevue-Groton 69 kV line has experienced 5 unscheduled outages (sustained) since 2018.
- The structures on this line are 41 years old.

**Model:** 2023 Series 2028 RTEP 50/50 Summer Case

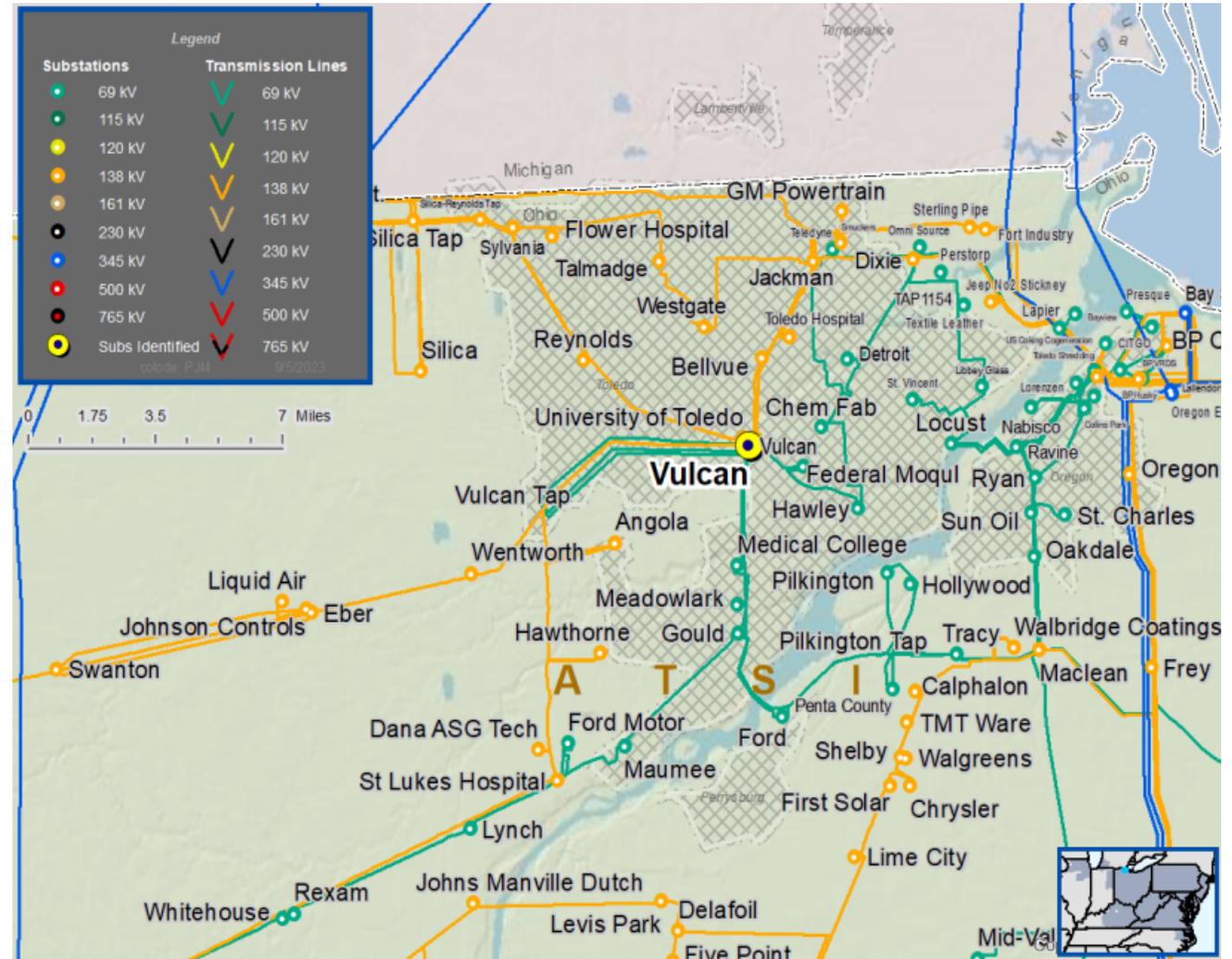


**Need Number:** ATSI-2023-023  
**Previously Presented:** Need Meeting – 10/20/2023

**Supplemental Project Driver(s):**  
*Equipment Material Condition, Performance, and Risk*  
*Operational Flexibility and Efficiency*  
*Infrastructure Resilience*

- Specific Assumption Reference(s)**
- Substation / Line equipment limits
  - System reliability and performance
  - Reliability of Non-Bulk Electric System (Non-BES) Facilities

**Problem Statement:**  
 The Vulcan 138-69 kV Transformer has been experiencing increased loading during the summer peak seasons requiring Transmission System Operators to mitigate the risk of thermal violations through operational switching.



# Solutions

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**Need Number:** ATSI-2023-022  
**Process Stage:** Solution Meeting – 10/20/2023  
**Previously Presented:** Need Meeting – 8/18/2023

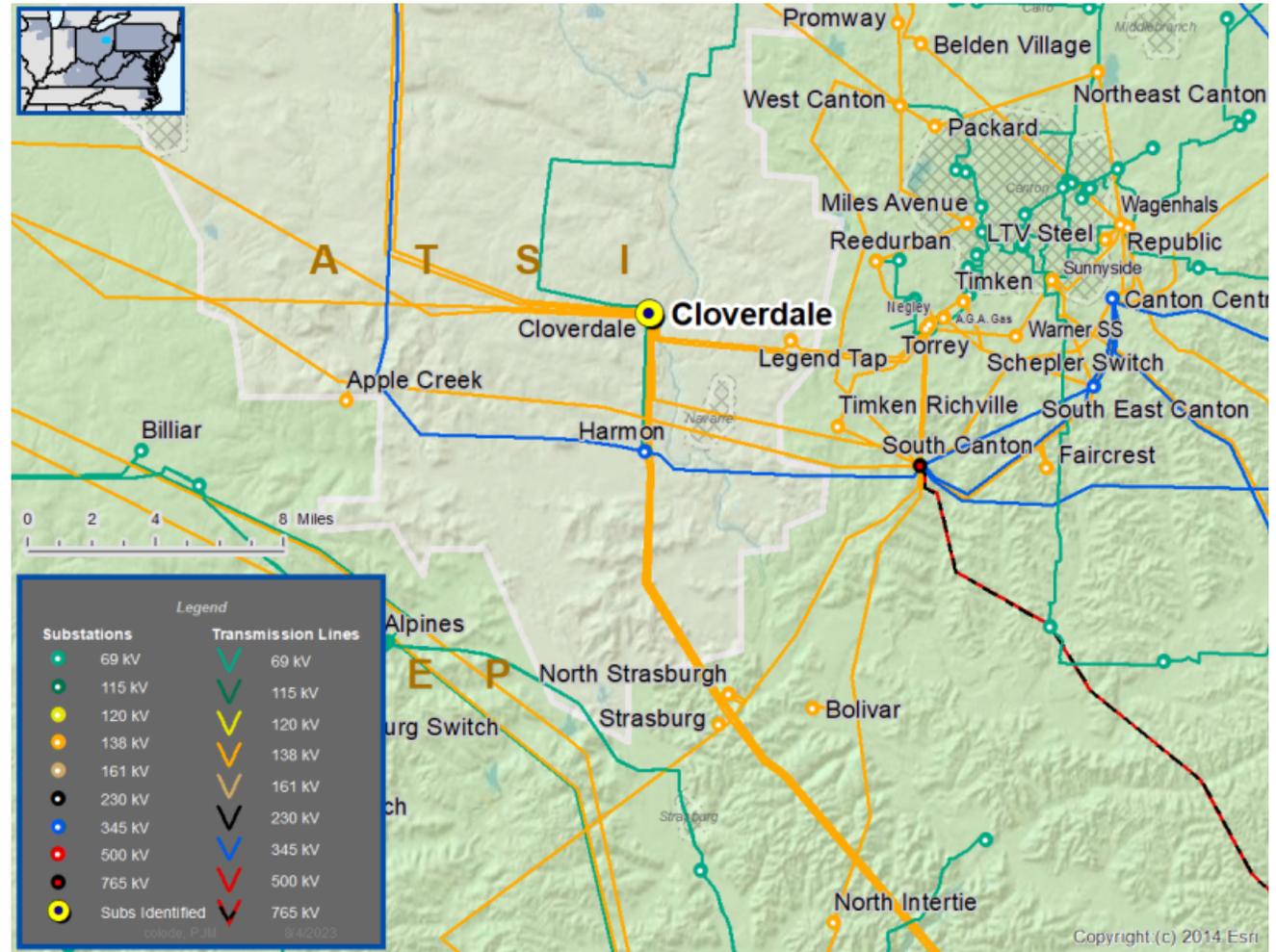
**Supplemental Project Driver(s):**  
*Customer Service*

**Specific Assumption Reference(s):**  
 New customer connection request will be evaluated per FirstEnergy’s “Requirements for Transmission Connected Facilities” document and “Transmission Planning Criteria” document.

**Problem Statement**

New Customer Connection – has requested a new 138 kV delivery point from the Cloverdale 138 kV Substation. The anticipated load of the new customer connection is 200 MVA.

**Requested In-Service Date:**  
 October 1, 2022





## ATSI Transmission Zone M-3 Process Cloverdale 138 kV Customer Connection

**Need Number:** ATSI-2023-022  
**Process Stage:** Solution Meeting – 10/20/2023  
**Previously Presented:** Need Meeting – 8/18/2023

### **Proposed Solution:**

#### ***138 kV Direct Substation Delivery Point***

- Install a 138 kV circuit breaker at the Cloverdale 138 kV North bus.
- Construct approximately 0.1 miles of transmission line from the Cloverdale Substation to the customer substation.
- Install one SCADA controlled transmission line switch.

### **Alternatives Considered:**

- No other feasible alternatives to serve the customer's load.

**Estimated Project Cost:** \$0.0

**Projected In-Service:** 12/1/2025

**Status:** Engineering

# Appendix

# High Level M-3 Meeting Schedule

Assumptions	Activity	Timing
	Posting of TO Assumptions Meeting information	20 days before Assumptions Meeting
	Stakeholder comments	10 days after Assumptions Meeting
Needs	Activity	Timing
	TOs and Stakeholders Post Needs Meeting slides	10 days before Needs Meeting
	Stakeholder comments	10 days after Needs Meeting
Solutions	Activity	Timing
	TOs and Stakeholders Post Solutions Meeting slides	10 days before Solutions Meeting
	Stakeholder comments	10 days after Solutions Meeting
Submission of Supplemental Projects & Local Plan	Activity	Timing
	Do No Harm (DNH) analysis for selected solution	Prior to posting selected solution
	Post selected solution(s)	Following completion of DNH analysis
	Stakeholder comments	10 days prior to Local Plan Submission for integration into RTEP
	Local Plan submitted to PJM for integration into RTEP	Following review and consideration of comments received after posting of selected solutions

# Revision History

9/7/2023 – V1 – Original version posted to pjm.com

10/10/2023 – V2 –

Addition of ATSI-2023-025, ATSI-2023-029, ATSI-2023-041 as needs

Addition of ATSI-2023-022 as solutions