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# **Dynamic Line Ratings Strategy**

# **Current PPL Transmission Grid**





- Heavily rebuilt & strengthened physical plant
- ~50% penetration of microprocessor relays
- Primitive "smart" devices
- No automation
- People-dependent
  - Manual switching / paper permits
  - Reactive to failed equipment
  - Engineer calculated fault locations
  - Isolated voltage control



# **Elements of the Future Transmission Grid**

- 100% smart relays & devices
- Single connectivity, geo-spatial, & engineering model
- Predict all failures before they occur
- Automated operations based on realtime data feeds into TMS
- Grid-enhancing technologies
  - Smart Wires
  - Asset Health Monitoring on every asset class
    - Dynamic Line Monitoring
  - Traveling Wave Relays







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## **Enabler: Centralized Platforms**



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### What is DLR?

System of line sensors installed to measure conductor and environmental real time data. The data can then be used for asset health algorithms and real-time operation for determining a real time rating for the line.

#### Static Line Ratings

Assumes:

- Wind speed
- Ambient Temp
- Solar Radiation
- 2 Seasons (Planning)
- Ambient Adjusted Ratings (Operating)

Conservatively Calculates Ratings No way to trend field conditions or health

### Dynamic Line Ratings

Measures:

- Wind Speed
- Ambient Temp
- Conductor Temp
- Conductor Sag

Provides Accurate Real Time and Forecasted Ratings Measures Conductor Health



### Potential Ratings Gain

- Used historical temperature and wind speed to estimate the impact of the dynamic lines ratings system
- Based on calculated conductor temperature
- Expected average ratings gain of almost 30%
- Actual rating increase incorporating the real time conductor data is expected to be greater than the estimated ratings using historical data



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Period: from 2019-01-01T00:00:00.000Z to 2019-12-30T23:59:59.000Z

### **Dynamic Line Ratings Process**





### **Dynamic Line Rating Next Steps**



- Establishing a data stream from the sensors installed on Juniata-Cumberland & Harwood-Susquehanna lines to PPL Operations.
- Work with PJM to fully utilize available line capacity, by operating to real-time ratings and using forecasted ratings in the day ahead market.
- Continue to seek additional lines to install the technology on
- Looking at using accumulated historical DLR over time to justify improving static line ratings methodology



### System Overview



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