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4910 Lightning Talk: Prototyping

Ames Microgrid Evaluation & Substation Consulting

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Project Overview

- Project Goals:
 - Improve campus microgrid and substation infrastructure
 - Create scalable models for distribution and transmission
 - Design a one-line diagram for a safe, reliable substation
 - Build a microgrid model for load management and energy distribution
 - Support growth and resilience with renewables

- Objectives:

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Prototypes Overview

- Microgrid Prototype:
 - Platform: OpenDSS model for campus distribution network
 - Purpose: Simulate campus load distribution and reduce load
 - Goal: Test load feasibility without GIS

| 10/2/24 at 2:55 PM real time | BTU/hr | kW | Tons/hr | Gal of Gasoline/hr | \$/hr | Cost per kW |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------|---------|--------------------|---------|-------------|
| Electricity | 72,014,301 | 21,100 | 6,001 | 626 | \$2,142 | \$0.10 |
| Heating | 55,078,500 | 16,138 | 4,590 | 479 | \$964 | \$0.06 |
| Cooling | 89,598,000 | 26,252 | 7,467 | 779 | \$1,520 | \$0.06 |
| Total | 216,690,801 | 63,490 | 18,058 | 1884 | \$4,626 | \$0.07 |

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Prototypes Overview

- Transmission Prototype:
 - One-Line Diagram: Substation design for reliable power flow and battery integration
 - Diagram Goals:
 - Visualize power flow from high-voltage sources
 - Identify protection, breakers, and switchgears
 - Allow flexibility for future renewable expansion
 - Map structure and identify equipment



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Learning and Challenges

- Microgrid Learnings: Manual mapping and OpenDSS model adaptation
 - Worked: Google Maps workaround
 - Didn't Work: GIS absence and load profile limitations
- Transmission Learnings: Diagram complexity, balancing clarity and detail
 - Worked: Initial one-line success
 - Didn't Work: Access specific equipment information



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Conclusion

- Key Takeaways:
 - Prototypes support campus energy needs and scalability
 - Microgrid model provides insights into load management
 - One-line diagram enhances substation safety and flexibility
- Next Steps:
 - Refine load profiles and integrate renewable sources
 - Begin Relaying Single Line Diagram and General Arrangement for new substation



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