# **ACCC<sup>®</sup> Advanced Conductor**

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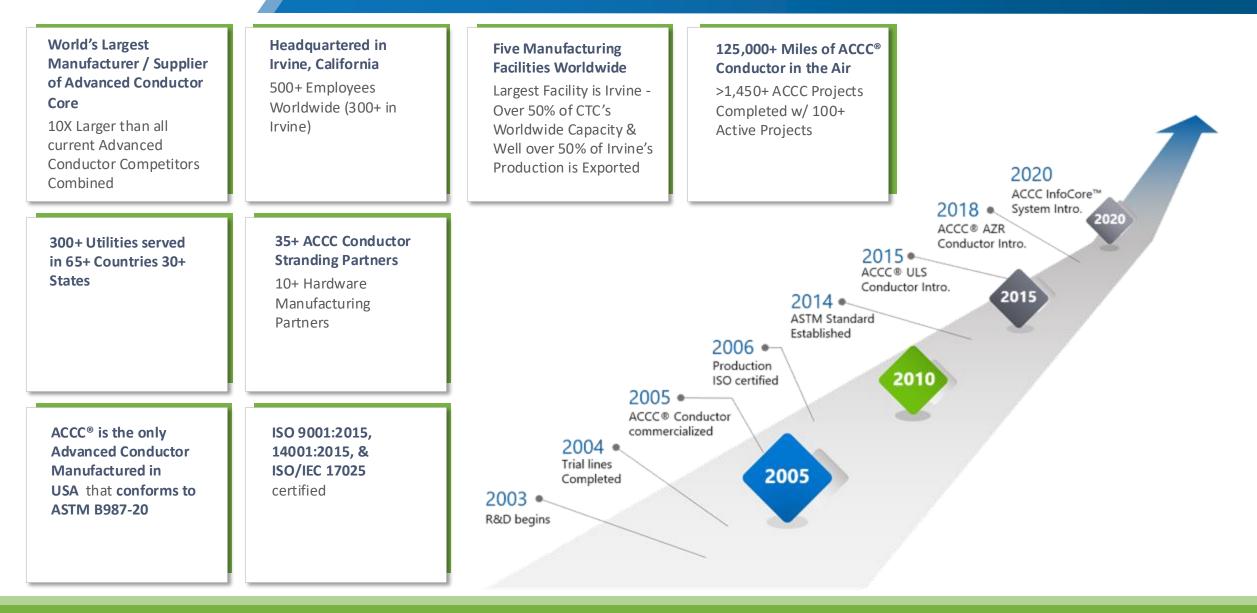
# **Cost-effective Transmission Expansion**

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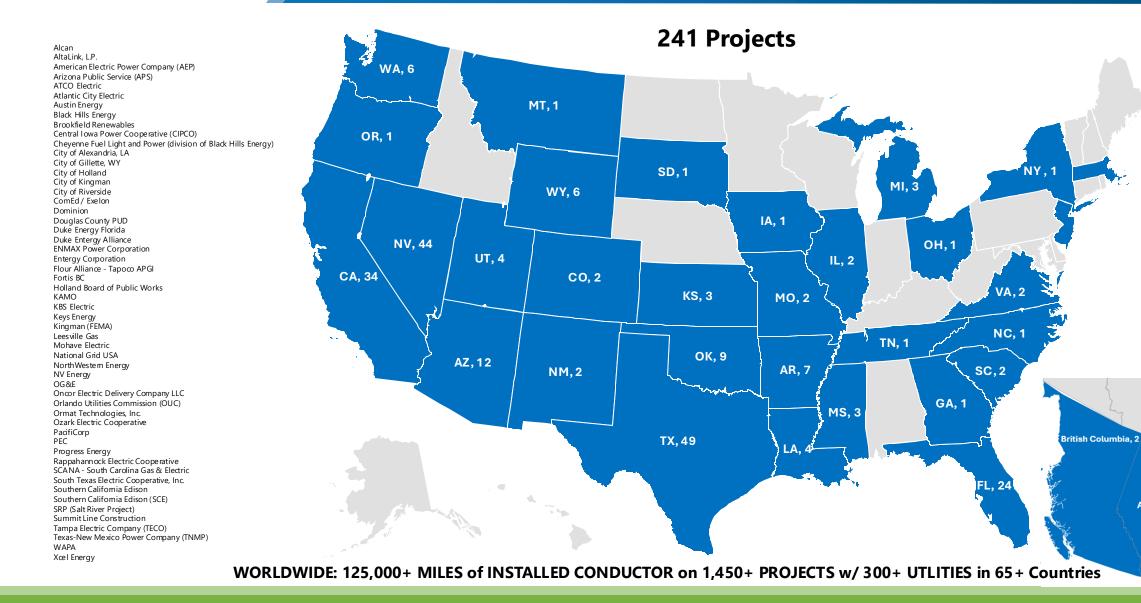
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## **CTC Global Overview**



### **ACCC® Conductor Installations- North America**

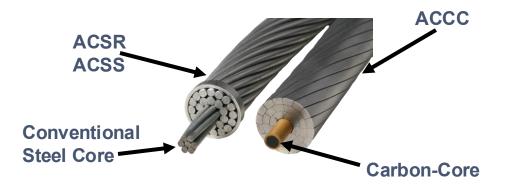


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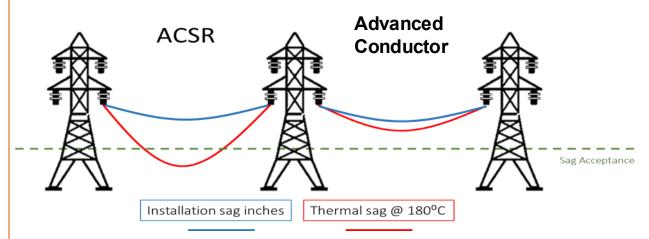
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### **Advanced Conductors – Designed for Performance**



#### **Advanced vs. Conventional**

- Replace steel and hard aluminum with carbon and annealed aluminum
- More aluminum that is more efficient equals:
  - 2x capacity capability
  - More efficient (~30% lower resistance)
- Much lower thermal expansion means 50% less thermal sag
- Corrosion resistant



#### Less Sag

- Less sag means smaller towers or fewer towers
- Less sag means wildfire risk mitigation

The Department of Energy defines Advanced Conductors\* as: "Conductors that increase line capacity by >1.5x (at a similar weight per foot); advanced conductors use composite core (instead of traditional steel cores) to improve efficiency and increase capacity with limited sag"

<sup>\*</sup> April 2024 Liftoff Report formerly available at <a href="https://liftoff.energy.gov/wpcontent/uploads/2024/04/Liftoff\_Innovative-Grid-Deployment\_Final\_4.15.pdf">https://liftoff.energy.gov/wpcontent/uploads/2024/04/Liftoff\_Innovative-Grid-Deployment\_Final\_4.15.pdf</a>

## **Trusted by US and Global Customers**

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# **Advanced Reconductoring: A Unique Capability**

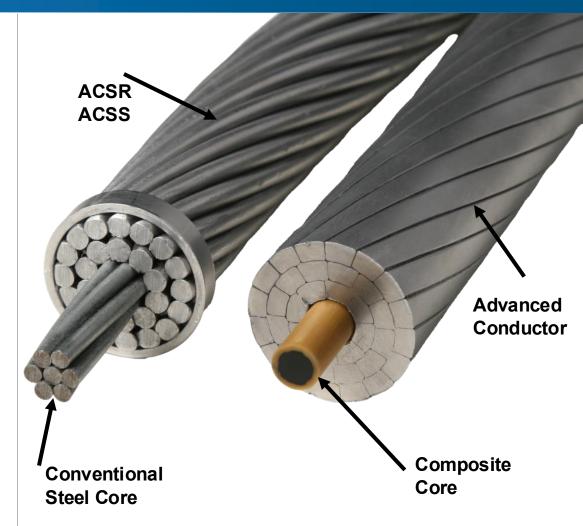
Even after more aluminum is added, the carbon-core Advanced Conductor **weighs about the same** as the conventional ACSR of the same diameter.

The carbon-core is **stronger and lighter** than the same diameter steel core.

#### Enables a unique capability: advanced reconductoring

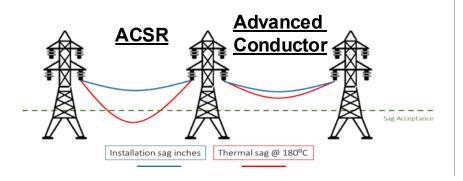
High-efficiency carbon-core Advanced Conductor can be installed on the same tower/structure that was designed for the conventional ACSR (same diameter & weight) and provides much greater capacity and energy efficiency (with MUCH lower sag).

Advanced reconductoring also provides an option to defer noncritical line rebuilds and increase line capacity sooner; with a lower total NPV compared to rebuilding the line early



# **CTC GLOBAL** What <u>Does Advanced Reconductoring Enable?</u>





#### SPEED. LOWER COST. MORE CAPACITY & LOWER LOSSES. WILDFIRE RISK MITIGATION & RESILIENCE.

Reconductoring with Advanced Conductor using the same structures in existing ROW, results in:



\* Construction & Environmental permits (& processes) are eliminated

\*\* GREATLY REDUCED sag; LOWER operating temperature of lines – Max 356°F v. 482°F for ACSS; ACCC can better withstand wildfire temperatures for faster service restoration - RESILIENCE

# SCE Saved \$87M & Increased Line Capacity

Utility:	Southern California Edison			
Line configuration:	230 kV 137-mile single circuit line			
ACCC <sup>®</sup> conductor installed:	411 conductor miles			
Project objective:	SCE needed to rebuild 137 miles of the Big Creek transmission corridor to mitigate sag violations			
Project details with traditional vs ACCC <sup>®</sup> conductor				
	ACSR	ACCC <sup>®</sup>		
Rebuild/retrofit required:	Yes	No		
Conductor type:	ACSR Dove	ACCC <sup>®</sup> Dove		
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Project cost:	\$135M	\$48M		

#### **ACCC<sup>®</sup>** Solution

#### Increased line capacity

Increased the line's rating from 936 amps to 1520 amps, adding 60%+ more capacity

#### Sag violation mitigation

Realized **40% improvement in line sag**, mitigating all violations and increasing overall line safety



#### **Reduced line losses**

**Reduced line loss by 30%** enabling conservation of generation capacity and saving \$85M in customer costs



Reconductoring with ACCC<sup>®</sup> vs rebuilding saved years of time in permitting and construction, provided significant environmental advantages, and saved tens of millions of dollars in project costs.

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# More than Reconductoring

Advanced Reconductoring	2X capacity with ACCC <sup>®</sup> on existing structures with minimal retrofitting	Similar capacity upgrade with traditional conductors requires more structure replacements or full rebuilds with significantly higher total project costs
New Lines & Rebuilds	Substantially lower structure & construction costs when using ACCC®	Lower sag allows for longer span (fewer structures) and/ or shorter structures requiring less right of way
Adding Unexpected Needed Capacity	Faster & lower cost project completion when replacing ACSR with ACCC®	Avoid costly project redesign and delays to quickly increase line capacity between project design and pre-construction stages due to unforeseen increased capacity needs

# Adding Unexpected Needed Capacity Mid-Project

Situation	Problem solving with ACCC <sup>®</sup>	Results
Need to add more capacity than in initial project design	Cos swit	\$30M Cost savings from switching to ACCC from ACSR
<ul> <li>2023: Pre-construction begins post surveys, project planning, land acquisition and permitting</li> <li>During this time, generation growth forecasts grew faster than originally planned</li> <li>As a result, original line capacity would be insufficient to meet the demand</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Utilities replaced ACSR with ACCC<sup>®</sup> Conductors of same weight and diameter and increased line capacity by 65%</li> <li>1,100+ mi of ACCC<sup>®</sup> to be installed with same line design and right-of-way meeting construction schedule for planned 2026 in-service date</li> </ul>	65% Extra line capacity added future proofing the grid Comparison of the series of the

#### Significant savings on total project costs for

new build and rebuild projects by lowering structure and construction costs

#### Lower sag and weight of ACCC<sup>®</sup> Conductor allows for either **longer span (fewer structures)** and/ or **shorter structures** for the same line

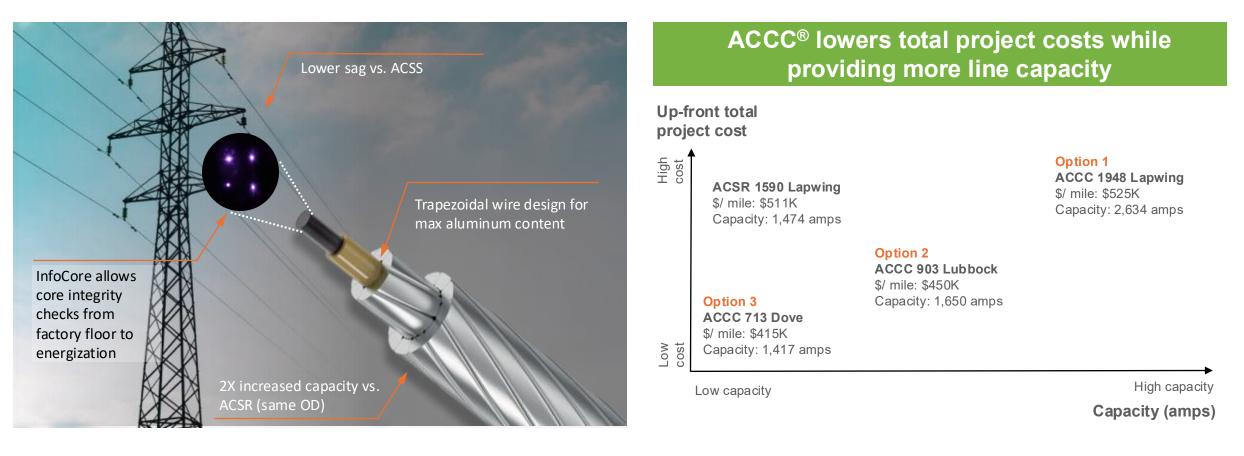
- Saves you time and capital
- Reduces new ROW permitting and timeline
- Helps address environmental sensitive areas

**Ice loading performance is** the same as the best performing steel core; heavy ice-centric options are available (e.g., AZR AI).

# There is an ACCC<sup>®</sup> option to meet ANY extreme ice criteria

Based on findings from recent Power Engineers study with structure height as varied parameter		ACSR	ACCC®	
Conductor name Line configuration, 230 kV Diameter (in) per wire Aluminum area (kcmil) per wire Ampacity @ max op Weight (lbs/kft) Span length (ft) Structures needed/ mile Structure Height (ft) Resistance at average load of 800 NESC case Tension @ NESC 250B (lbs/wire)	Conductor name	Tern	Cardinal	
	Line configuration, 230 kV	Double bundle	Single	
	Diameter (in) per wire	1.063	1.198	
	Aluminum area (kcmil) per wire	795	1221.8	
	Ampacity @ max op	1917	2005	
	Weight (Ibs/kft)	1790	1225	
	Span length (ft)	500 - 1000	500 - 1000	
	Structures needed/ mile	5.3 - 10.6	5.3 - 10.6	
	Structure Height (ft)	81.3 – 102.2	75.6 - 95.6	
	Resistance at average load of 800A	0.0637	0.0896	
	NESC case	Medium	Medium	
	Tension @ NESC 250B (lbs/wire)	6,928 - 8,320	8,857 - 10,089	
	Maximum thermal sag (ft)	14.8 – 35.7	9.1 – 29.1	
Project costs (\$/mile)	Conductor costs	\$139,709	\$172,973	
	Structure, construction and other costs	\$1.54M - \$1.63M	\$1.12M - \$1.25M	
oje( (\$/I	Total capital cost	\$1.69M - \$1.77M	\$1.30M - \$1.42M	
Ā	20 - 23% lower cost with ACCC <sup>®</sup> enabled by shorter towers			

### **Lower Up-Front Costs & Higher Line Capacity**



ACCC InfoCore® System offers a quick & convenient way to assess powerline condition

Gives you ability to evaluate conductor integrity and **identify and prioritize repairs, preventing costly outages**, especially after severe weather events or suspected physical damage

# **Cost-effective Transmission Expansion**

- ADVANCED RECONDUCTORING means grid capacity with SPEED and RESILIENCE
- **REBUILD** faster and at lower cost

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- NEW LINES with Advanced Conductors is a win for consumer, the environment, and the grid
- ACCC<sup>®</sup> Conductor has experience and performance: THE ADVANCED CONDUCTOR

The most tested, certified and used advanced conductor

