



# PPL's Dynamic Line Ratings (DLR) System

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Delivering reliable power to **3.5 million customers** across **20,600 square miles**.

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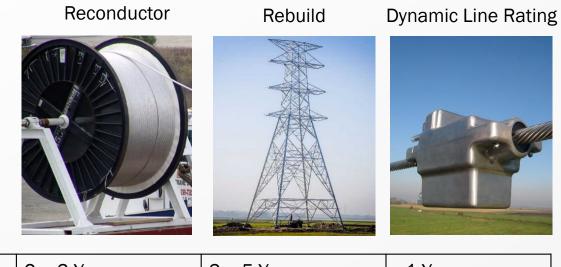
# Background

### **Original Dynamic Line Ratings Use Case**

- 2020 PJM Market Efficiency Case
- \$23.5 Million in annual congestion costs projected in 2025
- Harwood to Susquehanna #1 & #2 | 230 kV | ACSS |
- Juniata to Cumberland | 230 kV | ACSR |

	ME Base Case (Annual Congestion \$million)				ME Base Case (Hours Binding)				
FG#	Constraint	FROM AREA	TO AREA	Si	2025 imulated Year	Si	2028 mulated Year	2025 Simulated Year	2028 Simulated Year
ME-1	Kammer North to Natrium 138 kV	AEP	AEP	\$	2.02	\$	6.56	69	167
ME-3	Junction to French's Mill 138 kV	APS	APS	\$	9.18	\$	11.97	276	301
ME-4	Yukon to AA2-161 Tap 138 kV	APS	APS	\$	4.36	\$	5.16	1742	1958
ME-5	Charlottesville to Proffit Rd Del Pt 230 kV	DOM	DOM	\$	3.76	\$	4.96	121	124
ME-6	Plymouth Meeting to Whitpain 230 kV	PECO	PECO	\$	3.33	\$	4.09	111	101
ME-7	Cumberland to Juniata 230 kV***	PLGRP	PLGRP	\$	9.00	\$	6.61	213	179
ME-8	Harwood to Susquehanna 230 kV***	PLGRP	PLGRP	\$	14.49	\$	8.69	830	501

# **Solutions Considered**



Time to Implement	2 – 3 Years	3 – 5 Years	~1 Year
Downtime	Extended Outages	Extended Outages	No Outages
Cost	\$0.5 M per mile	\$2 - 3 M per mile	< \$1 M
Est Capacity Benefit	+ 34%	+ 106%	+ 10 - 30%

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# What is DLR?



DLR is a system of installed line sensors used to measure conductor and environmental real-time data to determine a real-time rating instead of assumed condition values

### **Existing Line Ratings**

### Assumes:

- Wind speed
- Ambient temperature
- Solar radiation

2 Seasons (Summer & Winter) (Planning)

Ambient Adjusted (Operations)

Conservatively calculates ratings

### **Dynamic Line Ratings**

### Measures:

- Wind speed
- Ambient temperature
- Conductor temperature
- Conductor sag

**Provides Accurate Real-Time Ratings** 

Allows for Forecasted Rating

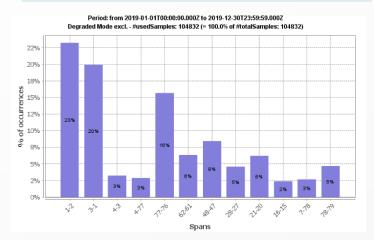
• Measures Conductor Health

# **Target Span Identification**

### Critical Span Distribution From DLR Simulation

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### Required Span Selection Rules

- Orientation between spans changes more than 15°
  - $\rightarrow$  To capture variability in wind direction
- Distance is greater than 10 km
- Conductor or number of sub-conductor change
- Span safety concerns
- Utility span data identifies high risk span(s)

### Final Span Selection

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### Installation

•One phase per identified span

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- •Sensor mounted 5 10% of the total span length from either tower
- •Live Line Installation Via Helicopter and from ground
- •Mounting procedure is 5 10 minutes per sensor



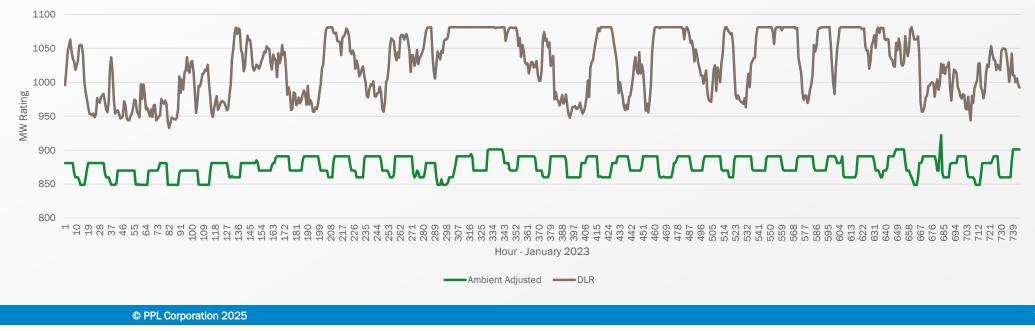
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# **SUSQ-HARW In-Service Results**

SUSQ-HARW #1 & #2 (ACSS) Fully in-service in December 2022:

- ~17% Average Normal Rating Increase (2023)
- ~16.5% Average Emergency Rating Increase (2023)
- Congestion drop from ~\$2 million to ~\$0 for winter 2021-22 to 2022-23

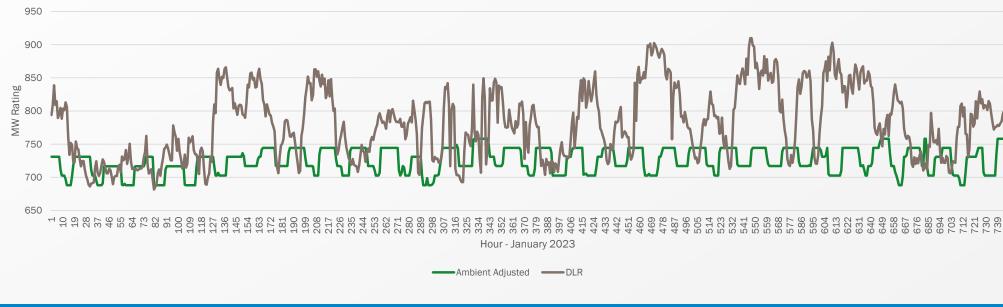
SUSQ-HARW #1 Emergency Rating - January 2023



# **JUNI-CUMB In-Service Results**

JUNI-CUMB (ACSR) Fully in-service in October 2022:

- ~17% Average Normal Rating Increase (2023)
- ~8.5% Average Emergency Rating Increase (2023)
- Congestion drop from >\$60 million to ~\$1.6 Million for winter 2021-22 to 2022-23



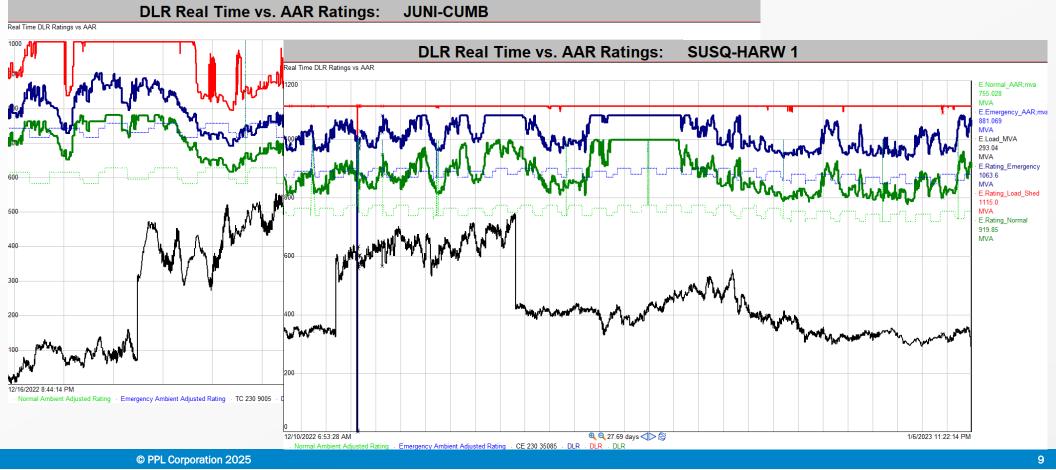
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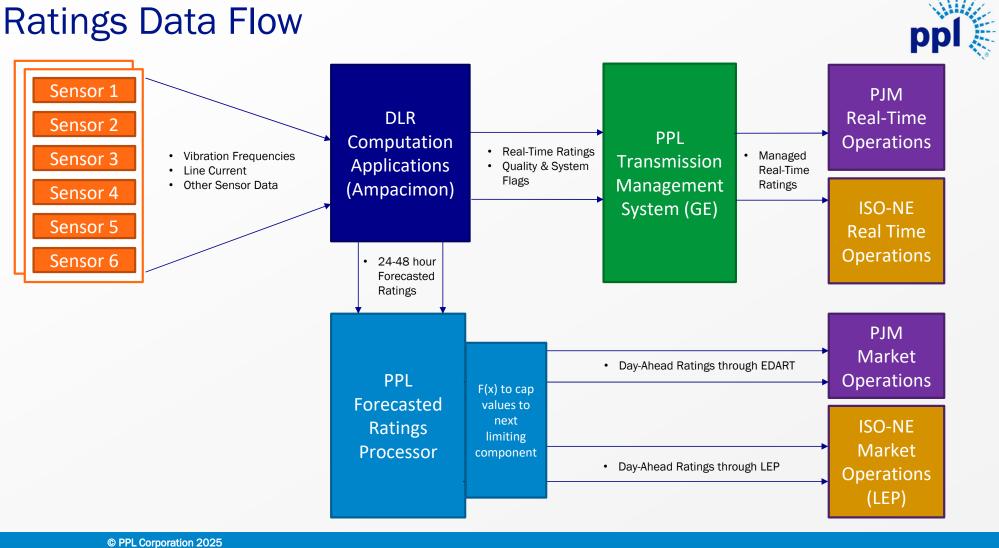
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# **Real Time DLR In Action**

### December 2022 Polar Vortex



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CIP Standards:

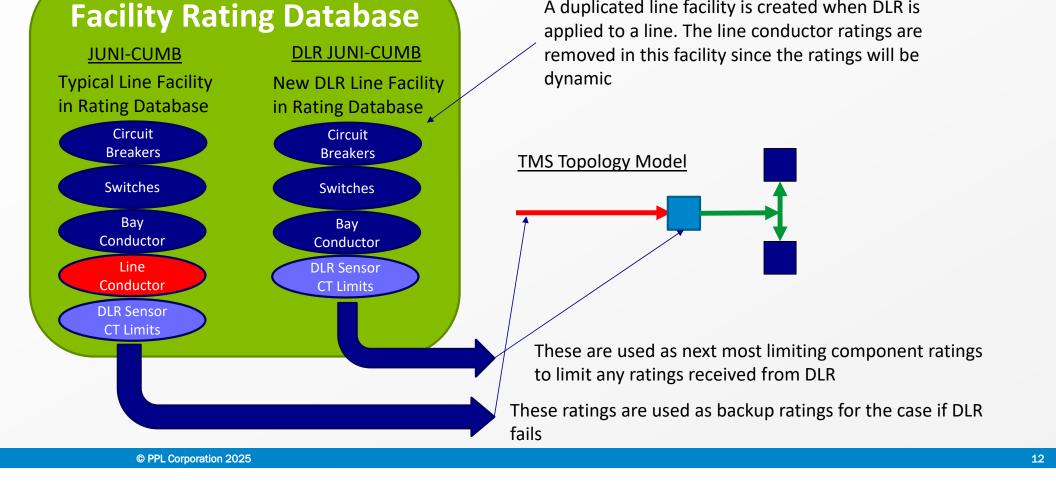
CIP-002: System Categorization CIP-005: Electronic Security Perimeters CIP-006: Physical Security

PRC-023 – Relay Loadability

FAC-008 – Ratings Methodology



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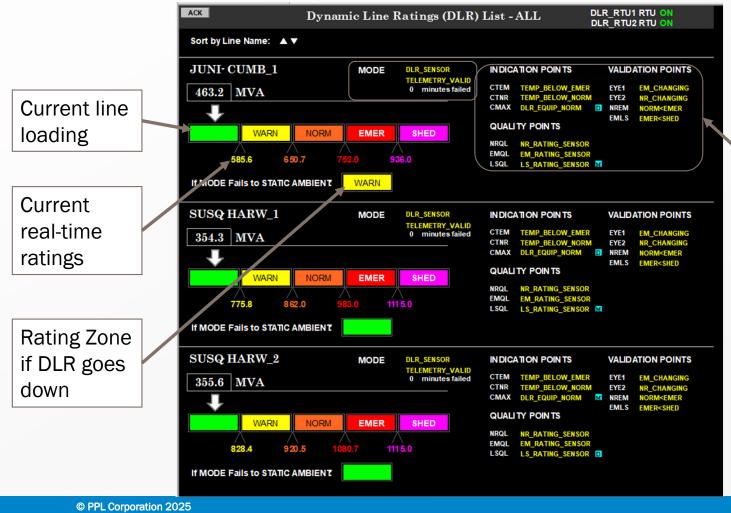


A duplicated line facility is created when DLR is

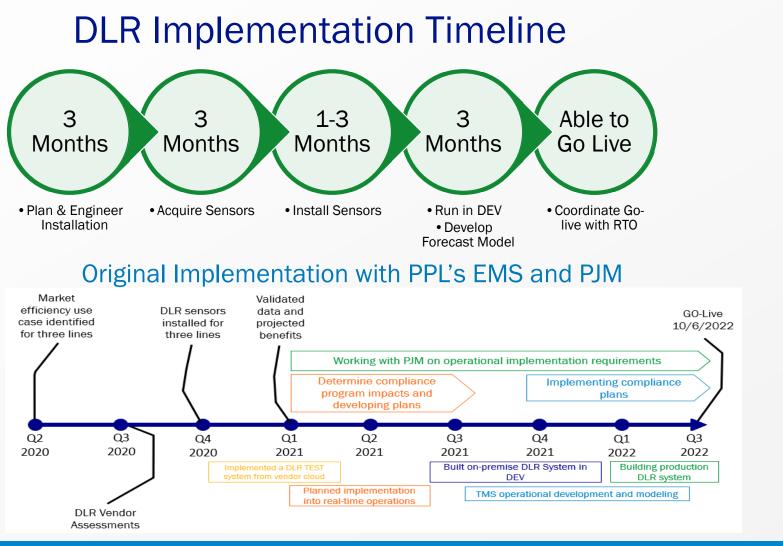
# **FAC-008 Operations Considerations**



## **TMS Operator Display**



Various DLR indication, validation, and quality points for situational awareness



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- DLR installed and operating in a Development environment for the following RIE lines:
  - 1870, 1870N, 1870S and 1870S\_2
  - H17, H17\_S
  - 328
- FERC 881 upgrades needed within ISO-NE before these lines can be operated to DLR in real time and day ahead markets
- After FERC 881 upgrades are completed, RIE will evaluate integrating DLRs with ISO-NE Operations.



# **Questions?**



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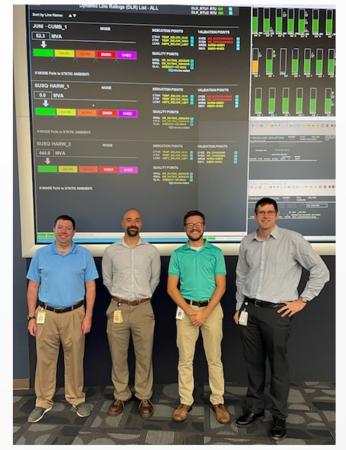


Photo of some of the DLR team members: from left, Andrew Henry, Horst Lehmann, Bill Elko, and Eric Rosenberger

