



PPL's Dynamic Line Ratings (DLR) System

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

Business Use

Where we operate.

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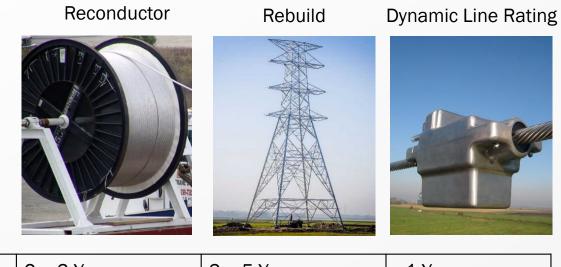
Background

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

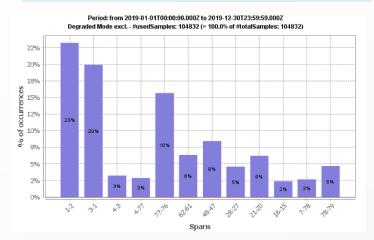
• Measures Conductor Health

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



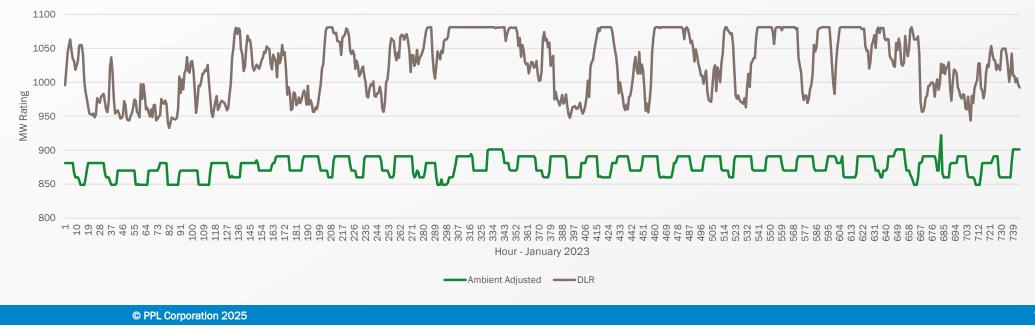
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SUSQ-HARW In-Service Results

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

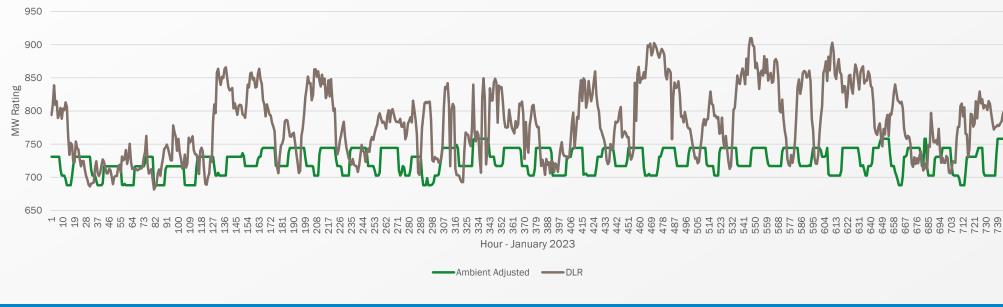
SUSQ-HARW #1 Emergency Rating - January 2023



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



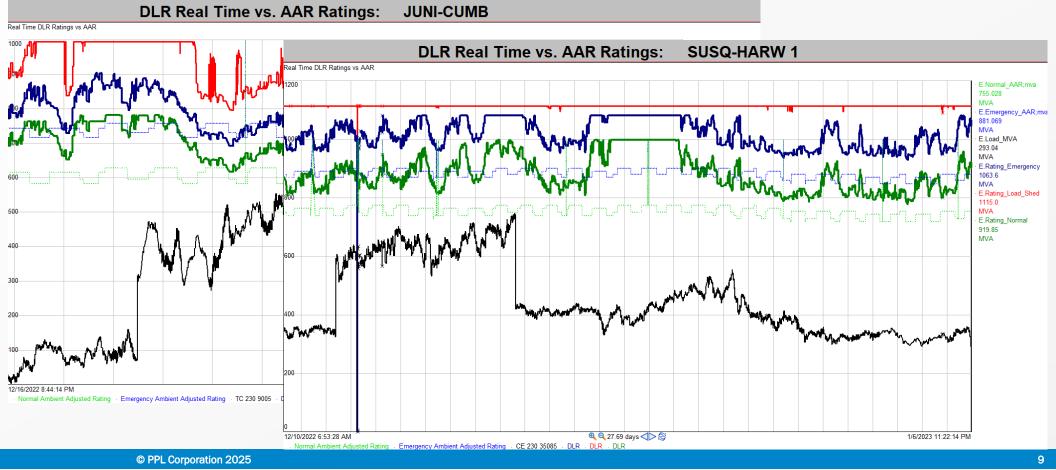
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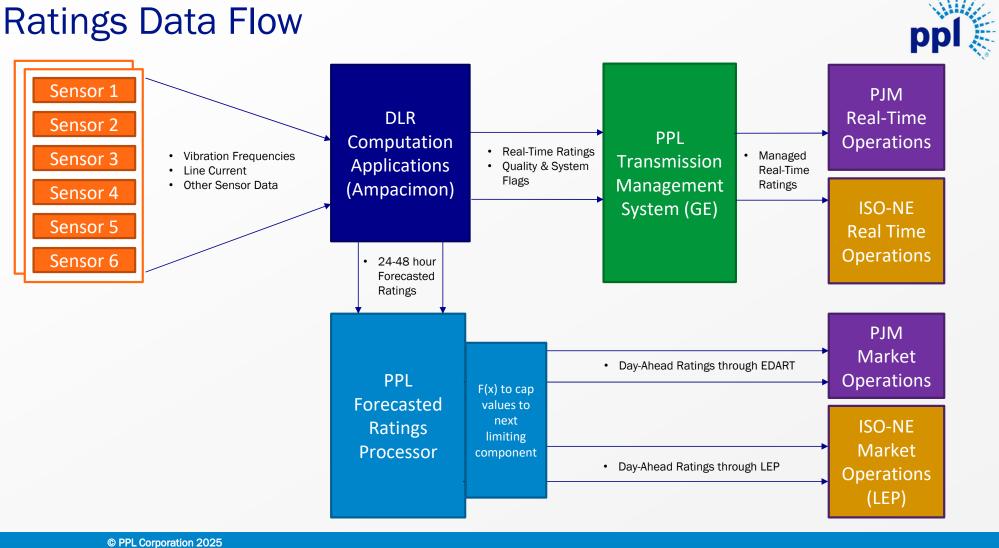
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Real Time DLR In Action

December 2022 Polar Vortex



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CIP Standards:

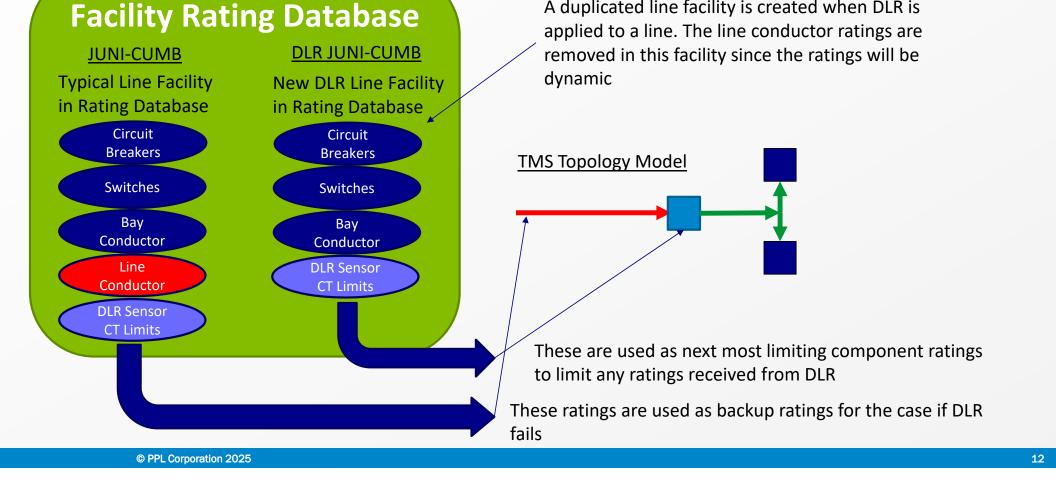
CIP-002: System Categorization CIP-005: Electronic Security Perimeters CIP-006: Physical Security

PRC-023 – Relay Loadability

FAC-008 – Ratings Methodology



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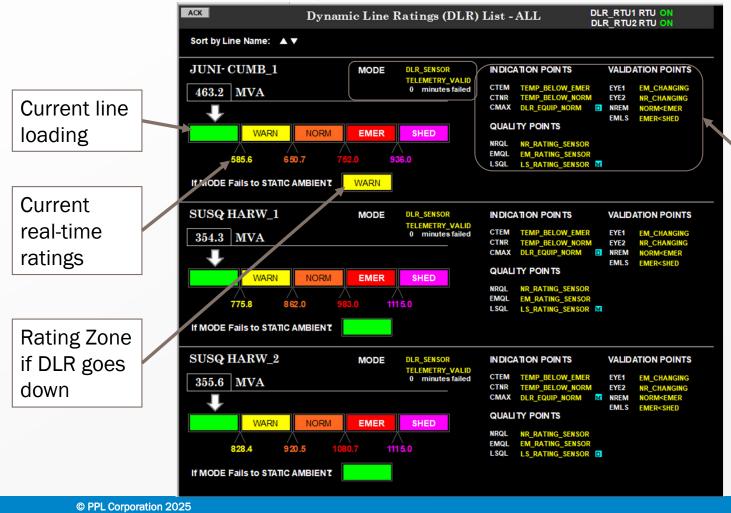


A duplicated line facility is created when DLR is

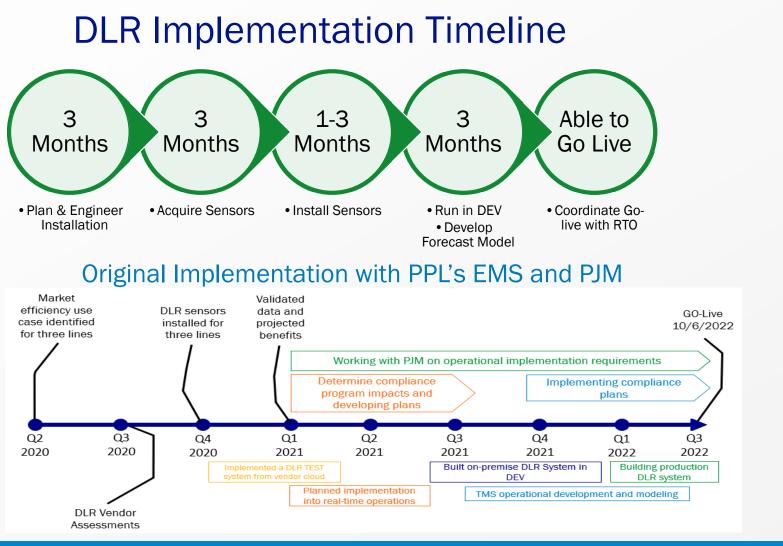
FAC-008 Operations Considerations



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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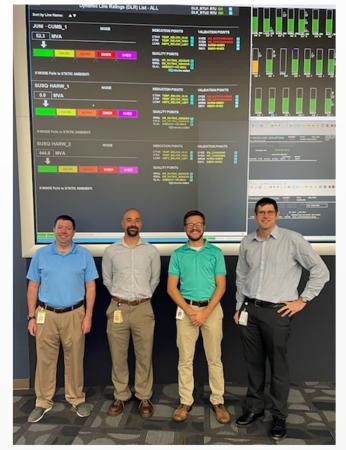


Photo of some of the DLR team members: from left, Andrew Henry, Horst Lehmann, Bill Elko, and Eric Rosenberger

