

SABLE ISLAND NATIONAL PARK RESERVE MICROGRID



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An aerial photograph of a remote island facility. In the foreground, there are several rows of solar panels installed on a grassy area. To the left, a small white building with a yellow door is visible. Further back, a helicopter is parked on a paved area. The background shows rolling green dunes under a cloudy sky.

AGENDA

ADVANCING A GREENER FUTURE:

Sable Island History, Case for Change, and Timeline of Events

MEETING UNIQUE CHALLENGES:

Developing a Sustainable Microgrid in a Remote Location

MODERNIZING REMOTE ENERGY SUPPLY:

Microgrid Design & Key Components

SAVING ANNUAL FUEL CONSUMPTION:

Comparing Existing Power Plant vs. New Power Plant

SETTING A NEW STANDARD:

Lessons Learned in Remote Microgrid Design

QUESTIONS



ABOUT THE ISLAND

A UNIQUE ECOSYSTEM



42 km long

290 km southeast of Halifax

Home to over 190 plant species,
350 bird species, 375 wild horses





Seasonally accessible by sealift

Lack of wharf structure = limitations on materials size and weights

Helicopter and flights limited to 1500 lbs / four people

ABOUT THE ISLAND

A REMOTE AND ISOLATED PLACE





Main Station

ABOUT THE ISLAND

A NEW CHAPTER OF STEWARDSHIP



2013: Sable Island National Park Reserve Established

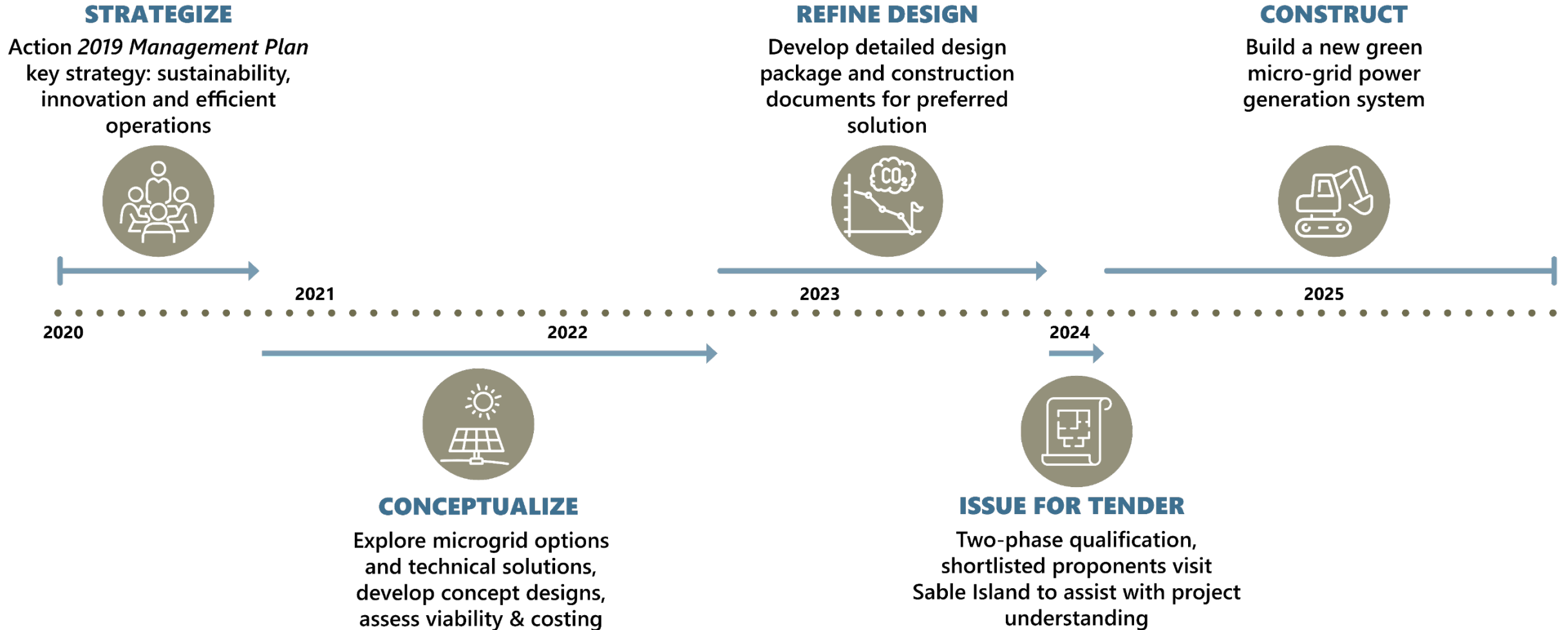
2019: SINPR Management Plan Launch, key strategies:

- ✓ Protect national and cultural heritage
- ✓ Facilitate support for conservation
- ✓ Increase sustainability, innovation, efficient operations (target: 50% fossil fuel reduction)



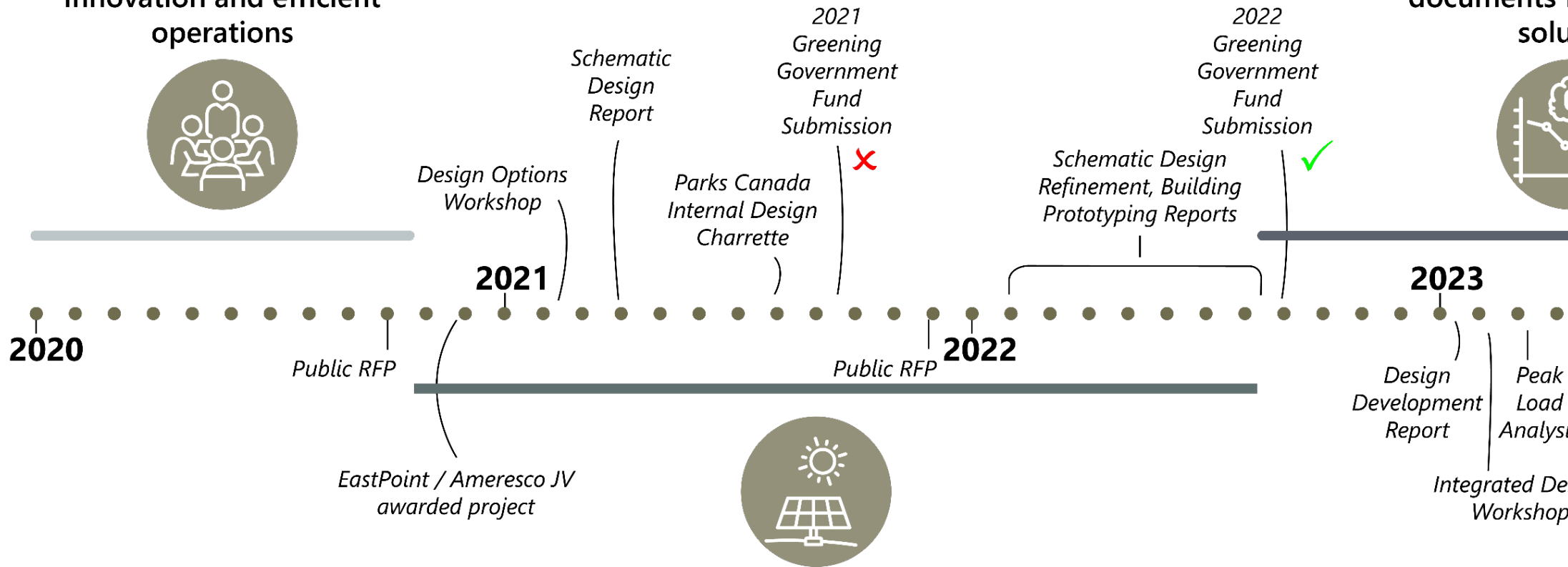
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TIMELINE OF EVENTS



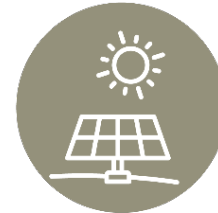
STRATEGIZE

Action 2019 Management Plan
key strategy: sustainability,
innovation and efficient
operations



CONCEPTUALIZE

Explore microgrid options
and technical solutions,
develop concept designs,
assess viability & costing



REFINE

Develop detailed
package and
documents for
solution



WHY ARE MICROGRIDS
IMPORTANT?

MEETING UNIQUE CHALLENGES

DEVELOPING A SUSTAINABLE MICROGRID IN A REMOTE LOCATION



ENERGY RESILIENCE

Reduce diesel used in fixed speed generators and associated CO₂ emissions.



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Mitigating risks in an ecologically sensitive area and managing construction around bird migration patterns.



REMOTE ISLAND LOGISTICS

Getting people and materials that can withstand harsh conditions to safely to site and planning around the yearly sealift.



MODERNIZING REMOTE ENERGY SUPPLY

MICROGRID DESIGN APPROACH & ACHIEVEMENTS

Designing with Constructability and Maintainability top of mind.

Key Components:

1. CVT Generator & Microgrid Control System
2. Solar Energy Generation
3. Battery Storage Technology



ACHIEVEMENTS

62%

Reduction in fuel consumption on island per year (includes heating and vehicle fuel)

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Reduction in GHG emissions by >160 tons of CO₂ emissions per year

Equivalent to saving annual emissions from 30 homes per year

\$364k

Annual savings in energy costs

1. CVT GENERATOR & MICROGRID CONTROL



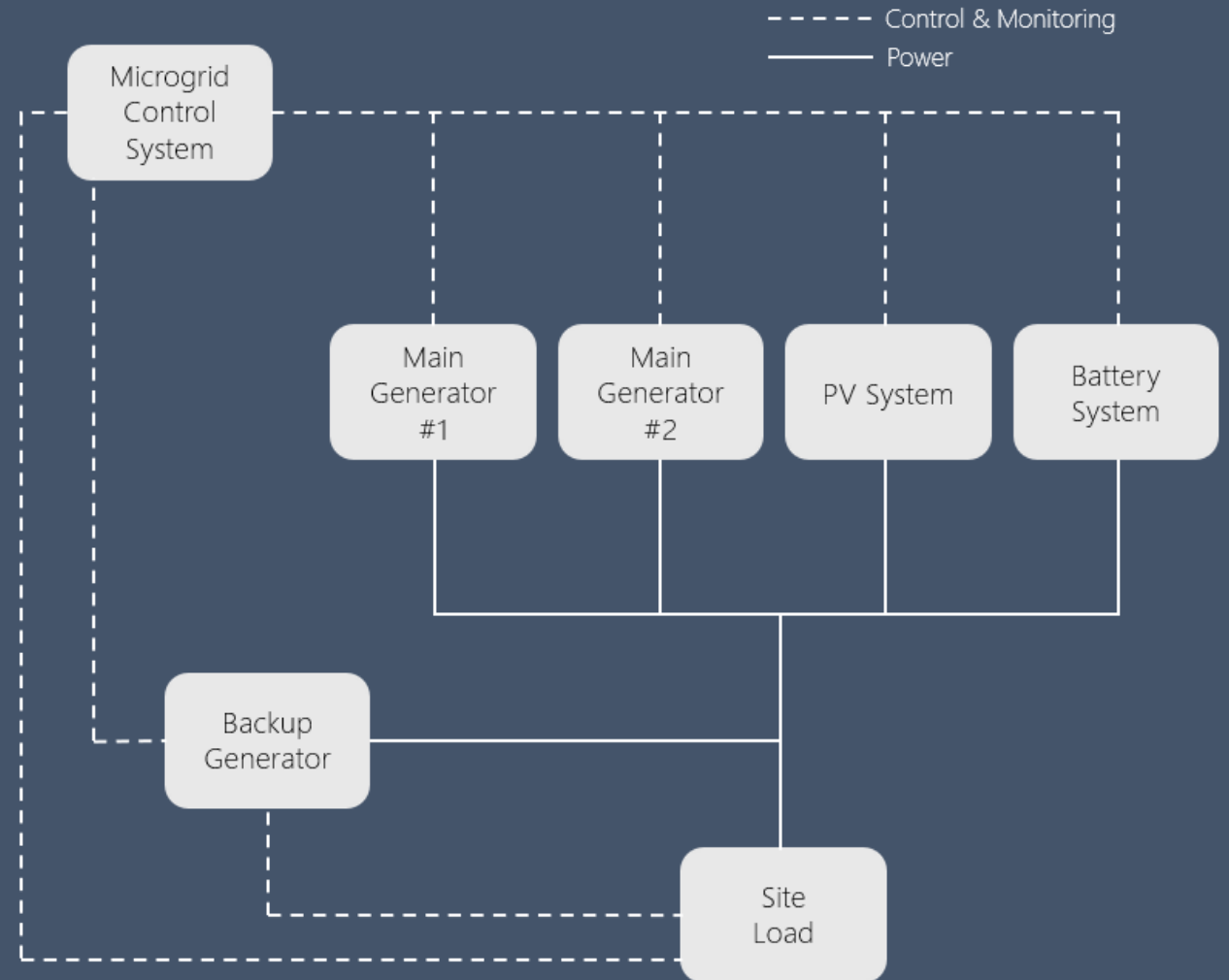
MODULAR/EXPANDABLE FOR
FUTURE GROWTH



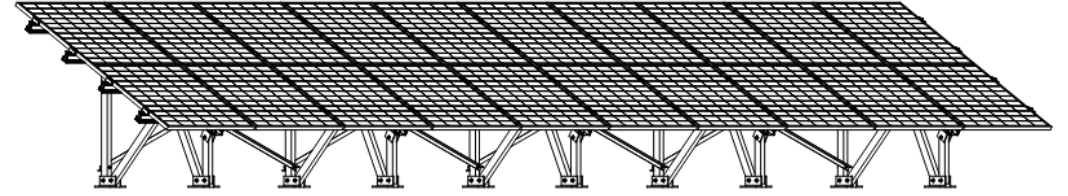
BUILT IN REDUNDANCY



PROVIDES DIAGNOSTIC
INFORMATION



2. ROBUST SOLAR ENERGY GENERATION



30 YEAR PRODUCT
& PERFORMANCE
GUARANTEE



ABLE TO
WITHSTAND UP
TO 500KG/M²



TESTED TO IEC 61701
(Salt Mist Corrosion)

3. BATTERY STORAGE TECHNOLOGY



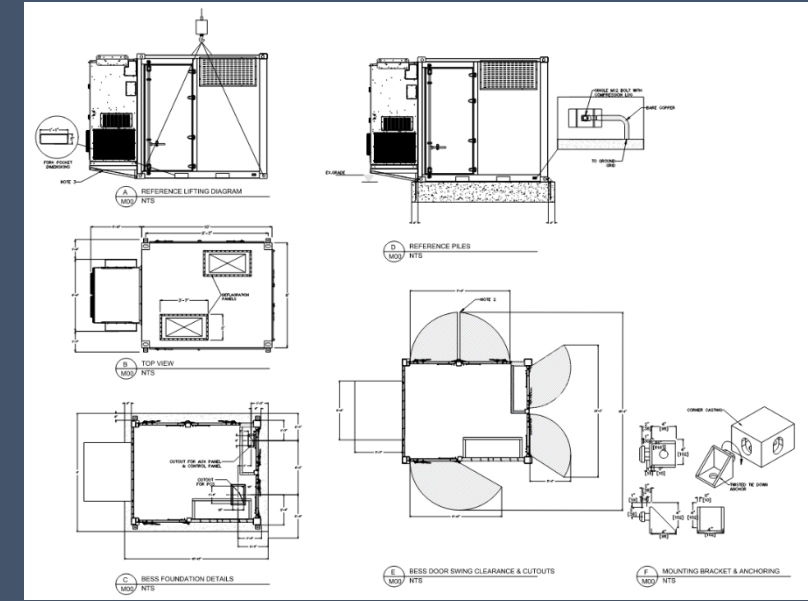
ACTS AS AN ENERGY BUFFER



BUILT FOR HARSH ENVIRONMENT

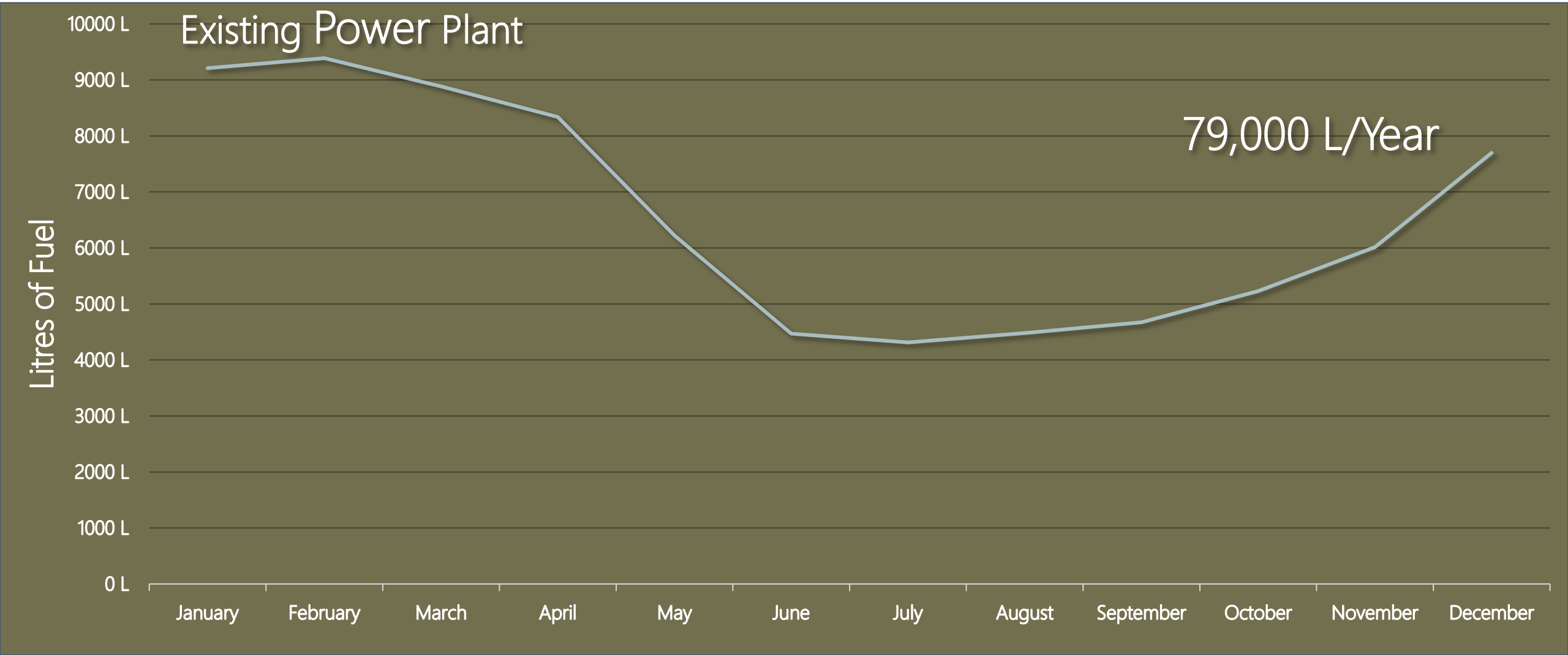


COMPRISED OF "OFF THE SHELF" COMPONENTS



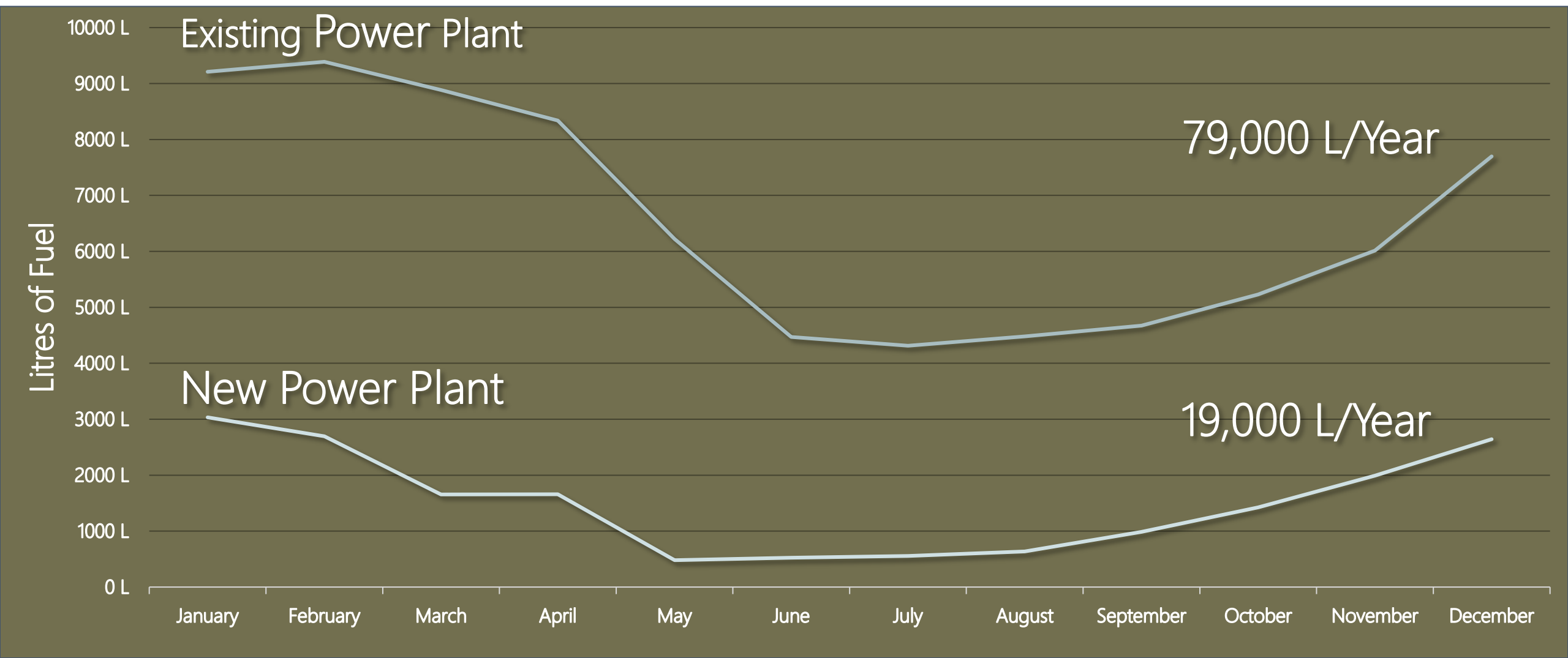
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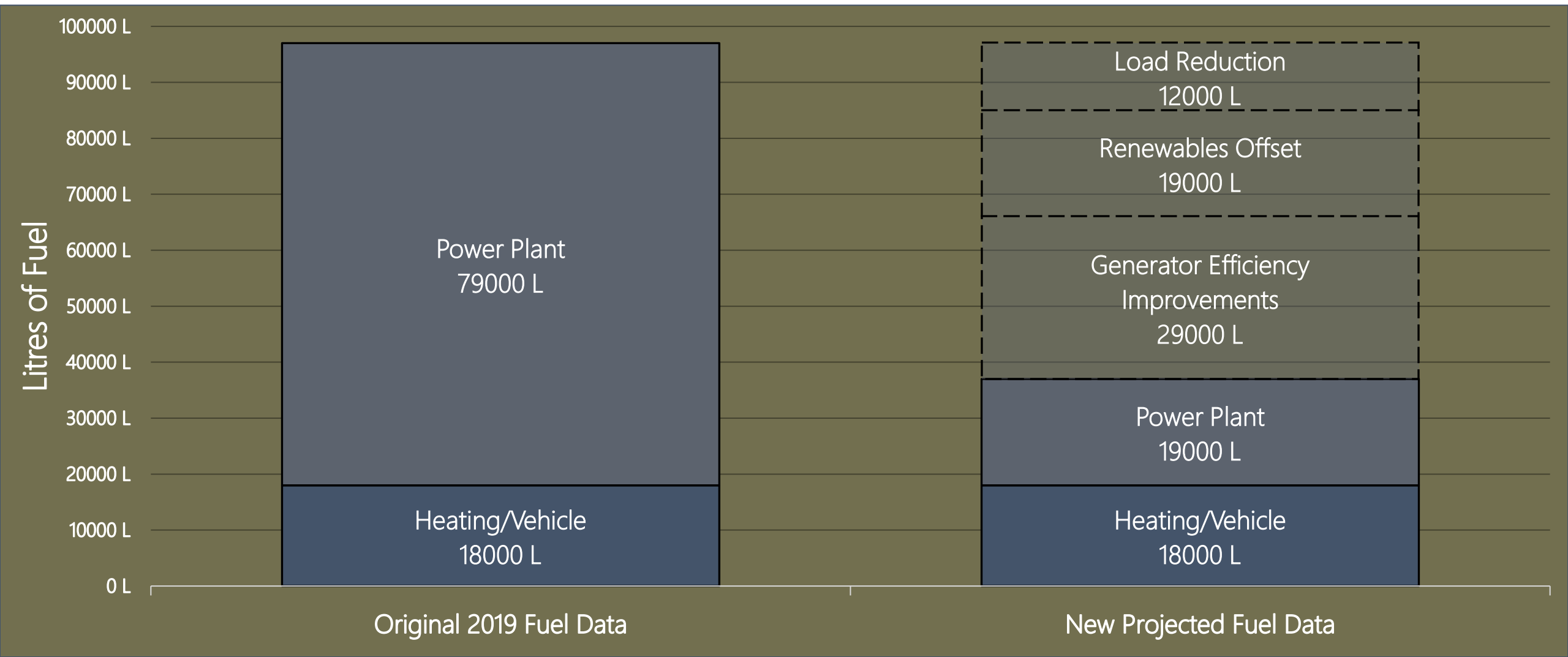
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BREAKDOWN OF FUEL SAVINGS

COMPARING 2019 DATA TO NEW PROJECTIONS



SETTING A NEW STANDARD

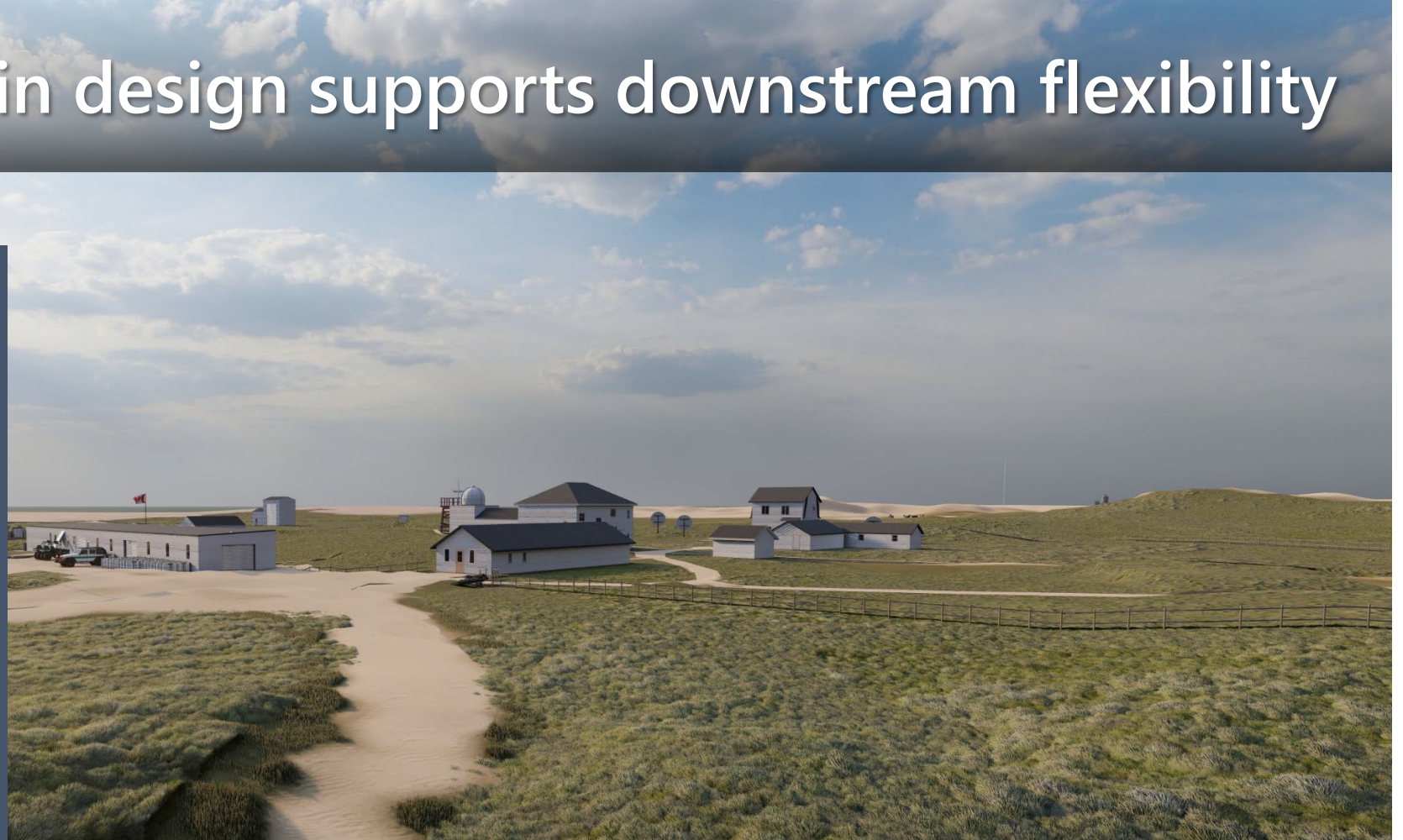
LESSONS LEARNED IN REMOTE MICROGRID POWER GENERATION

1

LESSON

Modularity in design supports downstream flexibility

- Scalability
- Simplified Maintenance/Upgrades
- Risk Mitigation
- Adaptability to Site Conditions
- Possible Shorter Timelines



SETTING A NEW STANDARD

LESSONS LEARNED IN REMOTE MICROGRID POWER GENERATION

2 LESSON

Operators involved in design decisions

- Site Specific Knowledge
- Lifecycle Maintenance Considerations
- Customize Monitoring and Control Strategy
- Increased Buy-in and Responsibility
- Design Phase System Training



SETTING A NEW STANDARD

LESSONS LEARNED IN REMOTE MICROGRID POWER GENERATION

3 LESSON

Less can go wrong with simple design

- Faster and More Efficient Construction
- Lower Material Cost and Waste
- Enhanced System Reliability
- Easier Quality Control and Commissioning
- Lower Long Term Maintenance Costs
- Simplified Budget Control



SETTING A NEW STANDARD

LESSONS LEARNED IN REMOTE MICROGRID POWER GENERATION

4 LESSON

Use proven, off-the-shelf technologies to reduce risk

- Known Reliability in Harsh Conditions
- Understood Maintenance Practices
- Reduced Lifecycle Costs
- Competitive Pricing on Materials
- Smooth System Integration
- Easier Upgrades and Expansion



THANK YOU. QUESTIONS?



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