



Western Interstates

2026 Spring SAB Meeting

Virtual

April 23rd 10:30 – 1:00 pm CST



Welcome

Gary Venz

Director, Commercial Services

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Director, Commercial Services



B.S. in Finance

University of Utah



Energy Management Committee

Western Energy Institute

Gary Venz is currently the Director of Commercial Services for Western Interstates at Williams, a new organization consolidating Williams' MountainWest and Northwest Pipeline operations, commercial, and business development teams to better integrate and optimize the Western regulated natural gas transmission and storage assets. In his current role, Gary leads strategic initiatives to strengthen commercial partnerships, enhance operational performance, and drive long-term growth. Gary's journey with Williams began in 2007, and over the years, he has ascended through various senior roles within the commercial and business development organization, showcasing his exceptional leadership and strategic acumen.

Before his tenure at Williams, Gary honed his expertise as the Manager of Origination for Duke Energy North America in Salt Lake City, Utah. His extensive experience in the energy sector has equipped him with a deep understanding of market dynamics and a knack for identifying growth opportunities.

Gary is a proud alumnus of the University of Utah, where he earned his bachelor's in finance.

Beyond his professional achievements, Gary is actively involved in the energy community. He serves on the Steering Committee for the Western Energy Institute Energy Management Committee and has previously contributed his expertise as a Board Member of the Northwest Gas Association.

Agenda

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10:30 AM – 10:40 AM	Welcome / Safety Moment	Gary Venz <i>Dir, Commercial Services</i>
10:40 AM – 11:00 AM	Operations Update	Taylor James <i>VP, Western Interstates & Storage</i>
11:00 AM – 11:15 AM	Plymouth Modernization	Rob Harmon <i>Dir, Operations – Pacific Division</i>
11:15 AM – 11:35 AM	NWP Rate Case & M&ERP	Whitney Wiener <i>Mgr, Rates & Regulatory</i> Eric Schmidt <i>Dir, Technical Services</i>
11:35 AM – 11:55 AM	WECC Resource Adequacy Update	Jeff Droubay <i>President and Chief Executive Officer WECC</i>
11:55 AM – 12:10 PM	Williams Western Interstates Growth	Joseph Hulse <i>Dir, Commercial & Business Development</i>
12:10 PM – 12:20 PM	MountainWest- PAL2 / TPAL	Justin Rutherford <i>Snr Commercial Optimization Rep</i>
12:20 PM – 12:35 PM	Passage Modernization Update	Bola Adeshina <i>Mgr, Commercial Technology</i> Daren Jones <i>Mgr, IT Applications</i>
12:35 PM – 12:45 PM	Q&A Session	Western Interstates Team



Operations Update

Taylor James

VP, Western Interstates & Storage

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Taylor James

VP, Western Interstates & Storage



B.S. in Finance

Oklahoma State University



Northwest Gas Association

Board Member

Taylor James assumed the role of Vice President & General Manager of Western Interstates & Storage at Williams in February 2026. In this role, he is responsible for the leadership, strategic direction, and overall business performance of the company's interstate natural gas transmission assets across the western United States, as well as Williams' natural gas storage assets along the Gulf Coast. Based in Tulsa, Taylor oversees operational, commercial, and financial performance in support of Williams' long-term growth strategy.

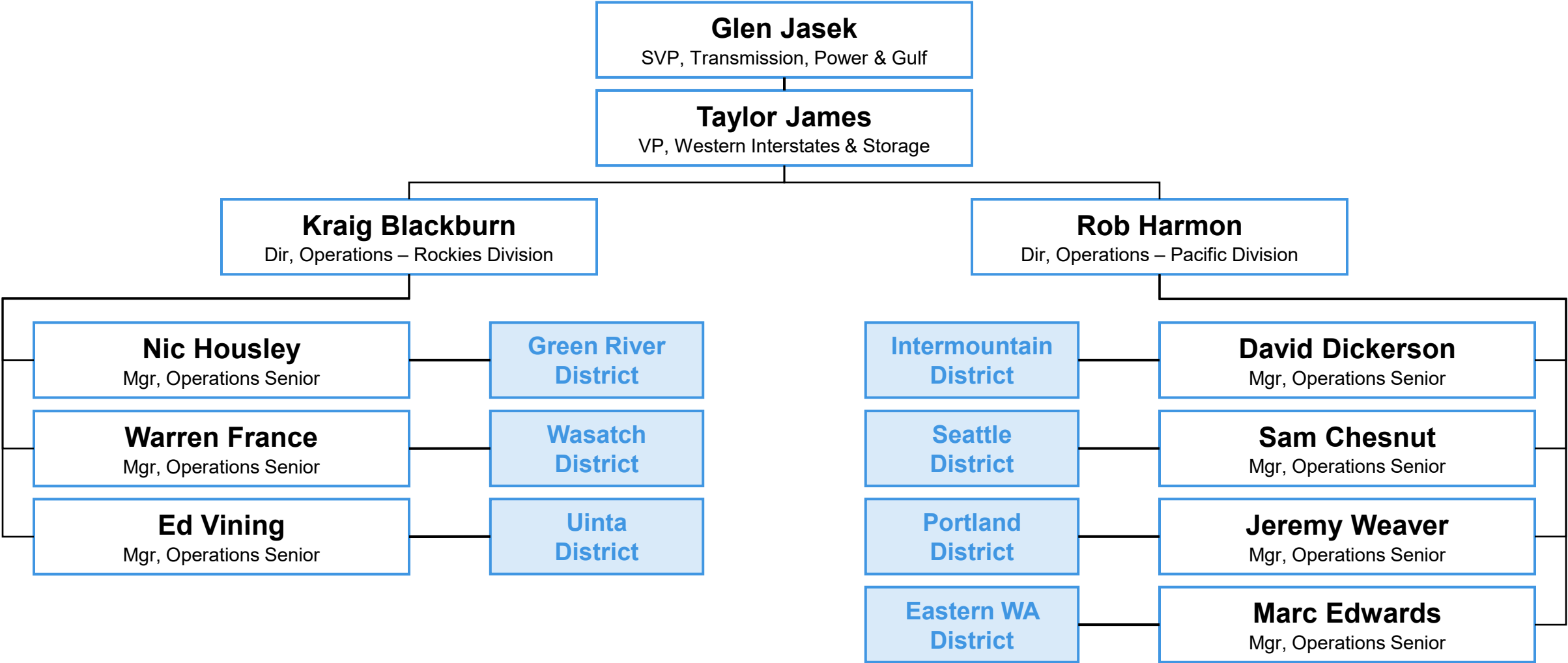
Taylor began his career with Williams in 2008 and has held a variety of leadership roles across commercial development, operations, and strategic functions. Most recently, he served as Vice President of Colorado Gathering & Processing, where he led operational excellence initiatives and supported strong business performance in a dynamic market environment. His diverse background provides a broad, enterprise-wide perspective on asset optimization and customer-focused execution.

Taylor is actively engaged in the energy industry and his local community and will be joining the board of the Northwest Gas Association, supporting Williams' strategic priorities in the Pacific Northwest.

Taylor holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Oklahoma State University.

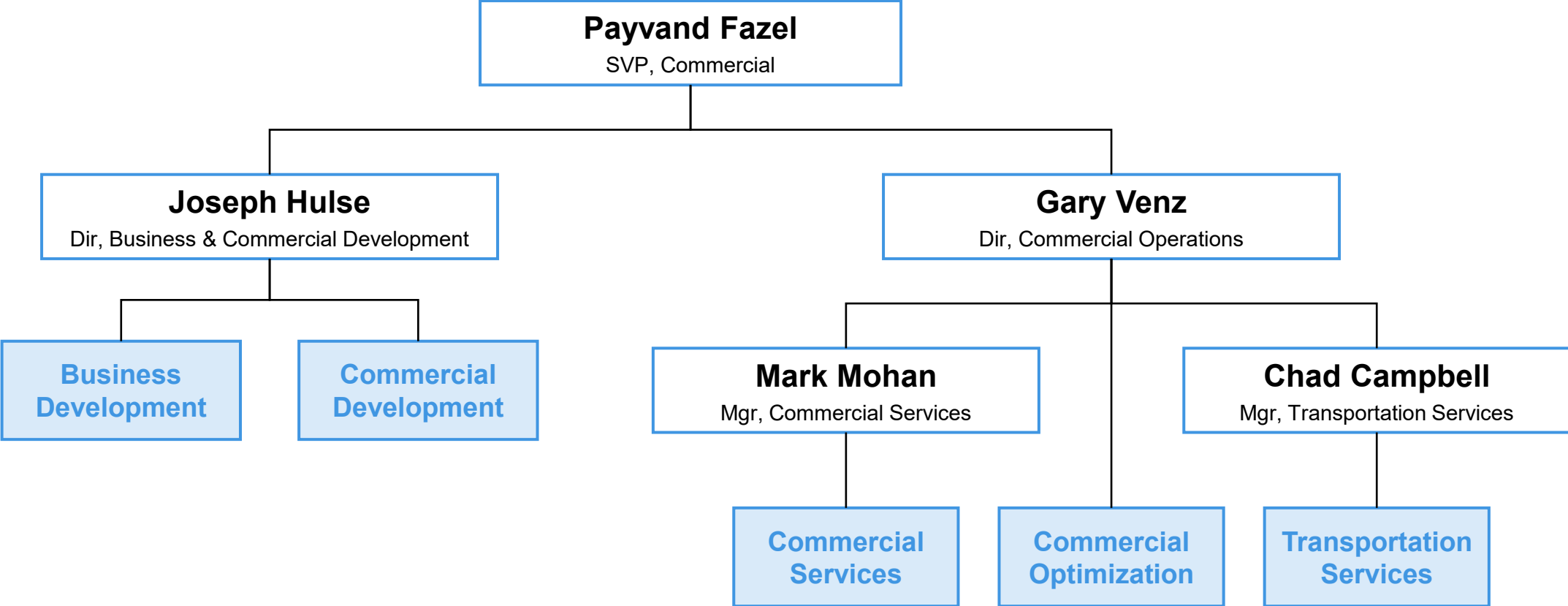
Recent Organizational Changes – Operations

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Recent Organizational Changes – Commercial

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Operations Minute

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Plymouth Modernization Update

Rob Harmon

Director, Operations – Pacific Division

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Rob Harmon

Director, Operations – Pacific Division



B.S. in Mechanical Engineering

University of Utah



United Way of Salt Lake

Board of Directors

Rob Harmon assumed the role of Director of Operations for Northwest Pipeline in 2013, bringing extensive leadership to the position. Over the years, he successfully navigated numerous organizational changes, including modifications to division boundaries and evolving operational assignments. His ability to adapt and lead through these transitions has been critical to maintaining efficiency and reliability across the system. Since 2019, Rob has overseen operations for the entire Northwest Pipeline system following its consolidation into a single division.

Rob's career with Williams began in 1992 when he joined as an Engineering Intern at Northwest Pipeline. After graduating, he transitioned into a full-time role and steadily advanced through a variety of technical and leadership positions. His responsibilities have spanned a broad range of disciplines, including serving as Project Engineer and Project Manager where he managed complex projects and delivered innovative solutions. Rob also held roles as Operations Supervisor, Manager of Pipeline Control, and Manager of Engineering, Mapping, GIS, and Survey.

He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Utah and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the state of Utah.

Rob is actively involved in his community; he currently serves on the Board of Directors for United Way of Salt Lake.

Plymouth Modernization

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Replacing Major Components of Vaporization and Liquification Processes

- LNG 1 synchronous motor, which drives refrigerant compressor, replaced with modern electrical motor and VFD (Variable Frequency Drive) – **In Service December 2025.**
- LNG 2 Synchronous Motor to be replaced similarly – **Projected In Service Autumn 2026**
- All four plant vaporizers will be replaced with “name plate like kind” equipment
 - **Projected In Service Date – Nov 1, 2027**

Williams LNG Customers Supported a Modernization Project

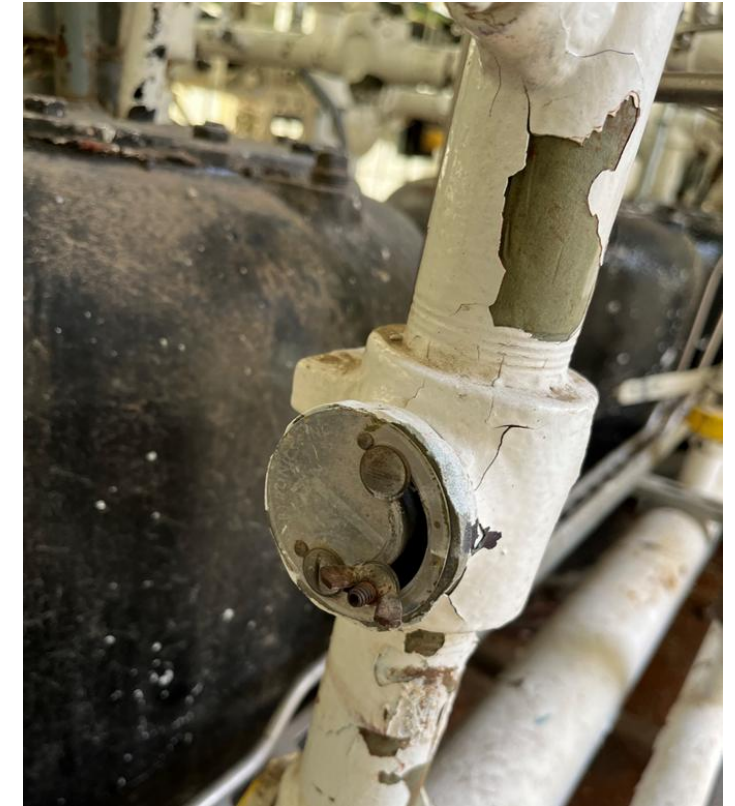
- During planning Williams met with Plymouth customers about the need for modernization as well as possible expansion.
- Like kind capacity replacement was selected.



Original Presentation to SAB in 2024

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Vaporizer Air / Fuel Controls are Manual



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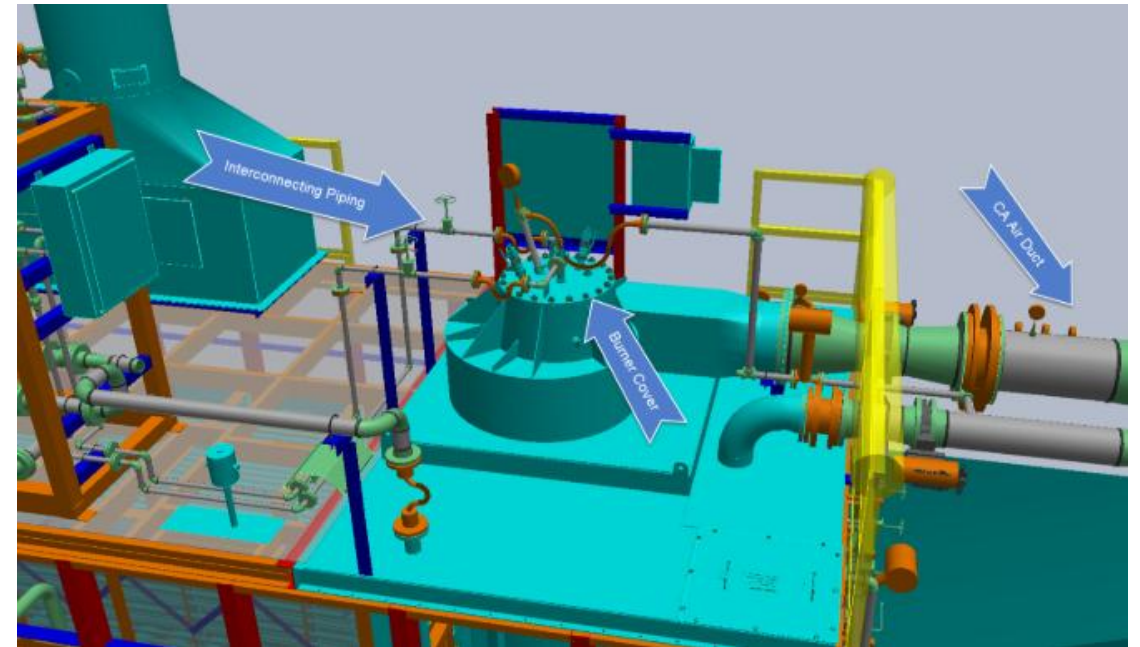
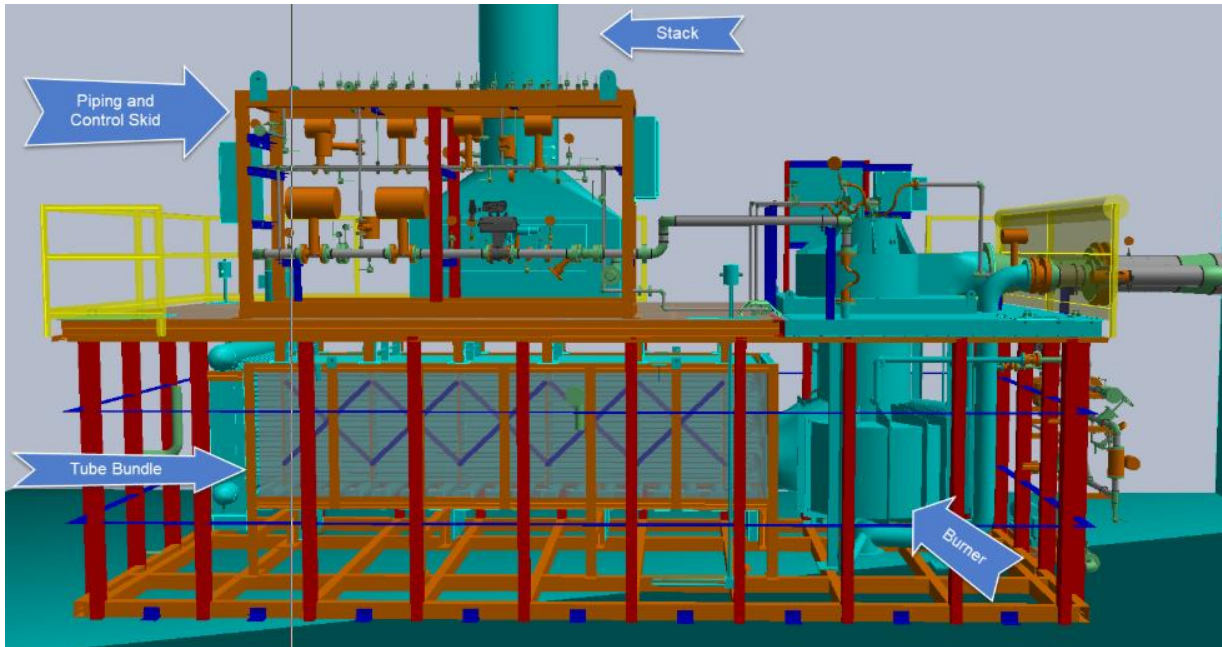
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Vaporizer Water Bath Compartments are Carbon Steel



Basic Layout of New Vaporizer Units

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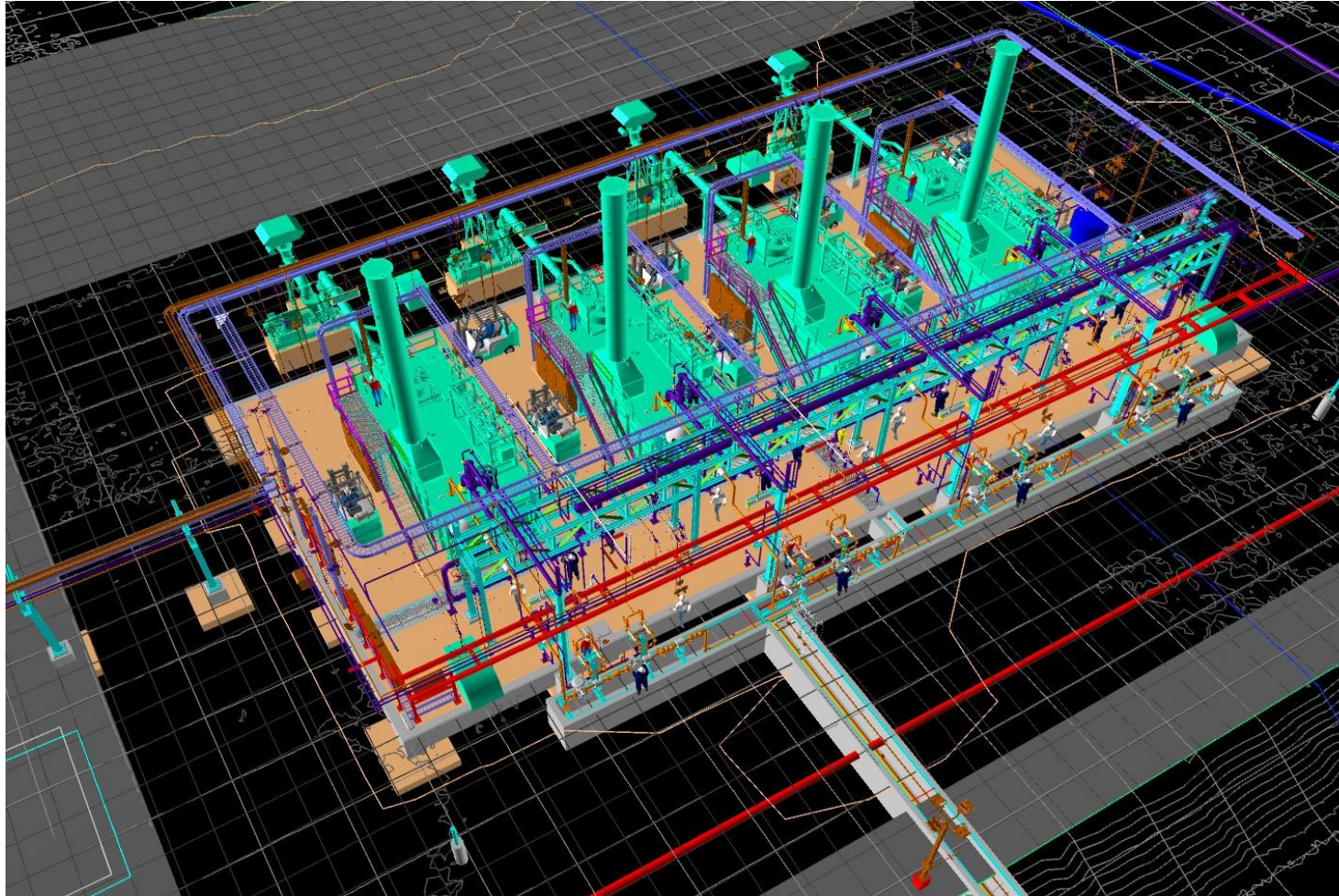
Similar Vaporizer Unit

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3-D Model of New Vaporizers

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Vaporizer Project Schedule

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Key Project Milestones	Estimated Date*
Receive Air Permit	May-2026
Receive FERC 255(B) Approval	May-2026
Receive Building Permit	Jun-2026
Construction Start	Jun-2026
Receive Vaporizer Units 1 and 2	Jun-2026
Receive Vaporizer Units 3 and 4	Aug-2026
Mechanical Completion	Jun-2027
Commissioning Start	Jul-2027
Target In-Service Date	Aug-2027

**Dates are approximate only; subject to change*

Key Improvements Anticipated

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New Motors on Refrigerant Compressors

- Reliable starts with little voltage in-rush
- OEM support and part availability
- Modern controls

New Vaporizers

- Reductions in emissions (more than 50% NOx reduction)
- Enclosed in heated/insulated building improving reliability in extreme conditions as well as access for maintenance
- Eliminates personnel working above the burners in a cabin to start and tune equipment
- Modern controls
- OEM support and parts availability
- Shortened the LNG piping between tanks and vaporizers by ~ 400 ft.
- All “wet” components of water baths are stainless steel, not just piping coils



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Northwest Pipeline Rate Case & ERP

Whitney Wiener

Manager, Rates & Regulatory

Eric Schmidt

Director, Technical Services

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Whitney Wiener

Manager, Rates & Regulatory



B.A. in Political Economics
Tulane University

MBA, Finance & Marketing
Rice University

Whitney Wiener currently serves as the Cost of Service & Rate Design Manager in the Transmission, Power & Gulf (TPG) Rates and Regulatory Department at Williams. She brings more than 25 years of experience with Williams' TPG regulated businesses, having joined the company directly out of business school. Over the course of her career, Whitney has held a variety of roles across Business Development, Credit, Financial Planning & Analysis, and most recently in the Rates and Regulatory Group, where she plays a key role in supporting regulatory strategy and rate design initiatives. Prior to joining Williams, she spent eight years administering 401(k) plans, providing a strong foundation in financial and benefits management.

Whitney earned her bachelor's degree in Political Economics from Tulane University and her MBA from Rice University's Jones Graduate School of Management.

In addition to her professional responsibilities, Whitney is an active leader in the Houston community. She serves as a Board Member for the MemberSource Credit Union, which recently acquired Transtar Federal Credit Union and has more than 12 years of combined board service between the two organizations. Whitney is also an active member of The Pipeliners Association of Houston.

Northwest Pipeline: 2027 Rate Case

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TWO RATE CASE PATHS

Pre-Filing Settlement Discussions

- 3rd and 4th Quarter 2026 – Achieve Settlement
- Rates Effective April 1, 2028

File Section 4 Rate Case

- 2nd Quarter 2027 – Begin preparation of rate case statements, schedules, and testimonies
- 3rd Quarter 2027 – Final rate case statements, schedules, and testimonies
- October 1, 2027 – Submit Rate Case Filing with FERC
 - Base Period: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027
 - Test Period: July 1, 2027 – March 31, 2028
 - Effective Date: April 1, 2028

Northwest Pipeline: 2027 Rate Case

Pre-Filing Settlement Discussions

Settlement Principles

- Participants will be required to sign a “Privileged and Confidential” Agreement
- Participants should have decision-making authority for their company or be able to reach such authority
- Settlement offer and counteroffers must be “all inclusive”
- Washington Cap and Invest Recovery
- Modernization & ERP

Black Box Settlement Agreement

- Cost of Service (optional)
- Rates
- Depreciation and Negative Salvage Rates
- Cost Allocation and Rate Design Principles
- Washington Cap and Invest Recovery
- Modernization & ERP

Information to be Provided

- 2024 and 2025 Form 2 data
- 2026 through March 2028 Forecast
- Proposed functionalized cost of service at April 1, 2028
- Expected Billing Determinants
- Projected Short-Term Firm Revenue
- Projected Washington Cap and Invest Regulatory Asset

Eric Schmidt

Director, Technical Services



Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering
University of Virginia

Eric Schmidt is the Director of Technical Services for Williams Transmission, Power & Gulf where he leads technical support for pipeline operations with a focus on operational integrity, reliability, and continuous improvement across the asset base. In his role, Eric partners closely with operations, engineering, and commercial teams to ensure safe, efficient, and optimized system performance.

Eric brings more than two decades of progressive experience in pipeline operations and technical services. After joining Williams in 2001, he spent his early years building foundational expertise in Princeton Technical Services and Charlotteville Technical Services, supporting pipeline operations and gaining hands-on field experience.

In 2005, Eric shifted his focus to operations as an Operations Supervisor and steadily advanced through leadership roles of increasing responsibility, including Manager of Operations and Director of Operations. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated a strong commitment to operational excellence, employee development, and cross-functional collaboration. In 2023, Eric transitioned into his current role as Director of Technical Services, where he continues to apply his deep technical knowledge and leadership experience to support Williams' Transmission, Power & Gulf assets.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Virginia in 2001 before beginning his career in technical services.

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Program Principles

- Projects within the Modernization Program will have a primary focus on **reliability and operability**, while continuing to provide **emissions reduction** opportunities.
- **Programmatic** – Projects must meet the requirements of a defined Modernization Program
- **Proactive** – We seek the projects, the projects do not seek us
- **Predictable**– Modernization projects will be executed in a manner aligning with a predictable spend curve year over year.
- **Non-Recurring** – Modernization projects must be one-time expenses that will not recur.
- **Capital** – Only capital projects will be included in the Modernization Tracker.

Program Elements

- **Compression Modernization**
 - ERP Rebuilds
 - Controls Upgrades
 - PLC5 Replacement
- **Measurement & Gas Quality Excellence**
 - Flow Computers
 - Gas Chromatography
- **Efficiency, Resiliency & Optimization**
 - Bottlenecking
 - Real Time Model
- **Compliance**
 - OOOOc
 - Washington Cap & Invest
 - PHMSA Mega Rule

Collaborative & Feedback Driven

- Deliver the projects that **maximize** Operator and Shipper **value**
- Mitigate or eliminate the most significant **reliability, operability, and compliance** threats
- Identify the projects that “**check the most boxes**” in programmatic terms
- Leverage project synergies to **reduce execution** costs
- **Define & Deliver** operating cost reduction opportunities
- Define and secure the “**system of the future**” while honoring NWP’s 70-year history of delivering **clean energy safely, reliably, and economically**

Northwest Pipeline Rate Case & ERP

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Review of Existing Rates

A requirement for a review of the pipeline's existing base rates by means of an NGA general section 4 rate proceeding, a cost and revenue study, or through collaborative effort between the pipeline and its customers

Defined Eligible Costs

A requirement that the costs eligible for recovery through the tracker be limited to one-time capital costs incurred to modify the pipeline's existing system to comply with safety or environmental regulations or other federal or state government agencies, or other capital costs shown to be necessary for the safe, reliable, and/or efficient operation of the pipeline. The pipeline must also specifically identify each projects' costs or capital investments to be recovered by the surcharge.

Avoidance of Cost Shifting

A prohibition against cost shifting, requiring that the pipeline design any proposed surcharge in a manner that will protect the pipeline's captive customers from cost shifts if the pipeline loses shippers or must offer increased discounts to retain business

Periodic Review of the Surcharge

A requirement that the pipeline must include some method to allow a periodic review of whether the surcharge and the pipeline's base rates remain just and reasonable

Shipper Support

A requirement that the pipeline work collaboratively with shippers to seek shipper support for any surcharge proposal

Rate Case

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Customer Communication / Rate Case

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Customer Communication

Resource Adequacy in the Western Interconnection

Jeff Droubay

President and CEO, WECC

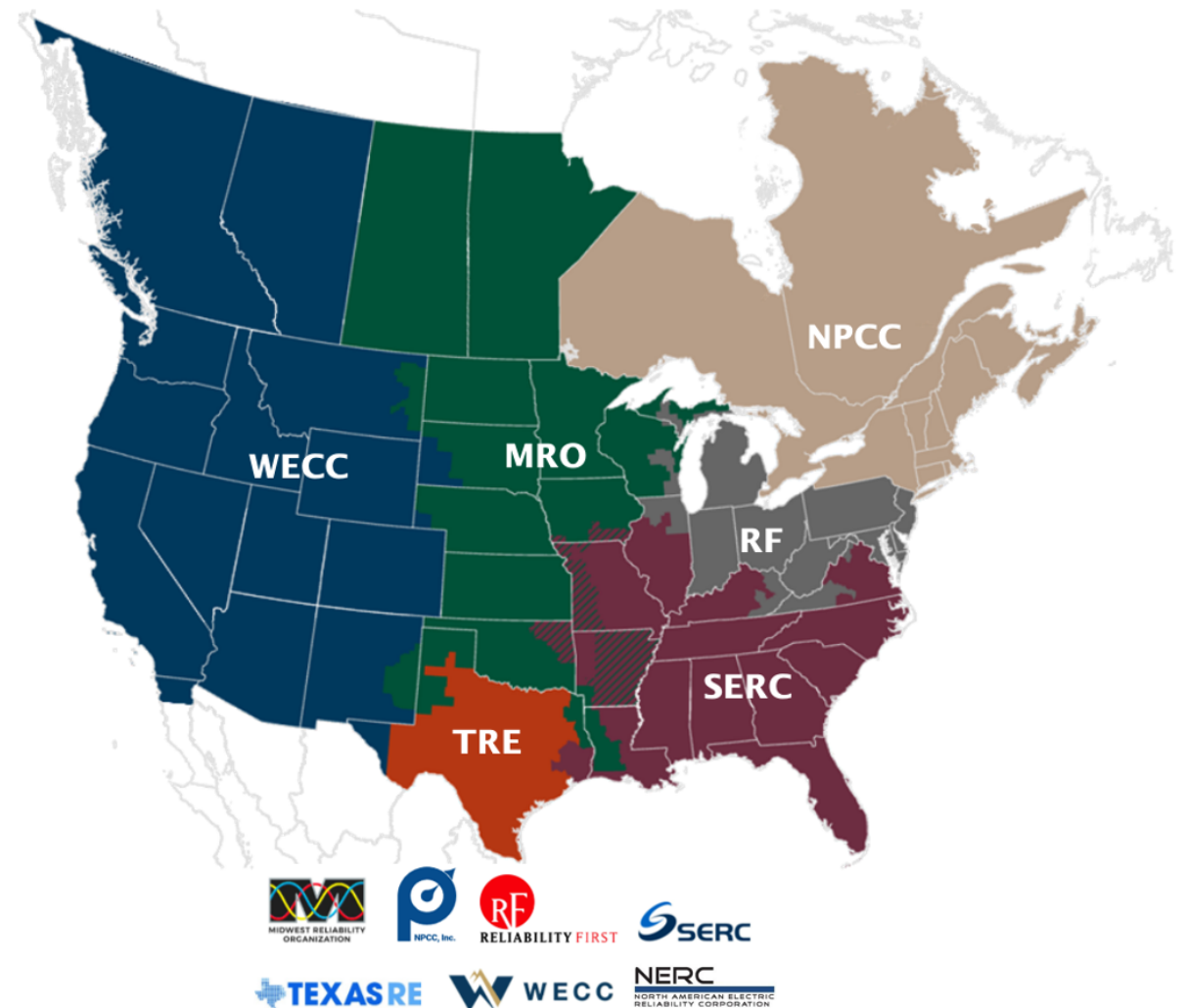
**Electric Reliability
& Security for the West**

April 23, 2026

WECC and the ERO Enterprise

“The vision for the Electric Reliability Organization Enterprise, which is comprised of NERC and the six Regional Entities, is a highly reliable and secure North American bulk power system. Our mission is to assure the effective and efficient reduction of risks to the reliability and security of the grid.”

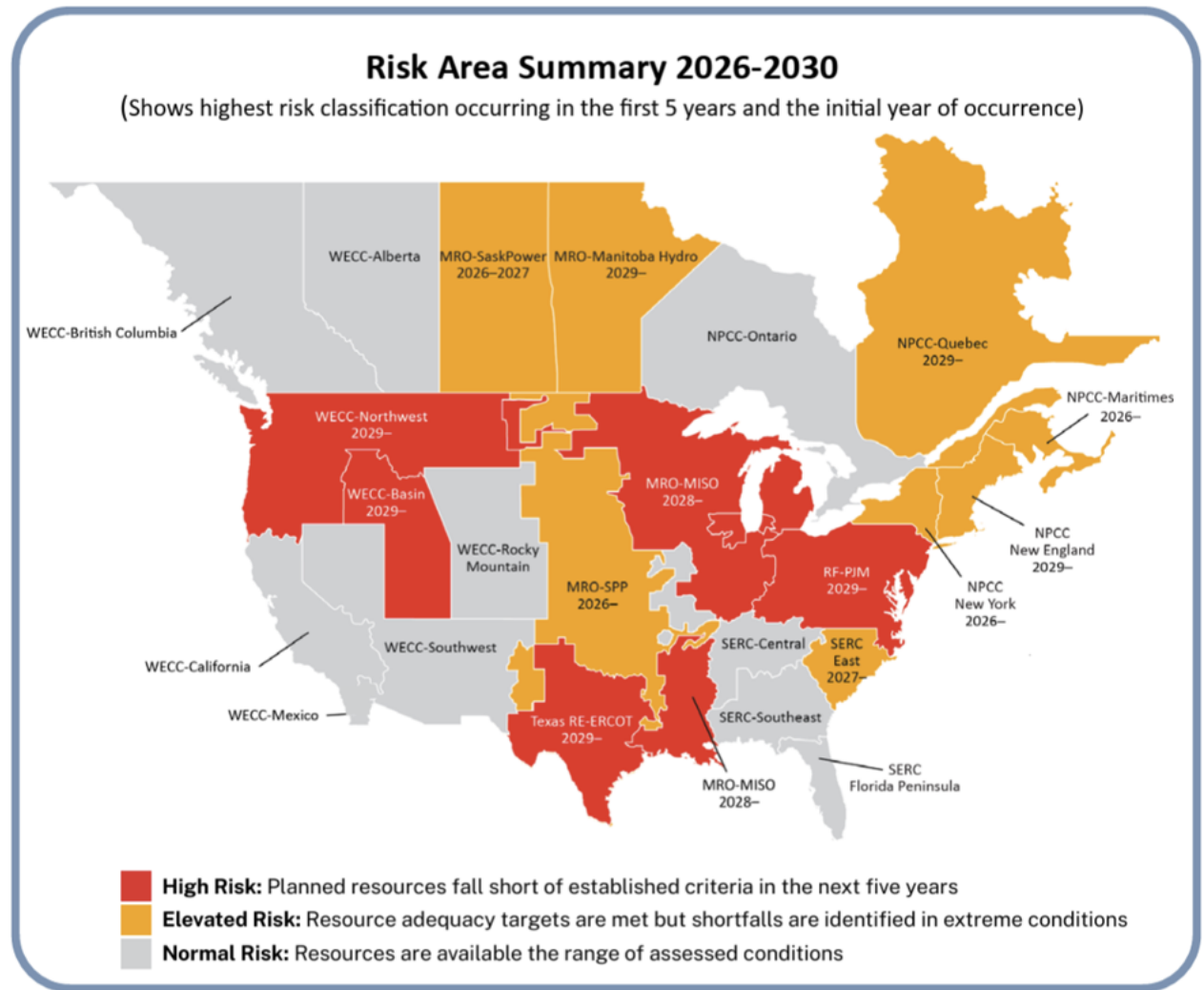
Jeff Droubay, president and CEO, leads WECC in its mission to ensure the reliability and security of the Bulk Power System in the Western Interconnection. WECC focuses on mitigating the greatest risks to the reliability and security of the bulk power system in the West. Jeff previously served as general counsel and corporate secretary at WECC.





Resource Adequacy Outlook

- 2025 NERC Long-Term Reliability Assessment (LTRA) and WECC Western Assessment of Resource Adequacy (WARA) released in January
- Key Takeaways
 - It is unlikely that all the proposed new resource capacity will be completed as planned.
 - Much of new proposed capacity is composed of variable resources.
 - There is significant uncertainty around load growth.

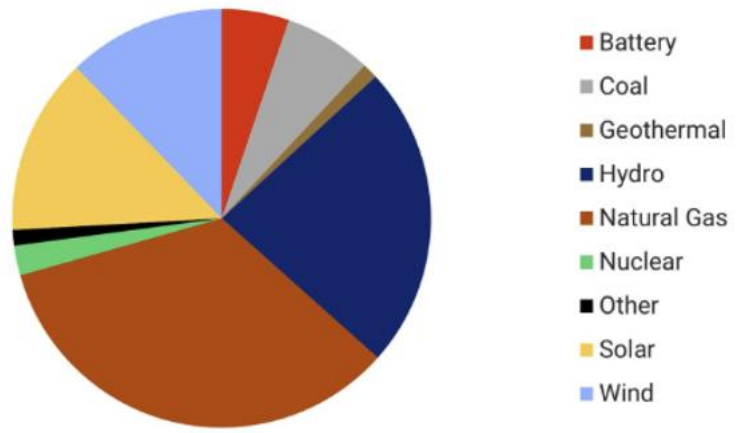


Source: 2025 LTRA (www.nerc.net)

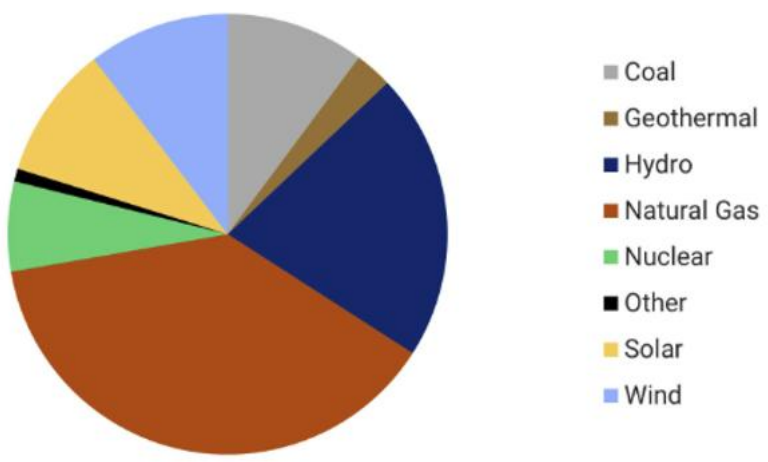


Resource Capacity in the West

2024 Resource Capacity (GW)



2024 Generation GWh



Composition of Proposed and Constructed Capacity, 2019-2024

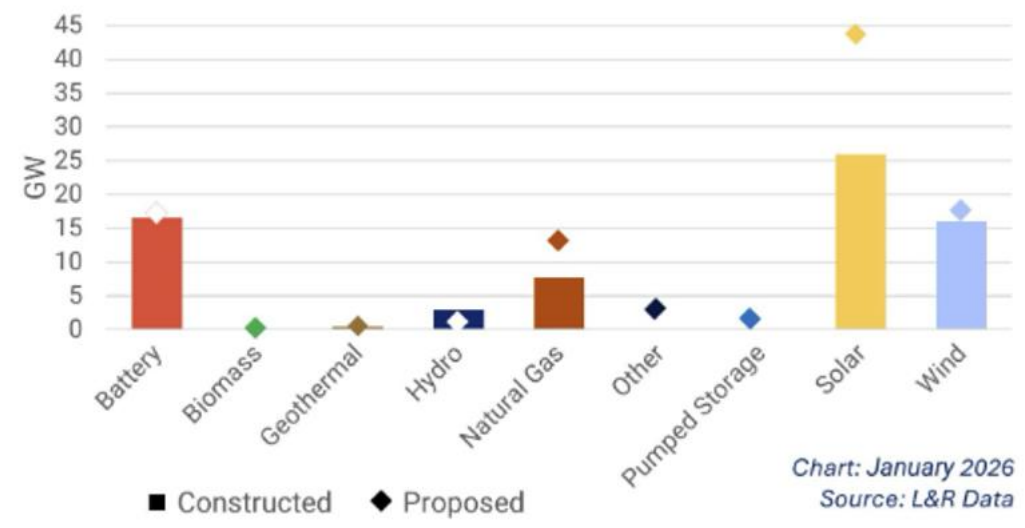
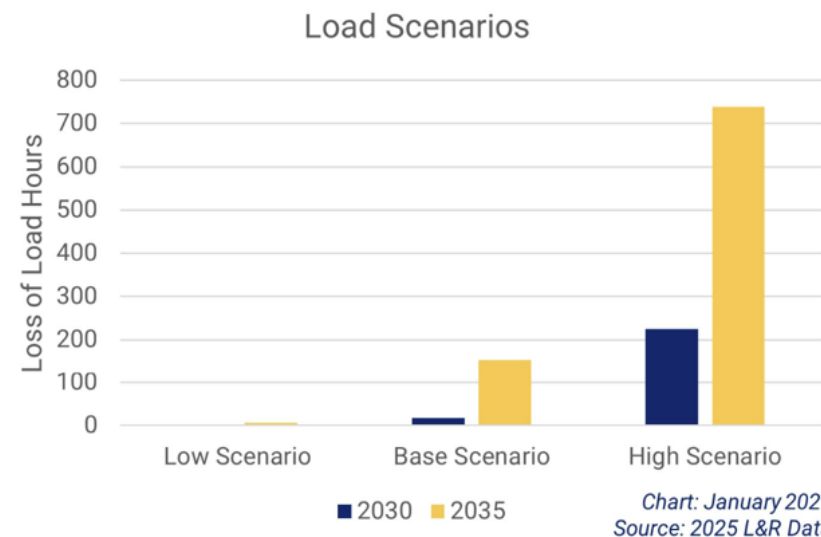
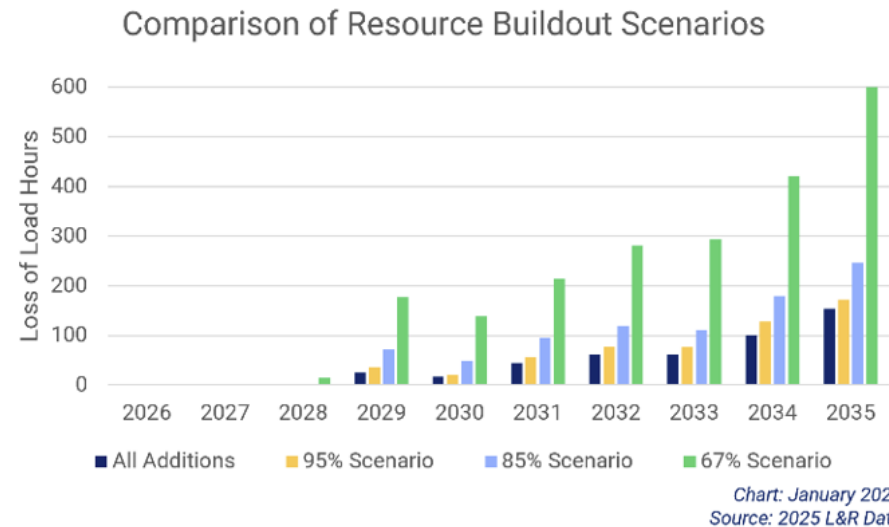


Chart: January 2026
Source: L&R Data



Resource Adequacy Outlook (cont.)

- Western Interconnection
 - Over 177 GW of new resources to be added in the next decade
 - Demand growth expected to be 25% over the next decade (20% growth of peak demand)
- WARA considered sensitivities around:
 - Resource buildout
 - Large load growth



Summary

- It is very unlikely that the West will complete all the proposed resource additions planned over the next 10 years. Even if all proposed projects are completed on time, the resource buildout will still not keep up with anticipated load growth over the next decade, particularly in the Basin and Northwest subregions.
- 90% of the proposed resource additions are variable in nature, while the West is proposing to continue to retire a number of dispatchable resources. This resource mix introduces additional uncertainty.
- Load forecasts are unpredictable given potential large load growth. However, resource adequacy remains a risk under all of WECC's three separate load growth scenarios.



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Western Interstates Growth

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Joseph Hulse

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Volunteers of America
Board Member

Joseph Hulse currently serves as the Director of Business Development & Commercial Development for Western Interstates at Williams, where he leads strategic initiatives to expand market reach and foster long-term partnerships. Joseph focuses on identifying growth opportunities, negotiating high-value agreements, and building collaborative relationships with key stakeholders. His leadership emphasizes sustainable growth, operational efficiency, and customer-centric strategies that position Williams as a trusted partner in the energy sector.

Over the course of his career, Joseph has held progressive leadership roles that demonstrate versatility and expertise in multiple areas of the industry. He has held varying commercial leadership roles with Questar, Dominion Energy & Southwest Gas and Williams. Joseph's experience spans critical functions such as business development, strategy, mergers & acquisitions commercial operations, and organizational leadership.

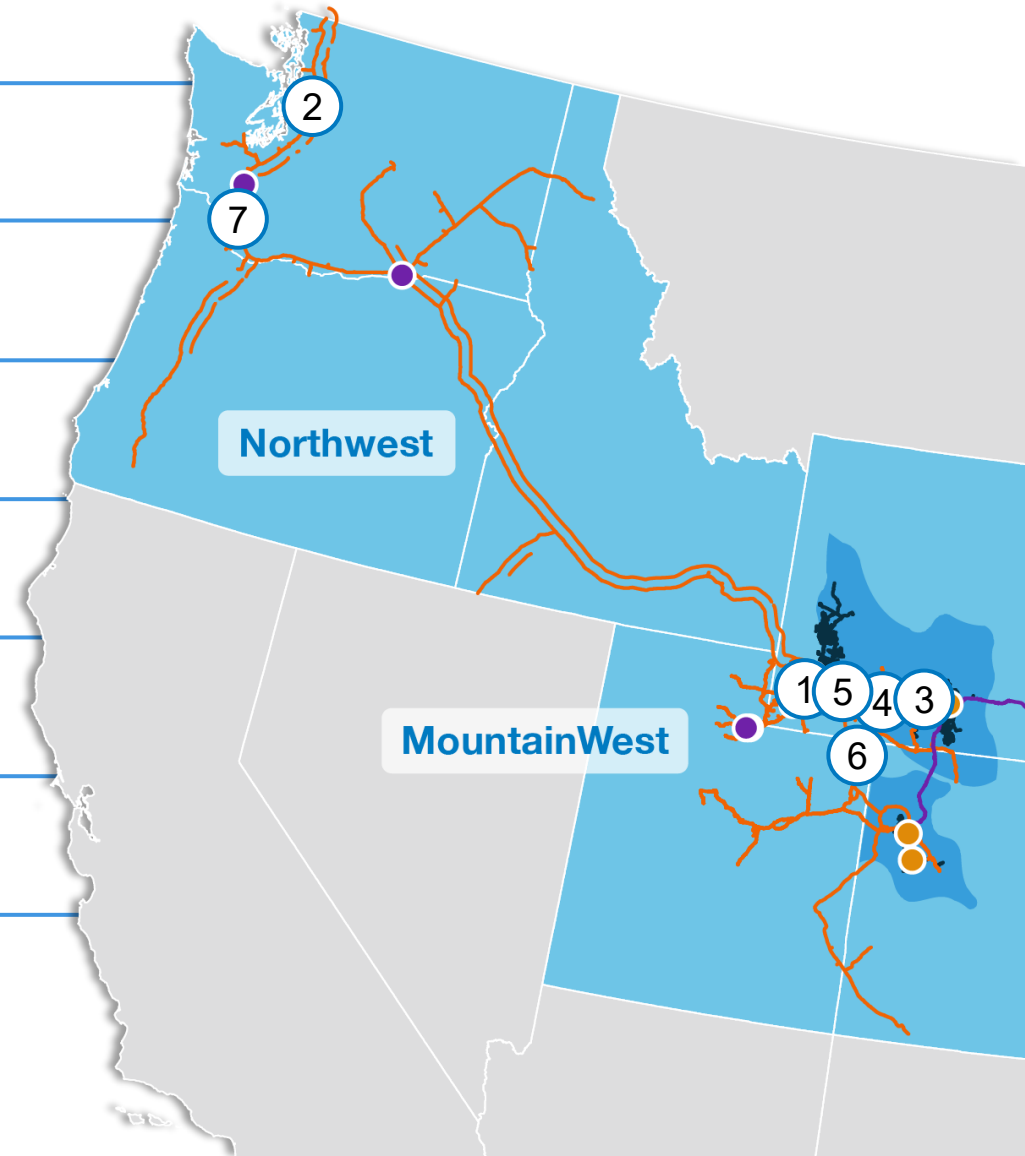
A Salt Lake City native, Joseph earned both a bachelor's degree in finance & biology and an MBA from the University of Utah.

Committed to community engagement, Joseph serves as a Board Member for Volunteers of America in Salt Lake City, where he supports initiatives that strengthen local communities. He contributes to programs focused on housing stability, mental health services, and workforce development, helping to create opportunities for individuals and families in need. Joseph is also on the Western Energy Institute Board of Directors.

Infrastructure Projects in Execution on Western Interstates

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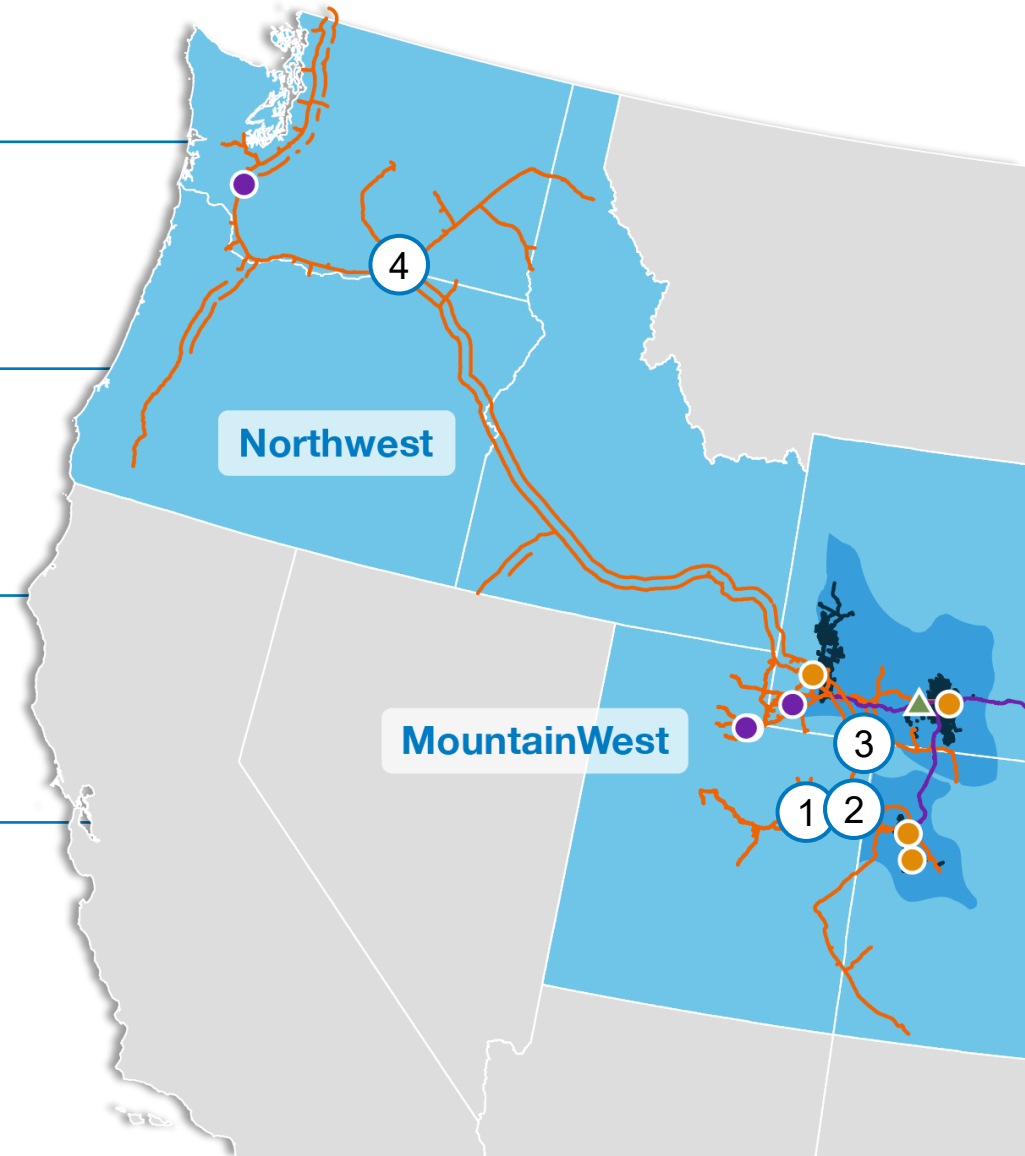
- ① — **Naughton Coal-to-Gas Conversion** | Q1 2026 | 98,000 Dth/d
- ② — **Huntingdon Connector** | Q4 2026 | 78,000 Dth/d
- ③ — **Stanfield South** | Q4 2026 | 80,000 Dth/d
- ④ — **Ryckman Creek Lateral Loop** | Q4 2026 | 50,500 Dth/d
- ⑤ — **Green River West Expansion** | Q3 2027 | 64,000 Dth/d
- ⑥ — **Wild Trail** | Q4 2027 | 82,955 Dth/d
- ⑦ — **Kelso-Beaver Reliability Project** | Q3 2028 | 183,400 Dth/d



Potential Infrastructure Projects on Western Interstates

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- ① — **Uinta Basin Expansion 2** | Q3 2028 | 66,200 Dth/d
- ② — **Fidlar Expansion** | Q4 2029 | 250,000+ Dth/d
- ③ — **Clay Basin Firm Storage Expansion** | Q3 2029 | 9.4 Bcf
- ④ — **Rockies Columbia Connector** | Q2 2030 | 650,000+ Dth/d



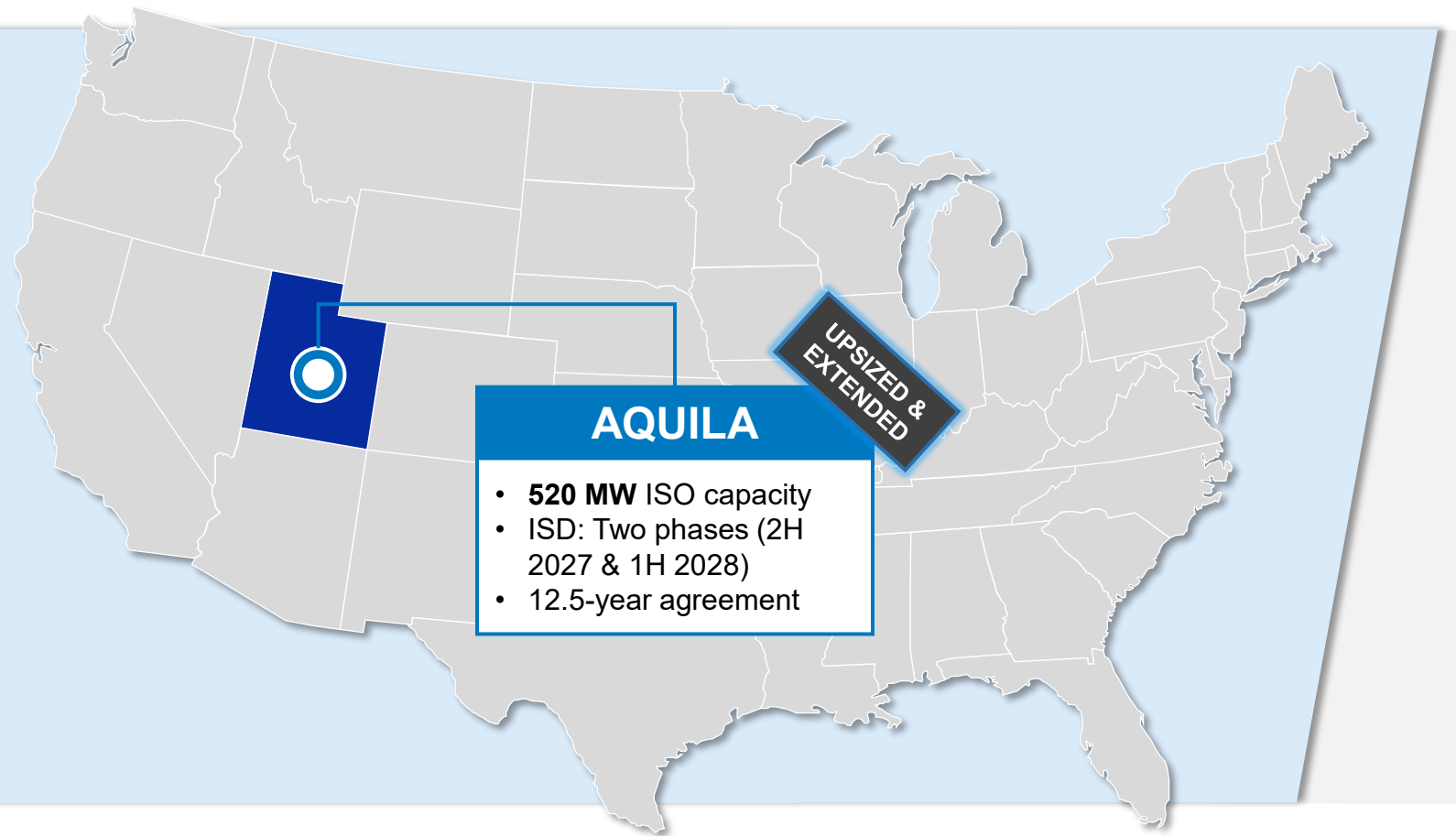
First Williams Power Innovation Project in the West

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PROJECT AQUILA

Williams will provide a fully integrated solution in Eagle Mountain, UT including:

- Building, owning, and operating power generation facilities
- Building, owning, and operating two pipeline laterals; a 19-mile service pipeline from MWP to the power gen facility and a 1-mile service pipeline from Kern River Pipeline to the power gen facility





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MountainWest – Enhanced PAL Services

Justin Rutherford

Senior Commercial Optimization Representative

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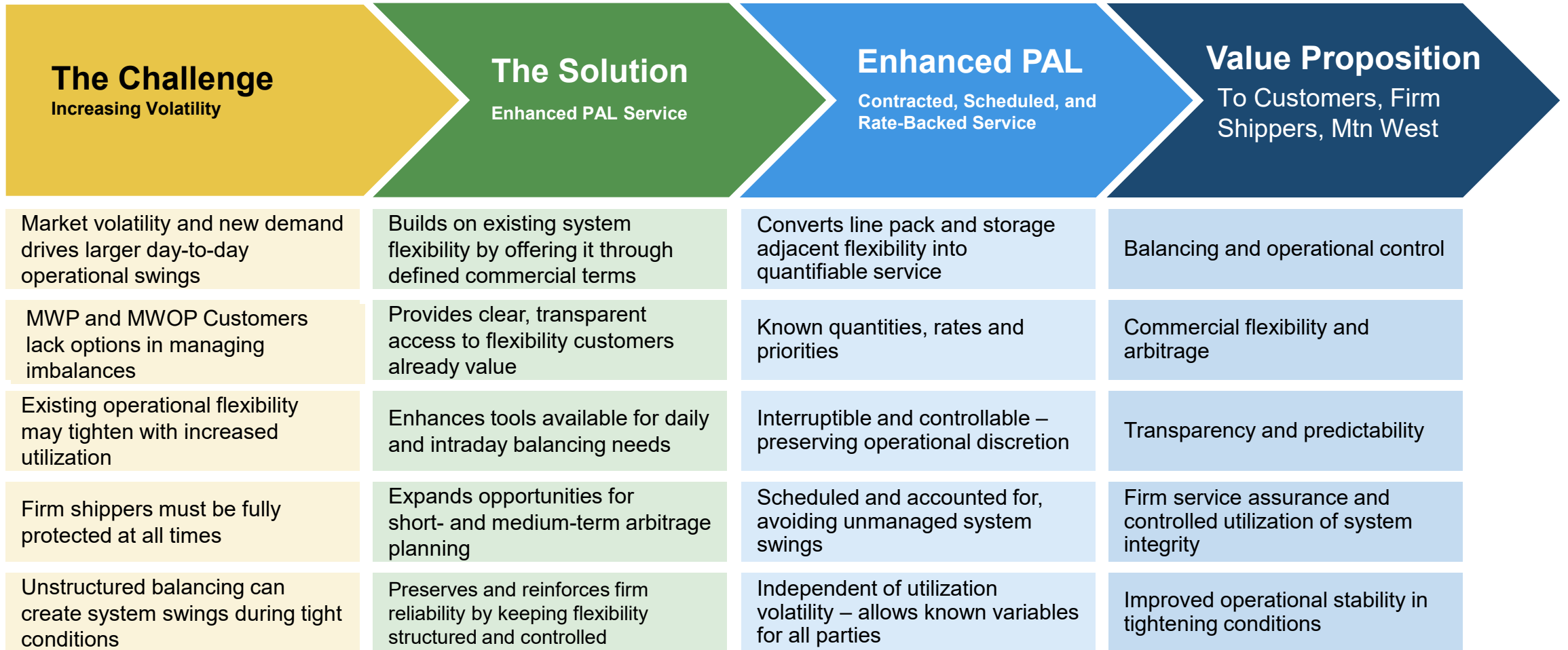
Justin is a Senior Commercial Optimization Representative for Williams Western Interstates, where he is responsible for maximizing the value of existing Transportation and Storage assets in the short-term market. His role focuses primarily on short-term firm capacity and park-and-loan services, leveraging market dynamics and customer needs to optimize system utilization while delivering reliable, value-driven solutions.

A tenured and highly experienced member of the Williams team, Justin brings decades of institutional knowledge and industry expertise to his role. He graduated from The University of Utah with a bachelor's degree in marketing and began his career with Williams shortly thereafter as a Marketing Services Representative for Northwest Pipeline. Over the next 21 years, Justin built a strong reputation within the Commercial organization, consistently creating value for customers through deep operational understanding, market insight, and a collaborative approach.

After a brief two-year hiatus from the natural gas industry, Justin returned to the sector by joining MountainWest Pipeline during its transition away from Dominion Energy. His return ultimately brought him back to Williams following the acquisition of MountainWest in late 2022. Today, Justin continues to be a trusted contributor across the organization, combining his long-standing Williams experience with a broad perspective on pipeline operations and commercial optimization.

Enhanced PAL Service for MountainWest and Overthrust

Delivering predictable balancing and customer optionality, while preserving system integrity in increasingly volatile markets

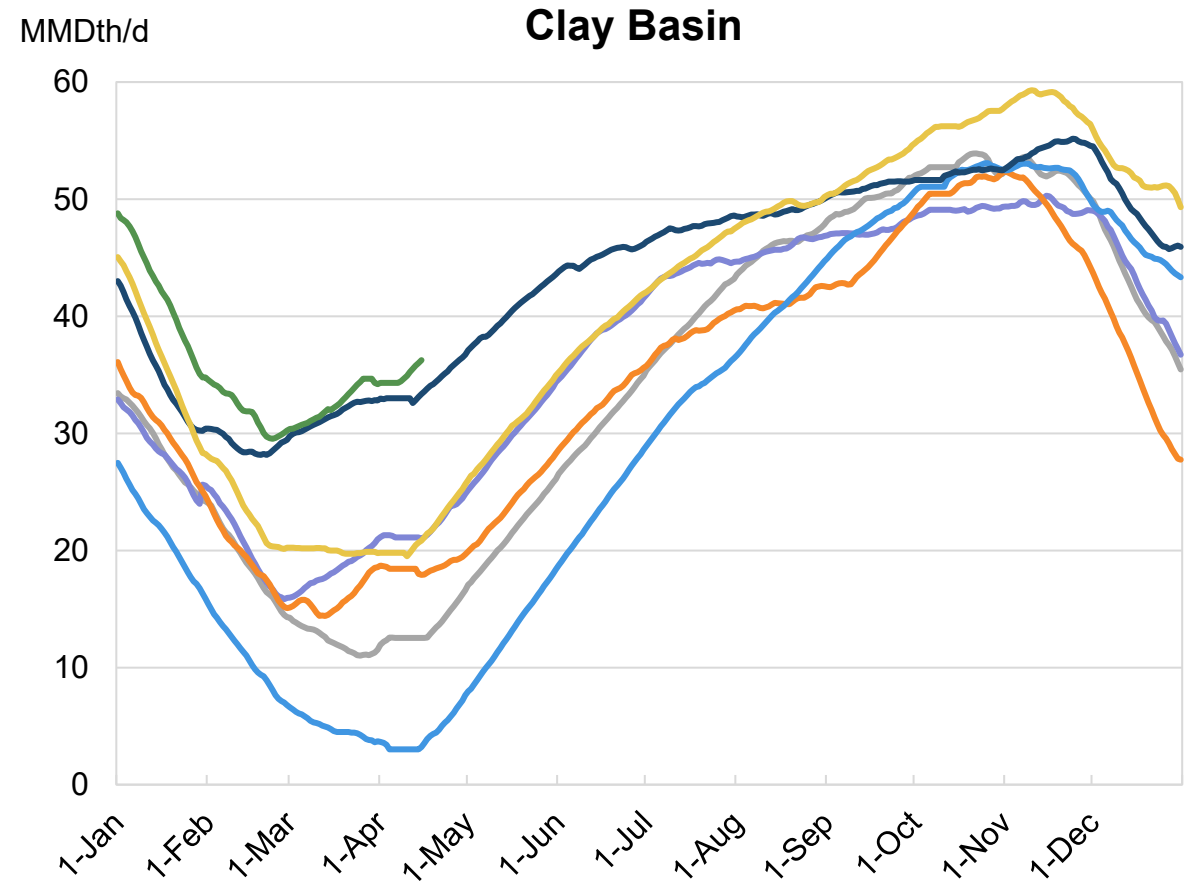
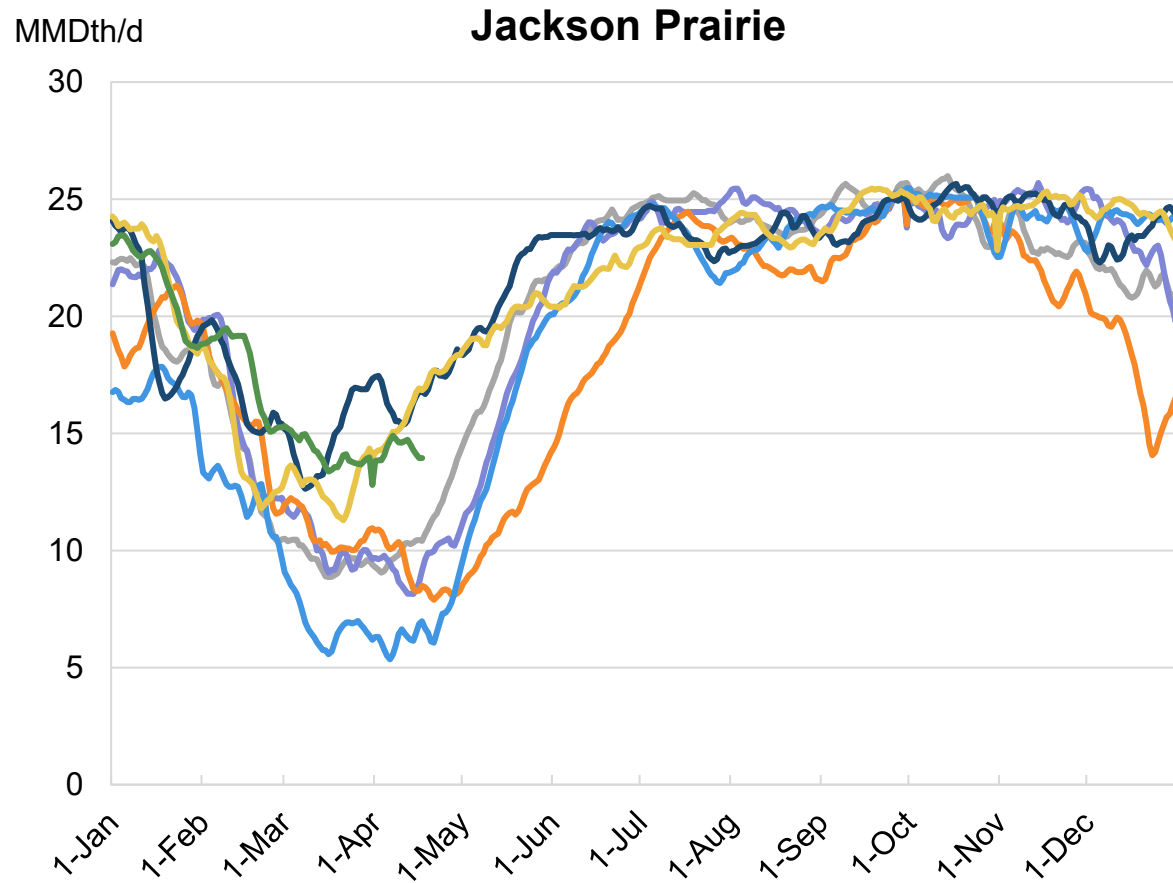


Proposed Next Steps – Transparent Process

- **Shipper outreach and education – Starts today**
 - Share the Enhanced PAL concept, objectives, and design principles with shippers to clearly frame what the service is—and what it is not
- **Structured customer feedback process**
 - Solicit shipper input on service design elements such as terms, quantities, points, priorities, and use cases to ensure the service reflects real operational and commercial needs
- **Refinement of service design**
 - Incorporate shipper feedback to finalize a service structure that is clear, optional, and aligned with both customer flexibility and system integrity
- **Draft tariff modifications**
 - Develop targeted tariff language reflecting the enhanced PAL structure, focusing on transparency, quantification, and firm service protection
- **Formal FERC filing and review**
 - File the proposed tariff changes with FERC, providing full visibility to shippers and stakeholders throughout the regulatory process
- **System and process implementation**
 - Configure scheduling, accounting, billing, and Quorum programming to support the new service, with the goal of operational readiness by Q4 2026

Storage Inventories

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— 2026 — 2025 — 2024 — 2023 — 2022 — 2021 — 2020

Short Term Firm – Currently Available Popular Paths

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Northwest Pipeline				
Rate	Receipt	Delivery	Available	Quantity (Dth/d)
TF-1	4 IGNACIO PLANT	92 KERN RIVER MUDDY CREEK	11/1/2026	9,889
			11/1/2026	20,000*

* Subordinate Scheduling Rights

MountainWest Pipeline				
Rate	Receipt	Delivery	Available	Quantity (Dth/d)
T-1	836 K.R. GOSHEN	410 WHITE RIVER HUB	5/1/2026	59,134
	421 CHIPETA PROCESSING	281 KANDA / COL OTPL	5/1/2026	1,309
	66 CLAY BASIN QPC WD	281 KANDA / COL OTPL	5/1/2026	50,663
		167 SKULL CREEK	5/1/2026	36,500

MountainWest Overthrust Pipeline				
Rate	Receipt	Delivery	Available	Quantity (Dth/d)
FT	10032 BELLE BUTTE STORAGE	10030 RUBY TOPAZ	5/1/2026	47,057
	100025 OPAL PROCESSING	10868 OVERTHRUST/NWP	5/1/2026	32,569
	10005 KANDA/COL QPC REC	10030 RUBY TOPAZ	11/1/2026	3,500



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Passage Modernization Update

Bola Adeshina

Manager, Commercial Technology

Daren Jones

Manager, IT Applications

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Bola Adeshina

Manager, Commercial Technology



B.S. in Chemical Engineering
University of Louisiana at Lafayette



PAIR, Houston
Advisory Board

Bola Adeshina currently serves as Manager of Commercial Technology Systems at Williams, where she is responsible for the day-to-day management and support of the commercial transactional systems used to operate the company's transmission pipelines. Her role focuses on keeping these systems running reliably, supporting commercial teams and customers, and ensuring issues are resolved efficiently through Tier 2 support. Bola works closely with commercial representatives to address business needs, manages key vendors, and partners with IT on requirements gathering, project planning, testing, and system enhancements to support ongoing operations.

Over the course of her 18-year career at Williams, Bola has served in a wide range of technical and leadership capacities, including Engineering, Operations, Project Management, Environmental Health & Safety (EHS), Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and Regulatory Compliance. This breadth of experience has enabled her to bring a holistic, systems-oriented perspective to complex business and operational challenges, particularly at the intersection of technology, compliance, and pipeline operations.

Bola holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering, cum laude, from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from New Mexico Highlands University. She is a Project Management Professional (PMP) and a Certified Scrum Master (CSM), reflecting her commitment to disciplined execution and agile delivery practices.

Bola is actively involved in her community and serves as an advisory board member for PAIR (Partnership for the Advancement and Immersion of Refugees), a Greater Houston-based nonprofit dedicated to empowering refugee youth through educational mentoring and support, helping them successfully integrate, thrive academically, and reach their full potential.

Daren Jones

Manager, IT Applications



B.S. in Accounting | MBA

Utah Valley University

Daren Jones is a Manager of IT Commercial Applications at Williams, supporting the systems that enable the day-to-day operation of the Northwest and MountainWest transmission pipelines. He focuses on the reliability and stability of core scheduling and transactional systems that customers depend on to conduct business efficiently and accurately.

In this role, Daren partners closely with Commercial Technology and Commercial teams to translate business needs into practical system support and improvements, with an emphasis on continuity of service, clear communication, and dependable system performance in support of pipeline customers.

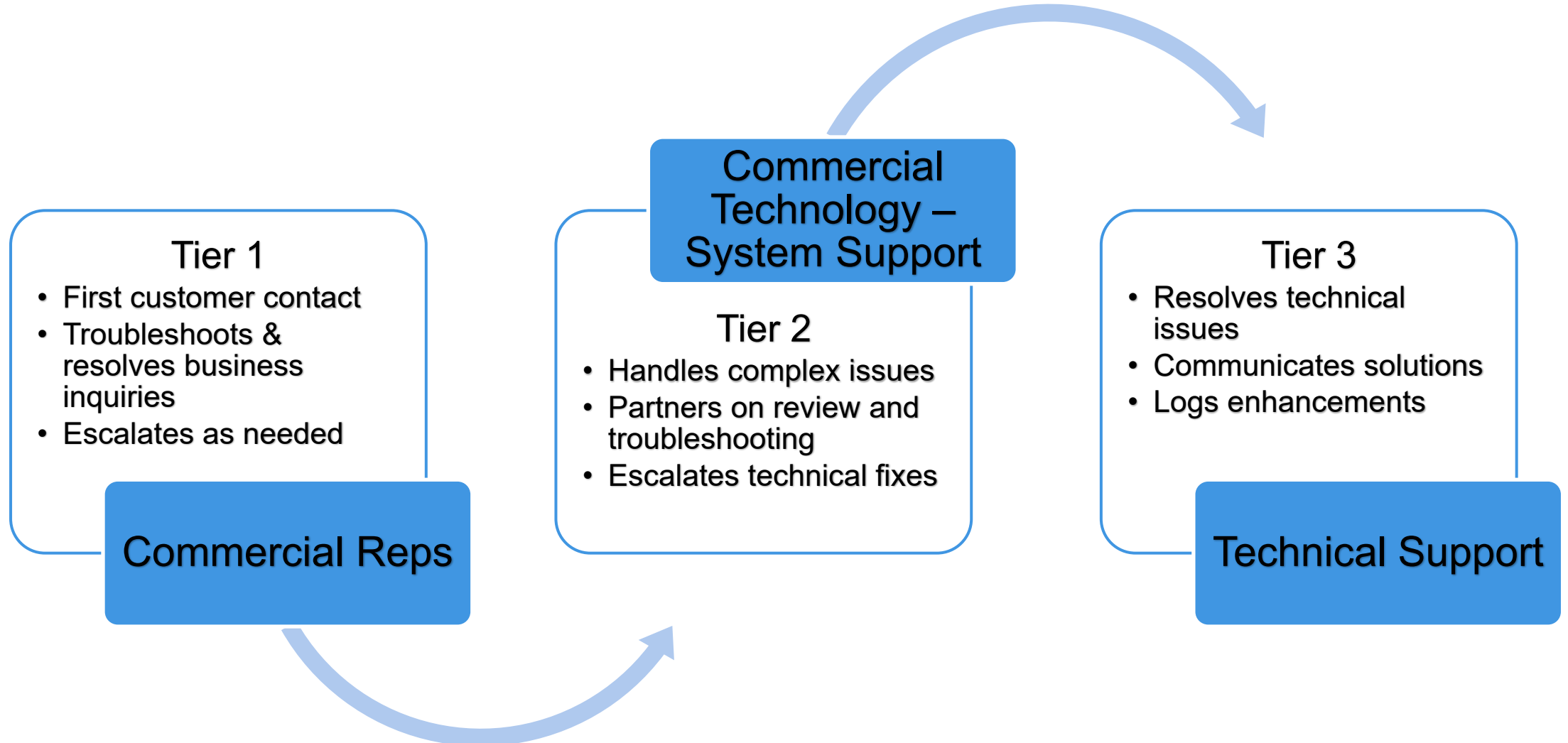
With more than 14 years of experience in the pipeline industry, Daren has supported operations through multiple corporate transitions, including Questar, Dominion Energy, Southwest Gas, and Williams. Across these organizations, he has held roles spanning internal audit, enterprise risk management, corporate strategy, and project management, developing a broad understanding of pipeline operations, business controls, and technology delivery that enables him to balance operational continuity, customer impact, and reliable system delivery.

Daren holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Utah Valley University.

Outside of work, Daren is actively involved in his community through church and youth programs, emphasizing mentorship, service, and the strengthening of local community connections.

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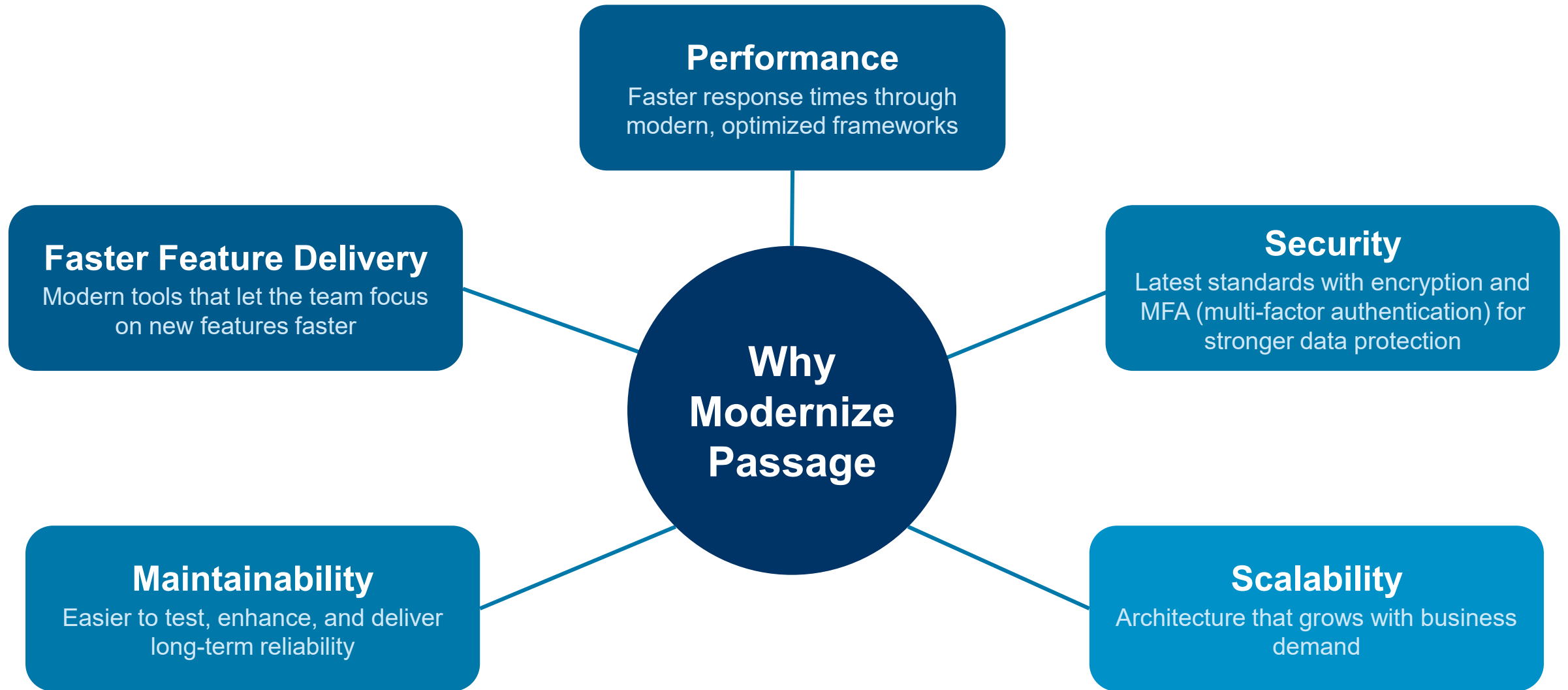
Passage Modernization Journey

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Phase	Goal/Outcome	Status
Assessments + Proof of Concept = Option Selection	Choose best path due to delivery speed and innovation	Completed
Foundation	Build the “runway” (requirements, environments, compliance rules, baseline design)	Completed
Core Services & Integrate	Build backbone capabilities; begin producing working screens	In Progress
Test & Deploy	Validation and readiness leading to deployment	Upcoming

Why Modernize Passage

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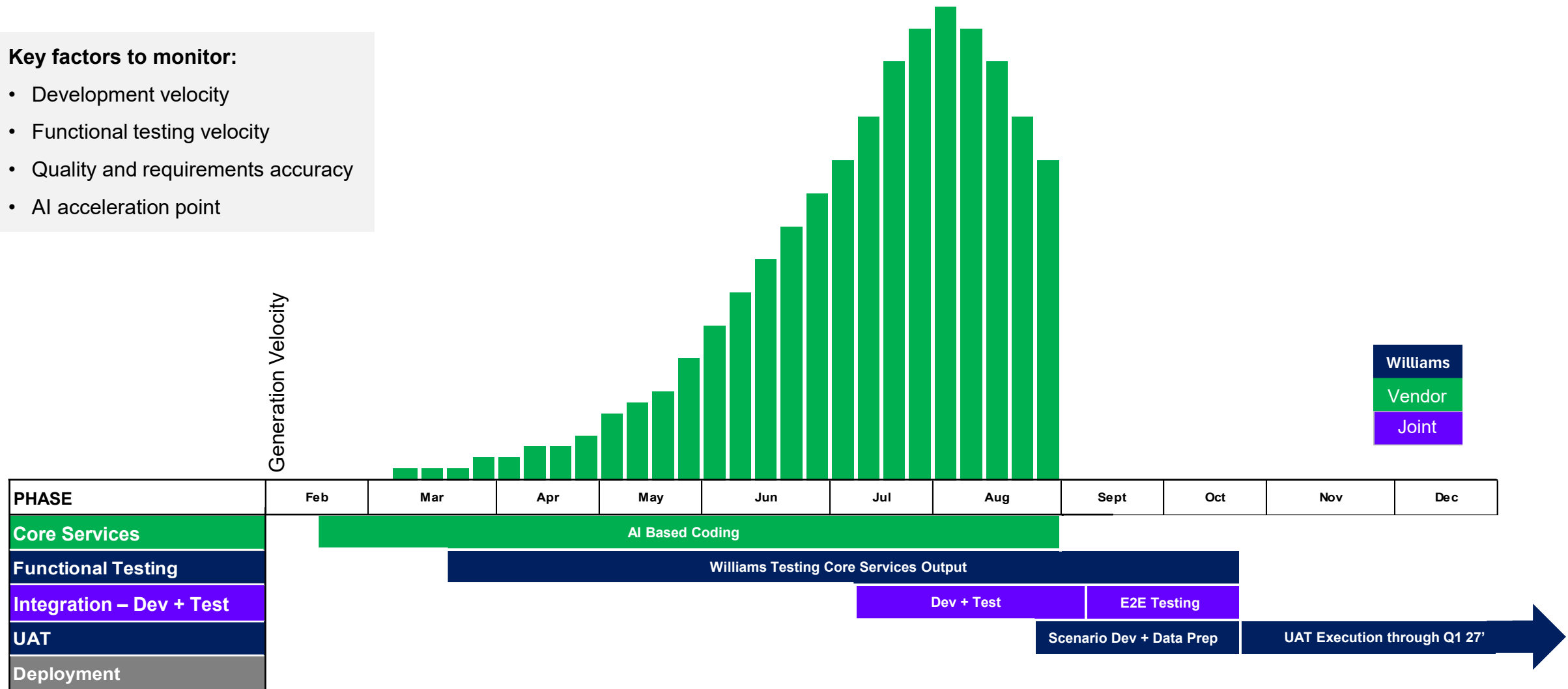


Screen Development – 2026

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Key factors to monitor:

- Development velocity
- Functional testing velocity
- Quality and requirements accuracy
- AI acceleration point



Passage Modernization Update – Conclusion

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Recap

- Faster, more reliable experience
- Stronger security and continuous improvement
- AI-assisted development
 - Faster delivery
 - Improved documentation
 - Comprehensive test coverage

Next Steps

- Same Passage user experience, modernized backend
- Testing timeline update at fall SAB meeting
- What customers should expect
 - Security First (multi-factor authentication)
 - Seamless transition
 - Shipper input during final testing



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