Updates Regarding Service to Ketron Island

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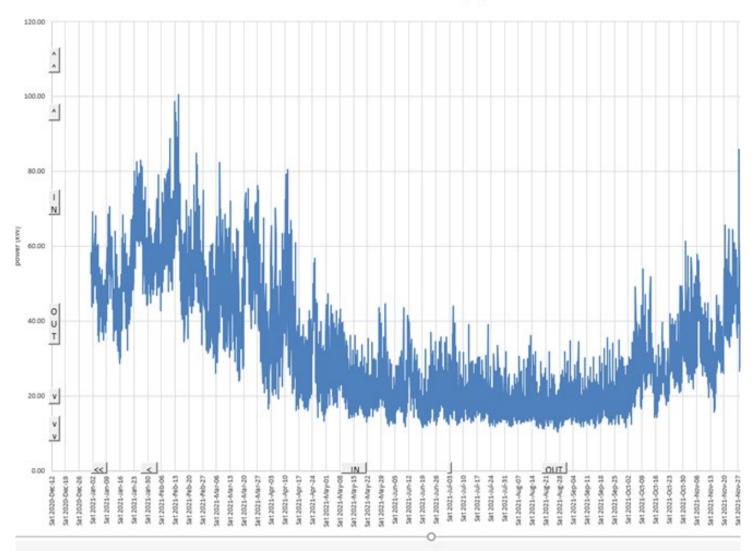


Background

- Tacoma Power has provided service since 1965
- 10 miles from Tacoma, 1.4 miles across 230 acres of land
- Approximately 23 accounts of which fewer than 7 homes are year-round residences
- There are two small general schedule accounts for the ferry dock and the water treatment plant
- Development was supposed to support 265 homes
- Pierce County assessed value of homes \$6.5 M
- Ferry Service which was 9 trips a day has been reduced to 2 to 3 trips with required notice.
- <u>The Curious Case of Ketron Island The Sunday Long Read</u>

Ketron Island Electrical Load

- 2022 peak was around 100kW
- 23 Power accounts
 - 2 are designated for Water Well
 - 2 designated for a marina
 - 1 for Pierce County Ferry Terminal
 - Remaining are residential services
- Environmental limitations to growth (sewer and water)



• The submarine cable that feeds Ketron Island is beyond end of the manufacture's life span at 59 years old. The cost to replace the cable is significant.

Ketron Island Service Options

Options	Replace Submarine Cable	Non-Wires Solutions (Distributed generation islanded from the utility)	Emergency Service (diesel gen)
Cost	\$10M-15M	Unknown	Unknown
Schedule	4 to 7 years	Varies depending on solutions	Days to weeks
Schedule Drivers	Environmental studies and permitting Supply chain limitations for submarine cables Limited number of installers	Supply chain limitations Immature technologies	Availability of diesel gen set
Environmental Constraints	Marine and shoreline permits (Salmon, Eelgrass, shellfish, raptors, etc.)	Emissions limitations	Emissions limitations
Customer Participation	Minimal	Extensive	Minimal

Submarine Cable Cost to Customers

- Cost variability of submarine cable installations
 - Dependent on environmental requirements
 - Market for submarine cables is volatile (limited worldwide production)
 - Installers are limited and mobilization is expensive
- Charge all submarine cable costs to Ketron customers
 - \$3,555 monthly fee (\$13.5 M)
 - 30-year recovery from 23 customers
- Recover costs from residential class
 - Additional one-time 0.75% rate increase on residential class.
 - Cost-causation principle



Next Steps

- Refine submarine cable cost estimate
- Non-wire feasibility study and cost estimates
- Contingency plan development
- Community outreach
- Bring results of feasibility study back to PUB



