### Focus on Reliability Performance

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# Are all outages of equal importance?



#### **2009 Reliability Performance**

#### Transmission Line Forced Outage Goal

Reliability Performance:	Weight	50% Target	100% Target	2008 YE
Bulk Power Line Outages >200kV	2.50%	<24	<u>&lt;</u> 20	24
Direct Customer Impact Line Outages	2.50%	<322	<u>&lt;</u> 316	322
Other Line Outages <200kV	NA	NA	NA	155
Total Transmission Forced Outages	2.5%	<501	<u>&lt;</u> 491	501 (512 : 3 yr avg)



#### **ATC Forced Outage History**

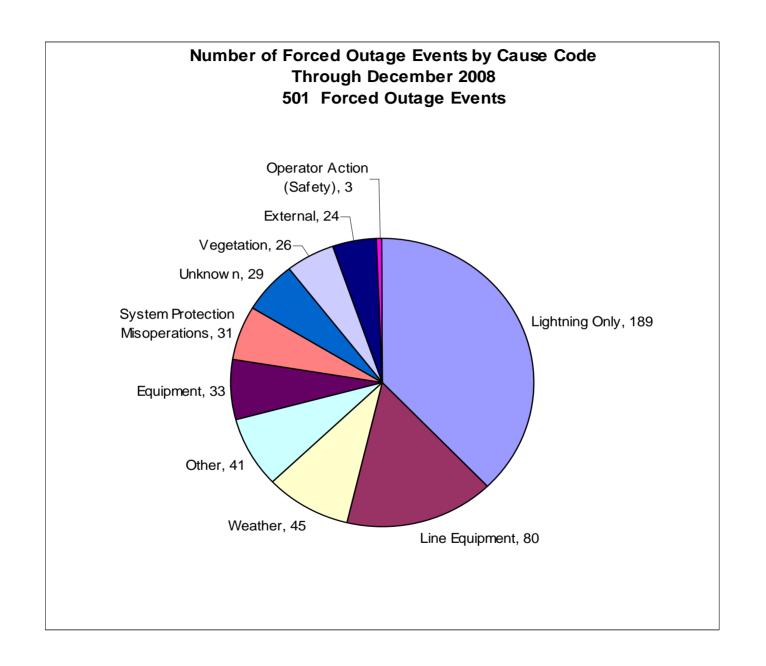
- 3-Yr Average (2002-2004): 599
- 3-Yr Average (2005-2007): 547
- 2008 Performance: 501
  - Direct Customer Impact Line Outages: 322
  - Bulk Power Impact Line Outages: 24
- 2009 Goal (100%): 491
  - Direct Customer Impact Line Outages: ≤ 316
  - Bulk Power Impact Line Outages: ≤ 20
- Overall average reduction of ~50 outages every 3 years

# What is the most common cause of outages?



Lightning is the #1 cause of forced outages





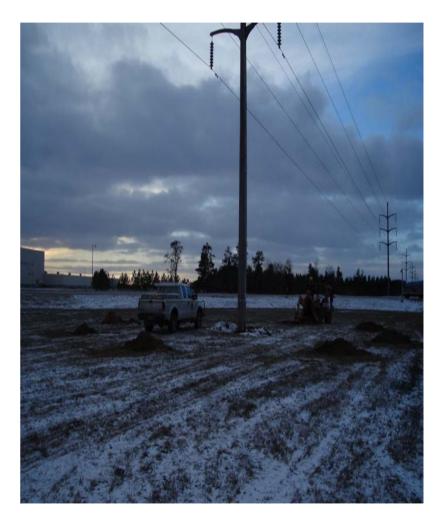
#### **Forced Outage Reduction Plan**

- Purpose: To reduce the # of forced outages on the system
  - Identify the most frequent cause of outages
  - Develop programs that target the problem cause code
  - Target worst performing lines by cause code
  - Track post-implementation performance to validate program results
  - Modify programs as applicable





- Target worst performing lines with:
  - Grounding enhancements
  - Lightning arrestors
  - Longer insulators
  - Shield wire modifications

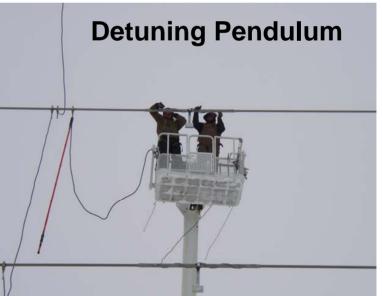




#### **Galloping Mitigation Program**

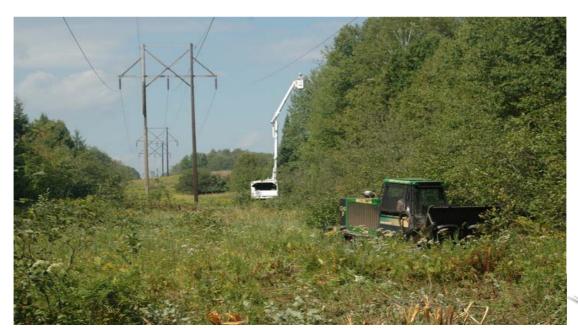
- Program to reduce galloping on 345 kV lines
- Installation of Windampers and detuning pendulums





#### **Vegetation Management**

- Reduce outages caused by vegetation:
  - Conduct aerial patrols identify problem areas
  - Acquire more favorable (wider) easements
  - Reduce amount of vegetation growing beneath lines





#### **Other Programs**

- Unique approach to deter bird related outages
  - Install devices to deter birds from nesting on towers
  - Relocate nests to neighboring structures
  - Encourage nesting on non-transmission structures







#### **Human Performance Initiatives**

- Analyze Human Performance events
- Trend based upon cause:
  - Maintenance
  - External
  - Commissioning
  - Other
- Develop programs to address problem areas



What is the average amount of time that customers may have experienced an outage due to transmission in 2008?



#### 2009 Reliability Performance

- Transmission Sustained Average Interruption Duration Index (T-SAIDI) Goal
  - Reduce the average annual outage duration for all customers due to transmission
  - 2009 reduction based upon 2008 duration of 12.6 minutes
  - Subject to revision pending additional customer information

Reliability Performance:	Weight	50% Target	100% Target	2008 YE
Duration (T-SAIDI) % reduction	2.5%	2.5% reduction	5% reduction	12.6 mins est
		(<12.3 mins)	( <u>&lt;</u> 12.0 min)	



### **Questions?**

