

# Enhancement of Pueblo of Acoma Utility Authority

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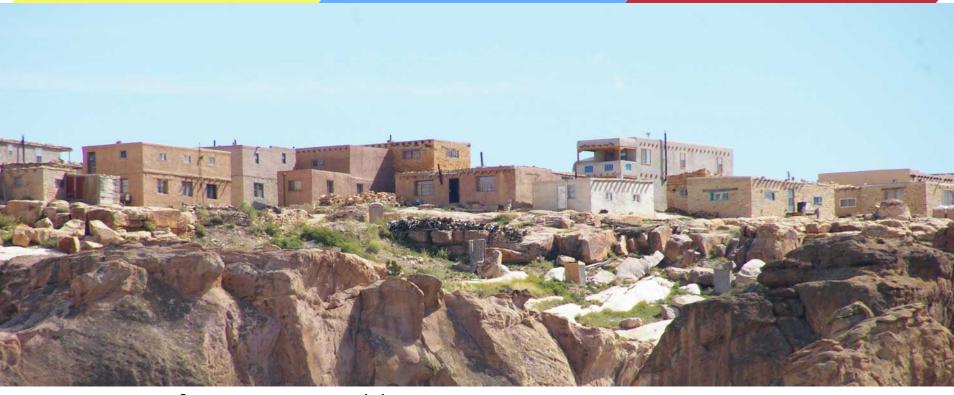


# **Agenda**

- Background
- Project Overview
- Future Plans



#### Pueblo of Acoma



- One of nineteen Pueblos in New Mexico
- 5,196 enrolled tribal members 2,906 are on Acoma Tribal Lands
- Tribal Leadership is appointed annually by traditional leaders of the Pueblo.
- "Oldest continuously inhabited village in North America"

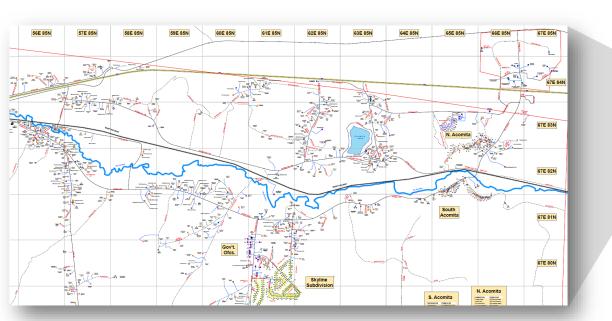


#### Pueblo of Acoma

- 55 miles west of Albuquerque in west central NM
- 5,612 7068 ft. above sea level, high mountain desert
- 800,000 acres of trust and fee land, but the vast majority of this land is considered open range
- Tribal boundaries are contiguous, few checker board areas

In the recent years the Pueblo has acquired lands adjacent to

the current boundaries

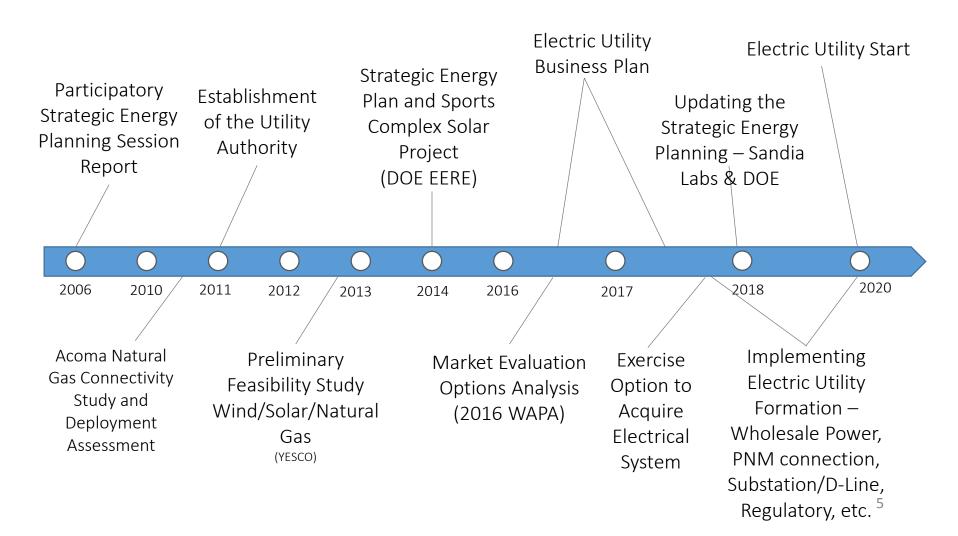






## **Pueblo of Acoma Energy**

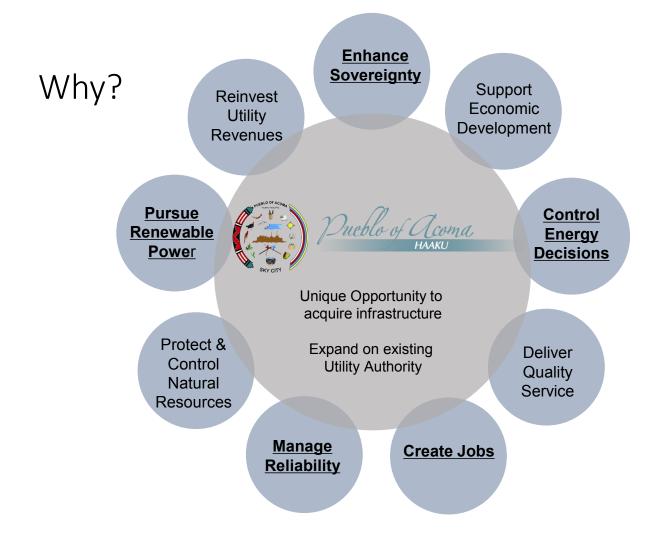
#### Acoma has been pursuing energy alternatives since 2006





#### **Tribal Electric Utility Formation**

#### In 2016, Acoma prioritized electric utility formation



## **Pueblo of Acoma Utility Authority**

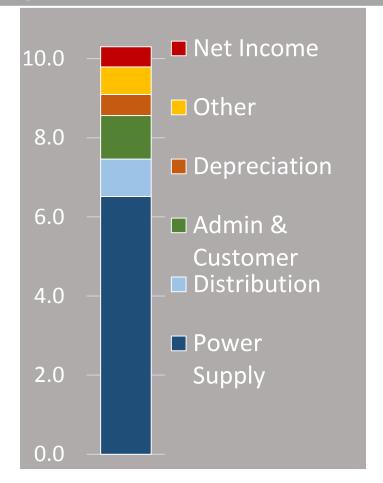




#### **Pueblo of Acoma Electrification**

- As a result of a decade long trespass claim and subsequent settlement agreement struck in 2014, the Pueblo of Acoma will acquire the electrical facilities located within tribal boundaries from our local coop.
- We are continuing to work with our local electrical coop on system separation issues:
  - Keeping both system whole
  - Reliability, including backup power
  - Operating agreements/coordination
  - Cost for equipment, materials and labor for separation
  - Purchase and Sales Agreement
  - Joint presentation to the NM PRC

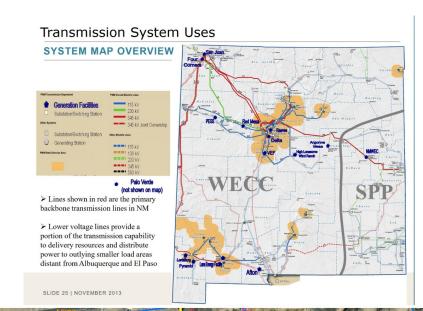
# Acoma's Current Average Retail Payment 10.6 Cents per kWh





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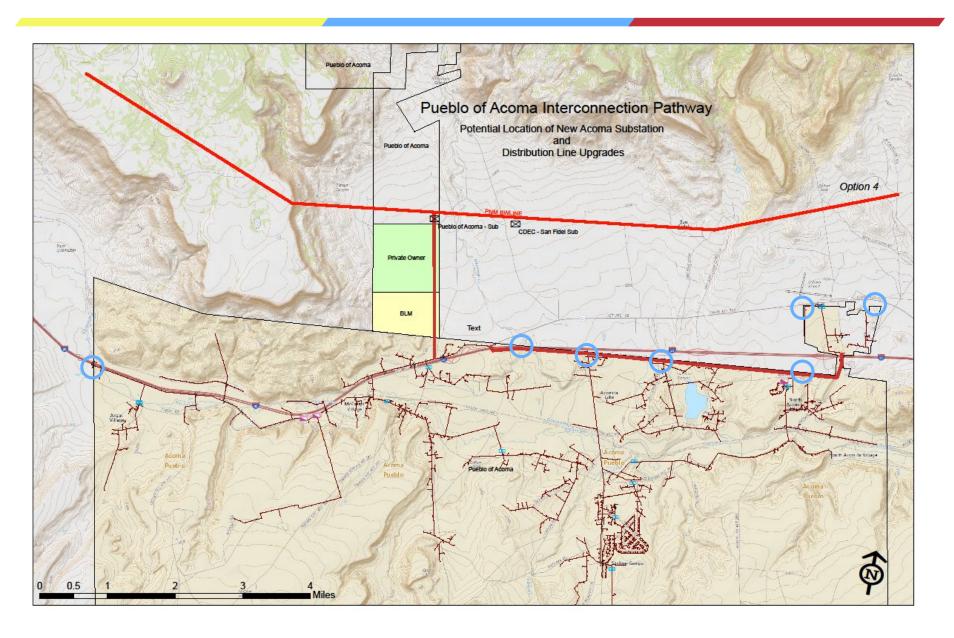
- Building a new 7MVA substation
- Average annual power usage is 17.5 million kWh
- Annual peak load is 3MW
- Acquiring 88 miles of distribution lines
- Building 9 miles of distribution line for the Pueblo of Acoma system
- Building ~1.5 miles of distribution line for the incumbent coop







## Pueblo of Acoma Electrification

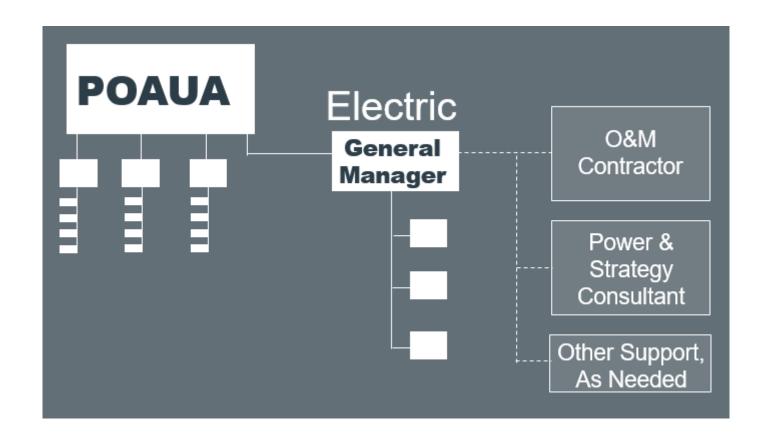




#### **Project Overview**

Develop Structure Develop People

Develop Operations



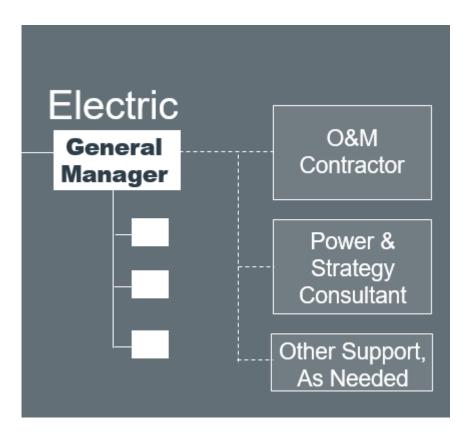


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- Identify Staffing Needs
   Based on Existing
   Capabilities
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Job Descriptions & SOP's
- Hire and Train Key Staff
- Capacity Development Goals



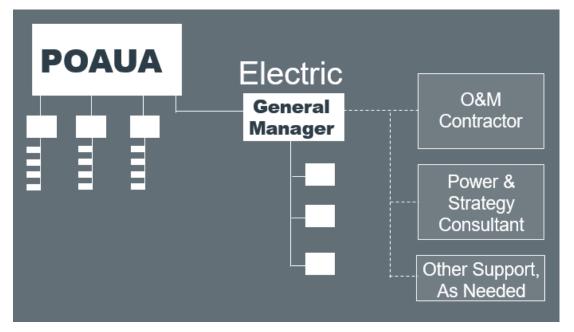


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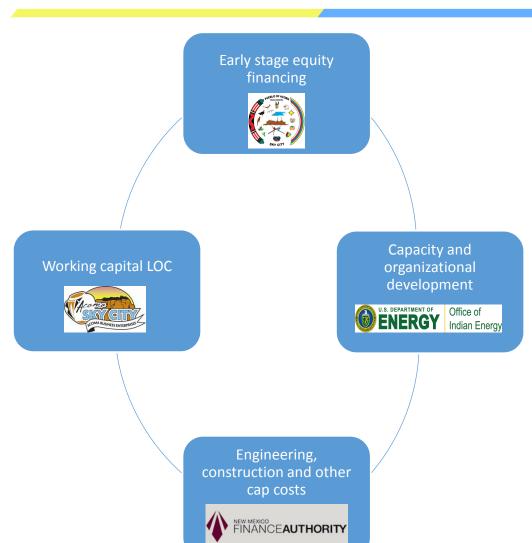
Develop People Develop Operations

- Operations and Maintenance Plan
  - Focus on reliability
  - Manage and prioritize investments in system improvements
  - Incumbent utility hasn't re-invested into the system in decades
- Five-year Utility Strategy
  - What activities should be prioritized?
  - Transition to internal O&M
  - Position utility to support economic development goals





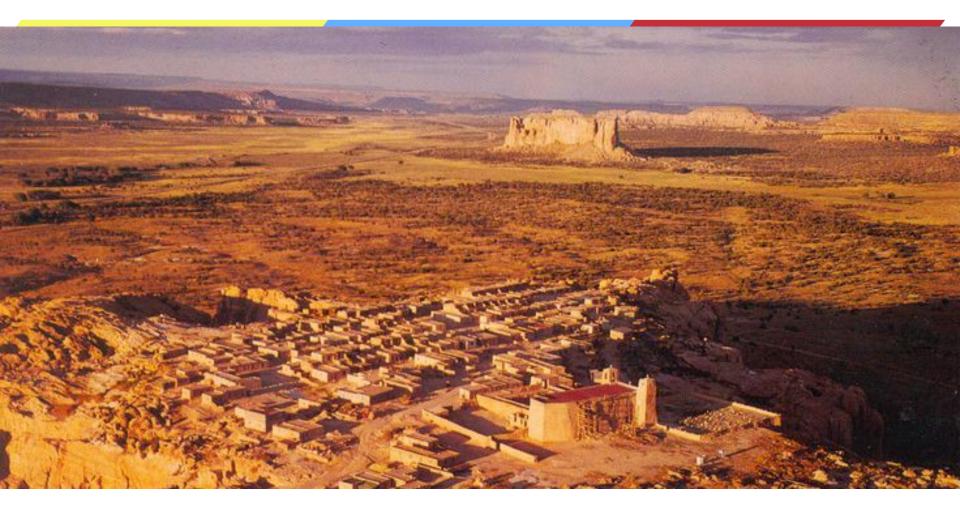
#### **Funding**



- Initial Formation Assessments/Due diligence (Dec 16-Dec 17) - \$575,000
- Formation Capitalized Costs (Jan 18 Dec 19) - \$4,700,000
- Capacity and organizational development (Dec 17 – Dec 19) -\$187,000
- Non Capitalized Costs (Jan 20 April 20) - \$500,000



#### **Future Plans**



Renewable Generation, Community Wide Natural Gas & Broadband Deployment



#### **Project Partners**



PUEBLO OF ACOMA TRIBAL COUNCIL, GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND THE UTILITY AUTHORITY BOARD











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# Thank You!

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