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What is an Electrical Grid?

GENERATION

Electricity is generated at various kinds of power plants by utilities and independent power producers.

TRANSMISSION

Electric transmission is the vital link between power production and power usage. Transmission lines carry electricity at high voltages over long distances from power plants to communities.

SUBSTATION

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DISTRIBUTION

Electricity from transmission lines is reduced to lower voltages at substations, and distribution companies then bring the power to your home and workplace.

Background Information



Design Process

Research our community

- Gather data on energy usage and cycle patterns
- Feedback from mentors

User Type	Power Load per Area (<u>kBtu</u> / ft ²)	Power Load per Area (kWh/ft ²)	Power Load per Area (kWyr/ ft ²)	Average Load Area (ft ²)	Total Power Load (<u>kWyr</u>)
Grocery Stores	444.0	130.13	0.01485	50,000	742.50
Police Station	124.9	36.61	0.00418	11,000	45.98
Schools	104.4	30.60	0.00349	75,000	261.75
Pre School /Daycare	131.5	38.54	0.00440	8,000	35.20
Hospital/ ER	426.9	125.11	0.01428	326,000	4655.59
Senior Living Center	213.2	62.43	0.00718	58,000	416.44
Fire Rescue	124.9	36.606	0.00418	14,000	58.49
Fleet Management (Office)	116.4	34.11	0.00389	63,000	245.00
Duke Energy	89.3	26.1	0.00299	15,000	44.81

Stores	Peak during alternoon	weekends; During winter holidays	
Police Station	Peak during day	Peaks during weekends and during holidays	
Schools	Peaks during the day	Falls throughout the summer	
Pre School /Daycare	Peak during day	Peaks throughout the summer	
Hospital/ ER	During evenings	During the fall and winter	
Senior Living Center	Peaks during day	Peaks during fall and winter	
Fire Rescue	Peaks during evenings	Winters and July	
Fleet Manageme nt	Peak during day	Peaks during weekends and during holidays	
Duke Energy	Peaks during day	Throughout entire year	
Electrical Substation	Peaks during day	Throughout entire year	
Churches	Mornings	Sundays, and during Christian holidays (Easter, Christmas)	
Water reclamation	Peaks during the day	Throughout entire year	
Animal	Afternoons	Winter + Summer season	

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Using Cogeneration

What is Cogeneration?

How is this useful?



With a coal fired power plant, more than half the energy input is wasted. Cogeneration reduces the primary energy demand by 36%.

Energy Transition energytransition.org (C)

Highest Priority

Duke Energy Office

Electric Substation



High Priority





Low Priority





Power Supplied

Design 3							
Priority Level	User Type	How much power is supplied? (kW)	When is the power supplied or cycled?				
Highest	Duke Energy (Office)	50	24/7				
Highest	Electrical Substation	10	24/7				
High	Water Reclamation	10	24/7				
High	Gas Station	4000	Sam-12am Power supply lowers at night				
High	Hospital	1000	24/7 *Have generators				
Medium	Hospital Supplies	1000	5am-12am				
Medium	Police Department	300	24/7 *Have generators				
Medium	Fire Department	300	24/7 *Have generators				
Medium	Fleet Management	750	24/7 *Have generators				
Medium	Animal Hospital	300	9am-5pm cycle to a lower power any other time				
Low	Senior Living Center	500	24/7				
Low	Grocery Store	750	7am-10pm Cycle to a lower power any other time				
Low	Schools	600	6am-5pm cycle to a lower power any other time (could be a shelter during emergencies) *Have generators				
Low	Churches	100	9am-5pm Cycle to a lower power any other time (could be a shelter during emergencies) *Have generators				
Low	Post Offices	50	9am-5pm				
Least	Banks	30	9am-5pm cycle to a lower power any other time				
Least	Residential	250	24/7				

Any questions?

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