

BUDGET PRESENTATION 2025

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Our Utility

- 471 LUS Employees
- 2 Customer Service Centers
- 77,000 customers

Electric

- 3 Power Plants
- 18 Electric Substations
- Peak = 505 MW

Water

- 4 Water Treatment Plants
- 19 Ground Water Wells

Wastewater

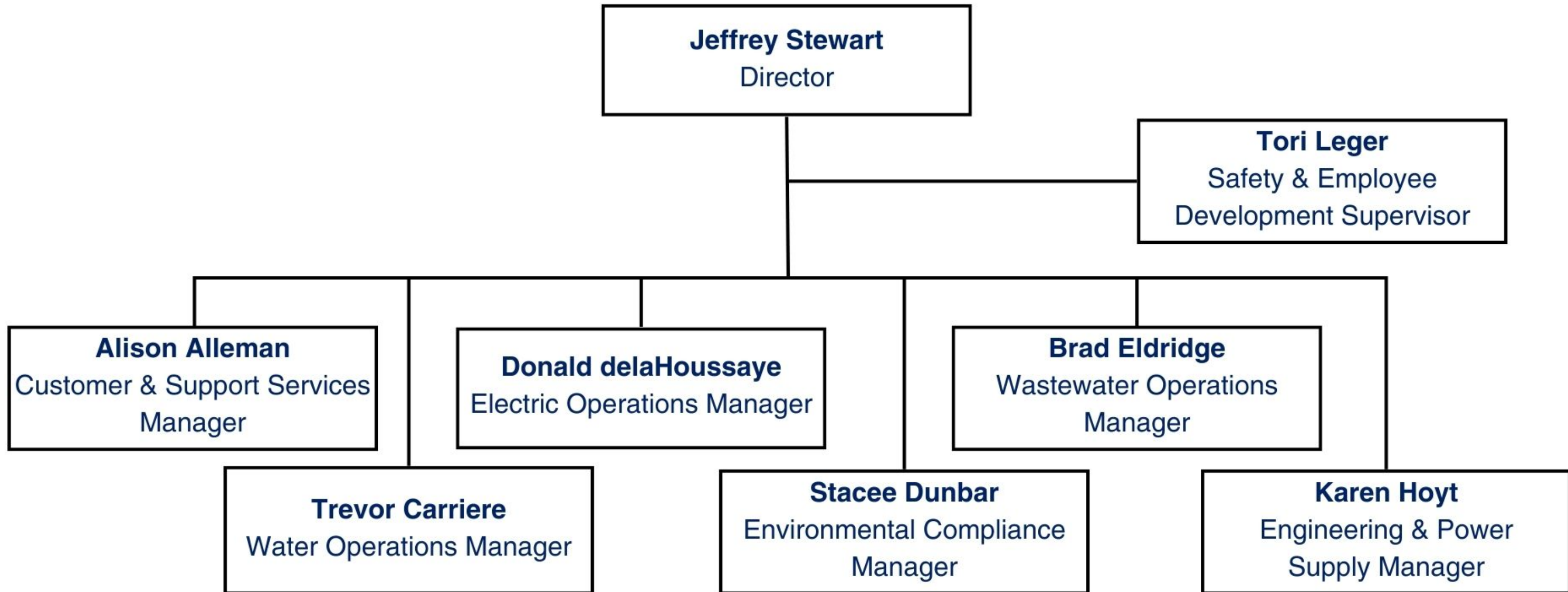
- 4 Wastewater Treatment Plants
- 28 Packaged Plants
- 208 Lift Stations

LAFAYETTE UTILITIES SYSTEM



“As a publicly owned utilities system, we provide high-quality, competitively priced services that exceed our customers’ expectations and contribute to the Consolidated Government to support other community needs”

LUS ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



WE ARE COMMUNITY OWNED

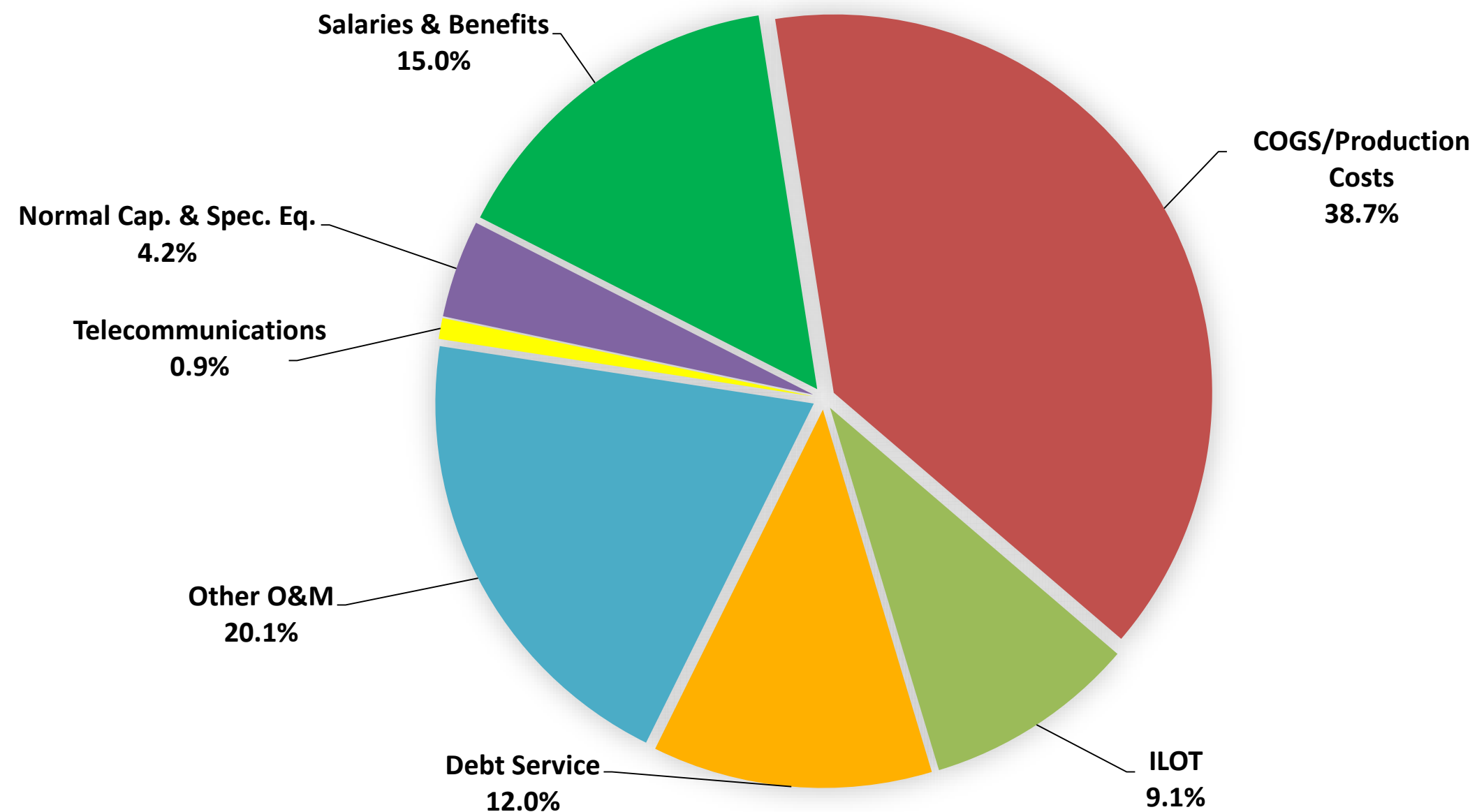
- LUS is the largest municipally-owned utility in Louisiana and one of the 50th largest in the U.S.
- LUS's in-lieu-of-taxes (ILOT) contributed \$26.9 million in 2025
 - This supports police protection, fire protection, parks and recreation, street maintenance, street lights, and various other community services



PUBLIC POWER =



FY2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET



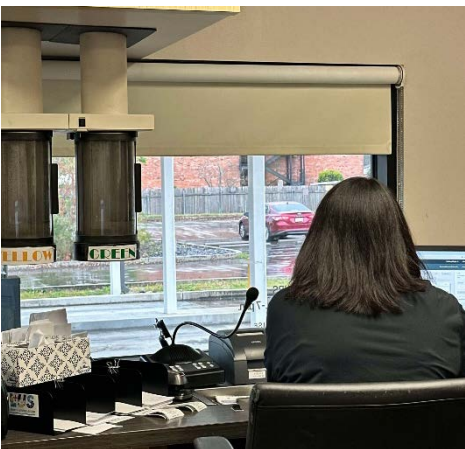
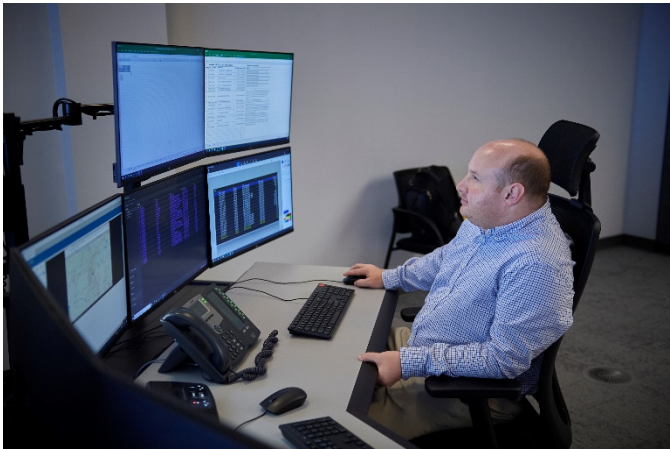
FY2025-2026 BUDGET SNAPSHOT

	<u>FY 24-25 (Budgeted)</u> as of 04/30/2025	<u>FY 25-26 (Proposed)</u>
Revenue*	\$ 195,262,726	\$ 198,508,765
Expenses*	\$ 181,111,718	\$ 182,285,136
Employees	471	473
Vacancies	54 as of 08/01/2025	

*excludes fuel

CAPITAL BUDGET – FY2026 TO 2030

Electric:	\$302,765,000
Water:	\$ 54,800,000
Sewer:	\$ 95,450,000
General:	\$ 8,425,000
Total:	\$461,440,000



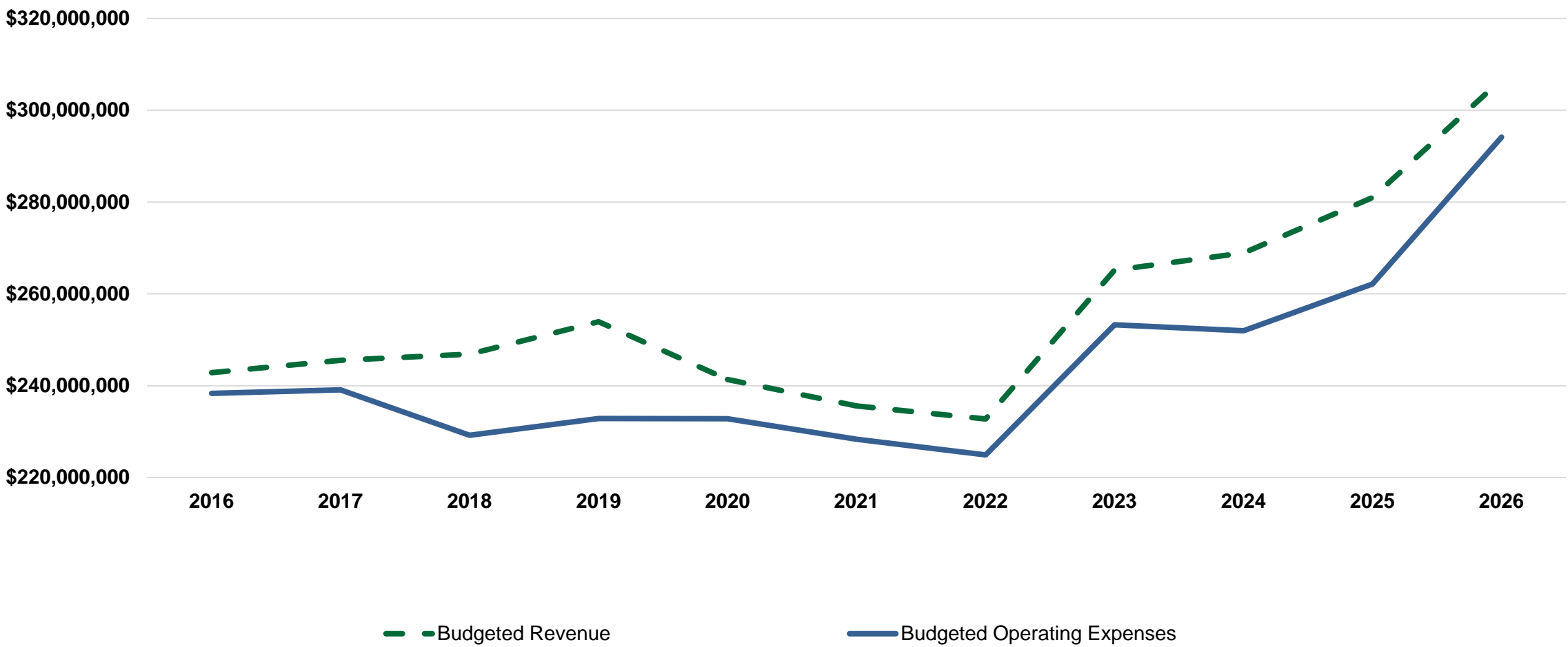
BENCHMARKED OPERATING COSTS

	National	Regional	LUS	LUS	LUS (Projected)
	2023	2023	2023	2024	2025
Electric - per kWh sold	\$0.1030	\$0.1040	\$0.0667	\$0.0635	\$0.0614
Water - per MG	\$4,728	\$2,744	\$1,825	\$1,909	\$1,854
Wastewater - per MG	\$2,221	\$2,567	\$3,939	\$3,763	\$3,574

National and regional data are from the 2025 Consulting Engineer’s Comprehensive Annual Report (CER)

BUDGETED REVENUE VS. BUDGETED EXPENSES

FY 2015-2016 to FY 2025-2026 (Proposed)

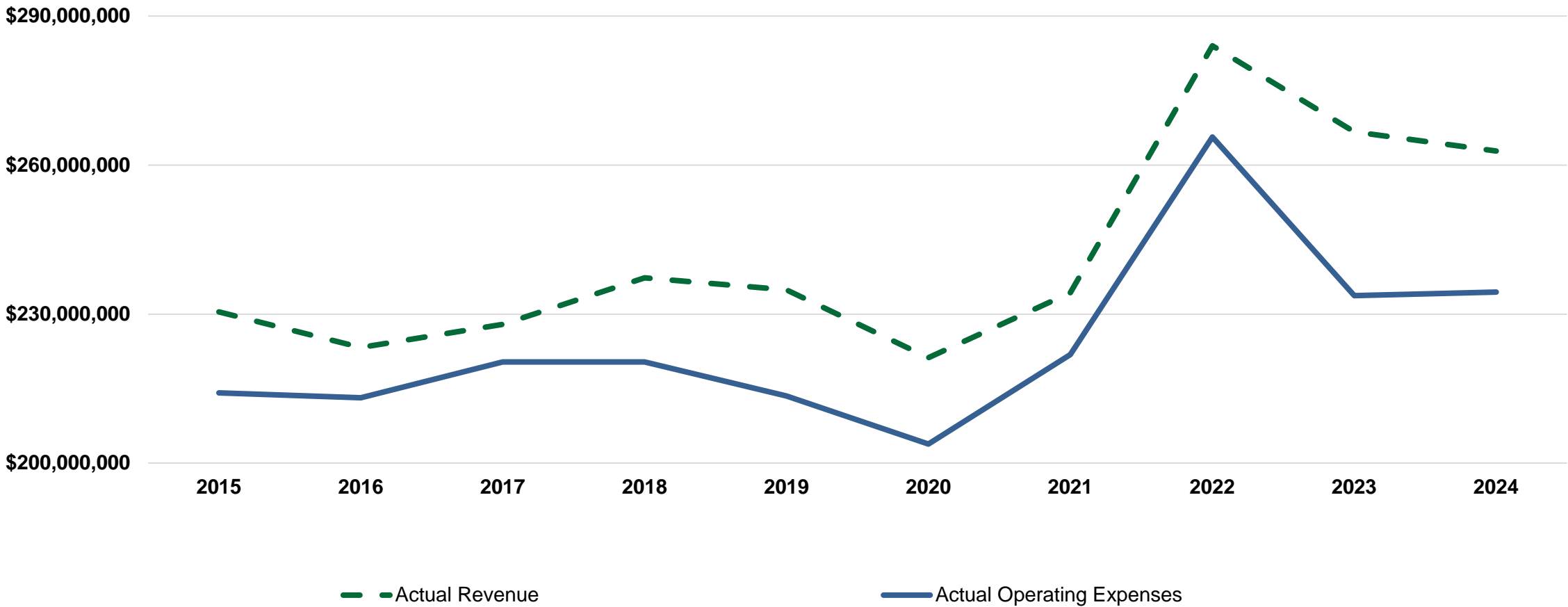


Budgeted revenue includes rates adopted on March 5, 2024, Ordinance # CO-022-2024



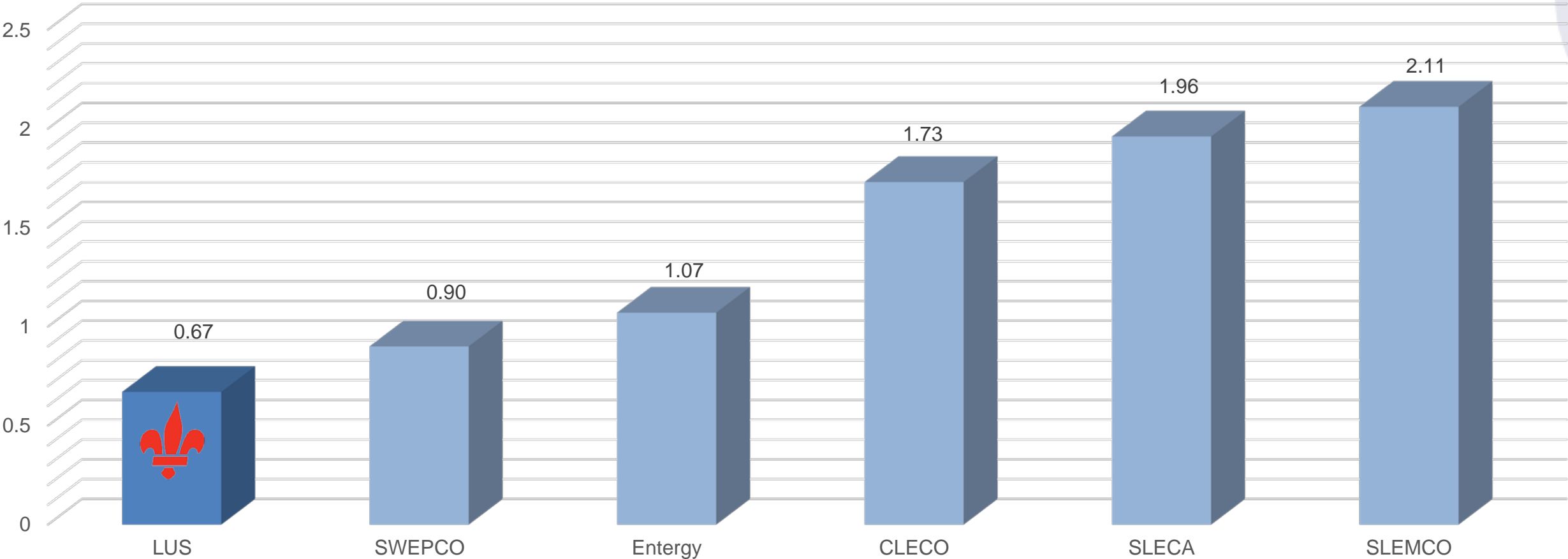
ACTUAL REVENUE VS. ACTUAL EXPENSES

FY 2014-2015 to FY 2023-2024

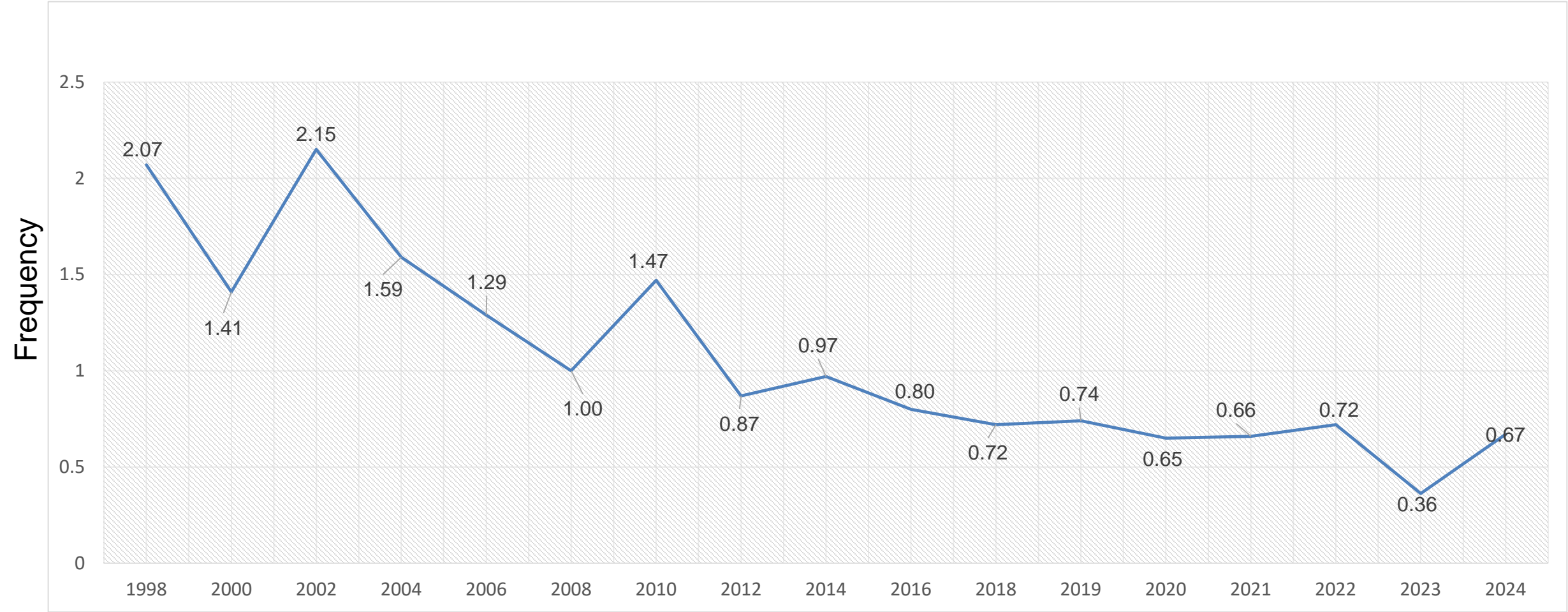


SYSTEM AVERAGE INTERRUPTION FREQUENCY INDEX - SAIFI

Number of Interruptions in a Year - 2024

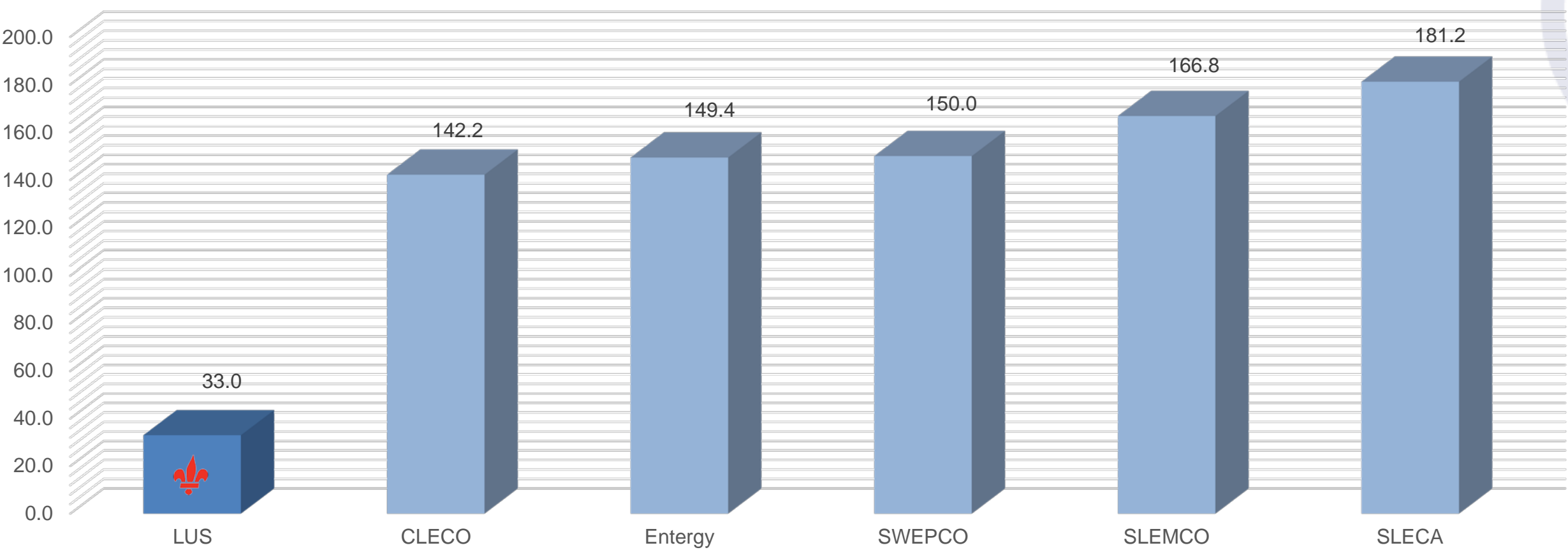


LUS SAIFI 1998 - 2024



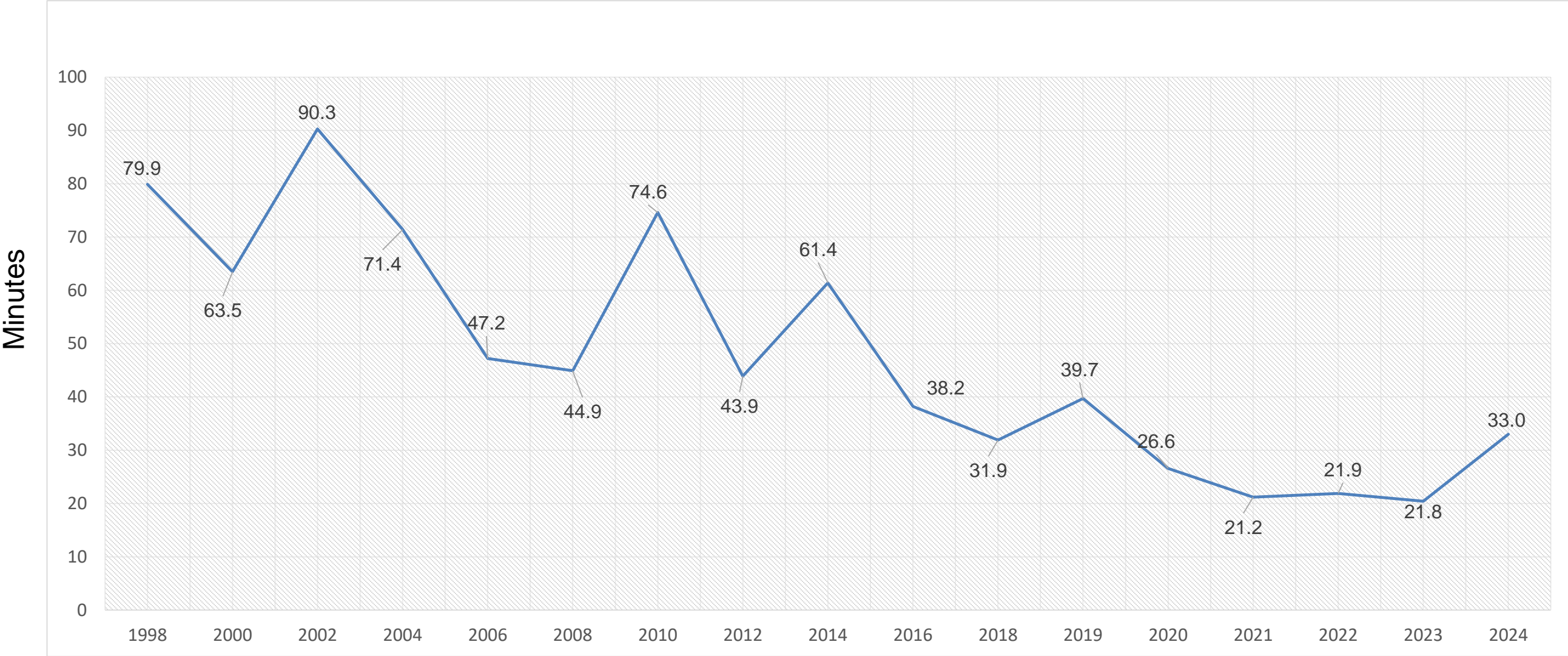
SYSTEM AVERAGE INTERRUPTION DURATION INDEX - SAIDI

Duration of Outage in Minutes - 2024

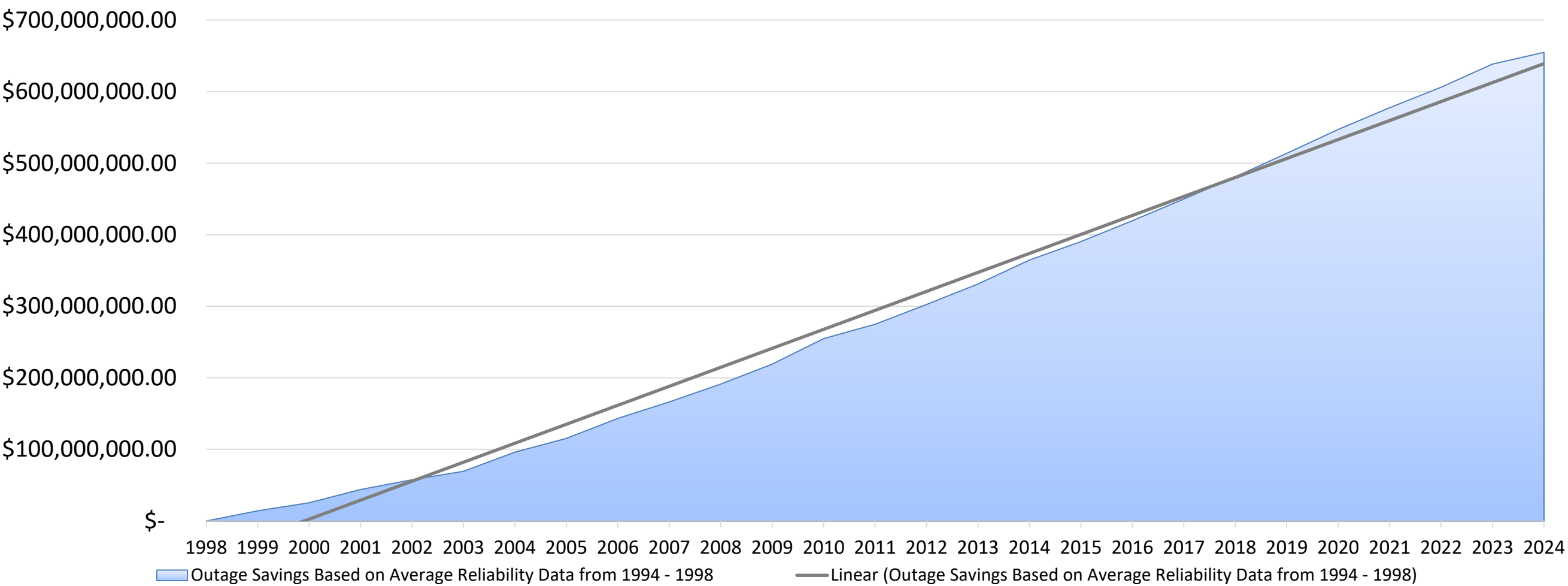


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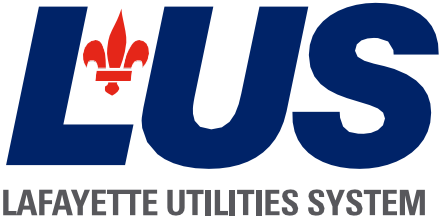
Reduction of Electric Outage Duration



INTERRUPTION COST ESTIMATOR CALCULATION

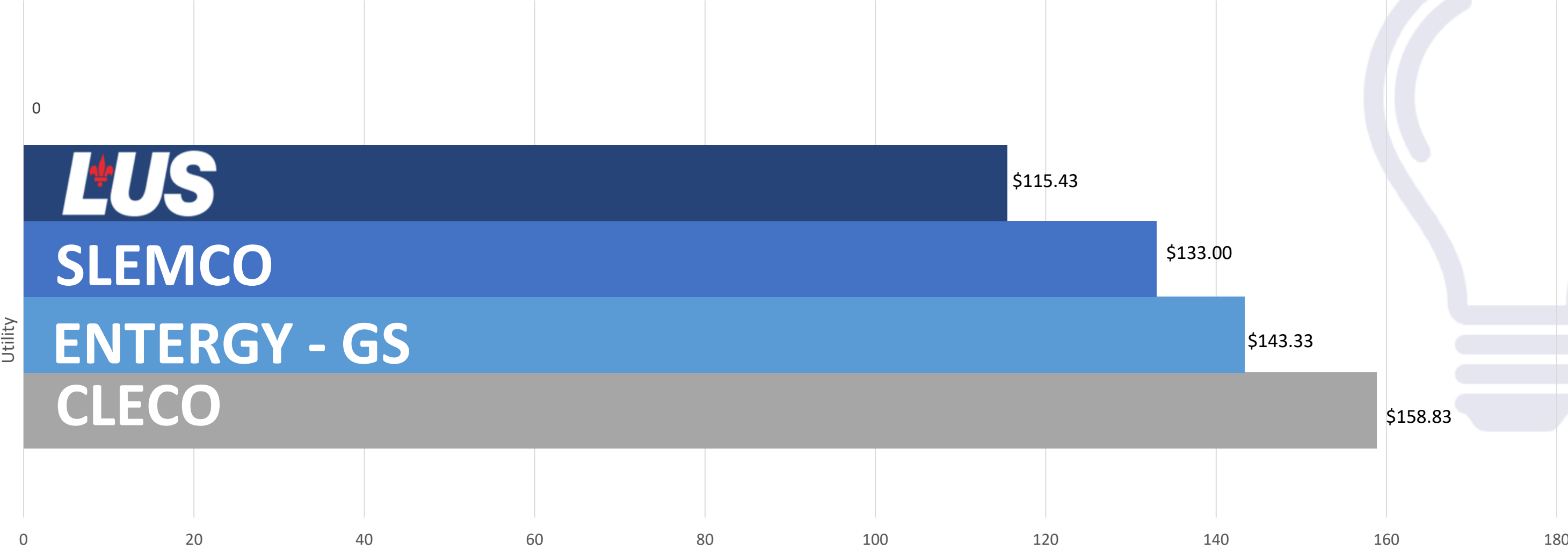


Cumulative Savings of over \$638 million



COMPETITIVE ELECTRIC RATES

Based on 1,000 kWh (July 2025)



COMPETITIVE RESIDENTIAL RATES

July 2025

	New Orleans	New Iberia	Baton Rouge	Shreveport	LUS	Lake Charles	Alexandria
Electricity	\$124.75	\$134.33	\$117.52	\$98.00	\$115.43	\$117.52	\$97.09
Water	\$68.52	\$48.77	\$35.76	\$26.56	\$21.62	\$27.60	\$22.32
Wastewater	\$86.93	\$44.19	\$55.57	\$79.44	\$63.58	\$32.70	\$27.02
Total	\$280.20	\$227.29	\$208.85	\$204.00	\$200.63	\$177.82	\$146.43

CURRENT PROJECTS



SOUTH GRAVITY LIFT STATION

Project Details

- Major sewer lift station and force main to provide additional sewer capacity for downtown, midtown, and the surrounding areas as well as to mitigate overflows
- Will supply additional sewer capacity to serve approximately 2,000 residential units
- Total cost: \$17,698,000
 - \$5M reimbursed through EPA grant
- Bid Award Date: July 14, 2025
- Estimated Start Date: October 2025
- Estimated Completion: October 2026



CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER

Project Details

- Community Revitalization
 - Location: 4010 West Congress St
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2026
- 22,000 Sq. Ft., 2-Story Facility
- 4 Lane Drive-Thru & Secure Drop Box
- Public Bus Stop location in front of building
- Expanded payment options through Paymentus
 - 38 locations in City of Lafayette
 - Locations throughout the U.S.
 - Paypal, Venmo, Google Pay, Apple Pay
- Increase in available workspace
- LUS will relocate personnel to the renovated building



ACHIEVEMENTS


- LUS earned a Diamond Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) Award
 - Proficiency in reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement
- LUS earned APPA's Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2024
- Certificate of Excellence in Reliability 2024 - APPA
- NERC Compliance – No violations since 2016
- Partners with South Louisiana Community College Power Line Worker program
- LUS earned APPA's Mutual Aid Commendation four times in 2024 in recognition of LUS's mutual aid work
- LUS was highlighted in a Customer Story by Dell Technologies for LUS's work in strengthening cyber resilience in mission-critical situations



ACHIEVEMENTS

- LUS earned an A for its water system quality and performance – LDH for three consecutive years
- LUS Water Laboratory is 1 of only 13 labs accredited by the Louisiana Department of Health to run microbial analyses on drinking water
- DEQ Pretreatment Program Audit – Compliance requirements met in April 2024
- LUS Wastewater Lab is 1 of 41 labs accredited by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, which allows for acceptance of data for regulatory compliance
- LUS achieved annual CMOM compliance



 LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH <i>Engineering Services</i>		100 / 100 = 100%
LAFAYETTE UTILITIES WATER SYSTEM		A
Parish: LAFAYETTE PWSID: LA1055017		
2024 Water Grade		

LEAD AND COPPER RULE REVISION (LCRR) UPDATE – NON-LEAD CLASSIFICATION

LUS's distribution system contains no lead service lines, no galvanized lines requiring replacement, and no lines with unknown lead status.

- From the National Primary Drinking Regulations
- October 16, 2024 compliance deadline
 - Lead service lines inventory on customer side and City side
- Two rounds of field investigations



PARTNERSHIPS



FOURTH ANNUAL ELECTRIC UTILITY STORM RESPONSE AND RECOVERY SUMMIT

April 23, 2025

- Hosted at LITE Center
- Attendees included electric utilities, utility trade associations, regulators, and system operators
- Agenda included communications, OHSEP, work order management, and system resiliency



APPA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

June 9-11, 2025

- Hosted in New Orleans
- Approximately 1,400 attendees
- Premier gathering of public power leaders to explore evolving policy, technology, and lifestyles shaping the energy industry; opportunities to engage with experts and peers, exchange strategies, and gain tools for success



BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



PERSONNEL REASSIGNMENT

Section	Position Title	No. of Positions	Justification
5020-7001	Public Information Specialist	-1	Reallocate position to Business & Marketing Analyst.
5020-7001	Business & Marketing Analyst*	1	Reallocate position from Public Information Specialist.
5020-7032	Line Troubleshooter	-1	Remove/reallocate position to section 7033.
5020-7033	Electrical Engineering Aide Specialist I	1	This position will assist with tasks associated with Electric Network, such as patching of critical systems, performing cyber security testing, and assisting with internal controls as the NERC standards continue to evolve.
5020-7033	Electrical Engineer I	1	This position will focus on internal communication ring by testing, maintaining, and upgrading the system.

* Floor Amendment to update title

PERSONNEL REASSIGNMENT (CONT.)

Section	Position Title	No. of Positions	Justification
5020-7035	Security Guard	-1	Reallocate position to Electrical Engineering Aide Specialist I.
5020-7035	Electrical Engineering Aide Specialist I	1	Reallocate position from Security Guard.
5020-7036	Substation & Comm Foreman	-1	Reallocate position to Substation & Comm Technician.
5020-7036	Substation & Comm Technician	1	Reallocate position from Substation & Comm Foreman.
5020-7081	Utilities Development Coordinator*	1	This position is needed to support and help facilitate the development needs of each of the utilities and find solutions to unique development opportunities in the service territory.

Total 2

* Floor Amendment to add position

GENERAL INCREASES

Area	Account Title	Dept \$ Increase	Dept % Increase	Description
Investing in our employees	Training of Personnel	\$90,788	13%	Internal & external training through courses, seminars & industry conferences across multiple platforms (onsite, virtual, offsite).
Contracted Services	Contractual Services	\$2,078,251	14%	Increase in costs of contracted services for existing and new projects, including staffing agencies.
	Contr Serv – Car Leases	\$211,278	12%	Expanded fleet of leased vehicles.
Maintenance	Building Maintenance	\$57,500	47%	Increase in costs, volume, and number of facilities.
	Grounds Maintenance	\$193,800	61%	Increase in costs, number of facilities, and improved allocation of expenses.
Supplies	Supplies & Materials	\$287,682	16%	Increase costs of noncapitalized supplies.

GENERAL ADJUSTMENTS

Section	Account Title	Adjustment Description
5020-7010	Contr Serv – GPS Monitoring	Reallocate from section 7010 to appropriate sections.
5020-7060 & 5020-7065	Various	Various decreases in section 7060 and increases in section 7065 due to reallocating funding for lift station and plant maintenance from section 7060 to 7065. Adopted April 22, 2025, Ordinance # CO-035-2025.
Various	Special Equipment Capital	Multiple decreases due to the reallocation of existing funding.

FLOOR AMENDMENTS



AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET

Personnel – Position Title Update & Promotion

SECTION	CURRENT POSITION TITLE	NEW POSITION TITLE	DESCRIPTION
5020-7001	Business & Marketing Analyst	Business & Marketing Analyst I	Rename the position to establish a two-tiered classification structure. Pay rate recommended by Civil Service.
5020-7001	Business & Marketing Analyst	Business & Marketing Analyst II	Promotion to Business & Marketing Analyst II. Pay rate recommended by Civil Service.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET

Personnel – Internal/External Equity Adjustments

SECTION	POSITION TITLE	# OF POSITIONS	DESCRIPTION
5020-7045	Water/Wastewater Supervisor	2	Internal Equity increase per Civil Service Rule IV 5.4.
5020-7045	Water Distribution Superintendent	1	External Equity increase per Civil Service Rule IV 5.5.
5020-7065	Water/Wastewater Supervisor	1	Internal Equity increase per Civil Service Rule IV 5.4.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET

Personnel - Addition

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THANK YOU

