Streamlining Expansion Projects
Using Real-Time Design Data to Overcome Common Pain Points

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- What do we mean by 'expansion projects'?
- Challenges
- What do you do about it?

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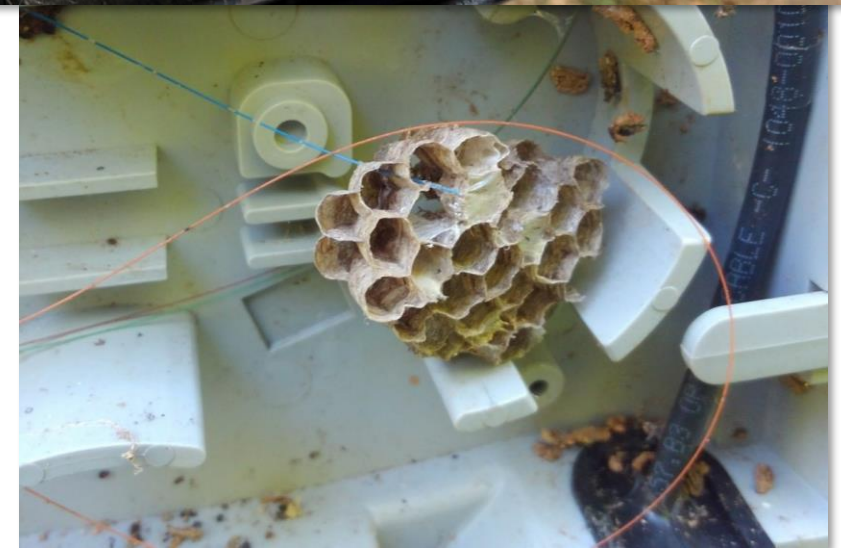# Streamlining Expansion Projects
Common Pain Points

- Design
- Materials
- Permitting
- Change Management
- Redlines
- Should we keep going?

What's the Solution?

- Single Source of Truth (SSoT)
  - ► Comprehensive platform using real-time data that drives the project from start to finish, from design, to construction and inspections, through to as-builts and beyond

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Common Pain Point
Materials Management

Challenges

- Timely creation and delivery of Bill of Materials (BOM)
- Accuracy of the BOM
- Remember COVID?
  - ▸ Get ready for BEAD!

Solution

- Rapid generation of BOM based on design data
  - ▸ Materials needs can be understood more quickly
- Removed manual intervention and human error

Common Pain Point
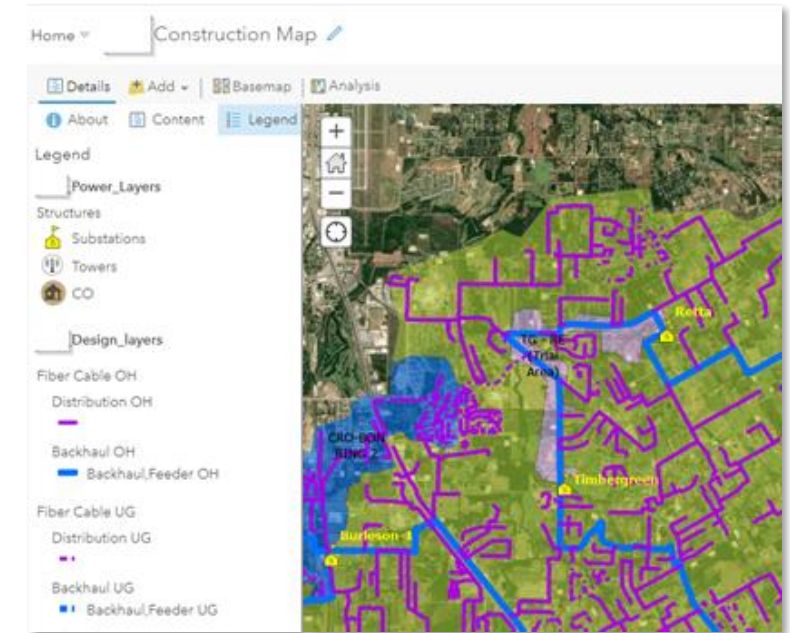## *Leveraging Existing Assets*

Challenges

- How to use your plant efficiently

- Knowing what you have, where you have it, and what's already in use within it

Solution

- Full record of all materials in the field, their exact locations, and how they're connected

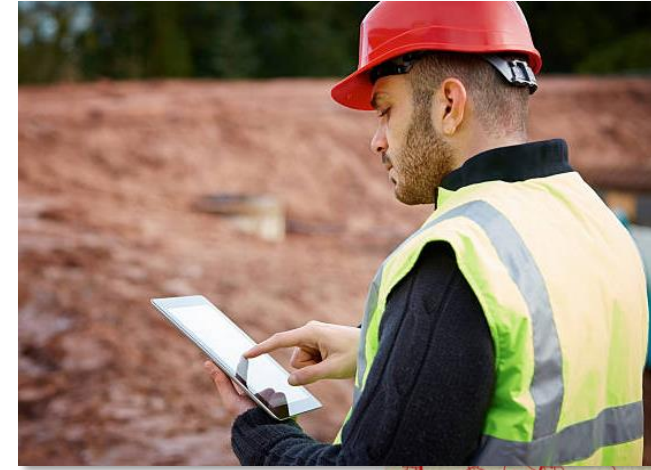- Reliable insight into existing capacity of your network

Common Pain Point
Permitting

Challenges

- What permitting agency?
- Where do you need them?
- Does everyone have what they need?

Solution

- Visibility of locations that require permits and the corresponding agency
- View of up-to-date design and construction information
- Real time access to approved permits

Common Pain Point
Change Management

Challenges

- Visibility of approved scope changes

- Slow communication between teams and timely approvals of change requests

- Frequent confusion around which version is current

  ▶ Significant time and overhead required to keep everyone aligned on paper

Solution

- Maintain records and history in SSoT as well as manage access

- Allows for a transparent and efficient approval process

Common Pain Point
Construction Redlines

Challenges

- Tracking and managing redline input

- Time to completion of redlines post construction

  ▶ Receipt of the actual redlines

  ▶ Back and forth for clarification

  ▶ Implementation of the accepted redlines

Solution

- Managing and updating redlines in SSoT

  ▶ Speed to completion

  ▶ Visibility across all relevant members of the organization
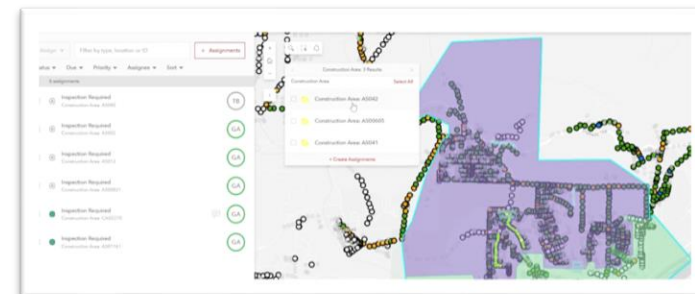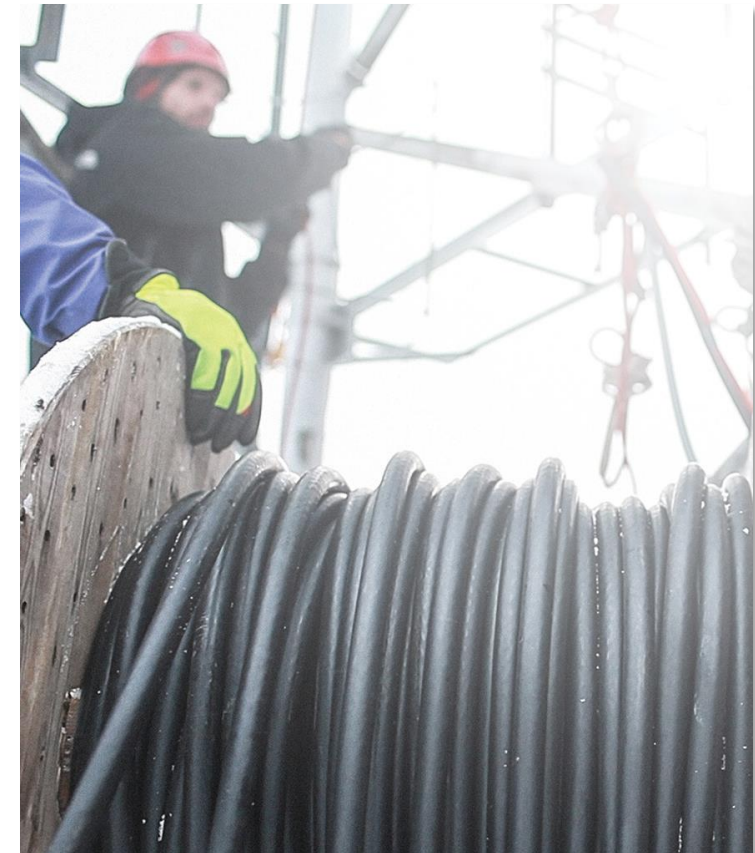
Common Pain Point
Production Reporting & Inspection

Challenges

- Generic reporting of production

- Multiple, disparate reports based on number of active crews

- Delayed reporting

  ▸ Daily, Weekly, Monthly...?

- Slower communication with inspection

Solution

- Real-time production reporting

- Reconciliation with inspection results for accuracy

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Common Pain Point
Gig Management

Challenges

- Communication of gigs to/from the field
- Difficulty with effective remote inspection after gig resolution
- Limitation around number of qualified inspection personnel

Solution

- Communication around and status of gigs maintained centrally
- Reliable and rapid gig resolution due to direct connection in SSoT
- Ability to do more with less

Common Pain Point
Invoicing

Challenges

- Reconciling production reported with RUS quantities on invoice
- Reconciling materials used with warehouse inventory
- Breakdown of labor and materials required for grant reporting

Solution

- Controls around approved RUS units for billing
- Connection of specific units to their construction status
- Visibility of specific material required for each invoice
- Integration of financial data into your SSoT

Common Pain Point
As-Builts and System of Record Integration

Challenges

- Time needed to receive and translate into system of record
  - ▶ Accuracy and reliability of the information received

Solution

- Ability for real time documentation from field regarding ongoing updates

- Ensuring connectivity and accurate records in you SSoT

- Shortened time to work order closeout

Streamlining Expansion Projects
Preparing for the Future

- Build a foundation of operational capacity to maintain, expand, and restore your network

    - ▸ Not only speed to restore but speed to service

- Staying ahead of technological changes and adapting your network for future growth and development

- Remember Murphy's Law, things always happen

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Next Steps

- Understand the importance of a Single Source of Truth?

Questions?

Thank You!