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115/34.5kV Solar Plant & Substation

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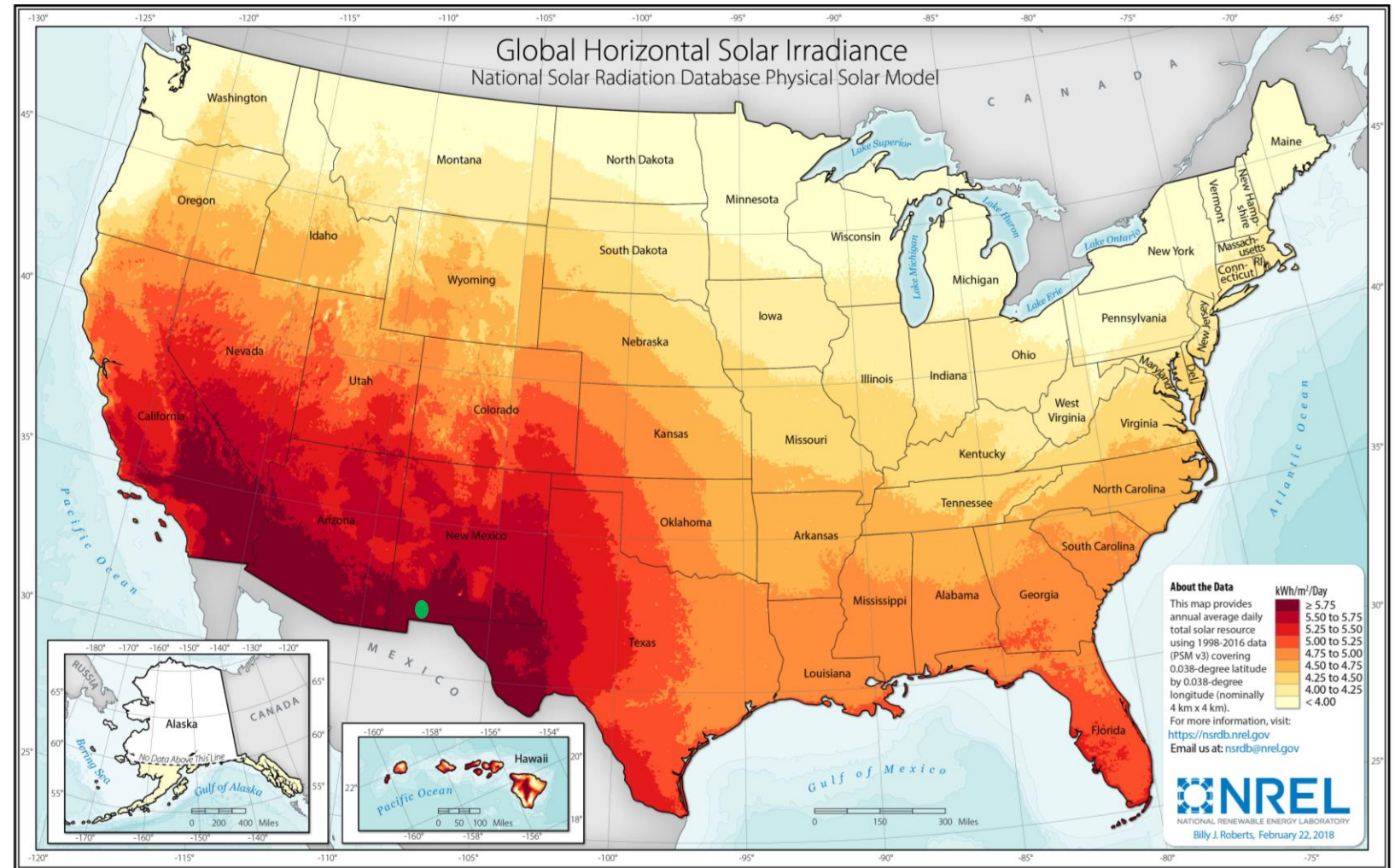
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PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Fully design a 60 MW solar plant and its corresponding 115/34.5 kV substation through site and component selection, modeling, and calculations to ensure our design meets all requirements
- Provide reliable, renewable energy transmission and distribution to the users of our plant

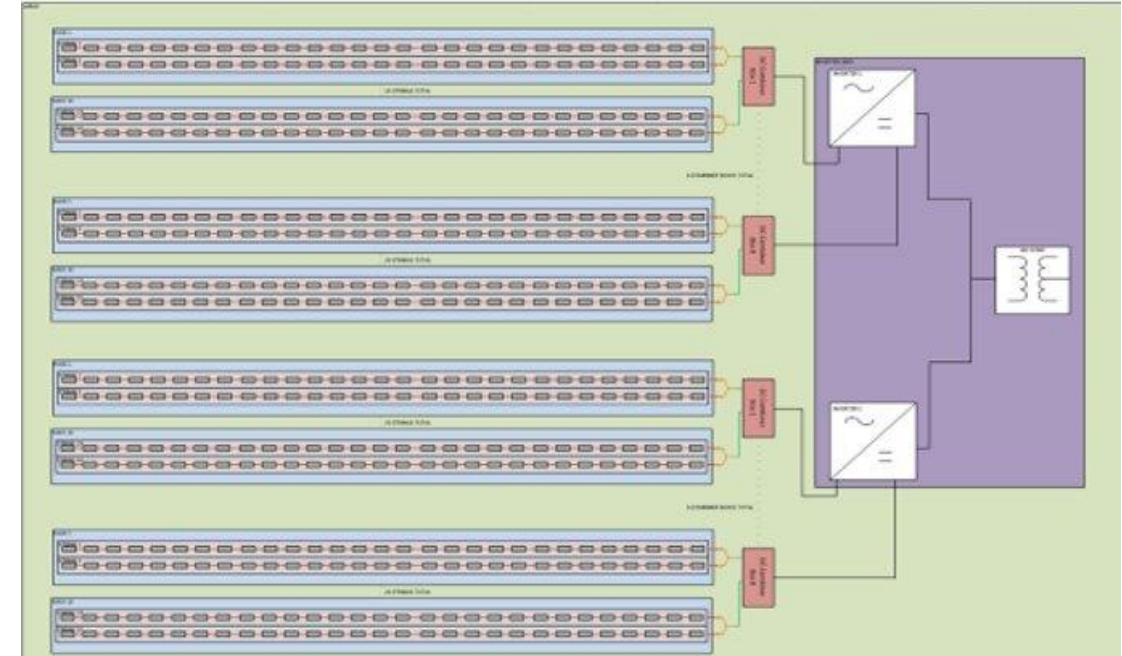
- Deming, New Mexico
- Advantages:
 - Land pricing
 - Solar Irradiance
 - Our land plot is located near transmission lines that our substation can connect to

LOCATION



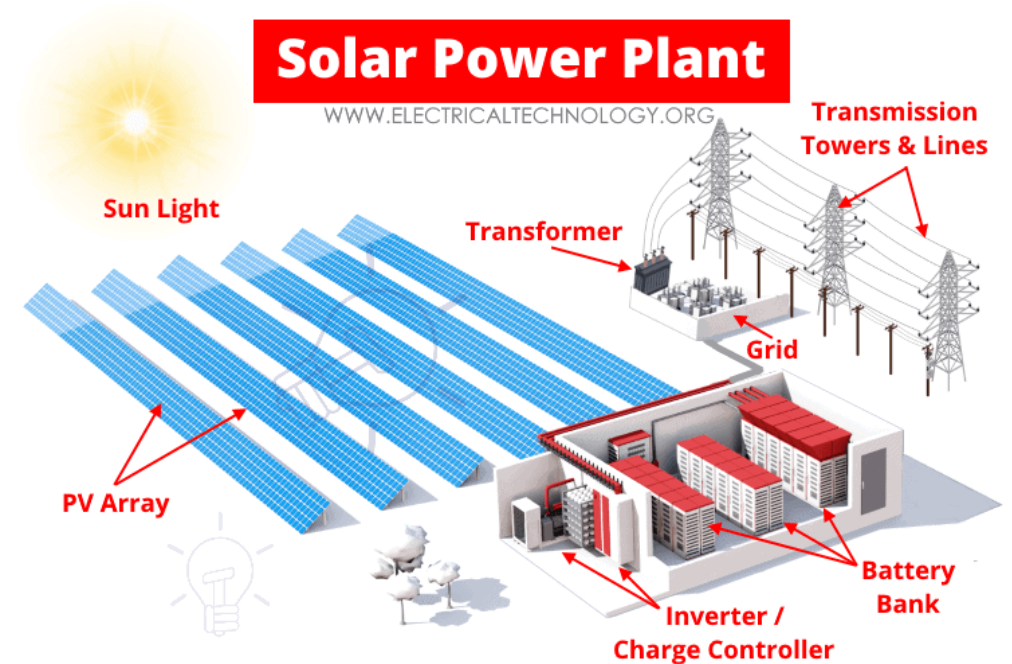
OVERVIEW OF A 60 MW SOLAR PLANT

- Within a string, solar panels are connected in series to combine their voltages to achieve our desired string voltage.
- Strings are connected in parallel within racks, which are then fed to a combiner box.
- The combiner box combines the strings and directs it to an inverter.
- The inverter converts the electricity from DC to AC and includes skids to step up the voltage to 34.5kV.
- The electricity is transmitted to the feeder and carried to the substation.



OVERVIEW OF SUBSTATION – 115/34.5 kV

- Step-up transformer increases voltage from 34.5kV to 115kV
- The higher voltage allows integration into the local electrical grid.
- Electricity is distributed to end users, including homes and businesses.



REQUIREMENTS

☐ **Functional**

- Solar Farm needs to provide power 24/7 without announced announcements
- Solar Panel needs to work to properly produce clean energy
- Solar Farm needs to be cost effective and help to save money

☐ **Aesthetic**

- Farm needs to be in calculated rows to maximize the panel efficiency and space. Panel efficiency corresponds to power output.

☐ **Safety**

- The solar farm construction and operation must adhere to all applicable safety code

☐ **Environmental**

- Solar Panels need to be sustainable and help reduce carbon emissions

1. PV Module

ELECTRICAL DATA | NMOT*

	Nominal Max. Power (P _{max})	Opt. Operating Voltage (V _{mp})	Opt. Operating Current (I _{mp})	Open Circuit Voltage (V _{oc})	Short Circuit Current (I _{sc})
CS7N-685TB-AG	518 W	37.2 V	13.91 A	44.8 V	14.79 A
CS7N-690TB-AG	522 W	37.4 V	13.94 A	45.0 V	14.83 A
CS7N-695TB-AG	526 W	37.6 V	13.97 A	45.2 V	14.87 A
CS7N-700TB-AG	529 W	37.8 V	14.00 A	45.4 V	14.91 A
CS7N-705TB-AG	533 W	38.0 V	14.03 A	45.5 V	14.95 A
CS7N-710TB-AG	537 W	38.2 V	14.06 A	45.7 V	14.99 A
CS7N-715TB-AG	541 W	38.4 V	14.09 A	45.9 V	15.03 A

* Under Nominal Module Operating Temperature (NMOT), irradiance of 800 W/m², spectrum AM 1.5, ambient temperature 20°C, wind speed 1 m/s.

COMPONENTS



TOPBiHiKu7

N-type Bifacial TOPCon Technology

685 W ~ 715 W

CS7N-685 | 690 | 695 | 700 | 705 | 710 | 715TB-AG

MORE POWER



Module power up to 715 W
Module efficiency up to 23.0 %



Up to 85% Power Bifaciality,
more power from the back side



Excellent anti-LeTID & anti-PID performance.
Low power degradation, high energy yield



Enhanced Product Warranty on Materials and Workmanship*



Linear Power Performance Warranty*

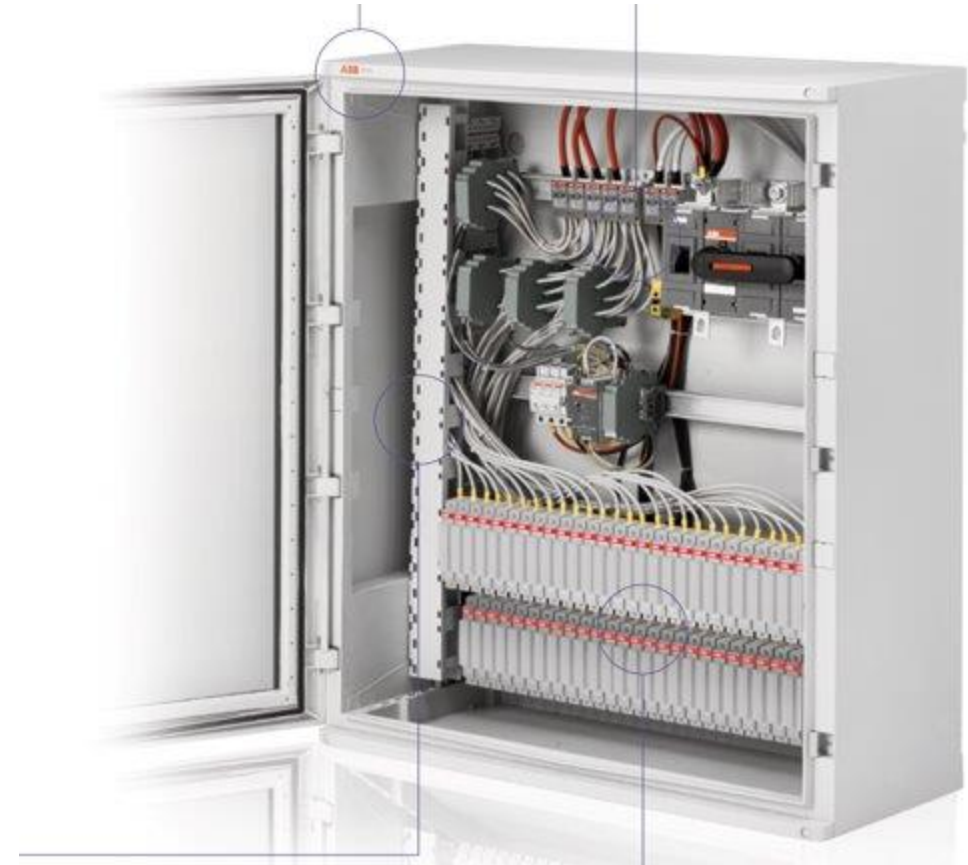
**1st year power degradation no more than 1%
Subsequent annual power degradation no more than 0.4%**

*According to the applicable Canadian Solar Limited Warranty Statement.

COMPONENTS

2. Combiner Box

- NEMA 4 outdoor-rated enclosure.
- High current ratings.
- Utility-scale.
- High protection standards.



COMPONENTS

3. Inverter

- High efficiency.
- Large power capacity.
- Low total harmonic distortion.
- Versatility and scalability.



ARRAY PARAMETER TOOL

String Size			Electrical Rack Size			CB capacity			Array Design			Array Size		
Location Dependent	Min Temp	4.44 C	Designer Choice	Landscape		mod/string Isc	18.49 A	Designer Choice	Racks per row	5	Designer Choice	tilt	30	
			Datasheet	Module width	7.82 ft	NEC sectic multiplier	1.25							
			Datasheet	module height	4.27 ft									
Datasheet (STC)	Voc	47.9 V				nom Isc	23.1125	Designer Choice	rows per Array	26		table height proj	7.39586 ft	
Datasheet (STC)	Ref temp	25 C	Designer Choice	Rack width	29 modules	Irr.	multiplier	1.25						
			Designer											
						max Isc	28.8906 A	Designer Choice	Racks removed	0	Designer Choice	row space	9 ft	
Datasheet	Temp Coeff of Voc	-0.0029 /C	Solar Plant Size			allowed current	320 A		Total Racks/Array	130		pitch	16.3959 ft	
	Temp delta	-20.56	Access Road w/ Space for CB			s this disconnect A?						Space for Inverter Maintenance	ft	
	temp correction	1.06				strings per CB	11.0763		Total modules	7540		Array height	426.292 ft	
	V0c corrected	50.756	Height			Round down:	11							
Confirm possible with Panel	string voltage	1500 V	Width			racks per CB	5.5	Datasheet (STC)	module capacity	700 W		Array width	1133.9 ft	
	String size	29.5532										Ground Coverage Ratio	0.52086	
	string size	29							dc capacity	5278 kW				
Panel	Actual String Voltage	1471.9	Area of Plant											
Solar Plant									Designer Choice	Inverter capacity	4095 kW			
Arrays in Plant											MVA			
Panels in Plant									Provided	ILR	1.28889			
Inverters in Plant									:					
CBs in Plant									Industry standard					
DC Plant Output														
AC Plant Output														

VOLTAGE DROP CALCULATIONS:

DCB	Strings per Rack	IMP for String	String Length	String wire size	String Conductor resistance	String resistance	Voltage Drop of String	IMP for Jumper	Jumper Length	Jumper wire size	Jumper resistance	Jumper resistance	Voltage Drop of Jumper	Voltage Drop of String	Voltage Drop of Jumper
DCB#-##	per rack	Amp	feet	AWG	Ohm/kft	Ohm	Volts	Amp	feet	AWG	Ohm/kft	Ohm	Volts	percent	percent
DCB1-01	2	14	226.87	10	1.2400	0.5448151	7.8769264	28	569	8	0.7640	0.8409313	24.344096	0.525128427	1.622939733
DCB1-02	2	14	226.87	10	1.2400	0.5448151	7.8769264	28	342	8	0.7640	0.5061071	14.632128	0.525128427	0.9754752
DCB1-03	2	14	226.87	10	1.2400	0.5448151	7.8769264	28	115	8	0.7640	0.1703152	4.92016	0.525128427	0.328010667
DCB1-04	2	14	226.87	10	1.2400	0.5448151	7.8769264	28	342	8	0.7640	0.5061071	14.632128	0.525128427	0.9754752
DCB1-05	2	14	226.87	10	1.2400	0.5448151	7.8769264	28	569	8	0.7640	0.8409313	24.344096	0.525128427	1.622939733
Combiner Name		from Array Parameter	panels in string * panel width	IMP x 1.25 AWG size above that	Table 8 NEC						Table 8 NEC				

$$V_d = \frac{I \times 2 \times d}{1000 \text{ ft} / \text{kft}} \times \left(\frac{\Omega}{\text{kft}} \right)$$

- Where:
- V_d = voltage drop
 - d = route length of dc cable in feet (2 x adjusts for total circuit wire length)
 - I = dc current in amperes (commonly I_{mp})
 - Ω/kft = ohms/thousand feet (resistance)

$$\text{Voltage drop (in percentage)} = \frac{V_d}{V_{MAX}} \times 100$$

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WIRING MATERIALS & COMPONENTS

CBs DCB1-01 - DCB1-26

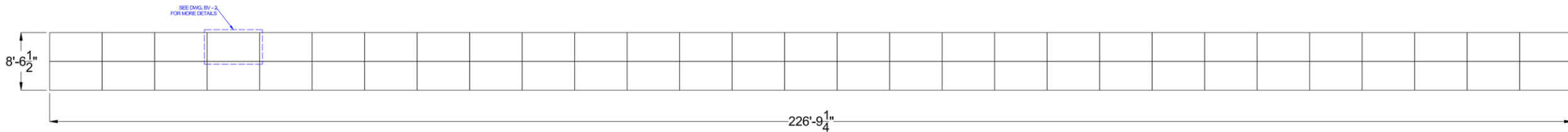
Conductors	Isc(A)	IMP(A)	Type	Conductor Material	AWG Size
String (Harness)	18.49	15	Underground	copper	10
Rack to CB (Jumper)	36.98	30	Underground	copper	8
CB to Inverter	184.9	120	Underground	copper	3/o

Property	Copper	Aluminum
Conductivity	High	Moderate
Weight	Heavy	Light
Cost	Expensive	Affordable
Strength & Durability	High	Moderate
Corrosion Resistance	Excellent	Requires treatment
Thermal Expansion	Low	High

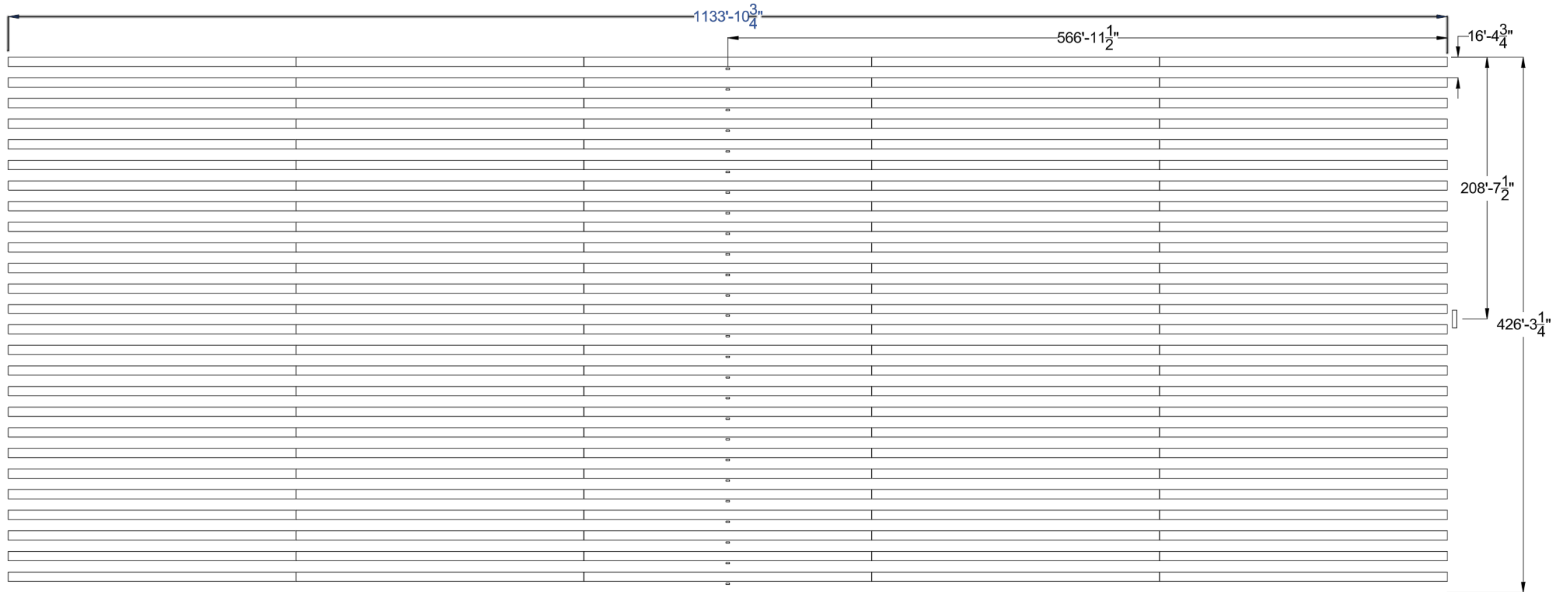
SYSTEM DESIGN – RACK LAYOUT

Factors Effecting the Rack Layout

- Open circuit voltage (V_{oc})
- Short circuit current (I_{sc})



SYSTEM DESIGN – ARRAY LAYOUT



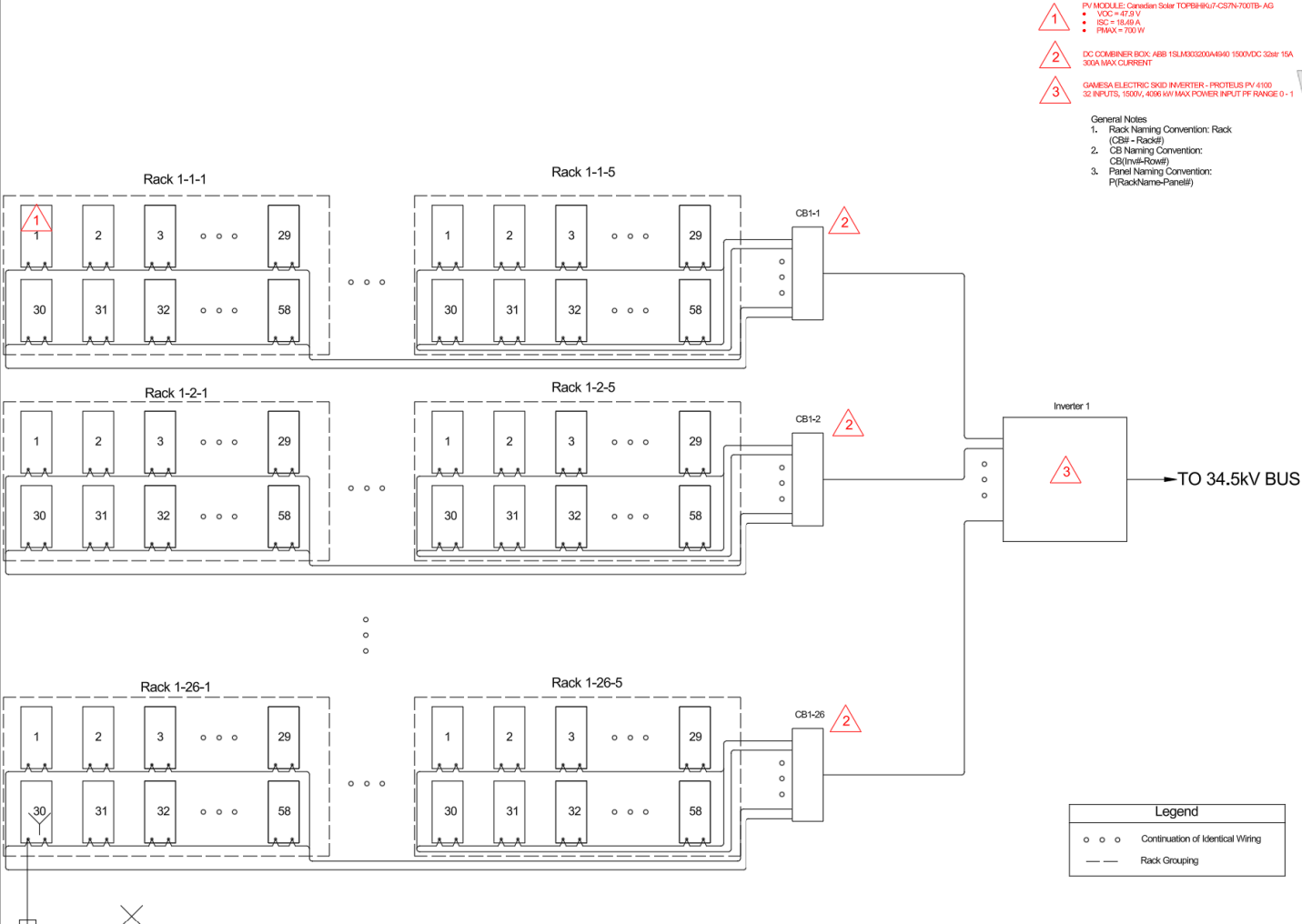
SYSTEM DESIGN – ARRAY LAYOUT

Factors Effecting the Array Layout

- Power generated by one rack
- Inverter capacity
 - Want DC capacity to be 1.3x the inverter capacity
- Ground coverage ratio
 - Effects how much shade is cast onto other panels
- Voltage drop
 - Effects placement of combiner boxes and inverter

ONE LINE DIAGRAM

[+][Top][2D Wireframe]



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DESCRIPTION	DATE	INIT.

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SIGNATURE & SEAL:

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DEMING, NEW MEXICO
(LUNA COUNTY)

PARCEL NUMBER: 3056149254397

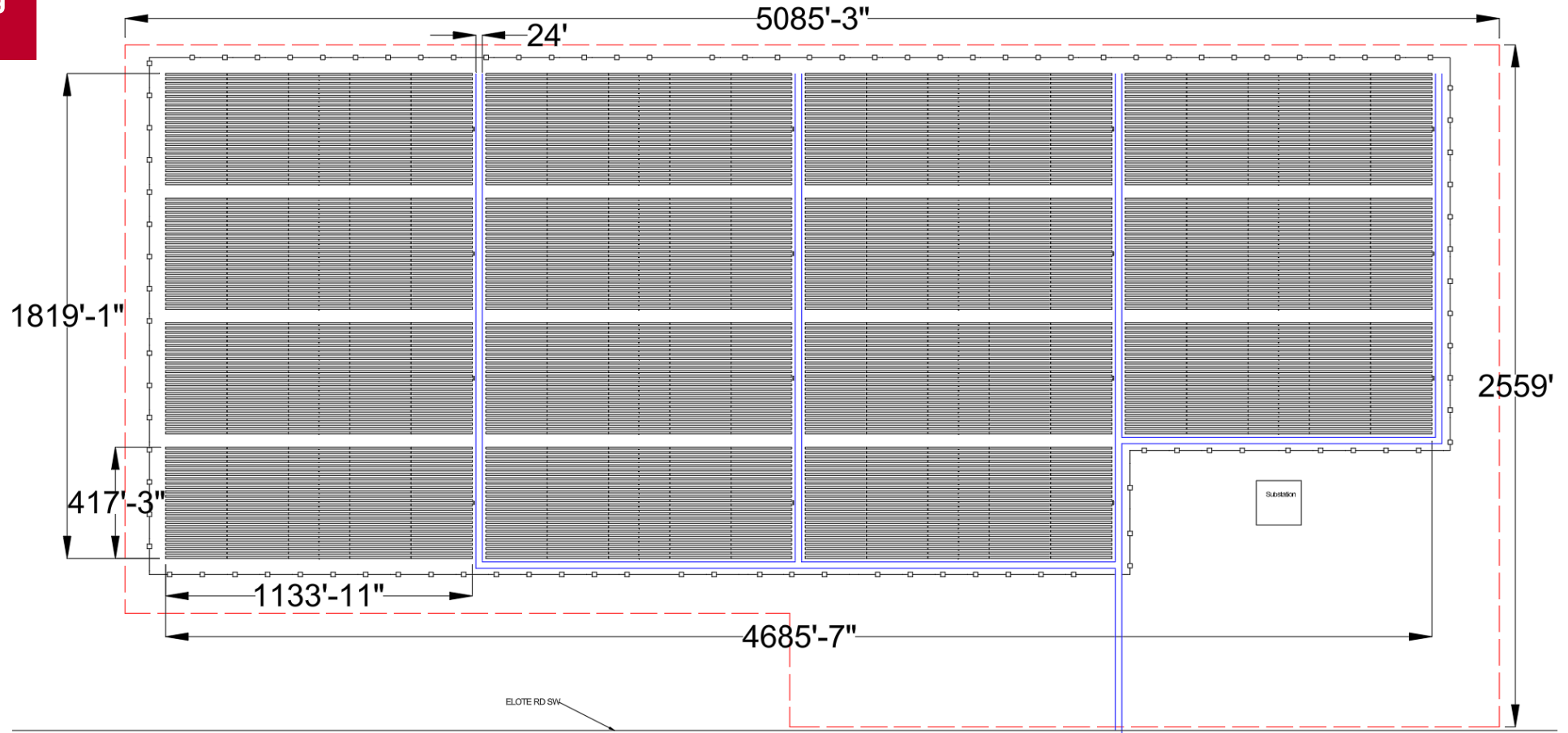
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Detailed One-Line

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36" x 24"

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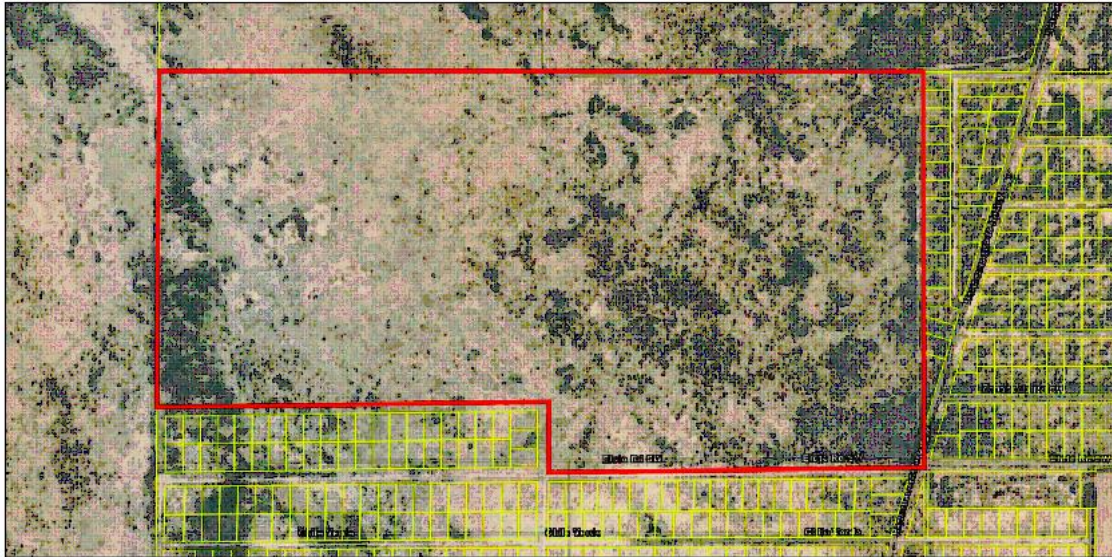
SITE PLAN



PROJECT PLAN

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project design is a 60 MW solar farm and an integrated 115/34.5 kV distribution substation on 311 acres in Deming, New Mexico, aiming to provide sustainable energy solutions and enhance local grid stability.



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115/34.5KV SOLAR POWER		
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Solar Site Plan		
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- Project site in Deming, New Mexico
- 311 acres
- Array design fits the plot dimensions

BILL OF MATERIALS

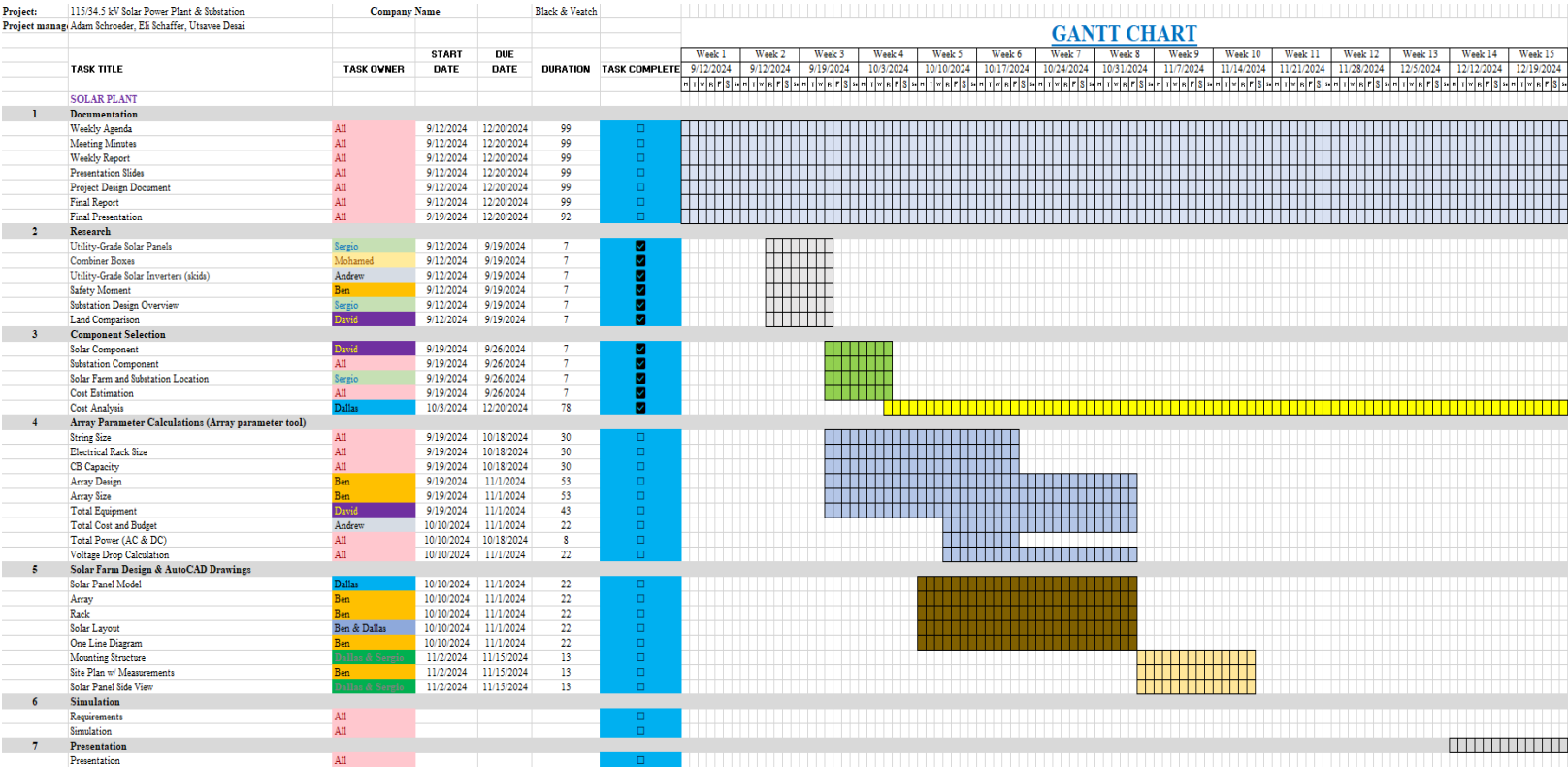
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1	60 MW Solar Farm Components						
2	Component Type	SKU/Model Number	Quantity	Price	Datasheet	Total Quantity Price	Pricing
3	Canadian Solar PV Modules	TOPBiHiKu7 CS7N-700TB-AG	113,100	\$223	Link	\$25,221,300	Link
4	DC Combiner Boxes	CA1500-24-20S	390	\$2,156.00	Link	\$840,840	Link
5	Inverters	SLG-330-0279	15	\$119,210.14	Link	\$1,788,152	Link
6	600 kcmil					\$0	
7	Land		311 Acres			\$217,700	Link
8	Fencing					\$0	
9	Labor		6+ Months @ \$24/hr., 50 Workers			\$0	Link
10						\$0	
11						\$0	
12						\$0	
13						\$0	
14						\$0	
15						\$0	
16						\$0	
17						\$0	
18					Total Cost	\$28,067,992	

Project:	115/54.5 kV Solar Power Plant & Substation			Black & Veatch		GANTT CHART																
Project manager:	Adam Schroeder, Eli Schaffer, Utsavve Desai																					
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	Combiner Boxes	Mohamed	9/12/2024
	Utility-Grade Solar Inverters (skids)	Andrew	9/12/2024
	Safety Moment	Ben	9/12/2024
	Substation Design Overview	Sergio	9/12/2024
	Land Comparison	David	9/12/2024
3	Component Selection		
	Solar Component	David	9/19/2024
	Substation Component	All	9/19/2024
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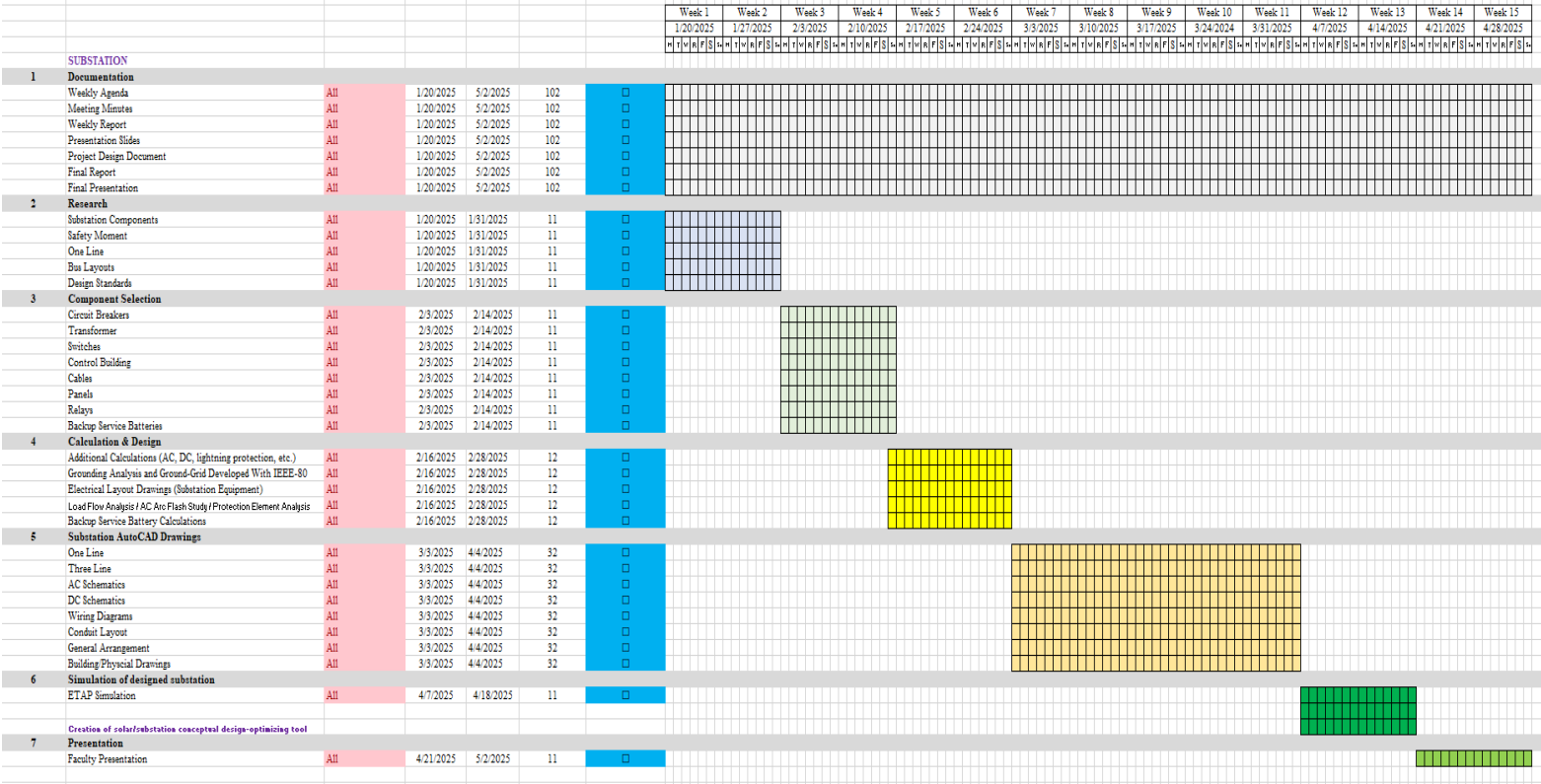
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4 Array Parameter Calculations (Array parameter tool)		
String Size	All	9/19/2024
Electrical Rack Size	All	9/19/2024
CB Capacity	All	9/19/2024
Array Design	Ben	9/19/2024
Array Size	Ben	9/19/2024
Total Equipment	David	9/19/2024
Total Cost and Budget	Andrew	10/10/2024
Total Power (AC & DC)	All	10/10/2024
Voltage Drop Calculation	All	10/10/2024
5 Solar Farm Design & AutoCAD Drawings		
Solar Panel Model	Dallas	10/10/2024
Array	Ben	10/10/2024
Rack	Ben	10/10/2024
Solar Layout	Ben & Dallas	10/10/2024
One Line Diagram	Ben	10/10/2024
Mounting Structure	Dallas & Sergio	11/2/2024
Site Plan w/ Measurements	Ben	11/2/2024
Solar Panel Side View	Dallas & Sergio	11/2/2024
6 Simulation		
Requirements	All	
Simulation	All	
7 Presentation		
Presentation	All	



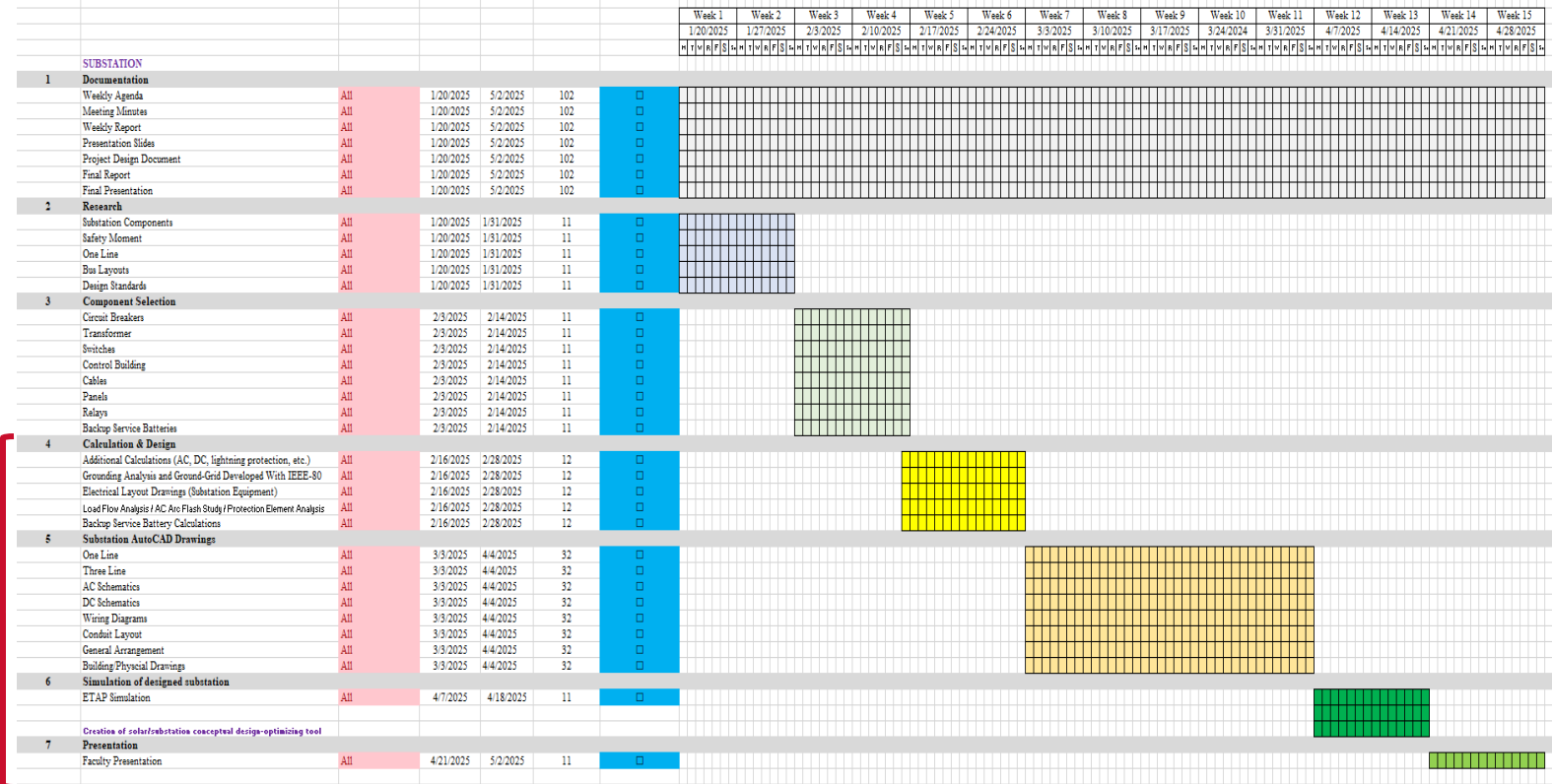
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2	Research		
	Substation Components	All	1/20/2025
	Safety Moment	All	1/20/2025
	One Line	All	1/20/2025
	Bus Layouts	All	1/20/2025
	Design Standards	All	1/20/2025
3	Component Selection		
	Circuit Breakers	All	2/3/2025
	Transformer	All	2/3/2025
	Switches	All	2/3/2025
	Control Building	All	2/3/2025
	Cables	All	2/3/2025
	Panels	All	2/3/2025
	Relays	All	2/3/2025
	Backup Service Batteries	All	2/3/2025



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4	Calculation & Design		
	Additional Calculations (AC, DC, lightning protection, etc.)	All	2/16/2025
	Grounding Analysis and Ground-Grid Developed With IEEE-80	All	2/16/2025
	Electrical Layout Drawings (Substation Equipment)	All	2/16/2025
	Load Flow Analysis / AC Arc Flash Study / Protection Element Analysis	All	2/16/2025
	Backup Service Battery Calculations	All	2/16/2025
5	Substation AutoCAD Drawings		
	One Line	All	3/3/2025
	Three Line	All	3/3/2025
	AC Schematics	All	3/3/2025
	DC Schematics	All	3/3/2025
	Wiring Diagrams	All	3/3/2025
	Conduit Layout	All	3/3/2025
	General Arrangement	All	3/3/2025
	Building/Physical Drawings	All	3/3/2025
6	Simulation of designed substation		
	ETAP Simulation	All	4/7/2025
7	Presentation		
	Faculty Presentation	All	4/21/2025



TEST PLAN



ETAP

- Design
- Analysis
- Optimization

CONCLUSIONS

- Schedule Progress
- Group Member Contributions
 - Andrew: Bill of Materials, AutoCAD, Component Research
 - Ben: AutoCAD, Array Parameter Tool, PV Module Research
 - Dallas: PV Module Cost Analysis, Ground Mounting System
 - David: Solar Plant Components Selection, Voltage Drop Calculation
 - Mohamed: Voltage Drop Calculation, Combiner Box Research
 - Sergio: Gantt Chart, AutoCAD, Ground Mounting
- Plans for next semester

Q&A Session

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