

Getting Connected in the Midwest ISO

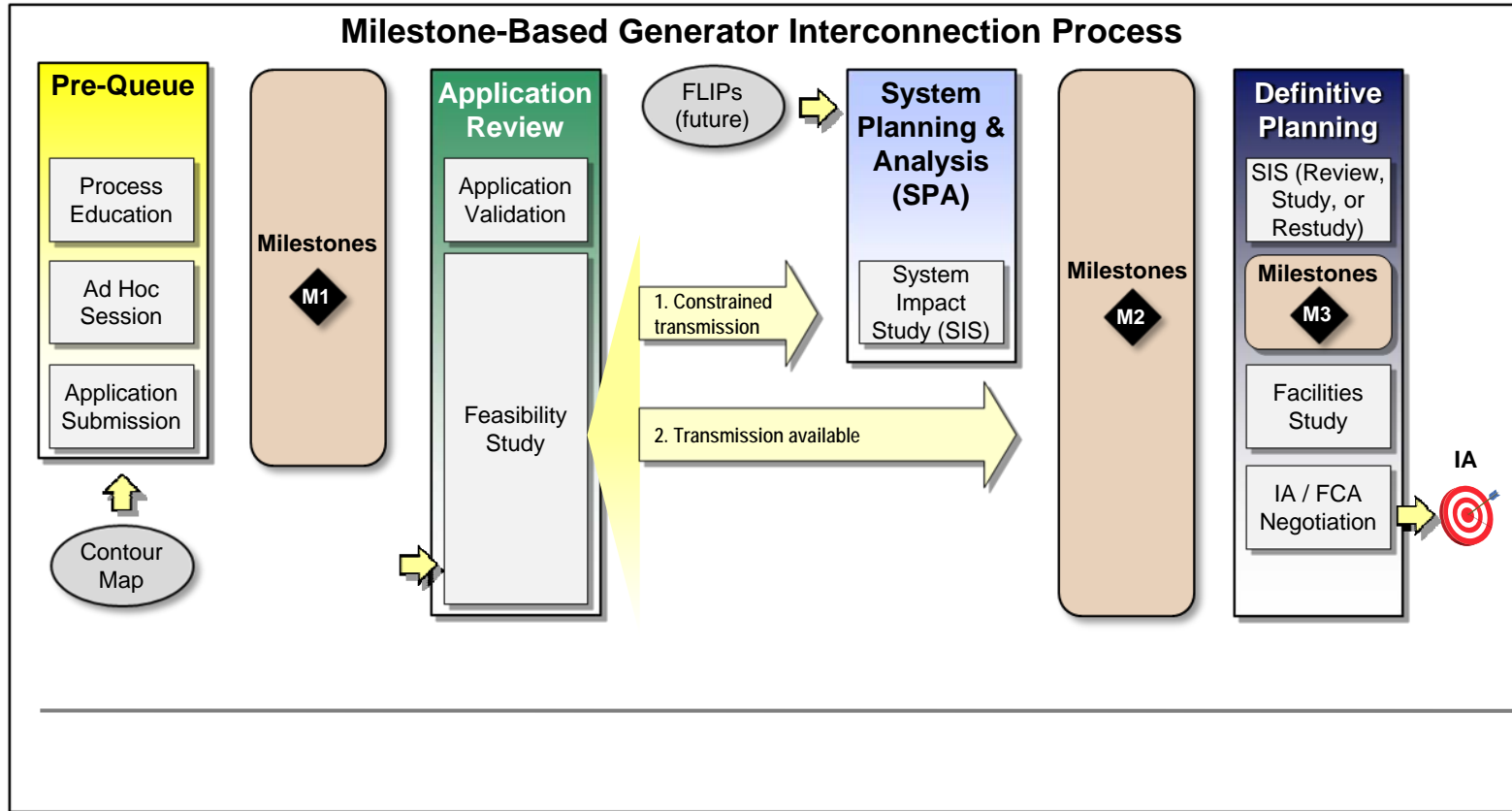
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Topics

- Queue Overview
- Conditions to build transmission
- Regional studies underway that may help Montana

Generator Interconnection Process



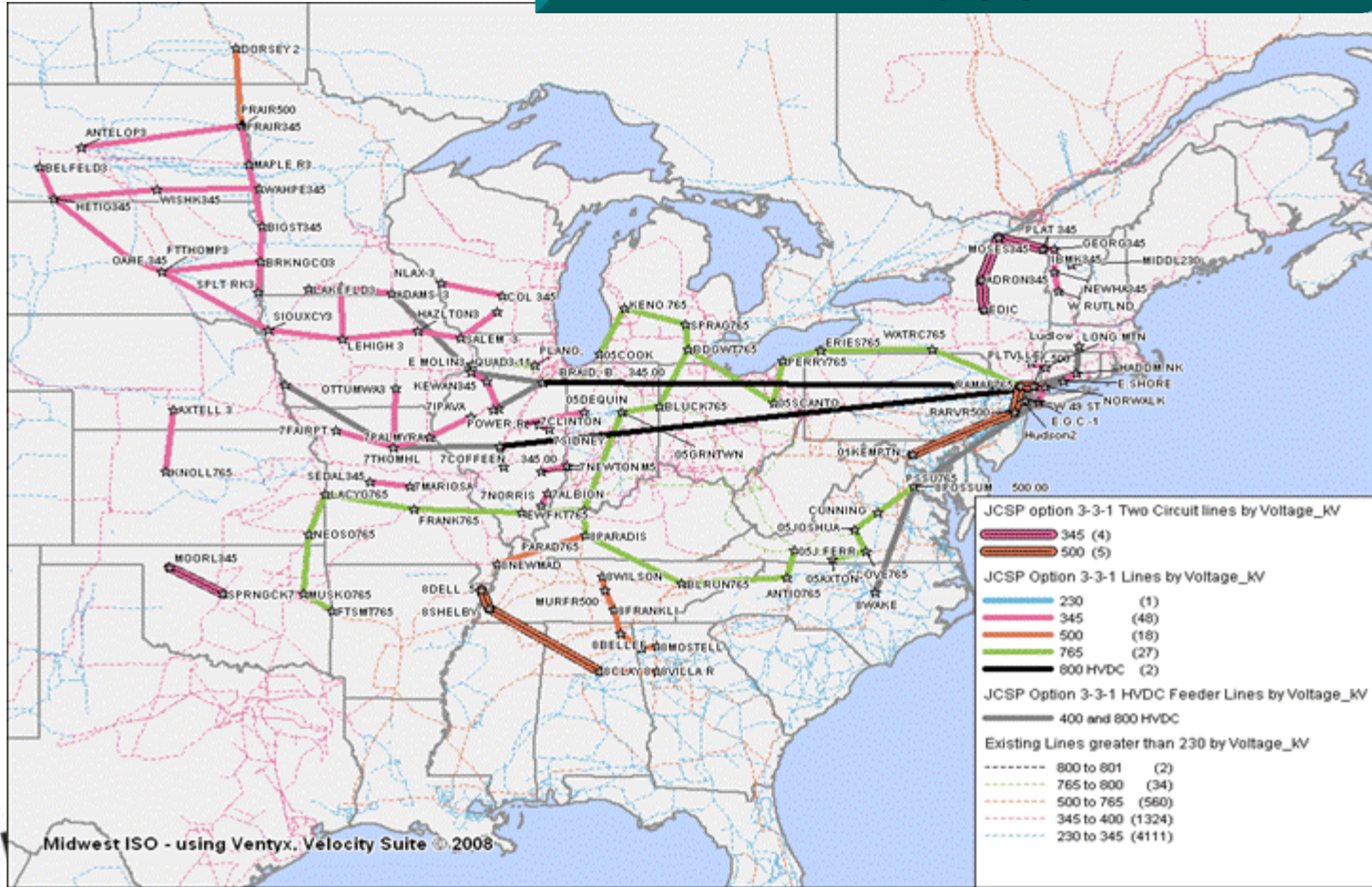
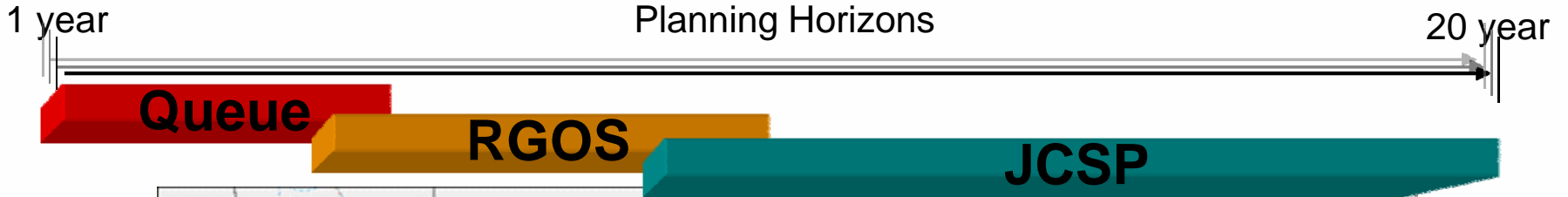
Getting Energy out of Eastern Montana

- Queue history for Montana projects is good
 - 2 projects through queue
 - 1 in operation, still pending study results
 - Template for our Provisional Interconnection Agreement
 - 2 in the queue (1 SPA, 1 DPP)
- Limits in Eastern Montana are tied to export limits out of North Dakota
 - Geographic and electrical boundaries
- North Dakota SPA studies are ongoing

Conditions Precedent to Increased Transmission Build

- A robust business case for the plan
- Increased consensus around regional energy policy
- A regional tariff that matches who benefits with who pays over time
- Cost recovery mechanisms that reduce financial risk

Conceptual Progression of Plans



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Energizing the Heartland

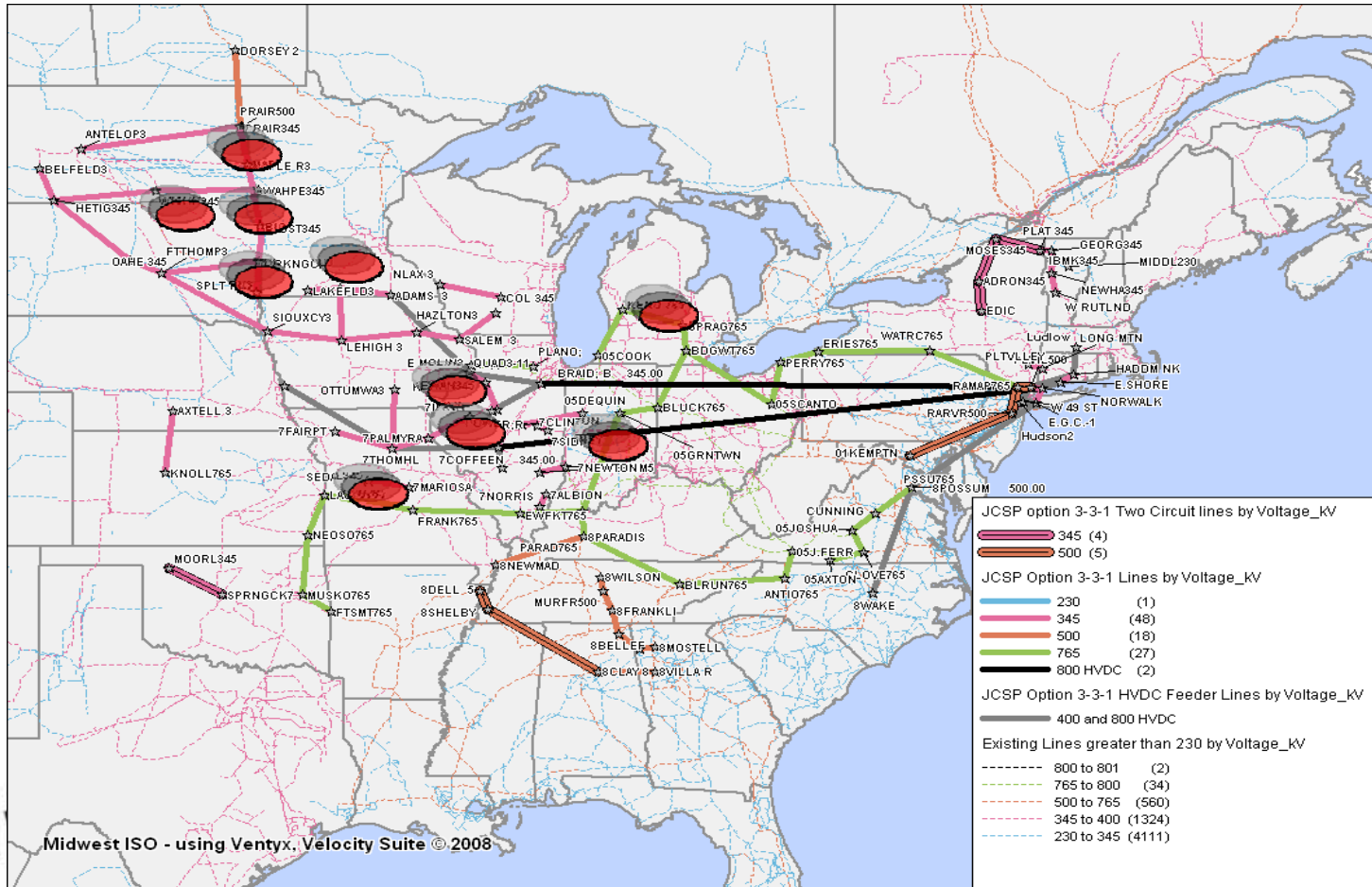
Queue Development Continues with near term upgrades...

1 year

Planning Horizons

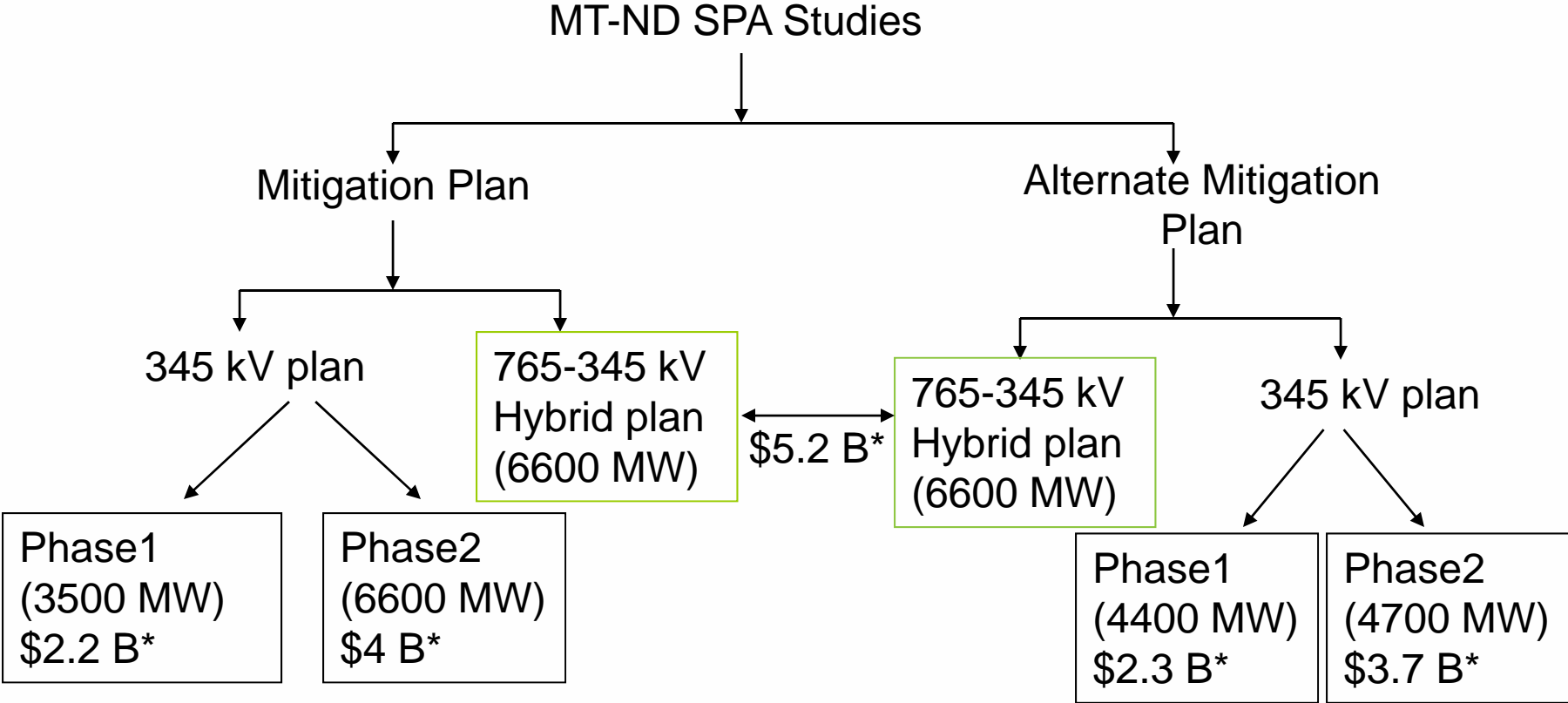
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Queue



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High Level Update: ND SPA



* doesn't include cost of all lower voltage upgrades, reactive support etc.

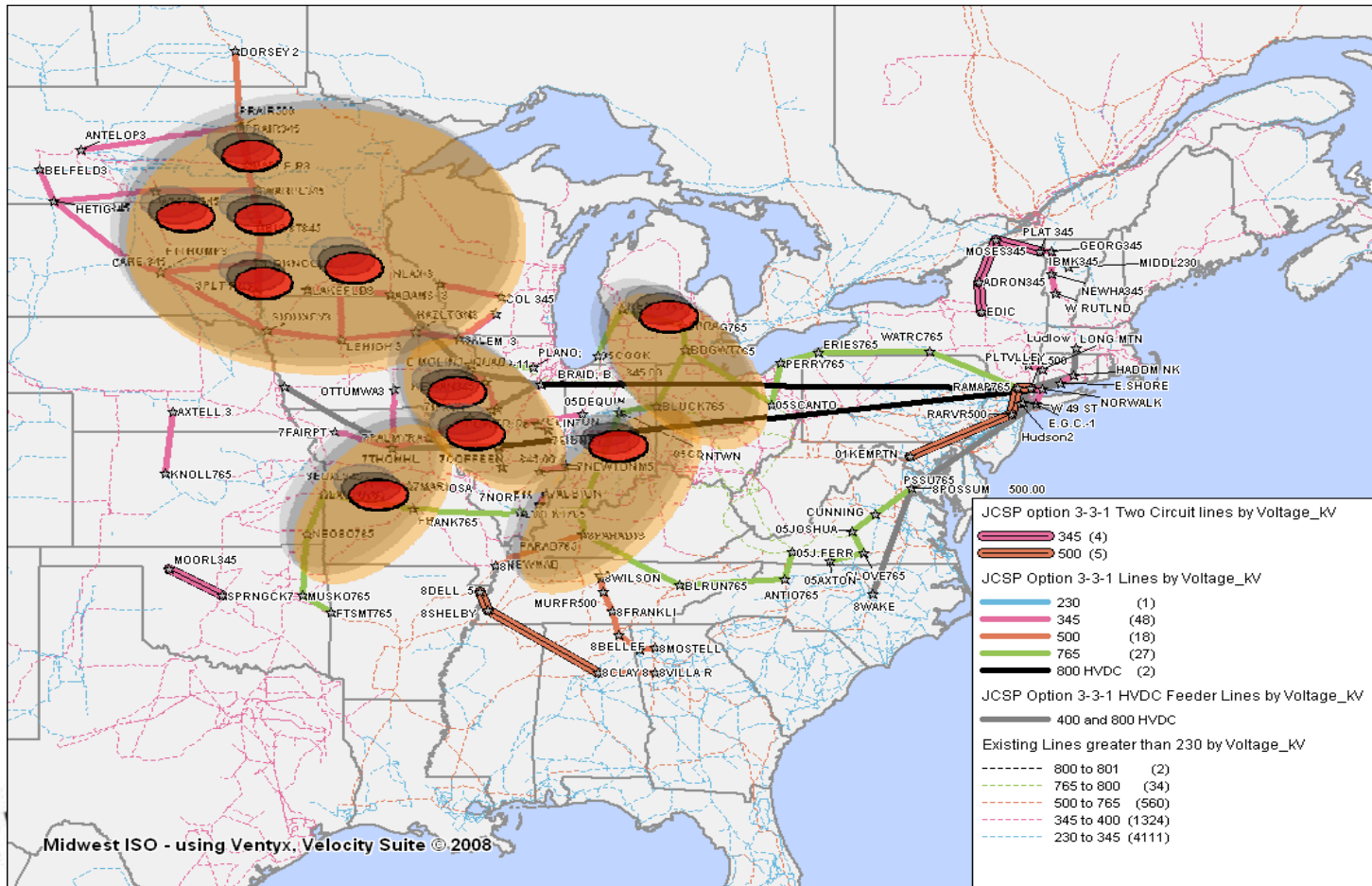
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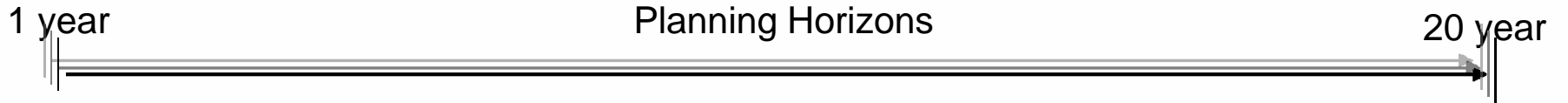
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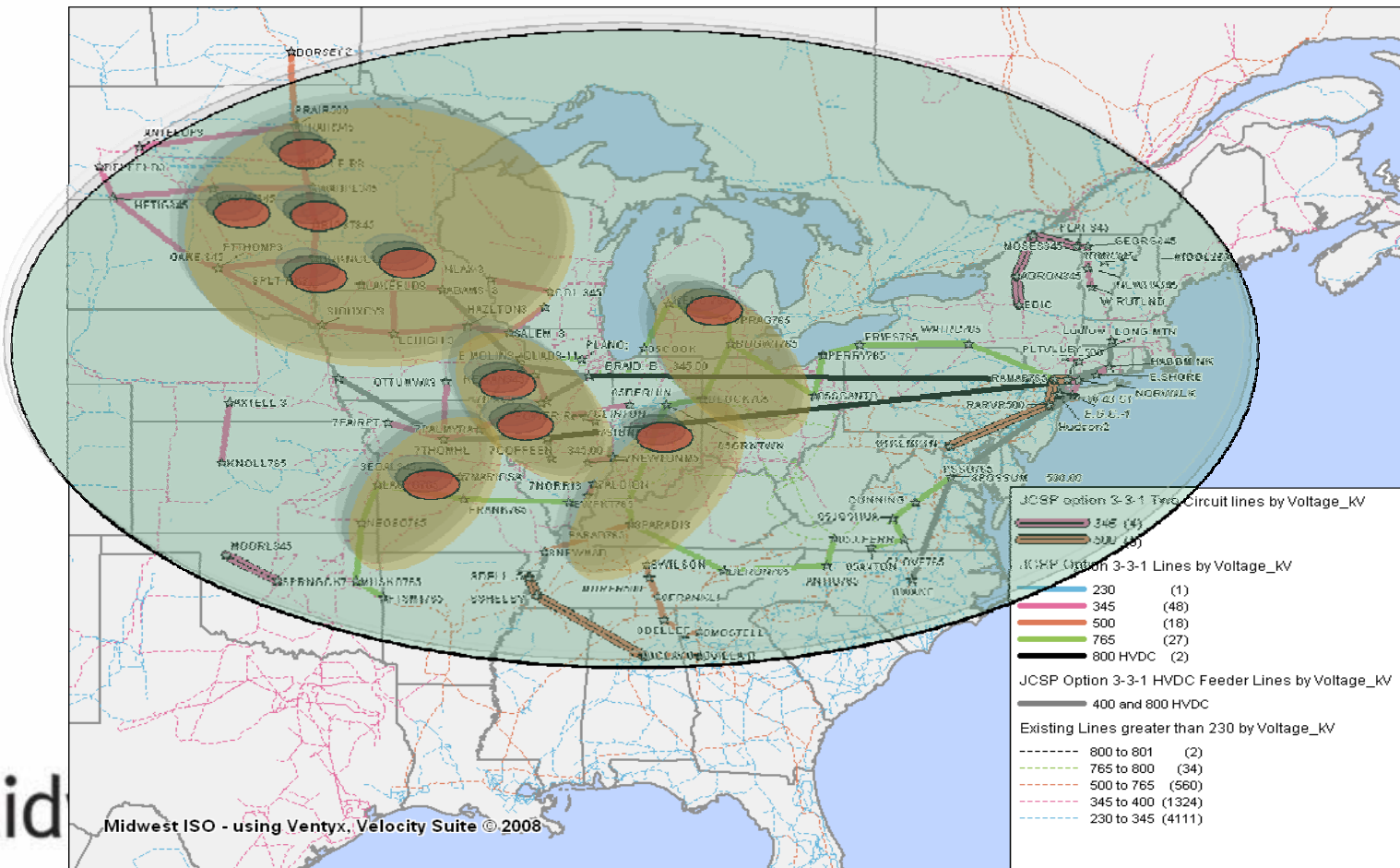


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...Consistent with an inter-regional plan with a longer term view



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