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RE: Docket 4592 - FY 2017 Electric Infrastructure, Safety, and Reliability Plan Volt Var Optimization Pilot

Dear Ms. Massaro:

I have enclosed the following documents regarding National Grid's Volt Var Optimization (VVO) Pilot:

- 1. July 25, 2016 Power Point regarding the progress and initial results of the VVO Pilot (Attachment 1);
- 2. December 2, 2016 PowerPoint regarding the progress of the VVO Pilot, including final measurement and verification (M&V) results for two feeders in the pilot, and the cost and benefit estimates for expanding the VVO Pilot to additional substations (Attachment 2); and
- 3. Utilidata Measurement and Verification Results for the VVO Pilot (Attachment 3).

Thank you for your attention to this transmittal. If you have any questions, please contact me at 781-907-2121.

Very truly yours,

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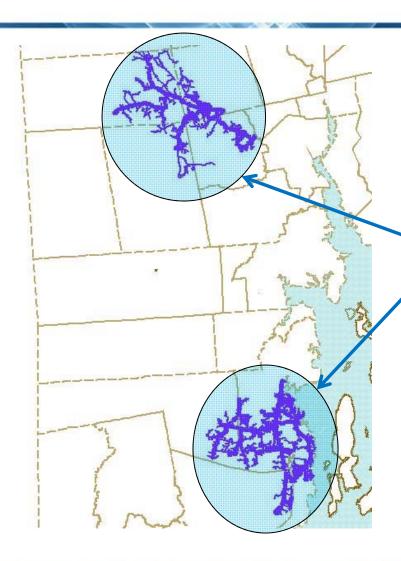


Rhode Island Volt VAR Optimization & Conservation Voltage Reduction (VVO/CVR)

Progress and Initial Results

July 25th 2016 – Jim Perkinson

RI VVO/CVR Project Scope



The project investigates two new technologies being investigated by the company:

- Centralized VVO/CVR
- Mesh based field communications

2 Substations/areas:

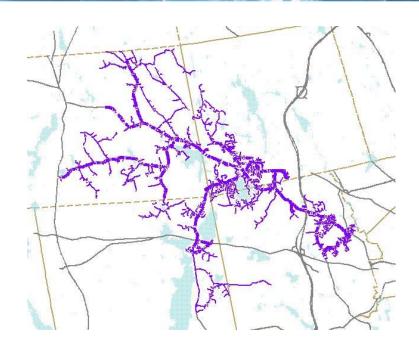
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- 40 Controllable field capacitors
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Active Devices



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Communications established to 93% of installed devices

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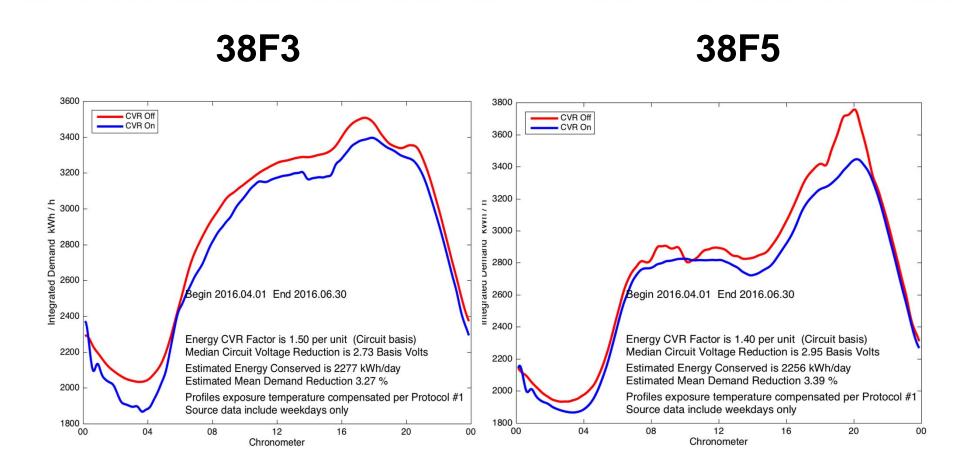
M&V Summary

Metric	Feeder 38F3	Feeder 38F5
VVO Mode days	18	21
Non-VVO Mode days	27	19
Estimated CVR Factor (per unit)	1.50	1.40
Demand Reduction (%)	3.27	3.39
Voltage Reduction, spatial avg %	2.28	2.46
Voltage Leveling improvement (volts)	0.72	0.68

Measurement and Verification was performed utilizing filtered time series temperature compensated weekday date, following Automated CVR protocol #1.

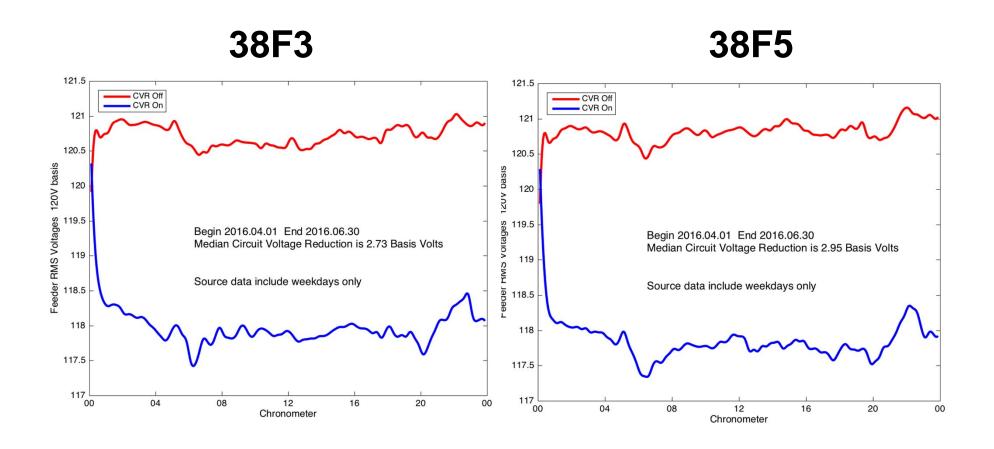


Robust, Estimated Demand Profiles, over 24 hrs

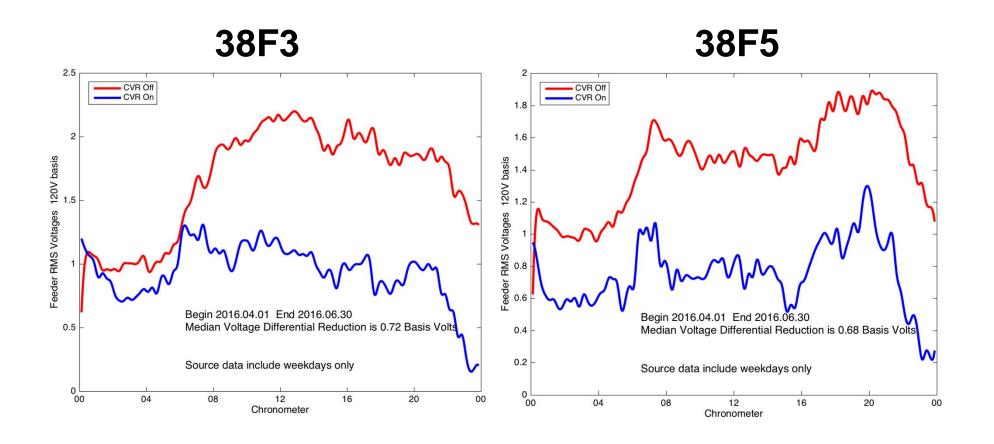




Median Circuit Voltage Profiles, Over 24hrs



Median Voltage Differential Profiles



Preliminary Conclusions and Next Steps

Conclusions:

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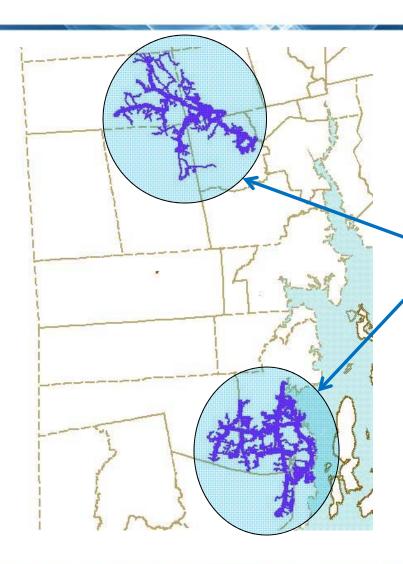
Rhode Island Volt VAR Optimization & Conservation Voltage Reduction (VVO/CVR)

December Update, 38F3 and 39F5 final M&V results, Cost and Benefit Estimates

Updates From July presentation in Red (slides 1-8), C/B information from slide 9 - end

Dec 2nd 2016 – Jim Perkinson

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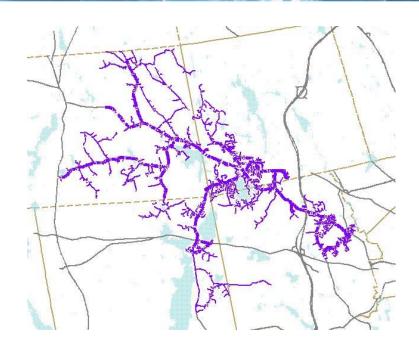
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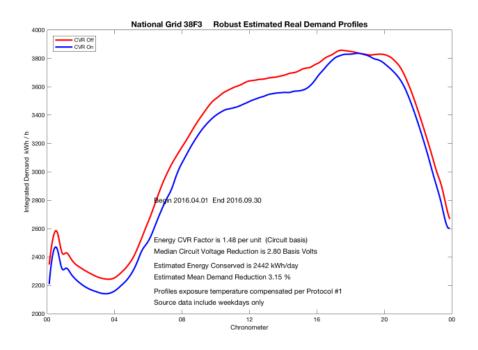
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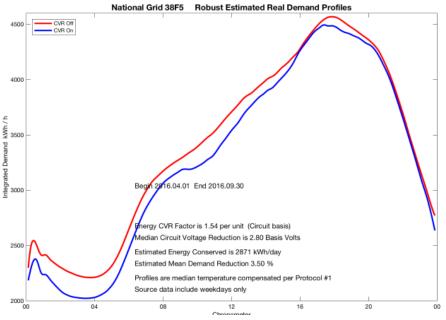


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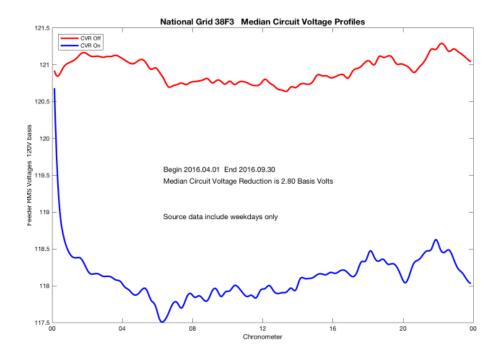


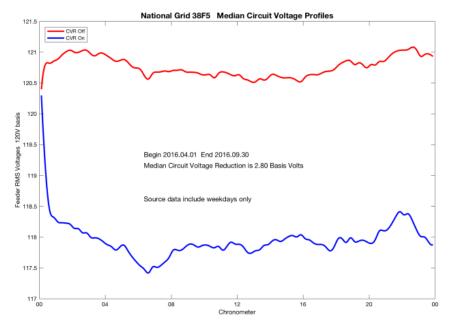


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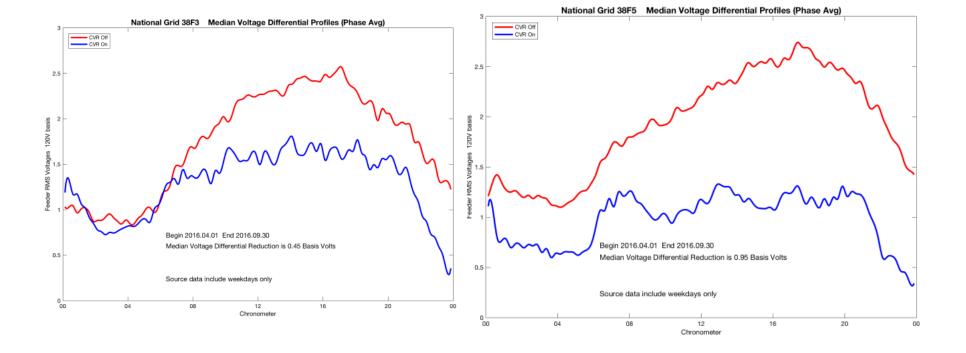




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Next Steps:

- Complete the Putnam Pike and Tower Hill areas, utilizing cellular communications to resolve communications challenges (to be completed FY17)
 - ~80% of devices ready for installation, remaining 20% to be finished in Dec.
 - ~30% of devices installed in Tower Hill. Remaining devices to be installed Dec-Feb
 - Remaining Putnam Pike devices to be commissioned by Jan
- Leverage IS/IT/OT infrastructure, and evaluate expanding VVO to future target areas in FY18 and beyond



Expansion Scope

The expansion proposed an additional 40 feeders

The Company anticipates spending **\$8.6M of CAPEX (PV \$10.4M)** to apply the technology to approximately 61,000 distribution customers over the next 4 years. When fully deployed, the program will have an annual O&M run the business cost of approximately **\$0.300M**

The expected benefits include an estimated reduction in peak demand of 11.5 MW, and an annual energy reduction of 41 GWh. The equipment is expected to be in service for at least 15 years, and over that time horizon, this savings could yield a cumulative financial savings of \$24.7M (PV) in avoided energy costs, as well as an estimated \$17.7M (PV) in avoided capacity costs.

The expansion leverages the IS/OT infrastructure deployed during the pilot.



Expansion Scope

Over the next 4 years:

- 40 additional feeders will be brought online
- Each year, a grouping of substations and feeders will be selected for deployment within the following FY. This will ensure the company selects best value feeders to deploy the technology.
 - Feeders with high-benefit to cost ratios
 - Feeders that have recently gone through short and long term planning studies, and are unlikely to undergo major changes in the near term.
- FY18 substation and feeders have already been selected, and proposed in the proposed ISR.
 - Langworthy Corner #86, Tiogue Ave #100, Lincoln Ave #72 (8 feeders total)
- FY19-FY21 Highest benefit-cost ratio substations were used to inform costs, refinement will be made before each FY to factor in recent system state.



Project Expansion Costs

	CAPEX	OPEX	COR	Total	Cumulative Feeders per year	Cumulative Customers Affected
FY17	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000	0	0
FY18	\$1,395,404	\$265,870	\$70,309	\$1,731,583	8	20109
FY19	\$1,267,572	\$239,580	\$75,011	\$1,582,163	19	37300
FY20	\$767,087	\$148,673	\$49,941	\$965,701	27	46565
FY21	\$1,594,411	\$357,906	\$83,166	\$2,035,483	39	61324

- Costs include a \$2M payment to Utilidata in FY17 to purchase licenses for the expansion at a discounted bulk price. These license will be applied to the projects from FY18-FY21
- Cost estimates are based on <u>actual averages</u> from installation of pilot devices.
- Pilot costs and benefits are not included in the benefit and cost analysis presented here.



Expansion Benefits

Benefits Monetized over a 15 year horizon:

- Avoided Energy Costs
 - Utilized a conservative 3% energy reduction, realized starting the year following a feeder installation
 - Total of around <u>41 GWh</u> (Based on 2015 loading)
- Avoided Capacity Costs
 - Utilized a conservative 3% demand reduction, benefit realized starting in 2021
 - Total of <u>11.5 MW</u> of peak reduction (Based on 2015 loading)
- Benefits not Monetized:
 - Improved situational awareness of target feeders to better inform Operations
 - Improved interval data to better inform distribution planning and asset management
 - Direct Custom Bill Impacts are not considered as part of this analysis



Avoided Energy Costs Calculation

				RI Whol	esale Avoid	ded Unit Cos	t of Electri	city (grosse	ed up for lo	sses and WRP)		
						Const	ant 2015\$/	⁄kWh				
Assumptions		Forecasted LMP AESC 2015 Appendix B: RI file pp 320-321 Columns v-y 2015\$/kWh			Winter Peak	Winter Off- Peak	Summer Peak	Summer Off-Peak	All Hours Weighted Average	All Hours Weighted Average Nominal\$/GW h	Annual Energy Savings from VVO GWh	Annual Avoided Energy Cost from VVO Nominal\$
Losses	7.2%	201	loc	kup index>	1	2	3	4			nput Annual GW	(Result)
Wholesale Risk Premium (WRP)	9.0%	0.073	2	2015	0.0855	0.0758	0.0460	0.0353	0.0671	\$67,104.14	0	\$0.00
		0.064	9	2016	0.0777	0.0721	0.0549	0.0356	0.0648	\$66,001.81	0	\$0.00
Winter months/year	8	0.039	1	2017	0.0743	0.0689	0.0568	0.0422	0.0640	\$66,476.44	0.00	\$0.00
Summer months/year	4	0.030	2	2018	0.0630	0.0576	0.0556	0.0458	0.0569	\$60,208.47	7.43	\$447,572.77
Hrs/wk	168	201	5	2019	0.0620	0.0568	0.0553	0.0453	0.0562	\$60,565.10	10.10	\$611,632.86
Peak hrs/wk	80	0.066	5	2020	0.0605	0.0548	0.0556	0.0434	0.0547	\$60,093.44	21.90	\$1,316,293.41
Off-peak hrs/wk	88	0.061	7	2021	0.0630	0.0575	0.0589	0.0467	0.0576	\$64,386.09	33.87	\$2,180,628.63
		0.04	7	2022	0.0667	0.0606	0.0620	0.0493	0.0608	\$69,285.87	40.94	\$2,836,730.17
Inflation	1.88%	0.030	5	2023	0.0684	0.0627	0.0665	0.0522	0.0633	\$73,453.75	40.94	\$3,007,373.01
		201	7	2024	0.0708	0.0652	0.0666	0.0549	0.0654	\$77,345.91	40.94	\$3,166,727.45
Constant\$ to Nominal\$ Conversion	n Index	0.063	5	2025	0.0754	0.0675	0.0727	0.0569	0.0690	\$83,105.79	40.94	\$3,402,550.89
2015	1	0.05	Э	2026	0.0770	0.0701	0.0778	0.0601	0.0718	\$88,085.14	40.94	\$3,606,417.34
2016	1.02	0.048	5	2027	0.0785	0.0723	0.0751	0.0620	0.0729	\$91,213.87	40.94	\$3,734,514.90
2017	1.04	0.036	1	2028	0.0804	0.0748	0.0804	0.0650	0.0757	\$96,489.51	40.94	\$3,950,512.35
2018	1.06	201	3	2029	0.0849	0.0795	0.0839	0.0680	0.0799	\$103,710.25	40.94	\$4,246,146.96
2019	1.08	0.053	Э	2030	0.0930	0.0832	0.1024	0.0737	0.0877	\$115,968.00	40.94	\$4,748,008.57
2020	1.10	0.049	3	2031	0.0964	0.0865	0.1071	0.0769	0.0912	\$122,903.11	40.94	\$5,031,948.66



Avoided Capacity Costs Calculation

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					015\$/kW-yr			Ammont Assista	,
				FCA	Price		Annual Capacity	Annual Avoide Capacity Cost	
Assumptions				(AESC 2015 App. B: RI file pp. 320-321 Column ab)	FCA Price grossed up for RM, losses, and WRP	Avoided Capacity Cost Nominal \$/GW-yr	Savings from VVO (Input GW-yr)	from VVO Nominal \$	
Incorporated Losses	8.0%		2015	\$39.67	\$54.64	\$54,638,443.08	-	\$ -	
Wholesale Risk Premium (WRP)	9.0%		2016	\$38.16	\$52.56	\$53,546,787.10	-	\$ -	
Reserve Margin	17.0%		2017	\$114.53	\$157.74	\$163,731,879.99	-	\$ -	
Capacity Multiplier	1.38		2018	\$132.93	\$183.09	\$193,609,172.52	0.0027	\$ -	
			2019	\$123.29	\$169.81	\$182,944,649.72	0.0034	\$ -	
Inflation	1.88%		2020	\$135.75	\$186.97	\$205,220,449.67	0.0065	\$ -	
			2021	\$138.60	\$190.90	\$213,468,089.48	0.0097	\$ 2,072,942.0	01
Constant\$ to Nominal\$ Conversion Index			2022	\$139.90	\$192.69	\$219,521,157.35	0.0115	\$ 2,529,761.4	40
2015	1		2023	\$137.73	\$189.70	\$220,179,130.83	0.0115	\$ 2,537,343.8	89
2016	1.02		2024	\$140.57	\$193.61	\$228,943,957.98	0.0115	\$ 2,638,349.	<mark>74</mark>
2017	1.04		2025	\$143.50	\$197.65	\$238,109,859.72	0.0115	\$ 2,743,977.	<mark>57</mark>
2018	1.06		2026	\$144.08	\$198.44	\$243,566,813.36	0.0115	\$ 2,806,863.	<mark>50</mark>
2019	1.08		2027	\$142.75	\$196.61	\$245,855,239.20	0.0115	\$ 2,833,235.3	31
2020	1.10		2028	\$146.18	\$201.34	\$256,495,791.95	0.0115	\$ 2,955,857.0	02
2021	1.12		2029	\$151.86	\$209.16	\$271,471,735.15	0.0115	\$ 3,128,439.	<mark>76</mark>
2022	1.14		2030	\$153.53	\$211.46	\$279,616,895.44	0.0115	\$ 3,222,304.5	5 7
2023	1.16		2031	\$147.00	\$202.47	\$272,757,330.04	0.0115	\$ 3,143,254.9	96

For an efficiency program that produces reductions starting in 2016, there is no benefit of a reduction in peak demand until 2020, at which point the annual benefit is calculated as follows:

kW reduction at the meter during system peak in a given year × summer peak-hour losses from the ISO delivery points to the end use × the Avoided Unit Cost of Capacity for that year, which is the FCA price for that year adjusted upward by the reserve margin that ISO-NE requires for that year, distribution losses (user defined), by the PTF losses, and the wholesale risk premium (AESC 2015 p. A-8).



Benefit-Cost Ratios

Costs:

PV Project Installation Costs (Capex/Opex/CoR), FY17-FY21:

• \$7.3M

PV Run The Business costs: FY17-FY31:

• \$3.1M

PV Total Cost: \$10.4M

Benefits:

PV Avoided Energy Costs FY17-FY31:

• \$24.7M

PV Avoided Capacity Costs: FY17-FY31:

• \$17.7M

PV Total Benefit: \$42.5M

B:C ratio - 4.11





Measurement & Verification Results

National Grid - Putnam Pike April 2016 to September 2016

November 2016

This document contains Utilidata's measurement and verification analysis of National Grid's 38F3 and 38F5 feeders served by the Putnam Pike substation.

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Executive Summary

Utilidata is pleased to provide results of the measurement and verification analysis for National Grid's 38F3 and 38F5 feeders served by the Putnam Pike substation. The following table summarizes the results of the study, which took place from April 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016.

Putnam Pike substation - Feeder analysis

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These results are consistent with loads generally comprising significant air conditioning and refrigeration. As expected, favorable summer season CVR factors consistent with such loads are confirmed by this analysis. Although the sample size is small given the limited number of qualified experimental time series records, the residual variances estimated in this analysis are consistent with those typically observed in distribution circuit loads. The tap operations rate remained basically flat; that is, the differences in tap rate are not statistically significant.

The following sections contain more information on the experiment and individual graphs for tap operations and voltage profiles on each feeder.

We will continue to collect data and provide additional updates as requested.

General Observations

The following are general observations about the test results.

- (1) The CVR factors estimated for the subject circuits are consistent with those expected for circuits serving mixed residential and light commercial loads in a temperate season; the demand response to reduced voltage clearly indicates the presence of air conditioning and mechanical refrigeration in the served load.
- (2) The availability of integral signal records is marginal to average, because system operations were subject to some interruptions due to telemetry failures; energy conservation is optimized when such interruptions are rare.
- (3) The residual variance in the stated estimates is typical for distribution circuits.
- (4) There is no evidence of distinct demand processes in this experiment.
- **(5)** The dependence of demand on ambient temperature for the subject circuits manifested minimal temperature dependence in the heating demand regime. The demand process, instead, behaved almost as expected for the neutral regime. This effect does not degrade the analysis in any way, since the procedure naturally accommodates such variations.
- **(6)** Loads for which the estimated CVR factors exceed unity will generally manifest further efficiency improvements with additional voltage reductions; Utilidata anticipates that this is the case for the loads served by the subject circuits.
- (7) Realized voltage reductions, and the consequent demand reductions, are not uniform across phases in either of the circuits under study. Circuit voltage uniformity was improved by AdaptiVolt; refer to the perphase voltage graphics for details.
- **(8)** Estimated demand profiles for circuit 38F3 were summed post-regression, since demand metering by phase was reported. Estimated demand profiles for circuit 38F5 were computed using three-phase aggregate demand signals as reported.

Analyst Notes

The following are notes about the test prepared by the Utilidata analyst.

- (1) The conservation performance results are calculated using the analysis method outlined Automated CVR Protocol # 1. This method implements the MCD robust regression procedure across ensembles of time series of demand measurements and, in its present formulation, requires that each member record of an ensemble comprise a full 24-hour operational record. Any record in which either the CVR operation was interrupted or the data recordings were defective for any reason are excluded from these analyses. Regime voltages are estimated by minimizing the mutual summation of the Euclidean distances between all the voltage observations in each regime. This estimate is known as the L1 median.
- **(2)** Time series records were smoothed prior to ensemble selection and regression. The smoothing procedure preserves the signal mean over the smoothing interval such that the signal of interest is not biased. (*Smoothing and differentiation by simplified least squares procedures,* Abraham Savitzky and M. J. E. Golay, Analytical Chemistry, Vol. 36, No. 8 [July 1964], pp. 1627–1639))
- (3) All reported demand profiles (real, reactive, current) are compensated for ambient temperature as specified in Protocol # 1. These profiles therefore represent the expected demands, not to be confused with the demands recorded for any individual day during the experiment.
- **(4)** Weekend demands are excluded from the present analysis; the distinctly different consumer weekend behavior results in an identifiably different demand process, which must be excluded in accordance with the requirements of Protocol #1.

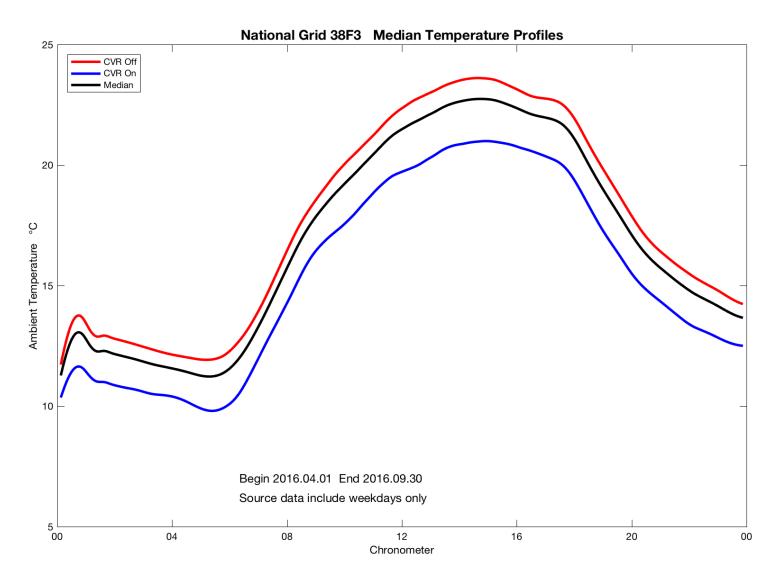
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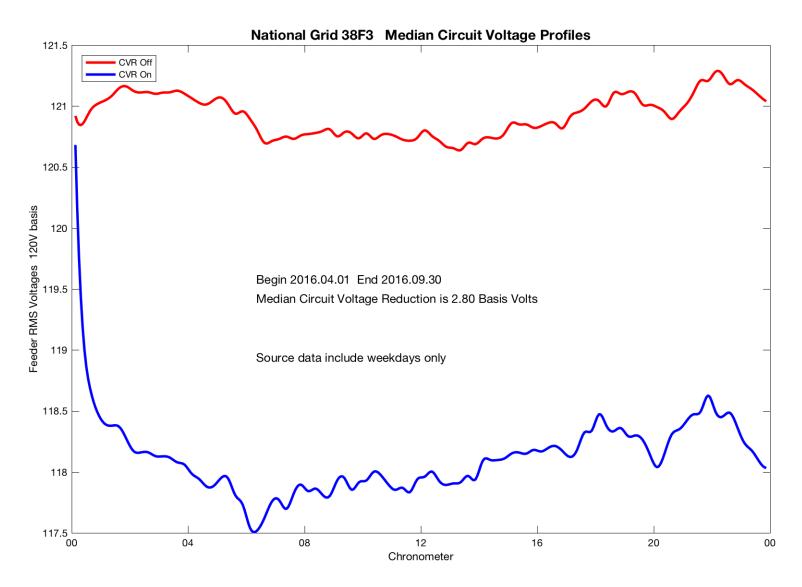
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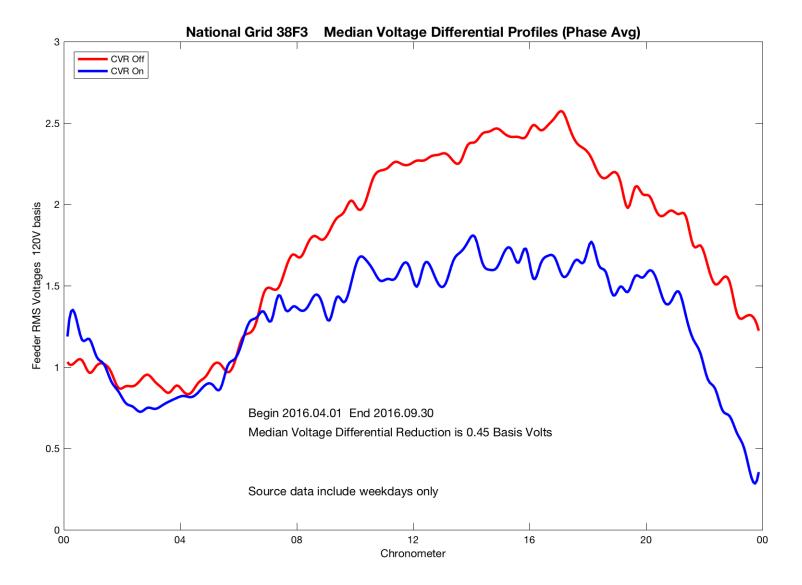
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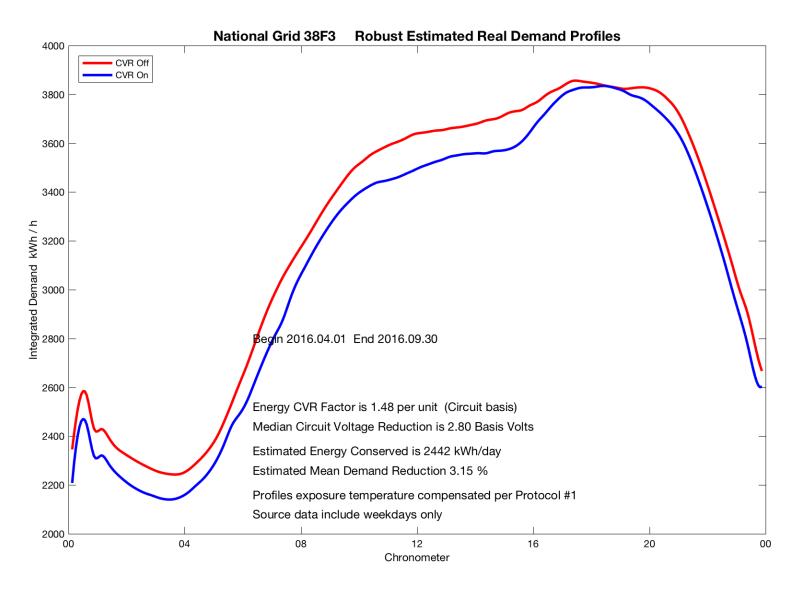


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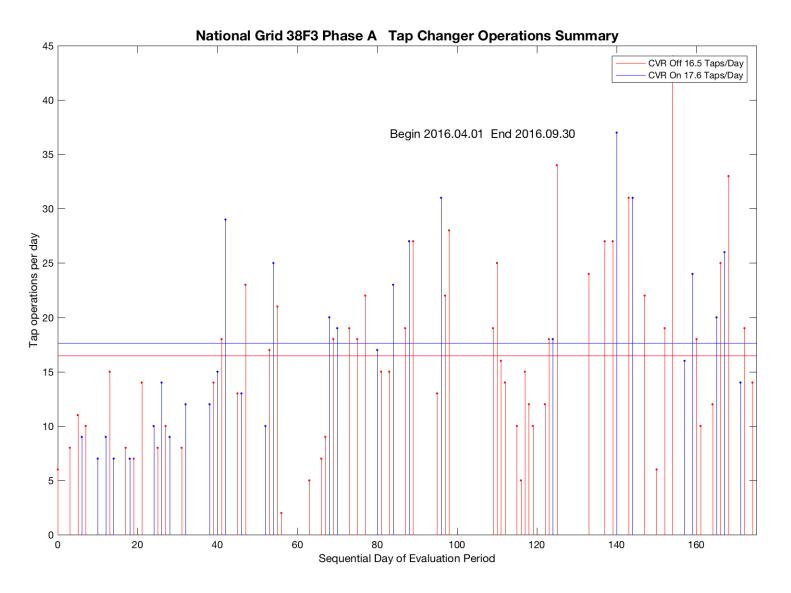
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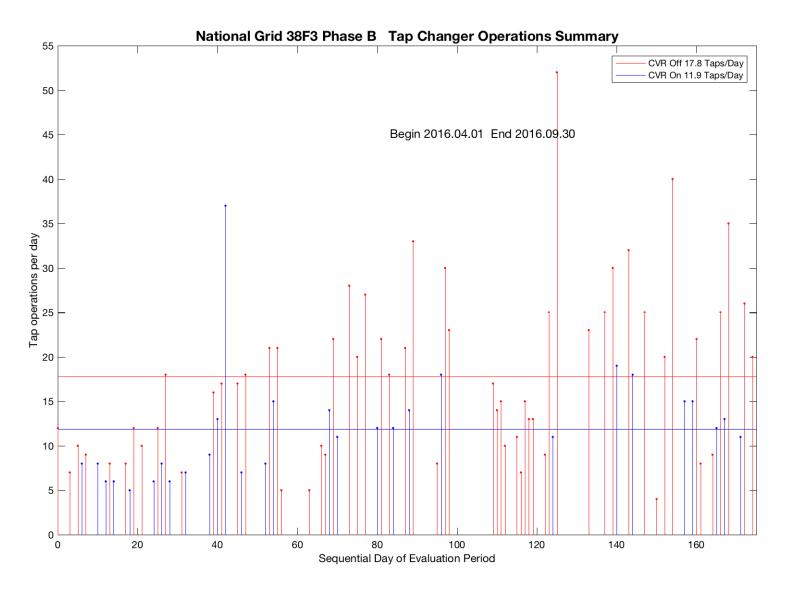
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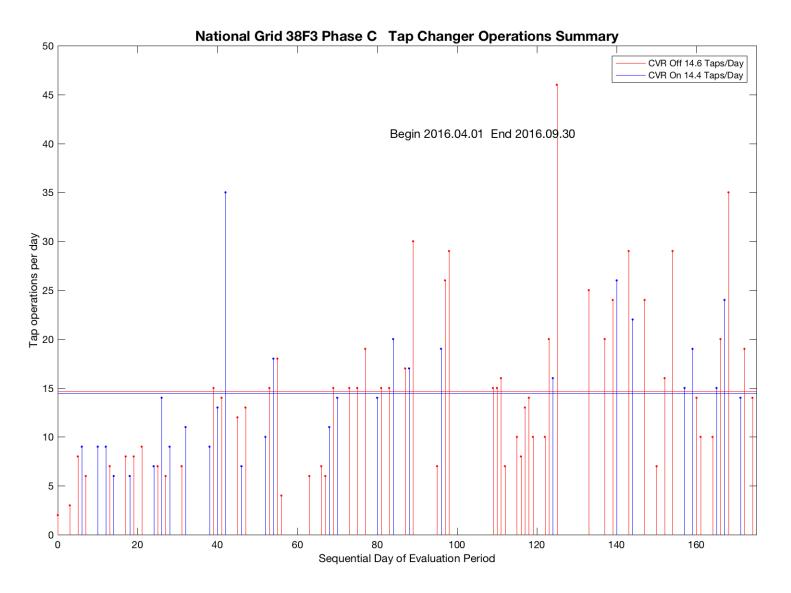
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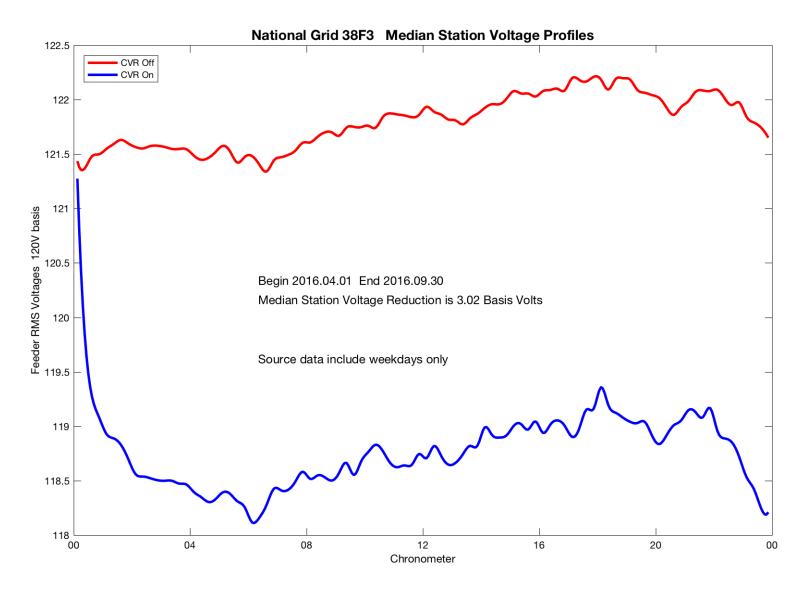


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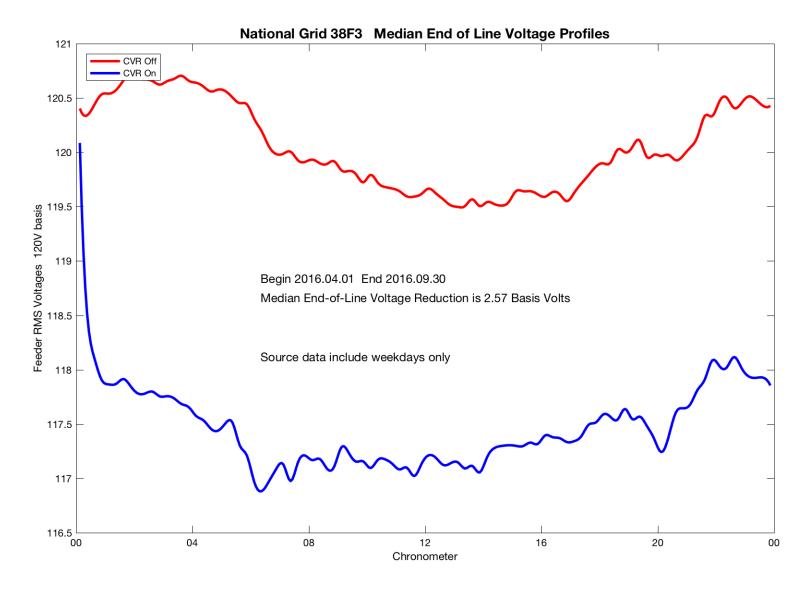


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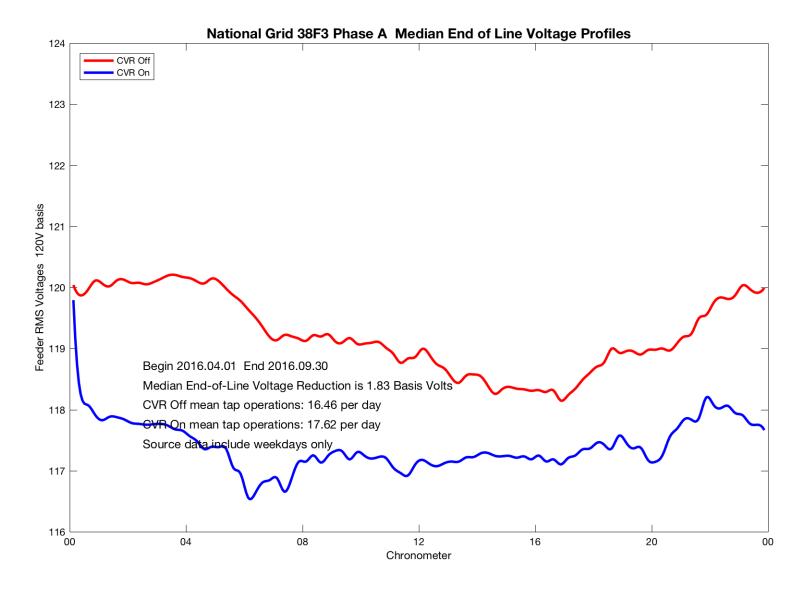
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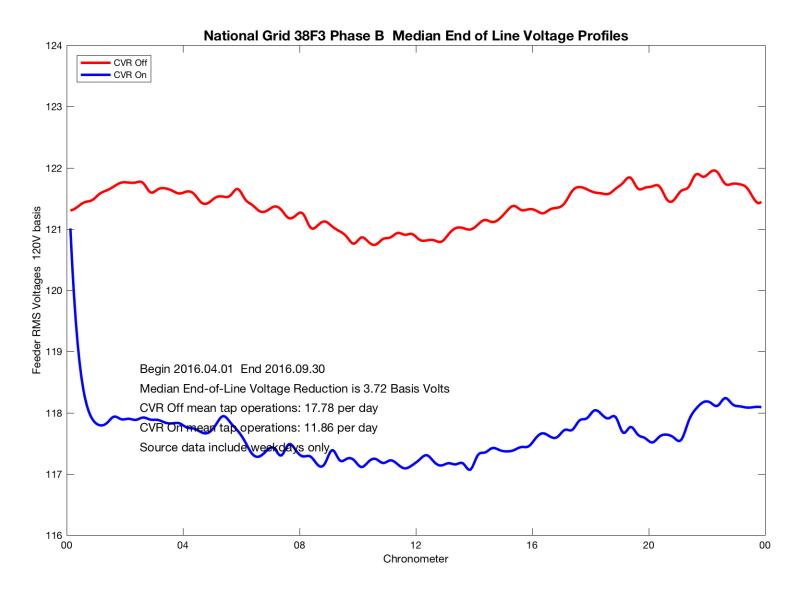
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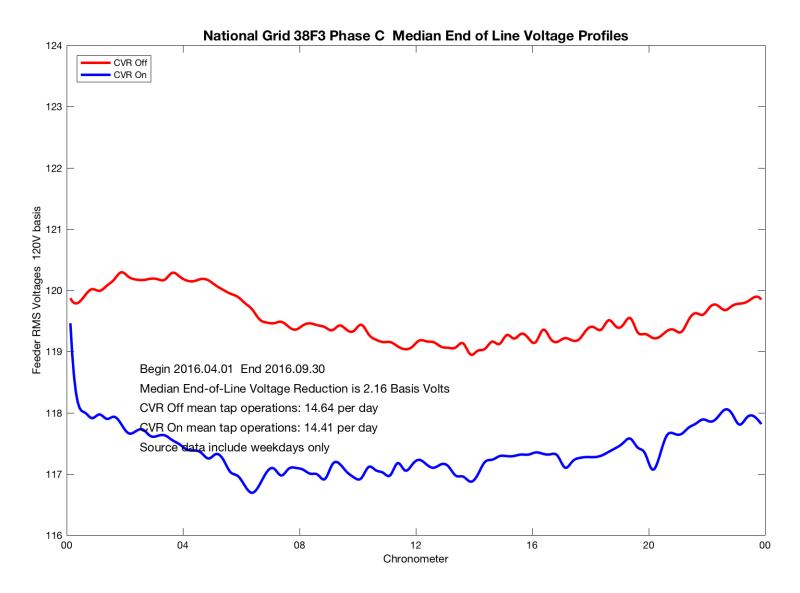
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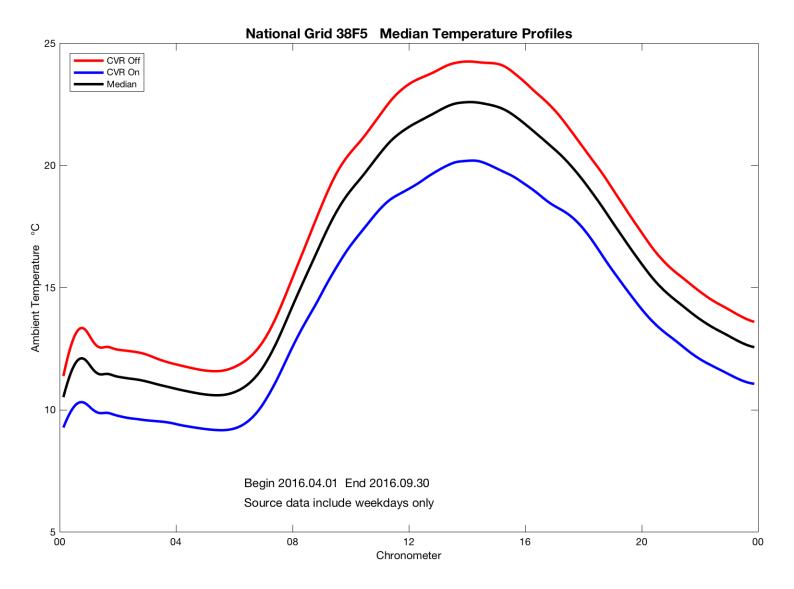
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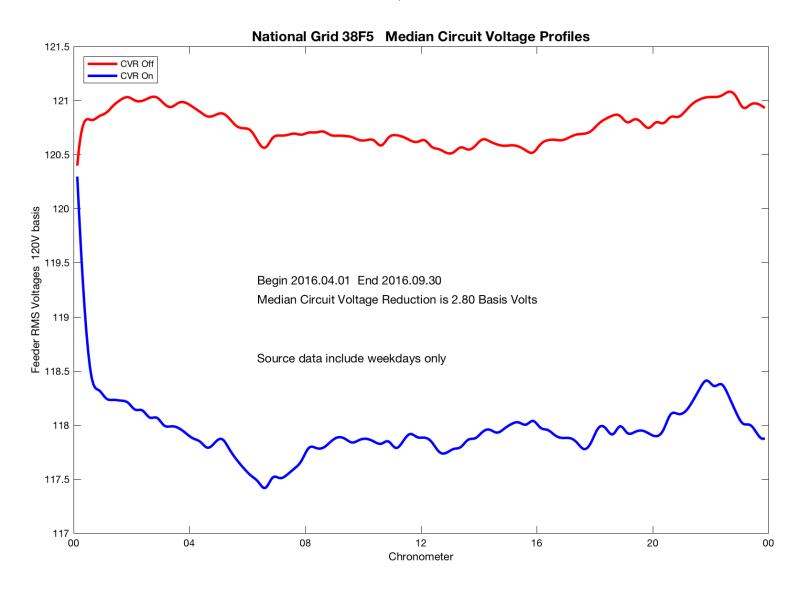
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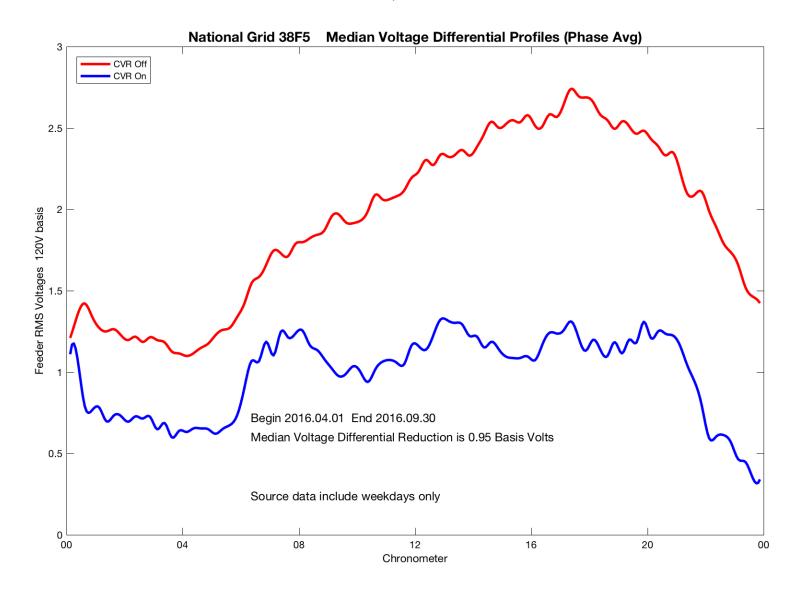


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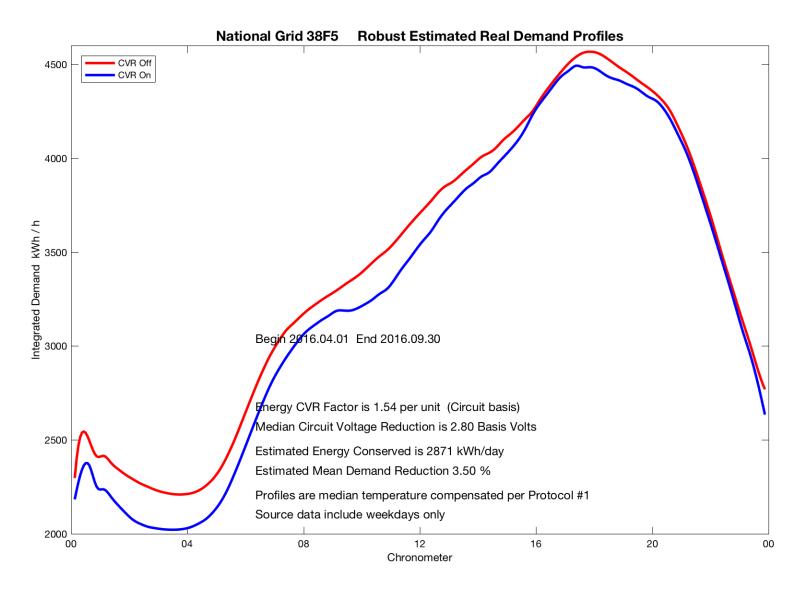
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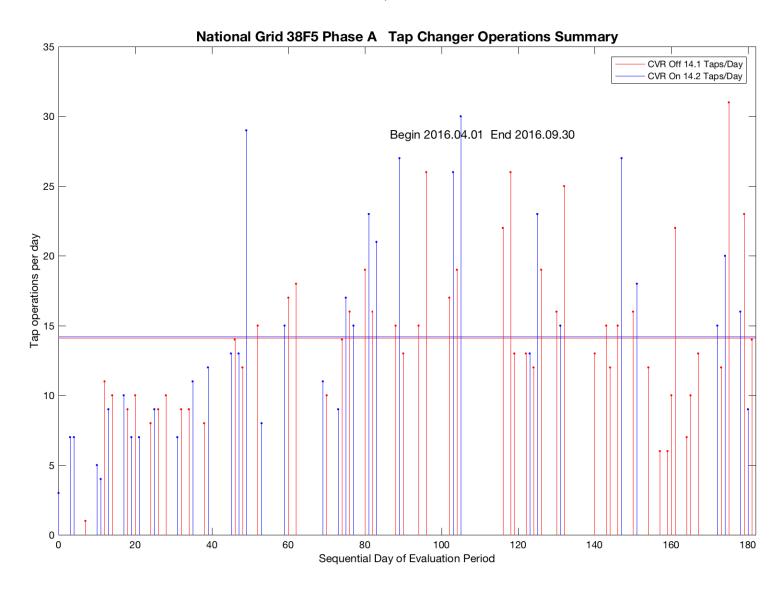
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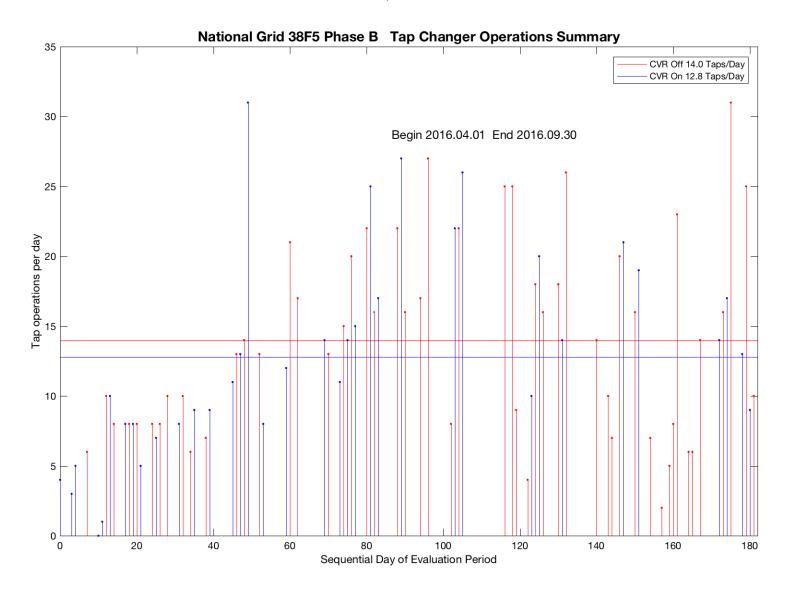
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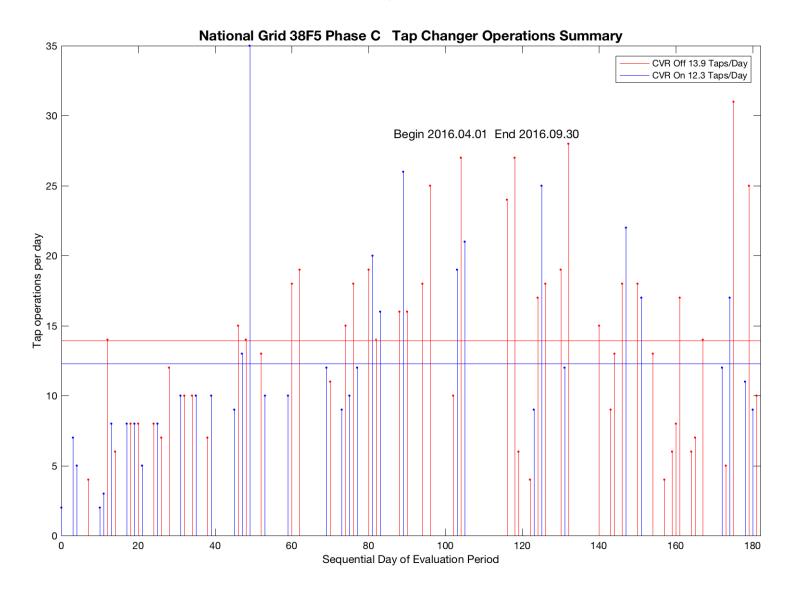
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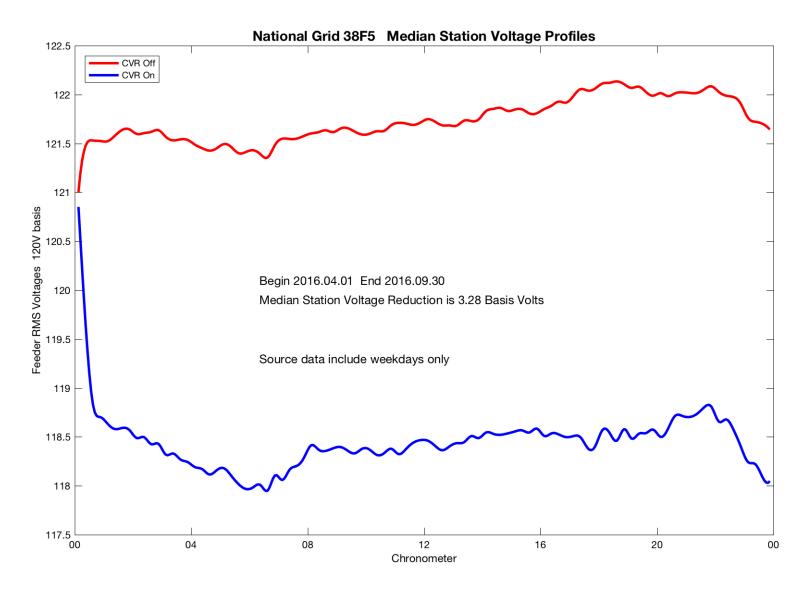
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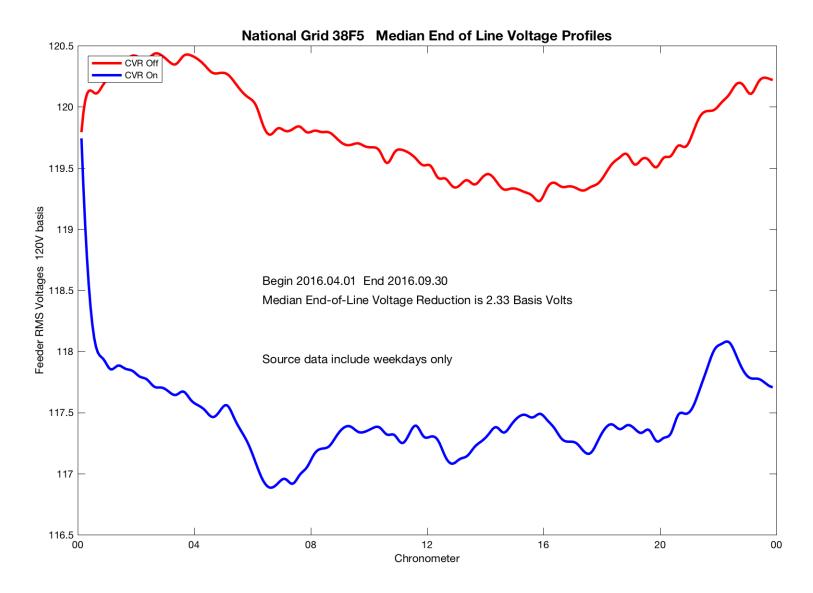
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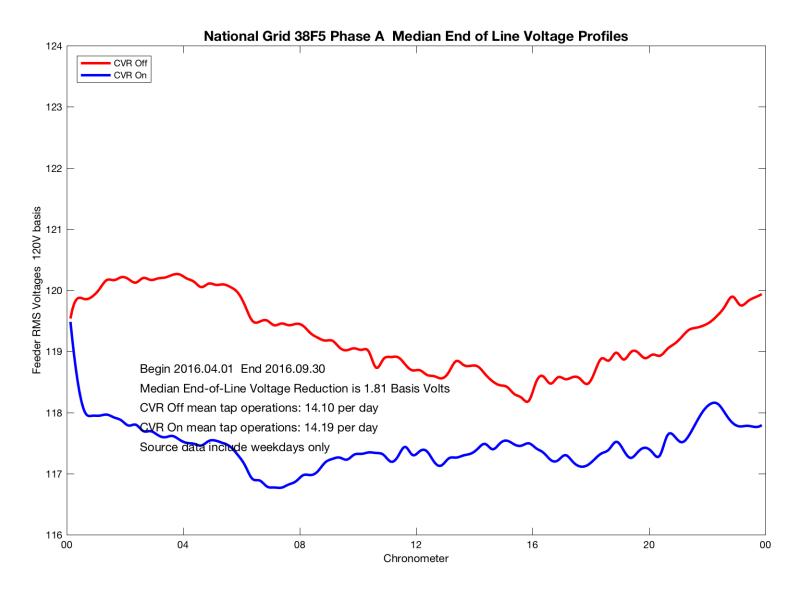
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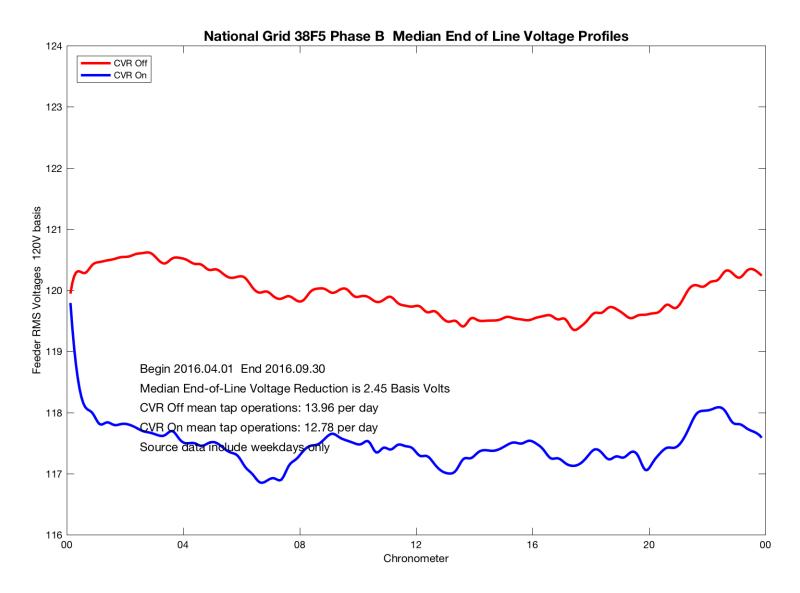
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