

## APPENDIX A



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ENERGY

### Bonnyville Opportunity SMR Development in the M.D.

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# Introduction

# Nucleon Leadership Team – Industry Experience



## Founders



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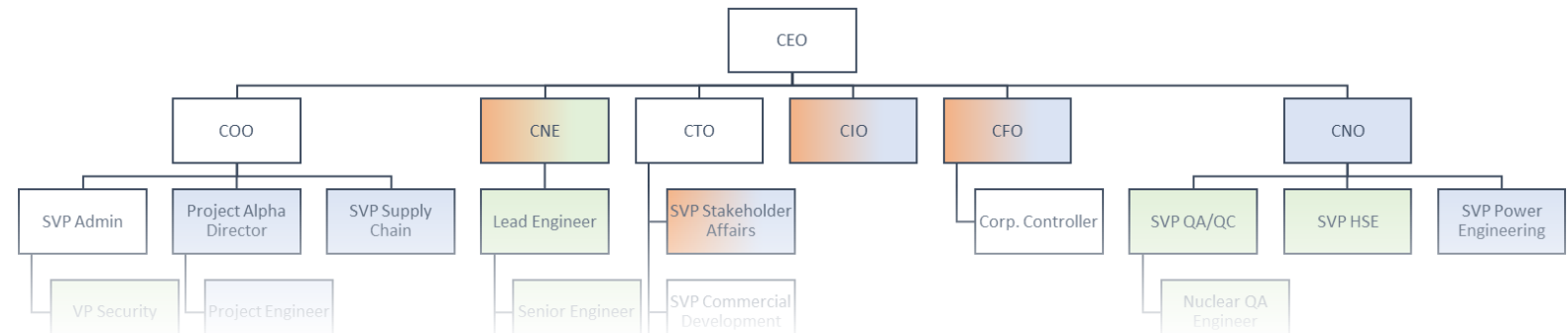
**Ryan Tourigny**

Broad coverage of energy project siting, development, construction, operations, and financing

## Expert Advisors

- Nuclear Technologies: **Christopher Deir (CNO Portland Holdings / former OPG DNNP)**
- Corporate Policy / QA&QC: **Cathy Clavel (Chair CSA N286)**
- Environment/Engineering: **Dr. Robert Ion (Sr. Engineer Nuclear Technology Engineering)**
- Nuclear Licensing/Regulatory: **Robin Manley (Former SVP Regulatory OPG DNNP)**
- Nuclear Commercialization & Operations: **Duncan Hawthorne (Former CEO Bruce Power)**

## Management Team





## **Founders & Management (10 Alberta leaders)**

**Experience:** Power Development; First Nations Partnerships; Provincial & Federal Regulatory processes; Transmission Systems; Construction; Engineering; Technology Development; Cybersecurity; and Finance

## **PLUS**

### **Key Industry Partners and Advisors**

#### **Engineering & Environment**

- Hatch Engineering
- Matrix Environmental
- Power Team Engineering
- Yellowbike Environmental

#### **Nuclear (Regulations & Standards)**

- C. Deir (OPG, CNO)
- D. Hawthorne (CEO, Bruce Power)
- R. Manley (OPG, CNSC)
- A. Wagland (CNSC, CSA)
- Dr. Robert Ion (IAAC)
- E. Clavel (CSA N286)

#### **Siting & Public Communications**

Birch Hills County, AB  
Smoky River M.D., AB  
Bonnyville M.D., AB (Land Option)  
Crestview Strategy  
VizworX Inc.  
N. Alexander (Nuclear Expert)

# Nucleon's Founders - Energy Development & Construction Experience



## Oil, Gas, Petrochemical

>15 Major Projects  
Design and Construction

## Nuclear

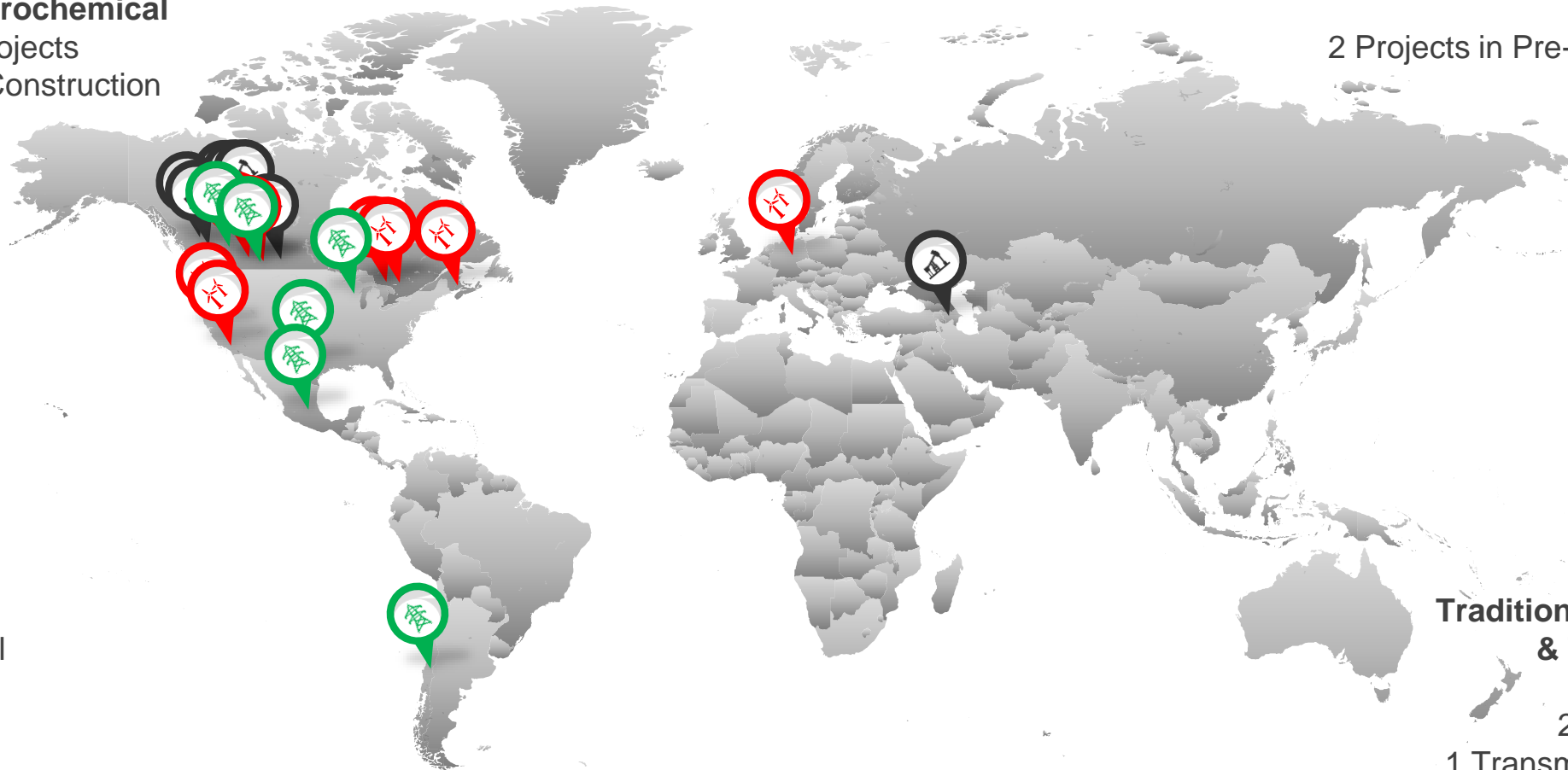
2 Projects in Pre-Development

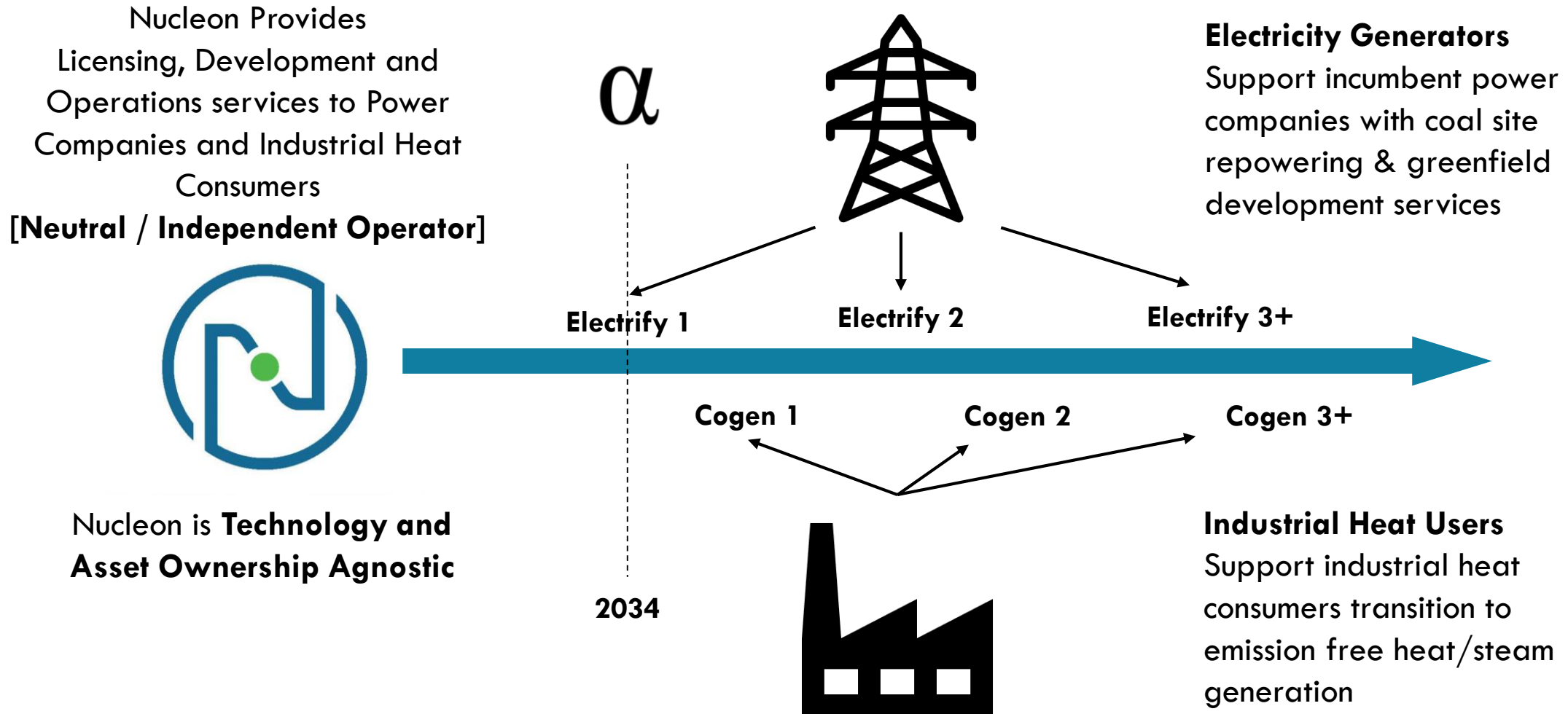
## Renewables

3 Geothermal  
2 Battery  
5 Solar  
9 Wind  
1 Pumped Hydro  
Development, Operations & Financing

## Traditional Generation & Transmission

1 Coal  
2 Cogeneration  
1 Transmission System







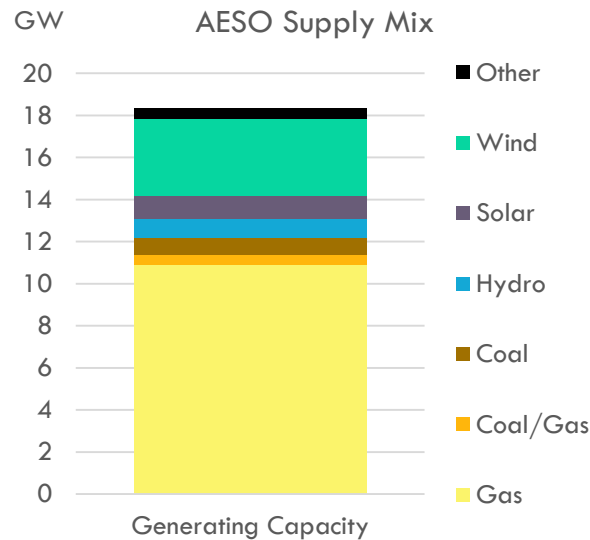
# **Alberta Power Market Need**



# Alberta needs SMR to affordably decarbonize baseload electricity supply

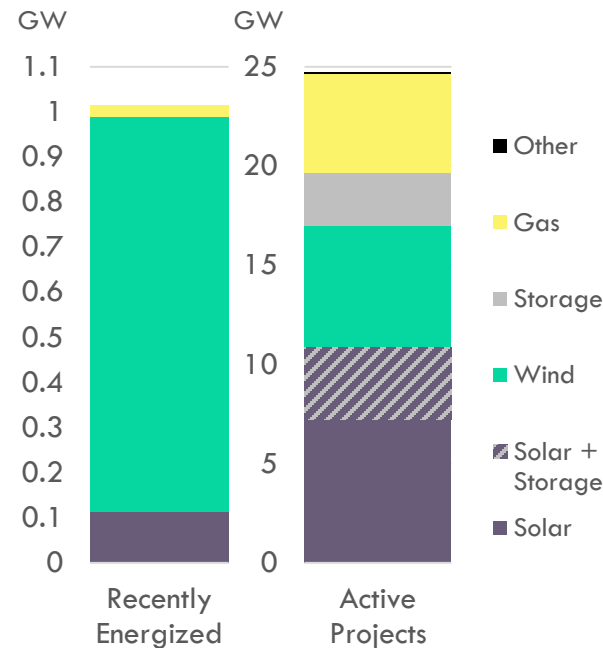


## Gas-dominated supply mix with significant renewable capacity



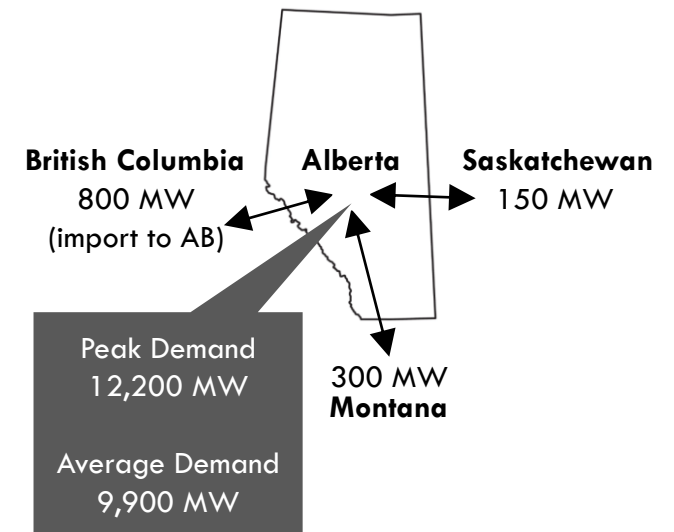
- Gas firing has replaced coal
- Last coal-fired station (Genesee) converts by 2024
- Significant supply from intermittent wind and solar

## More renewables coming but new gas development is uncertain



- Future gas development likely required to include carbon capture, doubling costs

## Interconnections are small relative to demand: not the solution



- Imports cannot service more than 10% of peak demand, new lines are difficult to develop

***"Resource adequacy may be challenging beyond 2035 under all high variable generation penetration scenarios analyzed..." Alberta Electric System Operator – August 2023***



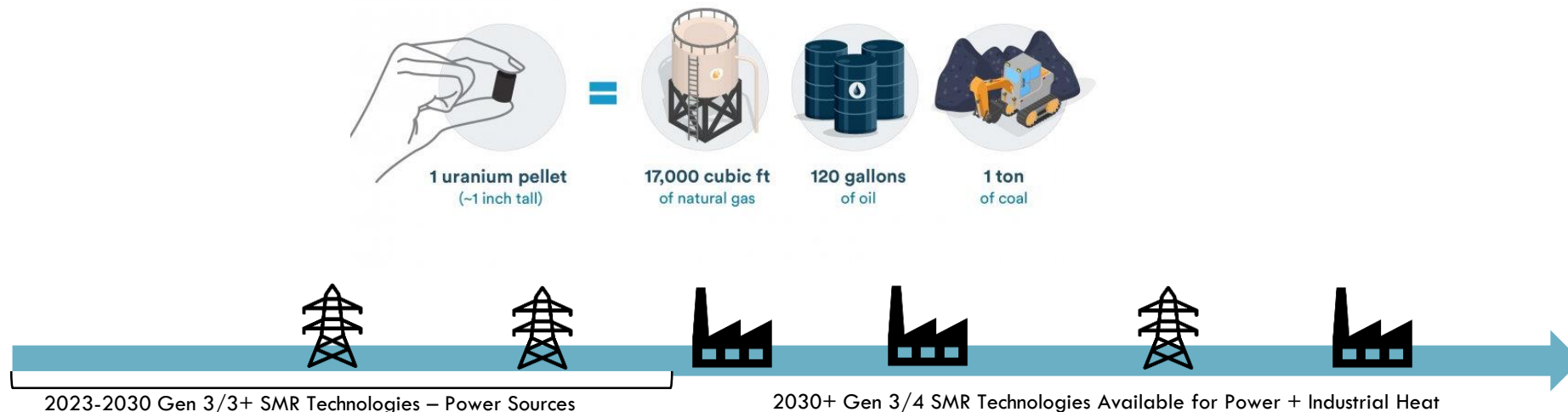
## Alberta Power market transitioning to net-zero

Alberta will need to transition electricity generation from a 70% dependency on fossil fuel emitting resources to reliable non-emitting sources

### Competing technologies include:

- Renewables combined with long-duration storage
- Natural Gas-fired Generation with CCS
- Hydrogen-fired Generation; and
- Nuclear Power

## Energy Favours Density

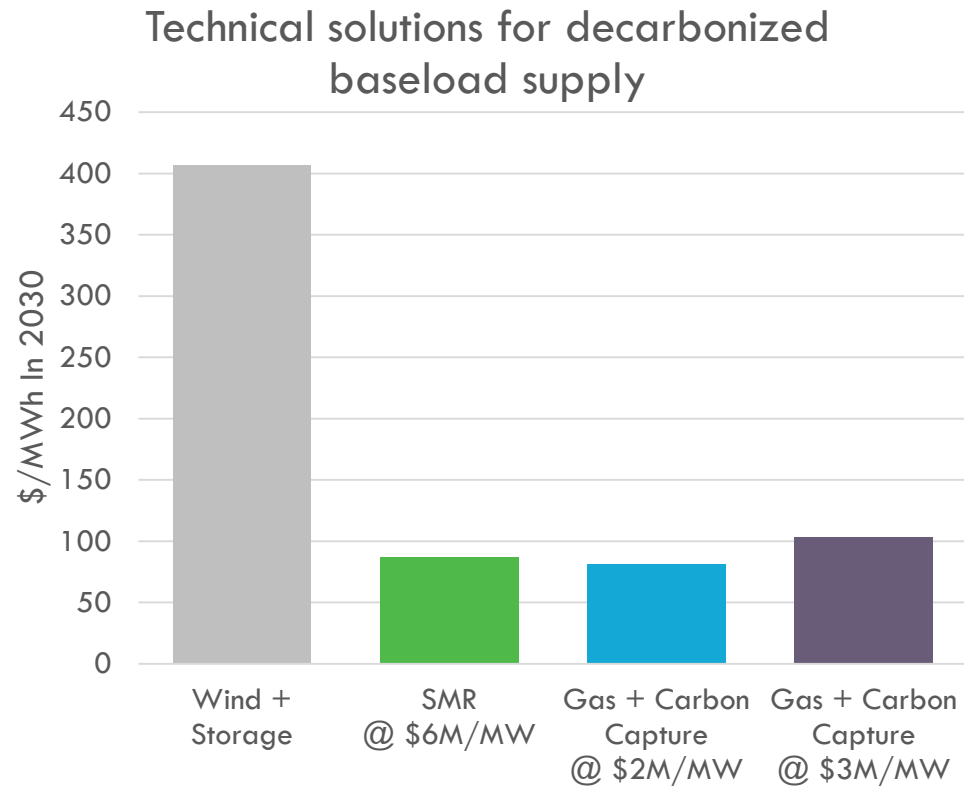


# The cost of new sources of power generation (long term)



Fossil Fuels are Challenged; Renewables are intermittent; and SMRs are now emerging commercially

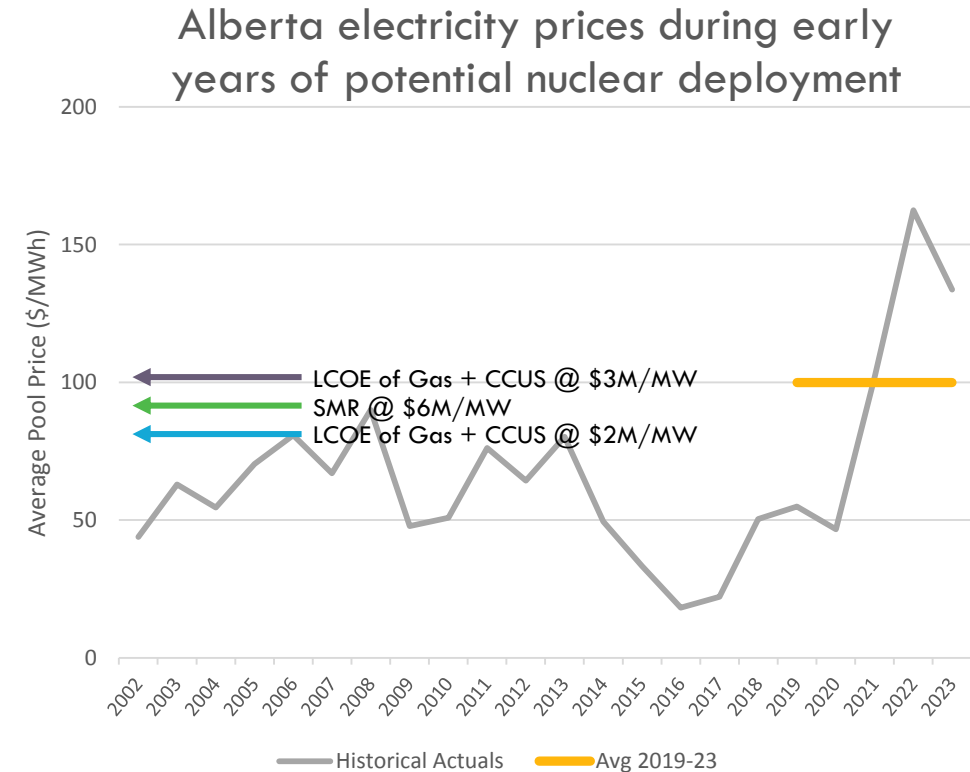
Fully-firming intermittent renewables with energy storage is cost prohibitive. Baseload electricity requirements will be serviced by a mix of gas with carbon capture and nuclear.



Sources: LCOE (Levelized Cost of Energy; Nucleon analysis)

Market prices expected to support entry of decarbonized baseload in 2030s

With policy putting a price on carbon emissions or even requiring physical sequestration of carbon, the effect on existing electricity supply and future demand (e.g. EV adoption) should produce the price outcomes necessary for entry of nuclear and CCUS.





# **Overview and Economics of Small Modular Reactors**

# SMR's are different than GW Scale Reactors – important distinction



1000MW+ Reactors



Left: Hinkley Point C – EPR-1750 Reactor;

SMRs – 200MW-300MW



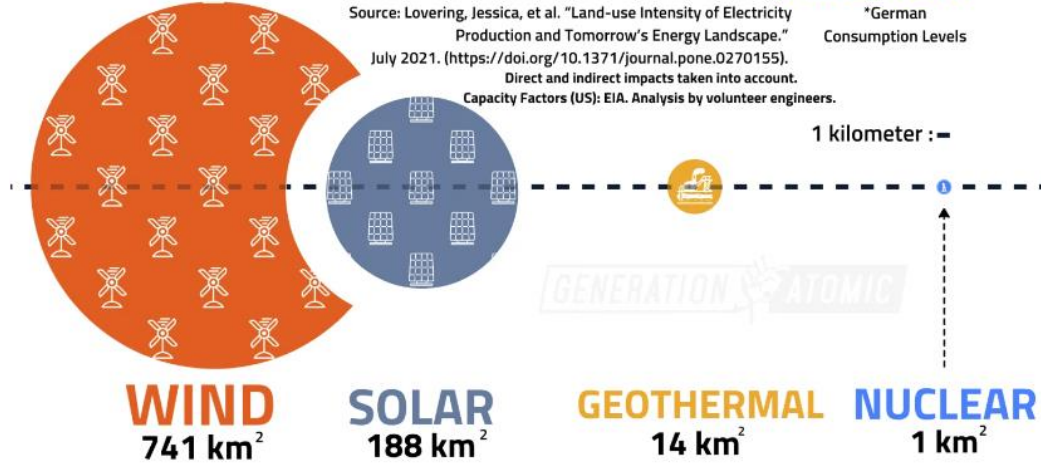
Right: GEH BWRX-300



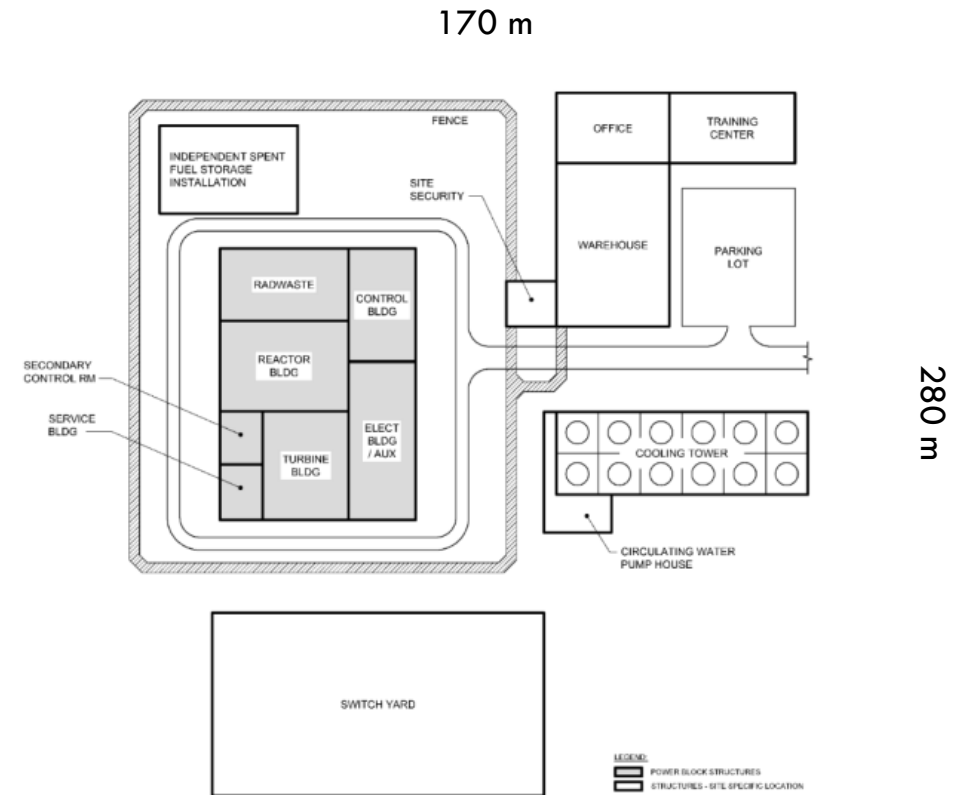
## HOW MUCH LAND DOES IT TAKE TO POWER A CITY OF 1 MILLION\*?

Source: Lovering, Jessica, et al. "Land-use Intensity of Electricity Production and Tomorrow's Energy Landscape." July 2021. (<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0270155>). Direct and indirect impacts taken into account. Capacity Factors (US): EIA. Analysis by volunteer engineers.

\*German Consumption Levels



Costco Footprint ~20 Acres

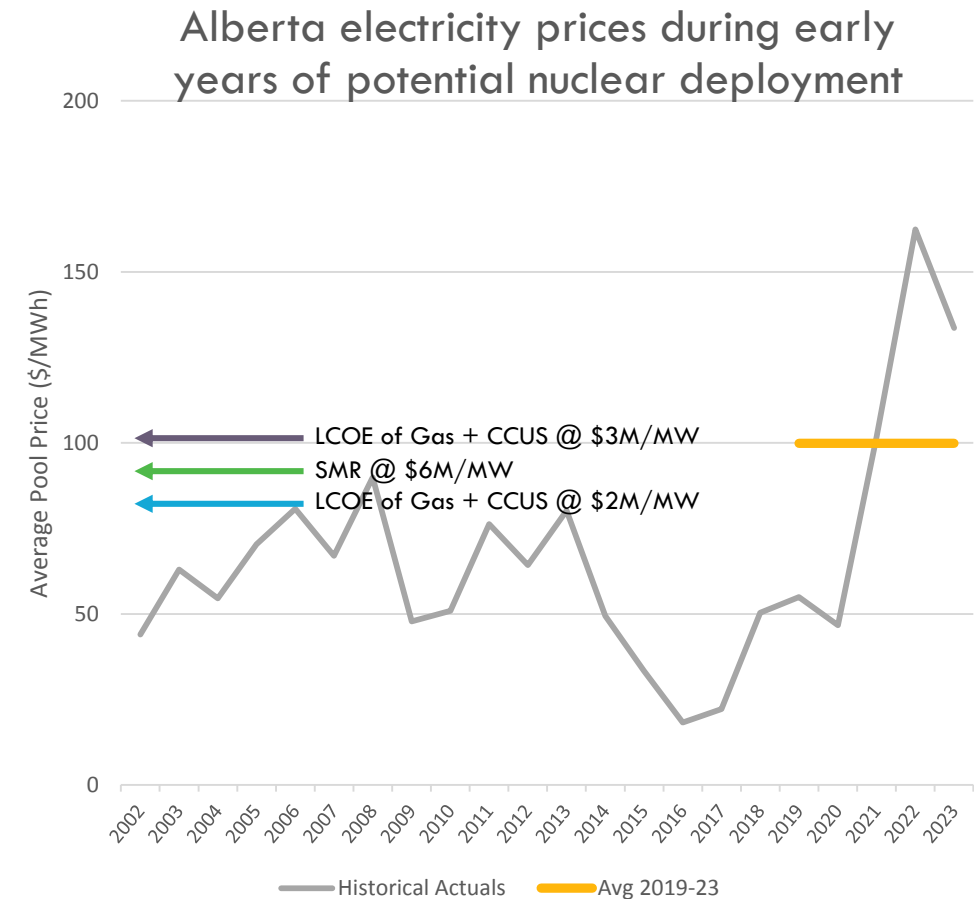


300 MW SMR ~ 11-20 Acres

## Cost of Electricity from 300MW SMRs

- The average power price in Alberta going back to the very beginning – 1996 – has averaged about \$65/MWh.
- The cost of power from an SMR with \$6M/MW capital costs is about \$85/MWh when contracted. (60-year life is valuable) \*
- SMRs don't have to trigger new Transmission System Build which is a benefit to consumer power costs which is not considered in the numbers above.
- Note: SMR Technology Developers are promoting cost projections lower than \$85/MWh in their marketing materials. (for nth of a kind deployment) – may or may not be real.

## Market forecast (2023) vs SMR at \$6M/MW



- At the Alberta Utility Commission's current approvals for Equity Return and Debt, \$6M/MW equates to \$85/MWh escalating at 2% from 2024
- Escalation used to normalize SMR asset life at 60 years+ compared with ~30 years for thermal generation



# **Federally Qualified Operator Unique Licensing**



# Eastern Dominated Ecosystem Today



## Nuclear power industry

### Reactors operating in Canada

Reactor Name	Model	Reactor Type	Net Capacity (MWe)	Construction Start	First Grid Connection
Bruce 1	CANDU 791	PHWR	732	1971-06-01	1977-01-14
Bruce 2	CANDU 791	PHWR	732	1970-12-01	1976-09-04
Bruce 3	CANDU 750A	PHWR	750	1972-07-01	1977-12-12
Bruce 4	CANDU 750A	PHWR	750	1972-09-01	1978-12-21
Bruce 5	CANDU 750B	PHWR	822	1978-05-31	1984-12-02
Bruce 6	CANDU 750B	PHWR	822	1978-01-01	1984-06-26
Bruce 7	CANDU 750B	PHWR	822	1979-05-01	1986-02-22
Bruce 8	CANDU 750B	PHWR	795	1979-07-30	1987-03-09
Darlington 1	CANDU 850	PHWR	881	1982-04-01	1990-12-19
Darlington 2	CANDU 850	PHWR	881	1981-09-01	1990-01-15
Darlington 3	CANDU 850	PHWR	881	1984-09-01	1992-12-07
Darlington 4	CANDU 850	PHWR	881	1985-07-01	1993-04-17
Pickering 1	CANDU 500A	PHWR	508	1966-06-01	1971-04-04
Pickering 4	CANDU 500A	PHWR	508	1968-05-01	1973-05-21
Pickering 5	CANDU 500B	PHWR	516	1974-11-01	1982-12-19
Pickering 6	CANDU 500B	PHWR	516	1975-10-01	1983-11-08
Pickering 7	CANDU 500B	PHWR	516	1976-03-01	1984-11-17
Pickering 8	CANDU 500B	PHWR	516	1976-09-01	1986-01-21
Point Lepreau	CANDU 6	PHWR	660	1975-05-01	1982-09-11

**BrucePower™**

  
**Énergie NB Power**

**ONTARIOPOWER**  
GENERATION

Source: World Nuclear Association

Note: PHWR = Pressurized Heavy Water Reactor



## Nuclear Energy Autonomy Matters

Canada's Federal Regulator will only issue licenses to a Qualified Nuclear Operator (QNO)



Alberta Energy companies (Oil/Gas/Power) currently cannot access nuclear technology without partnering with an existing QNO



The only QNOs in Canada are Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and Bruce Power



### Our Response

**Nucleon is building a Service Company that will provide Regulatory Access to all Energy Companies in Alberta**

**Nucleon is building a made-in-Alberta Private Sector Nuclear Operator** by hiring key people and investing in the necessary management systems and controls to meet Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) and Canadian Standards Association (CSA) N286 & N299 standards for the development, licensing and operation of nuclear facilities.



# **Opportunity for Bonnyville M.D.**

# Background - Development Roadmap & Timing



**\$30 Million**

**Year 1 to 4**

Finalize Site for Project Alpha  
Concept design  
Vendor RFI process  
Complete Project Description for application for LTPS  
Enter IAAC (or equivalent)  
Complete site survey  
Complete Impact Statement  
Complete Pre-Feasibility Engineering for PPE

**Receive LTPS**

**Development Phase 1**

**\$50 Million**

**Year 4 + 5**

Complete Development Funding Round  
Reactor vendor selection  
Start FEED study  
Complete FEED study  
**FID**

**Development Phase 2**

**\$20 Million**

**Year 6 + 7**

Develop application for LTC  
Develop application for LTO  
**Receive LTC**  
**Receive LTO**  
**Commence construction financing**

**Development Phase 3**

CAPEX Cost: \$3.6 Billion  
CAPEX Ref: \$6 Million/MW  
Capacity: 2x300 MW  
Year 7 to 10  
Operating life 60+ years  
Turbine overhaul @ 30 Years  
2 year refueling cycle

**Build + Operate**

## Nuclear & Asset Development Acronyms

CNE – Chief Nuclear Engineer  
CNSC – Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission  
FID – Final Investment Decision  
GR – Government Relations  
IAAC – Impact Assessment Agency of Canada  
LTPS – License to Prepare Site  
LTC – License to Construct  
PPE – Plant Parameter Envelope  
PR – Public Relations  
QA/QC – Quality Assurance/Control

## Local Development

Operator JV  
Conventional Management

## Execution Teams

Project teams  
CNO, CFO, CIO  
Operational teams

## Talent Acquisition

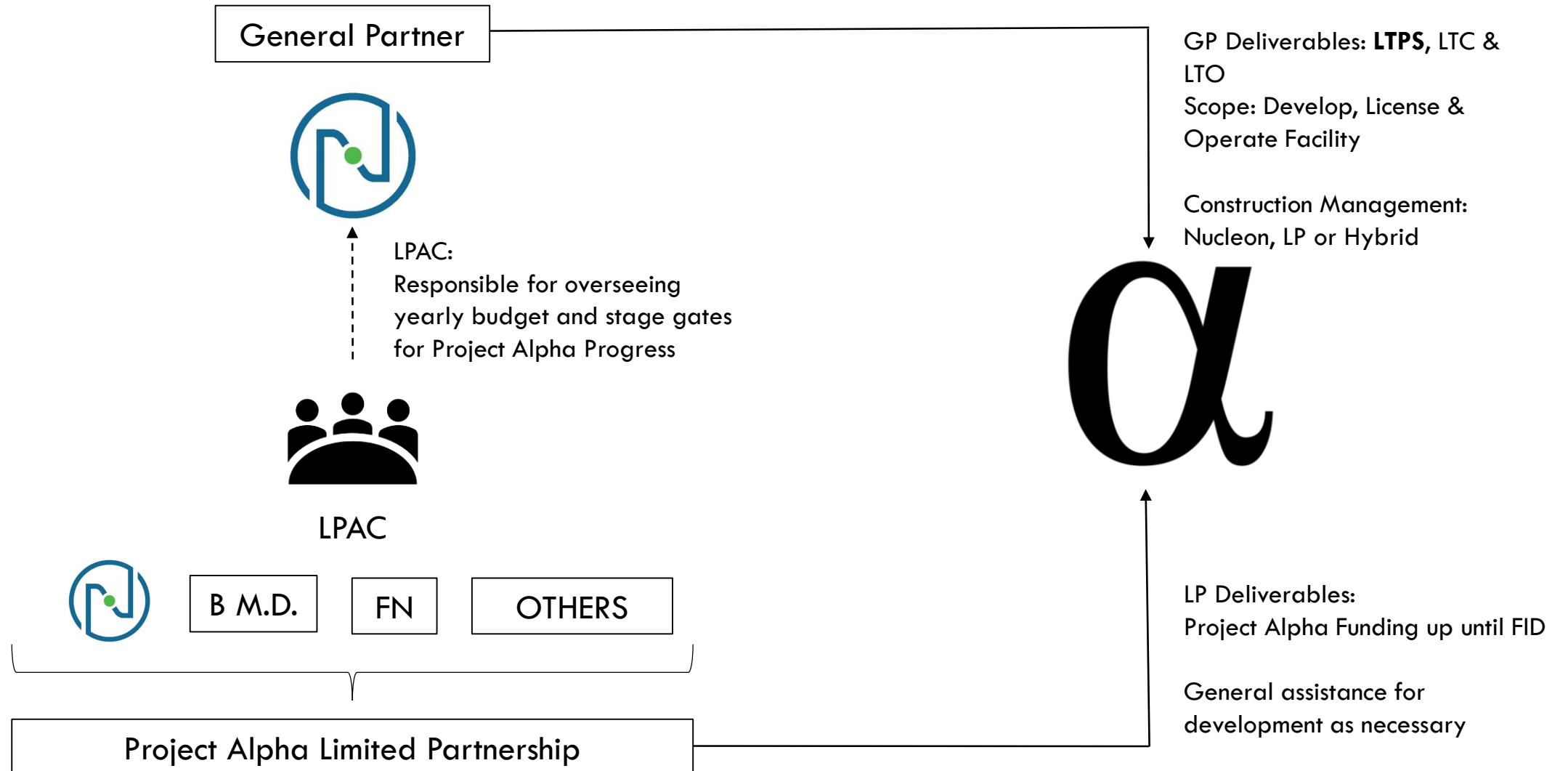
CNE  
QA/QC, HSE  
Engineering, etc.



**There is an opportunity for Nucleon, Bonnyville, and local First Nations to EITHER; work together to site the SMR, AND/OR partner on the SMR development project.**

- Nucleon and Bonnyville will work together to site the project in the M.D. near the AESO 240kV system. Bonnyville is one of few 'uncongested' areas on the Alberta power grid.
- Nucleon, Bonnyville, and First Nations will equally own the development project from the outset.
- Bonnyville will have no obligation to invest money through the development.
- Ownership percentages would change over time (dilution of non-investors) as Nucleon funds the development program through to the License to Prepare Site; however, the M.D. would have a seat at the table throughout the development.
- Bonnyville M.D. will ultimately benefit from the tax base that a \$3.6B facility would provide. (~\$40M/yr)

# Mechanics of how the Partnership Structure & Governance can work





**Questions ?**





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