Distribution System Planning

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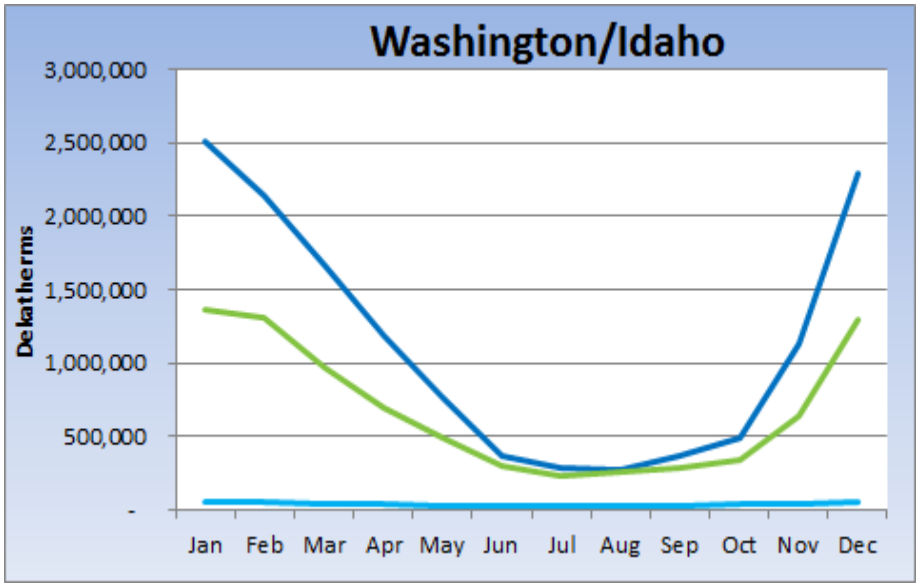
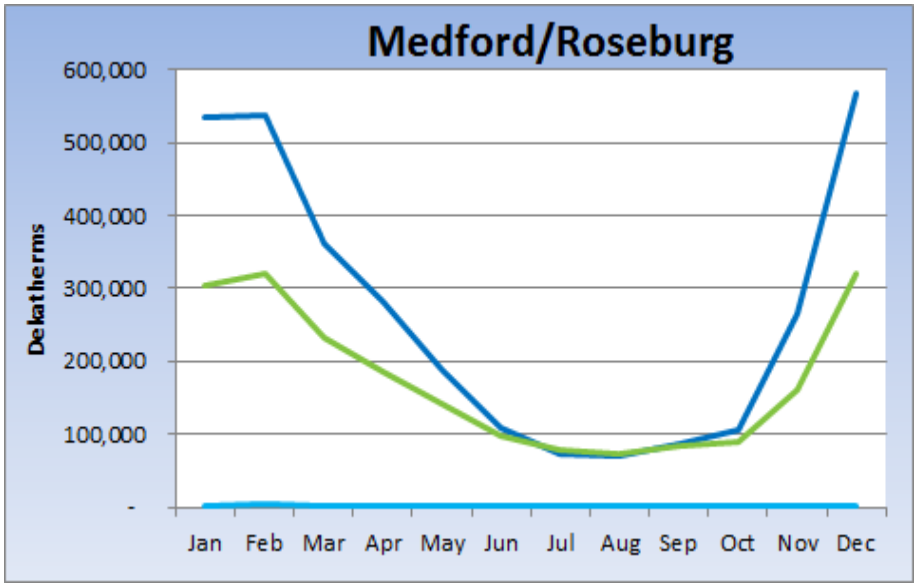
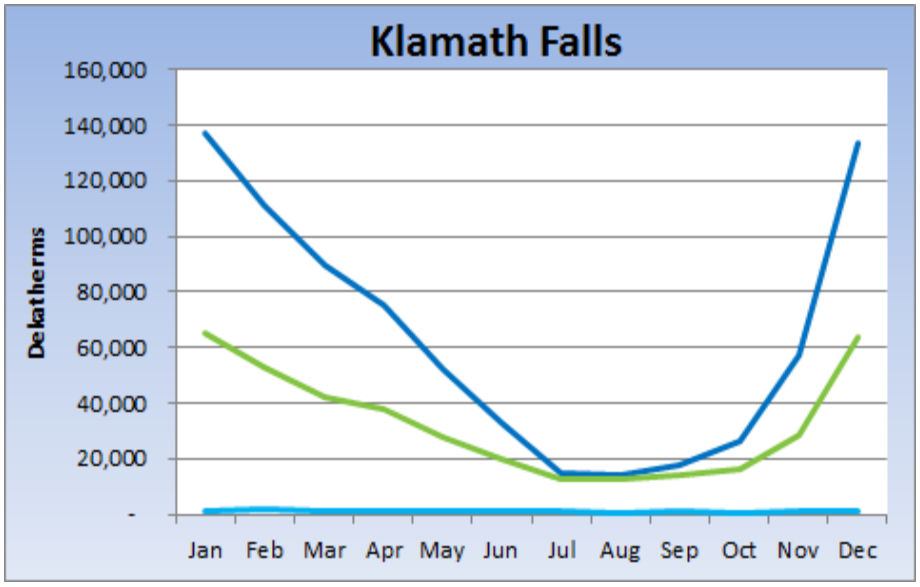
Mission

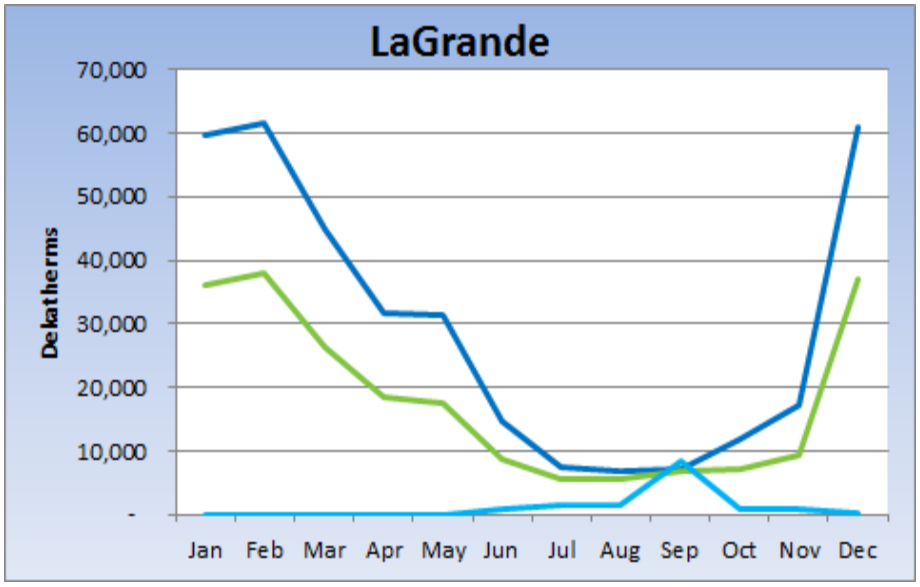
- Using technology to plan and design a safe, reliable, and economical distribution system

Seasonal Demand Profiles





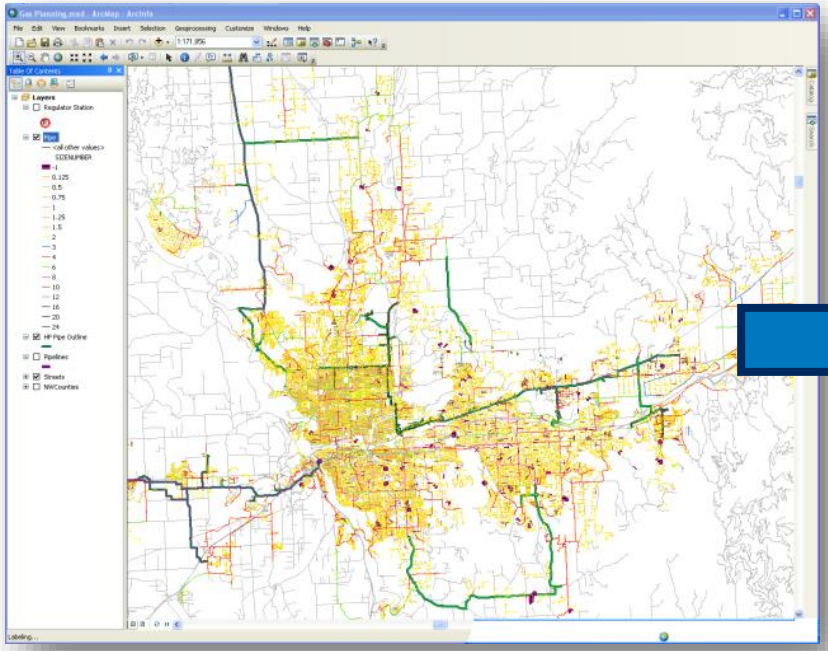


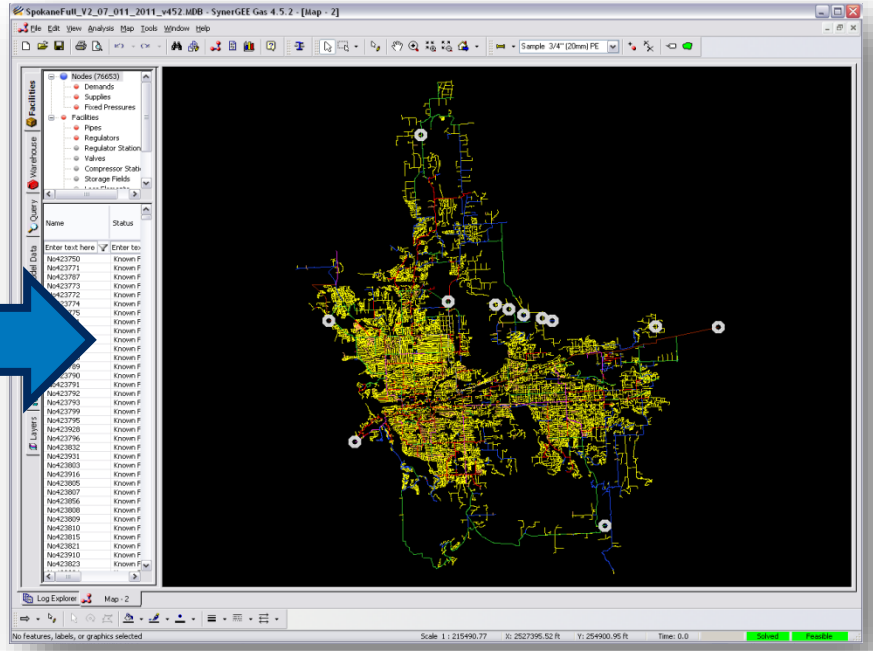


Residential Commercial Industrial

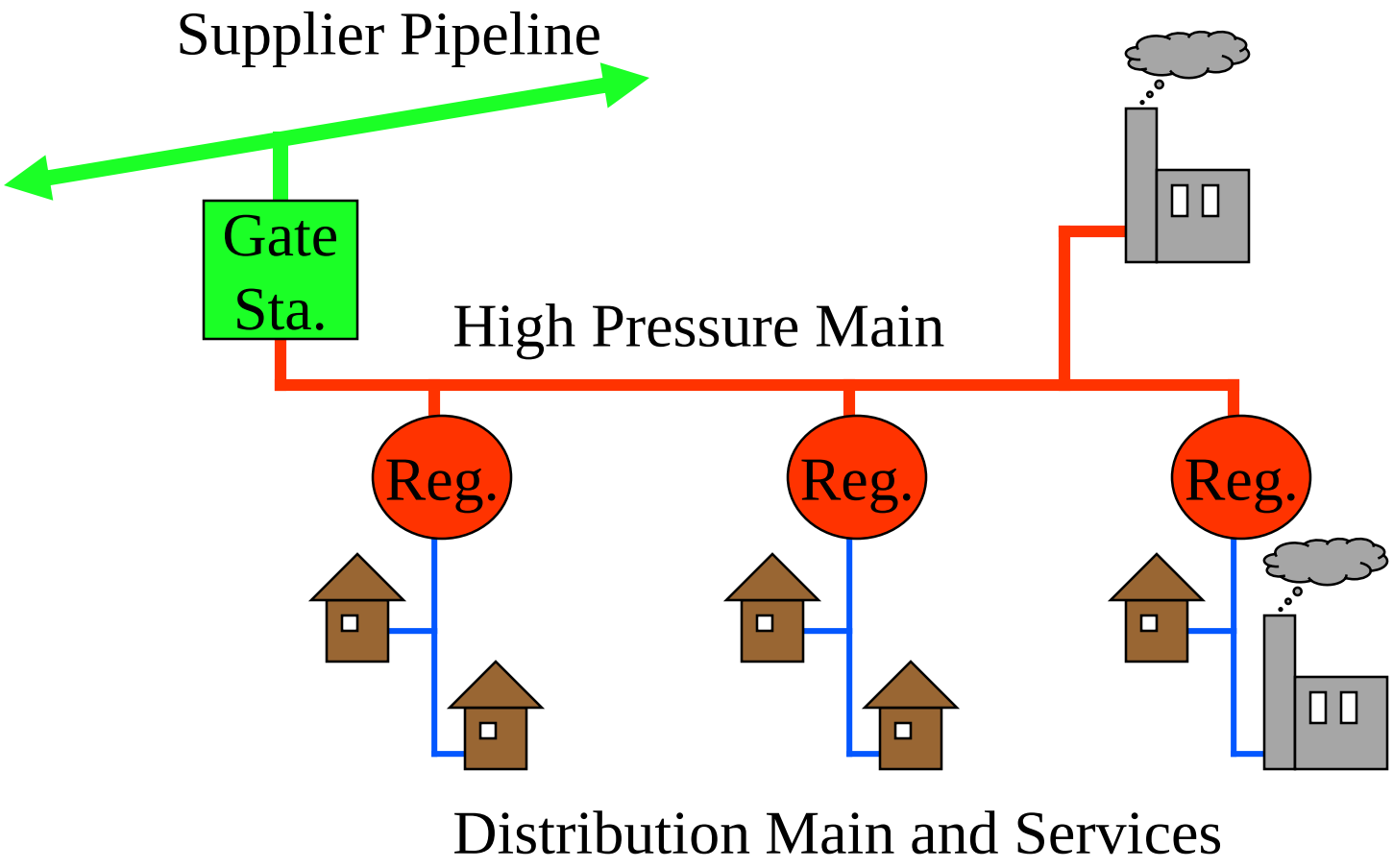
Our Planning Models

- 122 cities
- 40 load study models





Scope of Gas Distribution Planning



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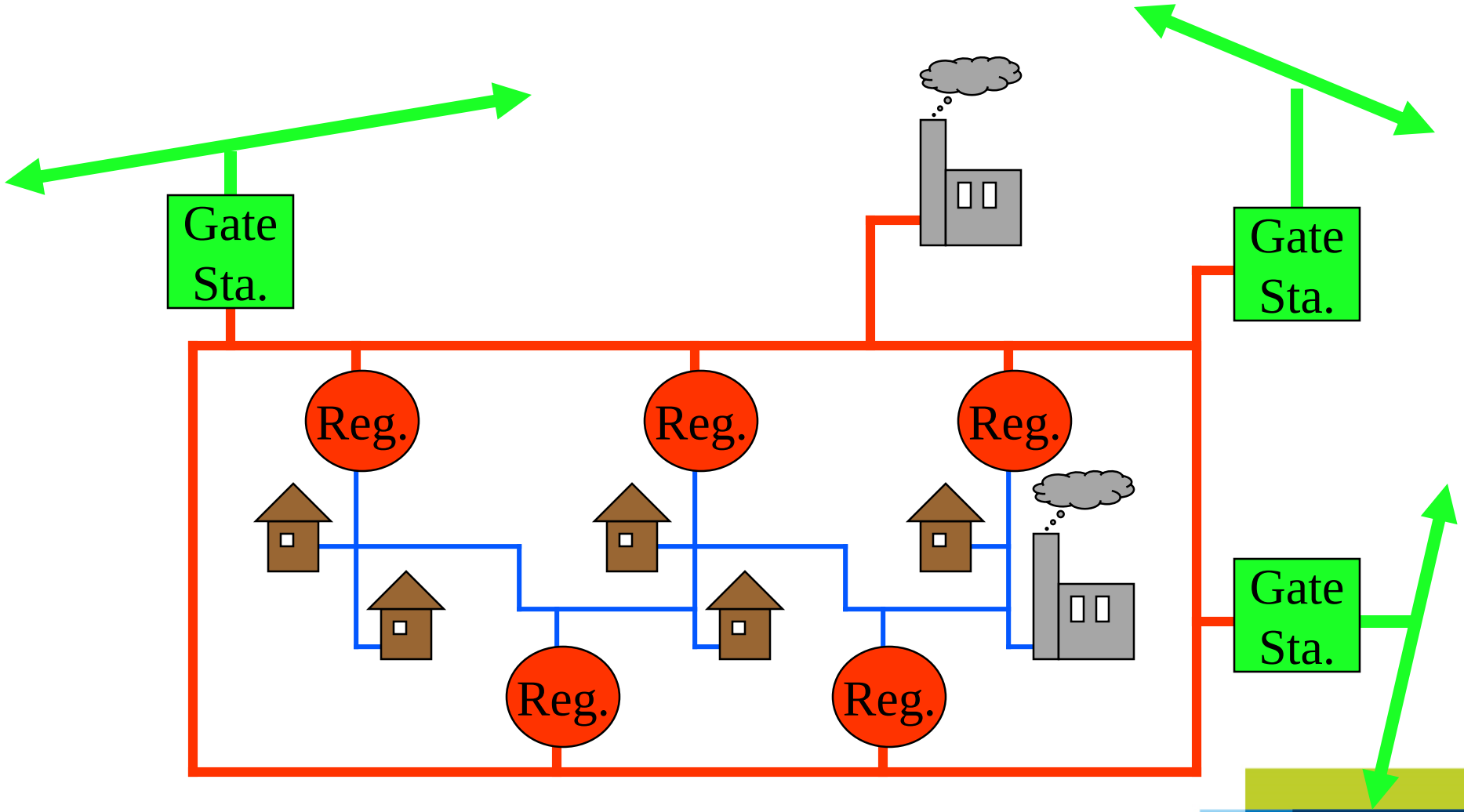
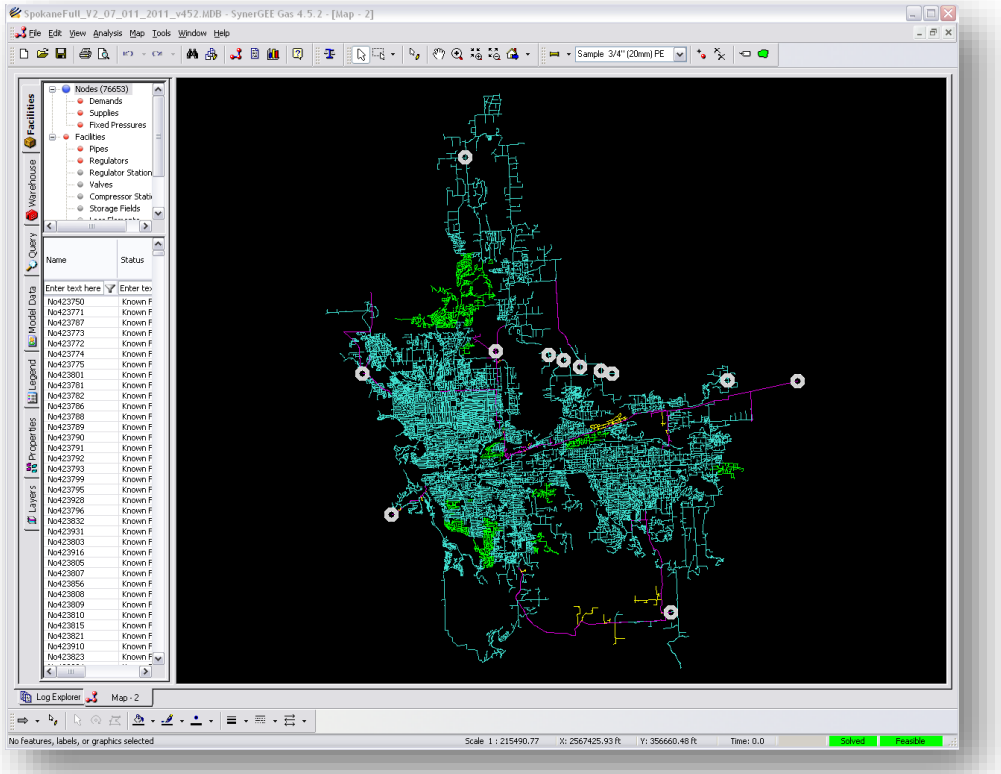
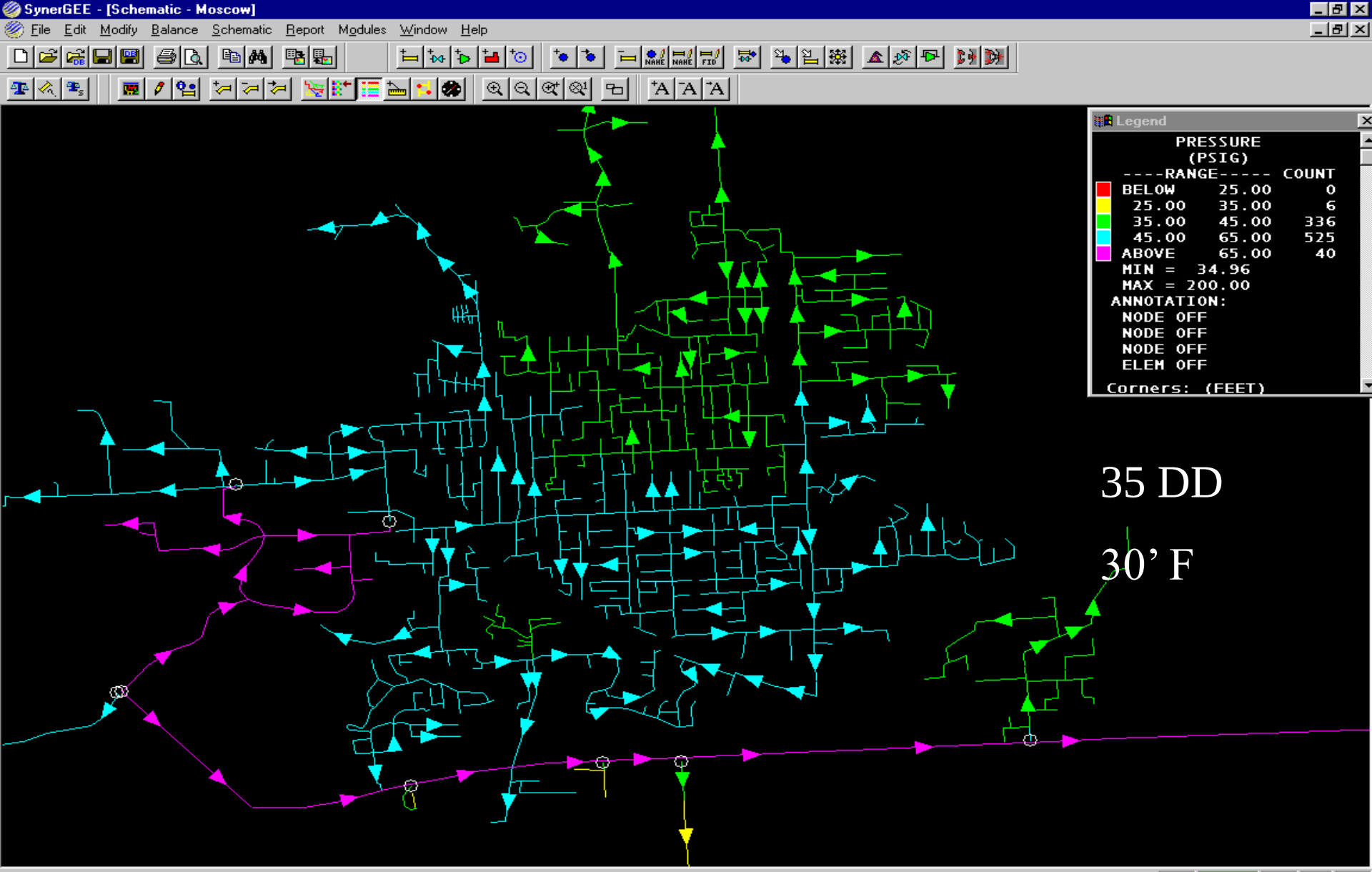


SynerGi (SynerGEE, Stoner) Load Study

- Simulate distribution behavior
- Identify low pressure areas
- Coordinate reinforcements with expansions
- Measure reliability

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(PSIG)
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BELOW 25.00 0
25.00 35.00 6
35.00 45.00 336
45.00 65.00 525
ABOVE 65.00 40
MIN = 34.96
MAX = 200.00
ANNOTATION:
NODE OFF
NODE OFF
NODE OFF
ELEM OFF
Corners: (FEET)
35 DD
30’ F
Ready
Balanced
NUM

Preparing a Load Study

- Estimating Customer Usage
- Creating a Pipeline Network
- Join Customer Loads to Pipes
- Convert to Load Study

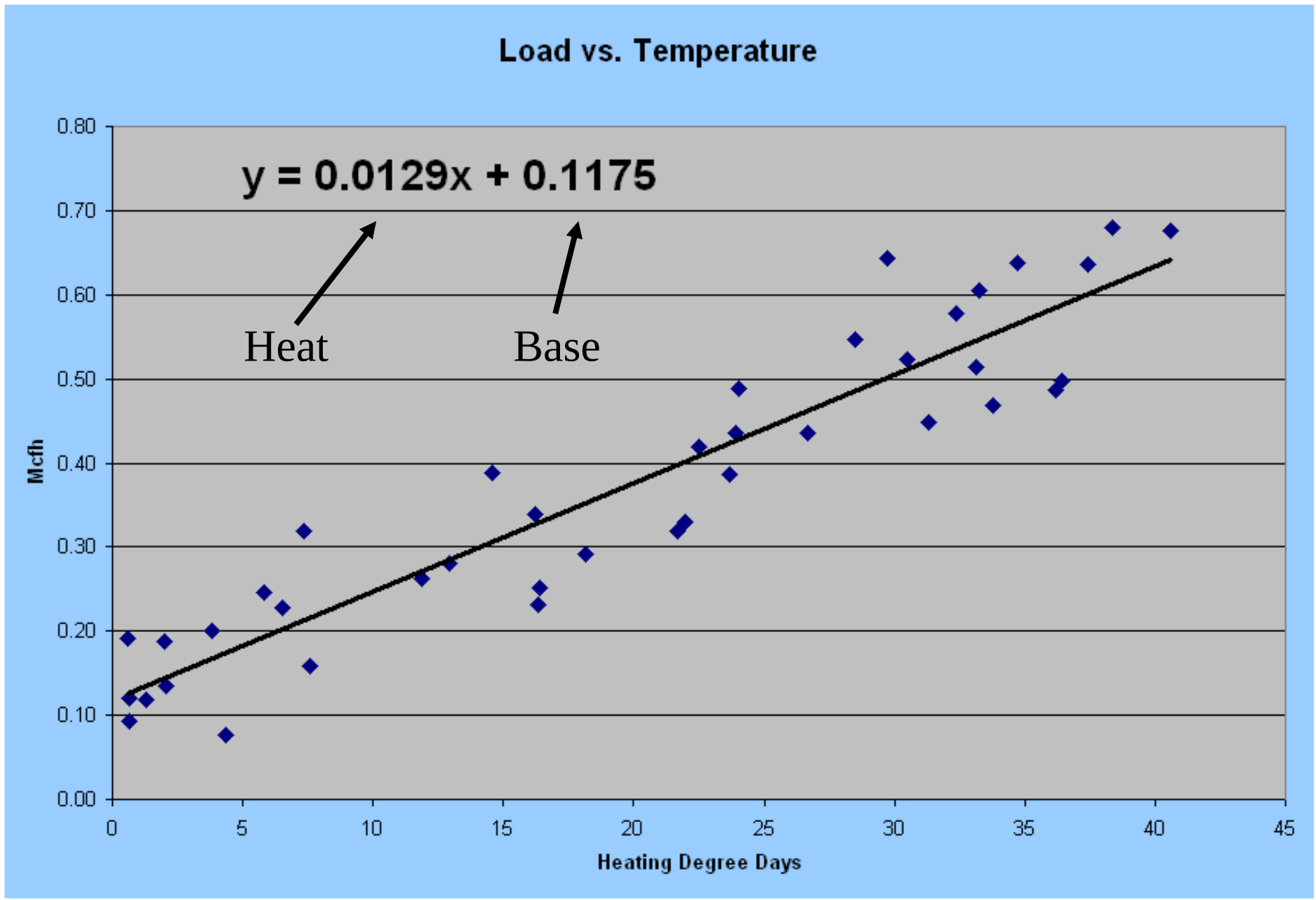
Estimating Customer Usage

- Gathering Data
  - Days of service
  - Degree Days
  - Usage
  - Name, Address, Revenue Class, Rate Schedule…

Estimating Customer Usage cont.

- Degree Days
  - Heating (HDD)
  - Cooling (CDD)
- Temperature - Usage Relationship
  - Load vs. HDD's
  - Base Load (constant)
  - Heat Load (variable)
  - High correlation with residential

Avg. Daily Temperature ('Fahrenheit)	Heating Degree Days (HDD)	Cooling Degree Days (CDD)
85		20
80		15
75		10
70		5
65	***0***	***0***
60	5	
55	10	
50	15	
45	20	
40	25	
35	30	
30	35	
25	40	
20	45	
15	50	
10	55	
5	60	
4	61	
0	65	
-5	70	
-10	75	
-15	80	
-17	82	

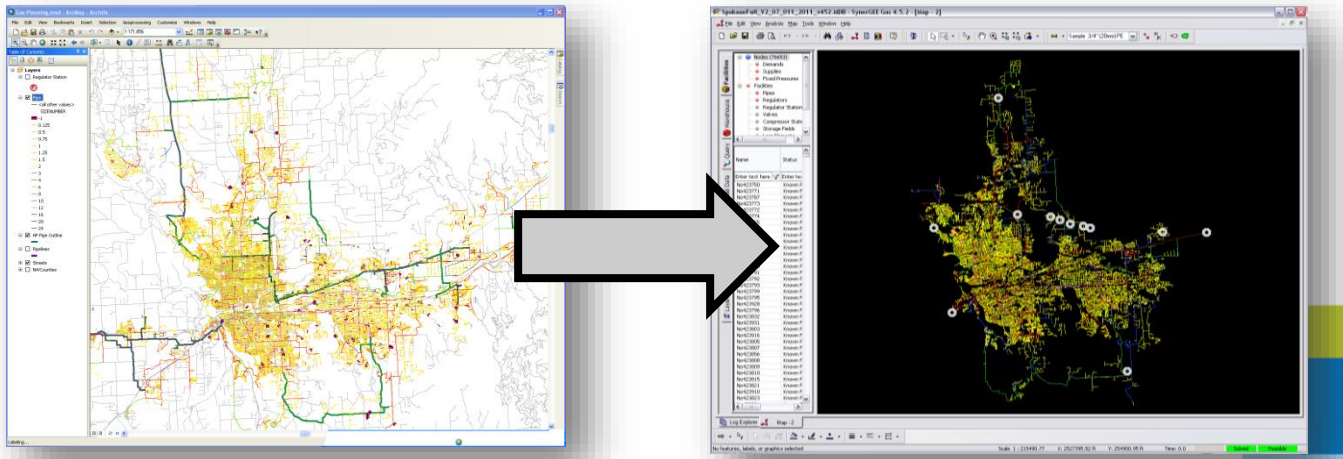


Estimating Customer Usage cont.

- Peaking Factor
  - Peaking Factor = 6.25% of daily load
  - “Observed ratio” of greatest hourly flow to total daily flow at Gate Stations
- Industrial Customers
  - Model maximum hourly usage per Contractual Agreement
  - Firm Transportation customers only
  - Low Temperature-Usage correlation

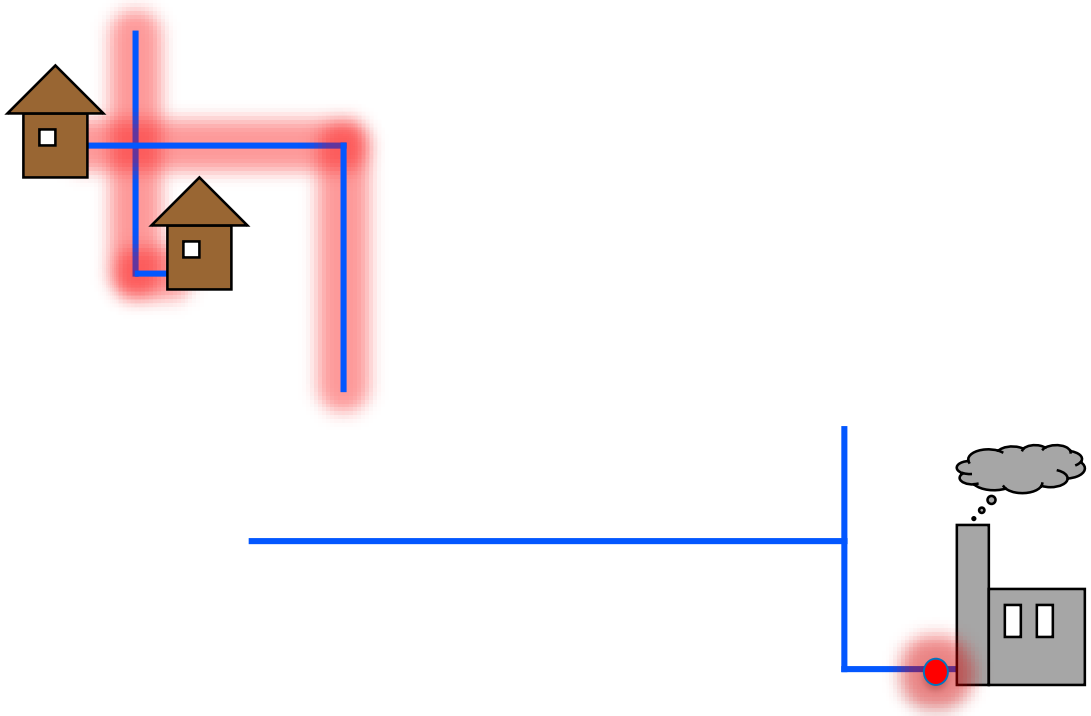
Creating a Pipeline Model

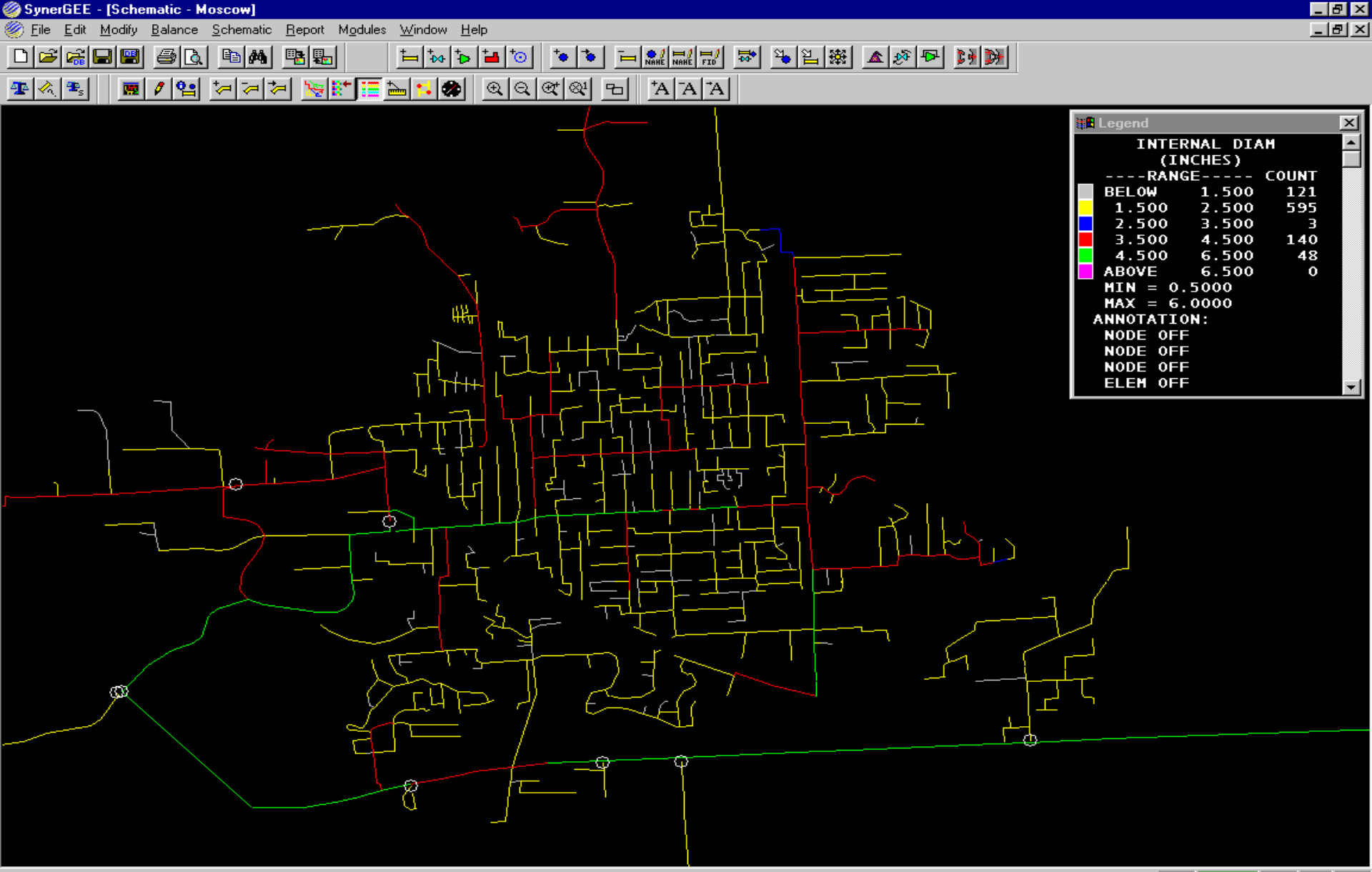
- Elements
  - Pipes, regulators, valves
  - Attributes: Length, internal diameter, roughness
- Nodes
  - Sources, usage points, pipe ends
  - Attributes: Flow, pressure



Join Customer Loads to a Model

- Residential and commercial loads are assigned to ***pipes***
- Industrial or other large loads are assigned to ***nodes***

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1.500 2.500 595
2.500 3.500 3
3.500 4.500 140
4.500 6.500 48
ABOVE 6.500 0
MIN = 0.5000
MAX = 6.0000
ANNOTATION:
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Ready
Balanced
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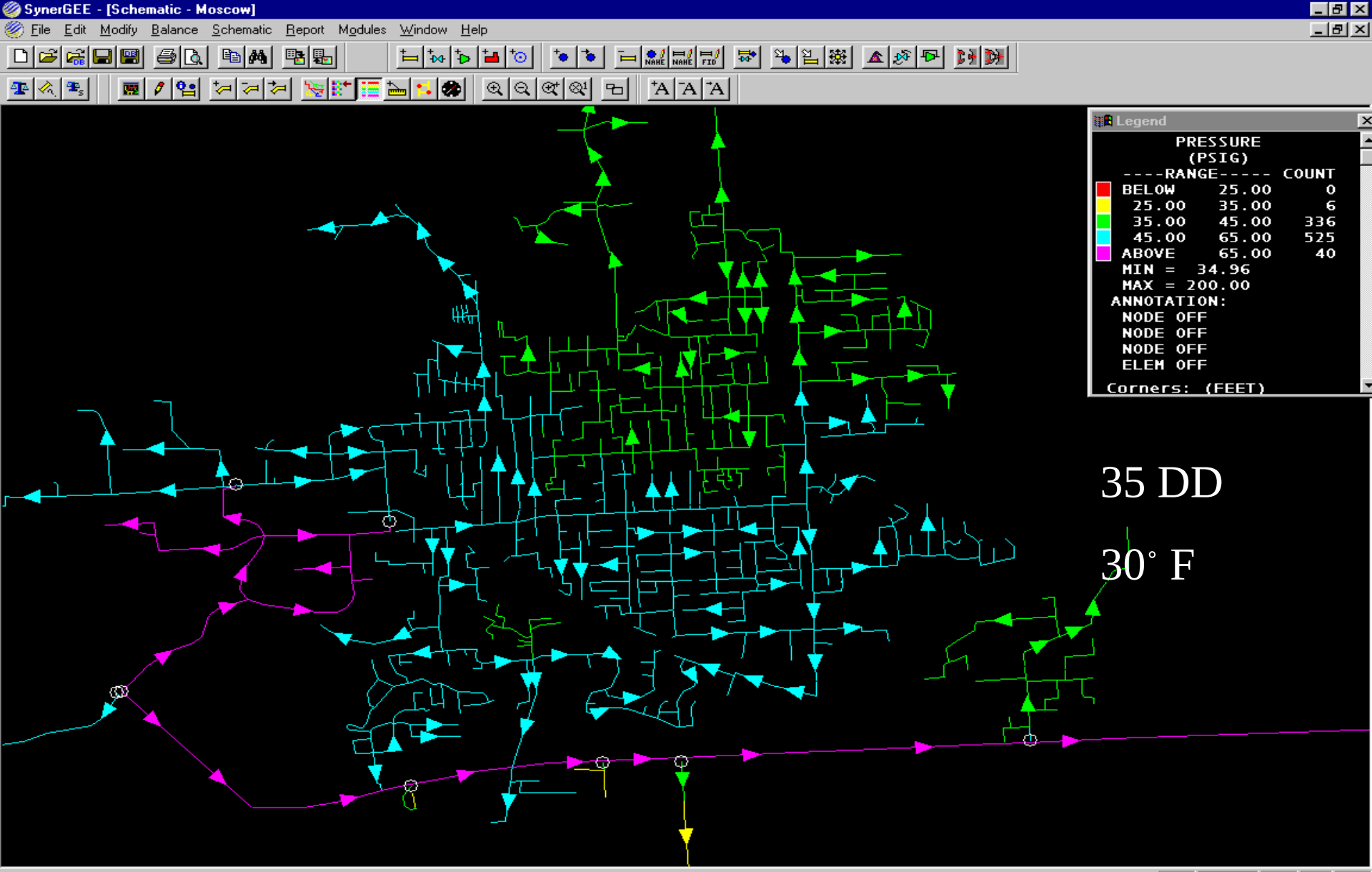
Balancing Model

- Simulate system for any temperature
  - HDD's
- Solve for pressure at all nodes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ANNOTATION:
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Corners: (FEET)
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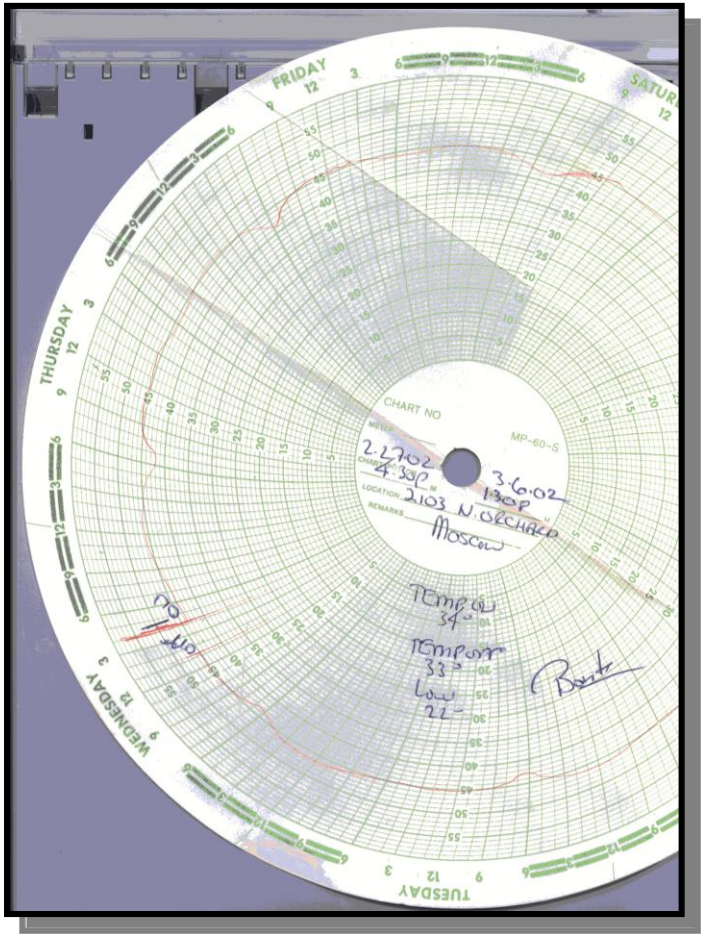
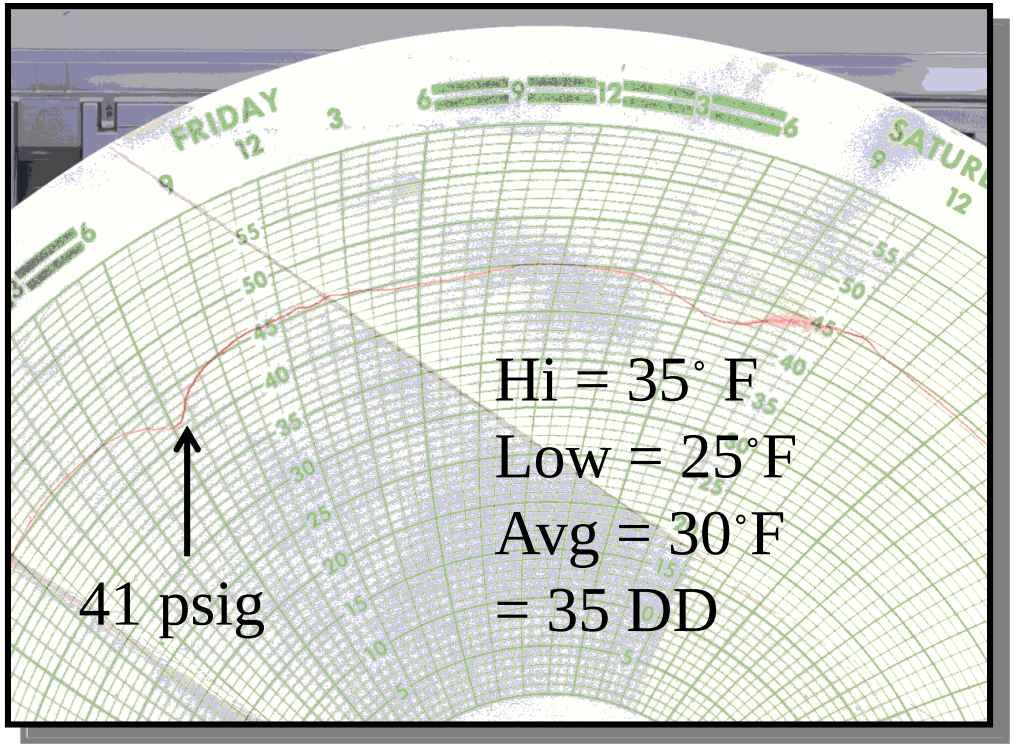
Validating Model

- Simulate recorded condition
- Pressure Recorders
  - Do calculated results match *field* data?
- Gate Station Telemetry
  - Do calculated results match *source* data?
- Possible Errors
  - Missing pipe
  - Source pressure changed
  - Industrial loads

Validating Model cont.





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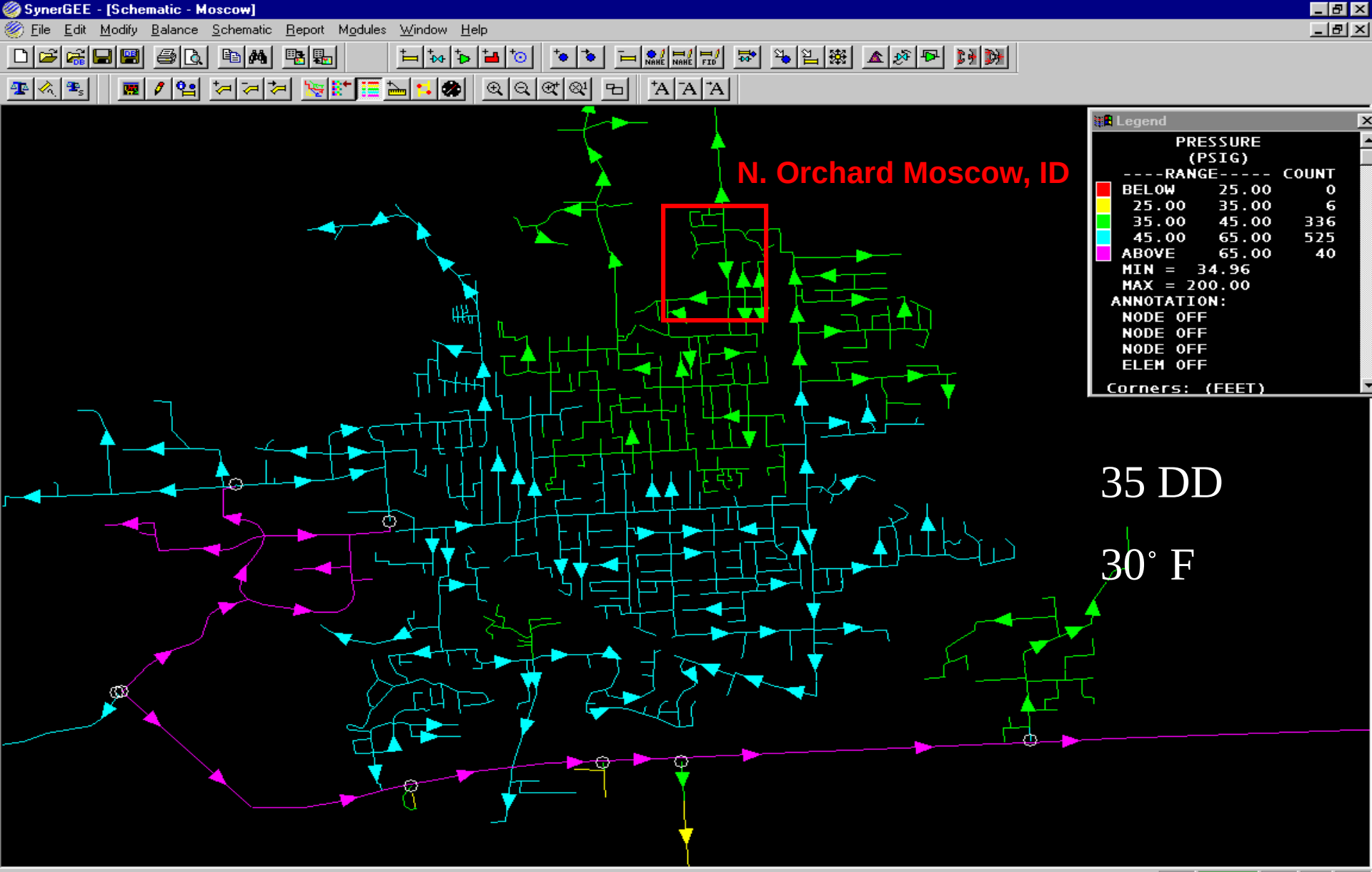
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Planning Criteria

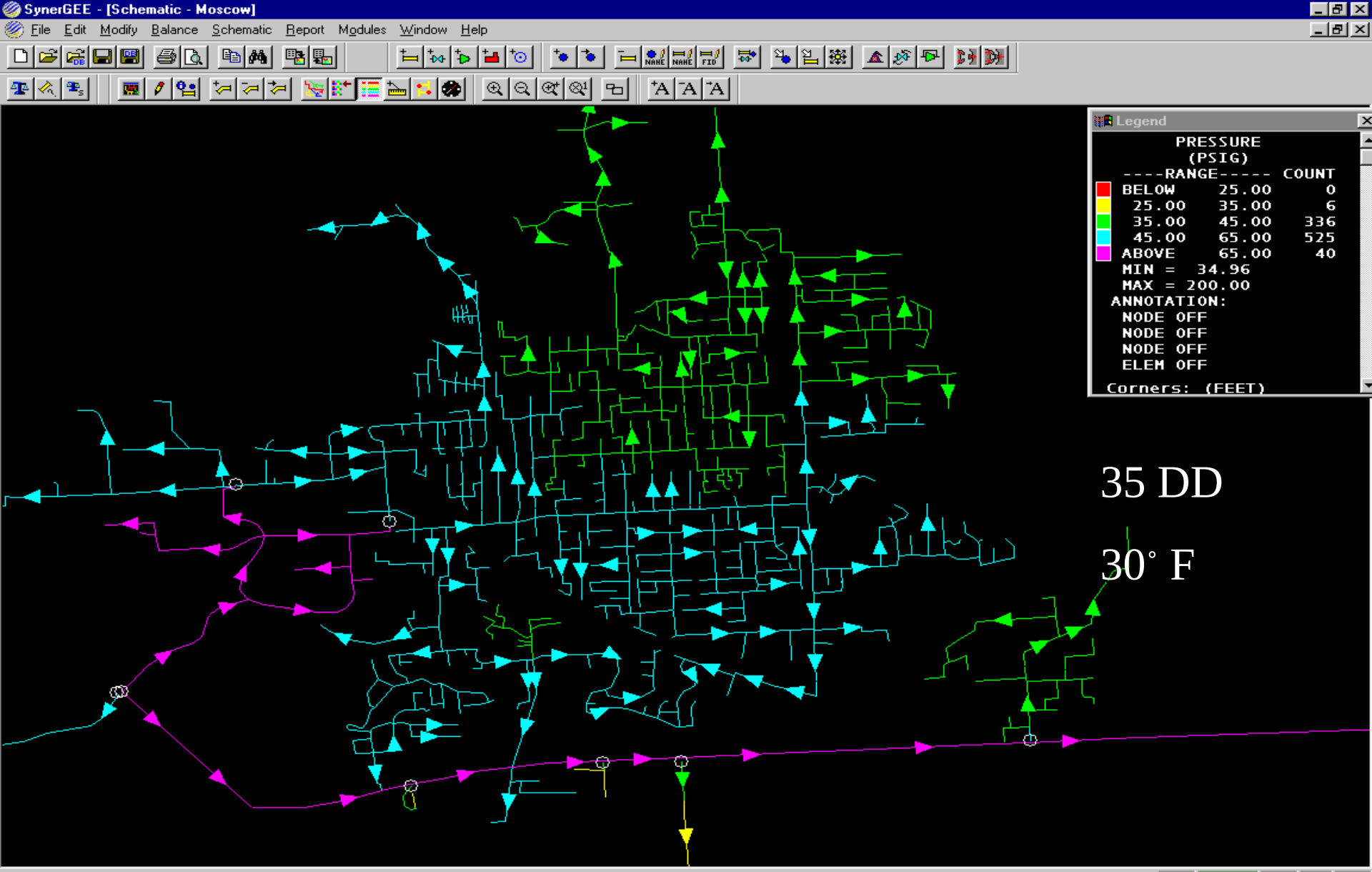
- Reliability during design HDD
  - Spokane 82 HDD
  - Medford 61 HDD
  - Klamath Falls 72 HDD
  - La Grande 74 HDD
  - Roseburg 55 HDD

- Maintain minimum of 15 psig in system at all times
  - 5 psig in lower MAOP areas

Planning Criteria

- Reliability during design HDD
  - Spokane **82 HDD** *(avg. daily temp. -17' F)*
  - Medford **61 HDD** *(avg. daily temp. 4' F)*
  - Klamath Falls **72 HDD** *(avg. daily temp. -7' F)*
  - La Grande **74 HDD** *(avg. daily temp. -9' F)*
  - Roseburg **55 HDD** *(avg. daily temp. 10' F)*

- Maintain minimum of 15 psig in system at all times
  - 5 psig in lower MAOP areas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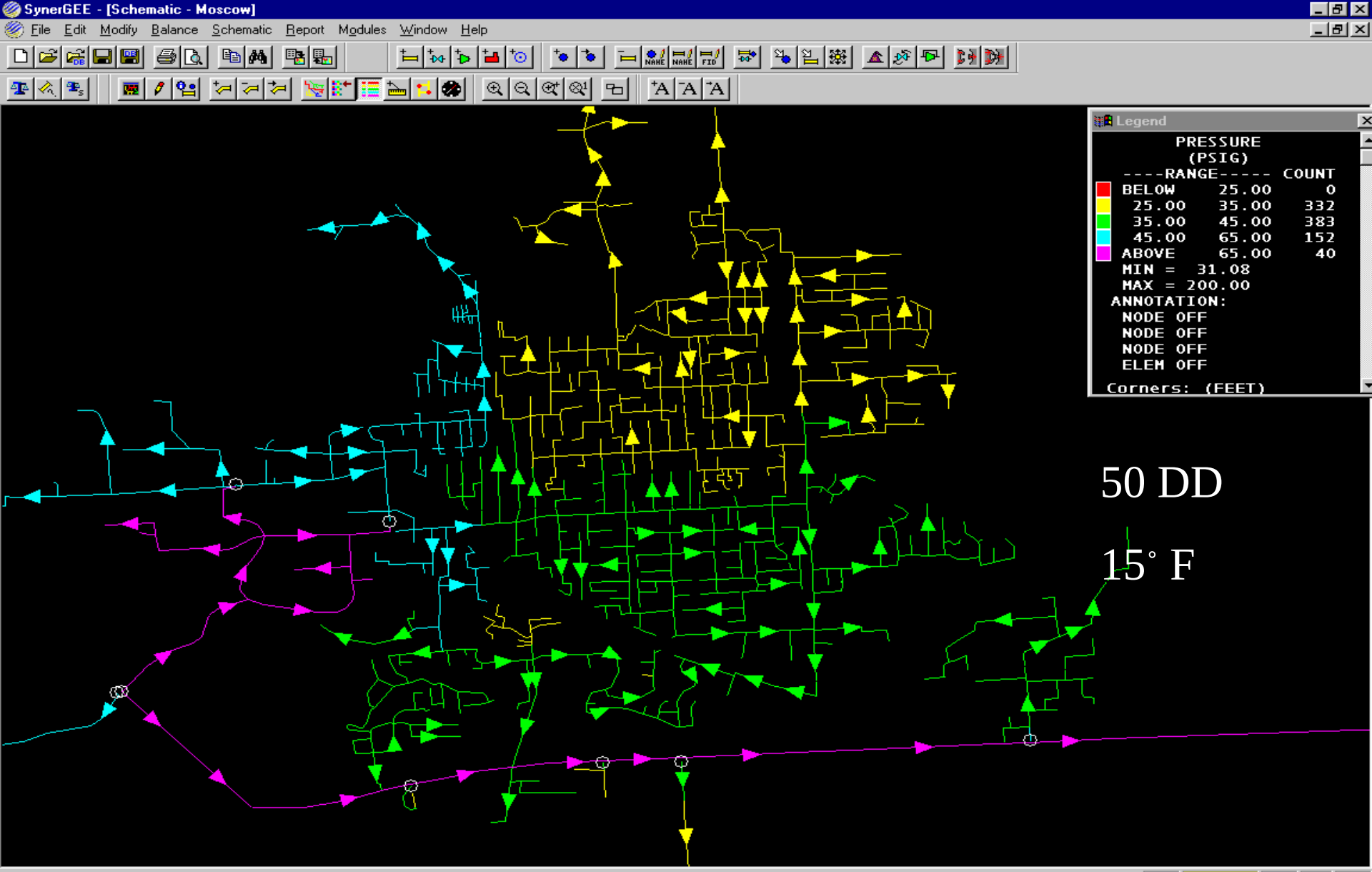
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45.00 65.00 152
ABOVE 65.00 40
MIN = 31.08
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ELEM OFF
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50 DD
15˚ F
Ready
Unbalanced
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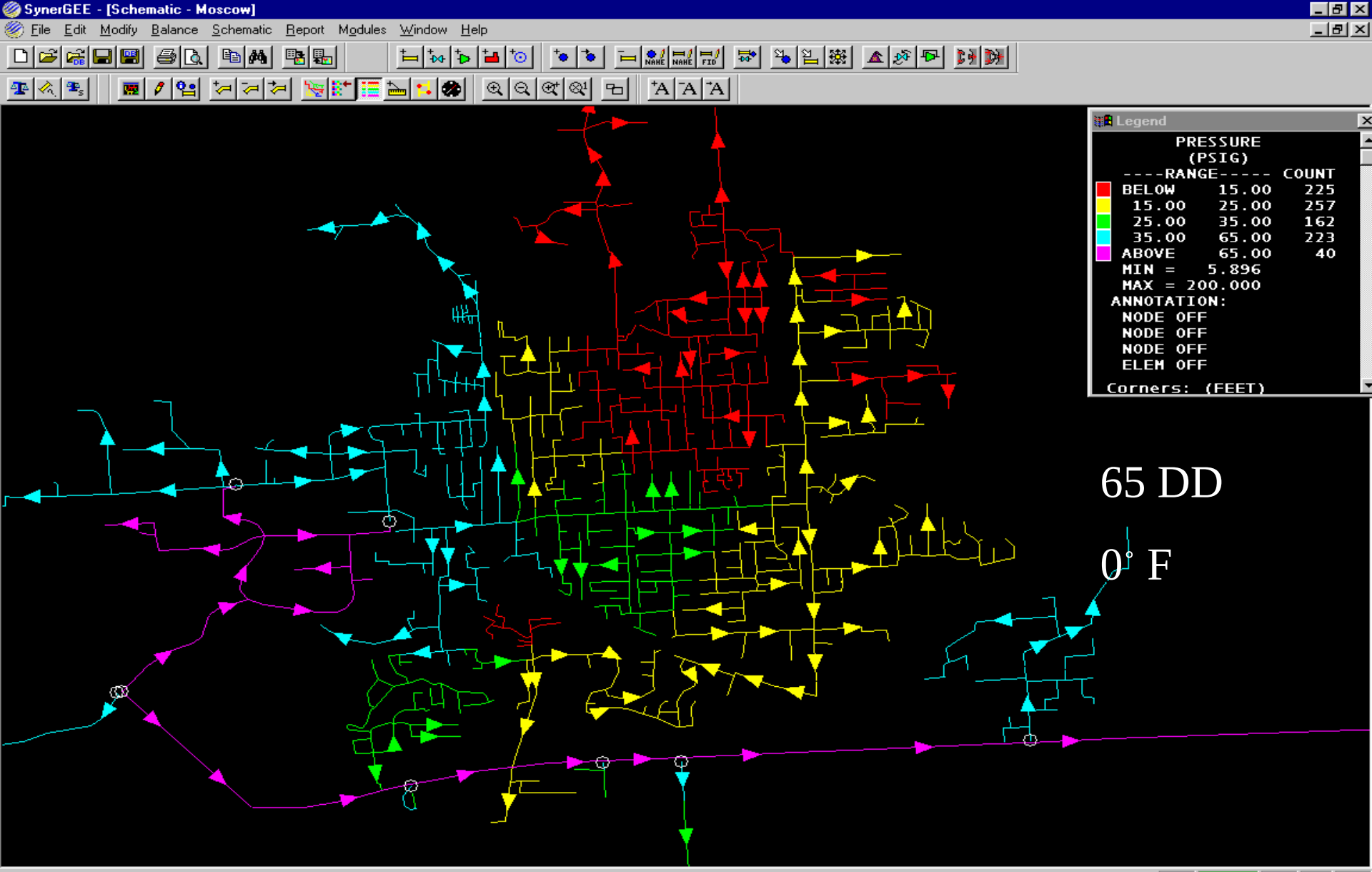
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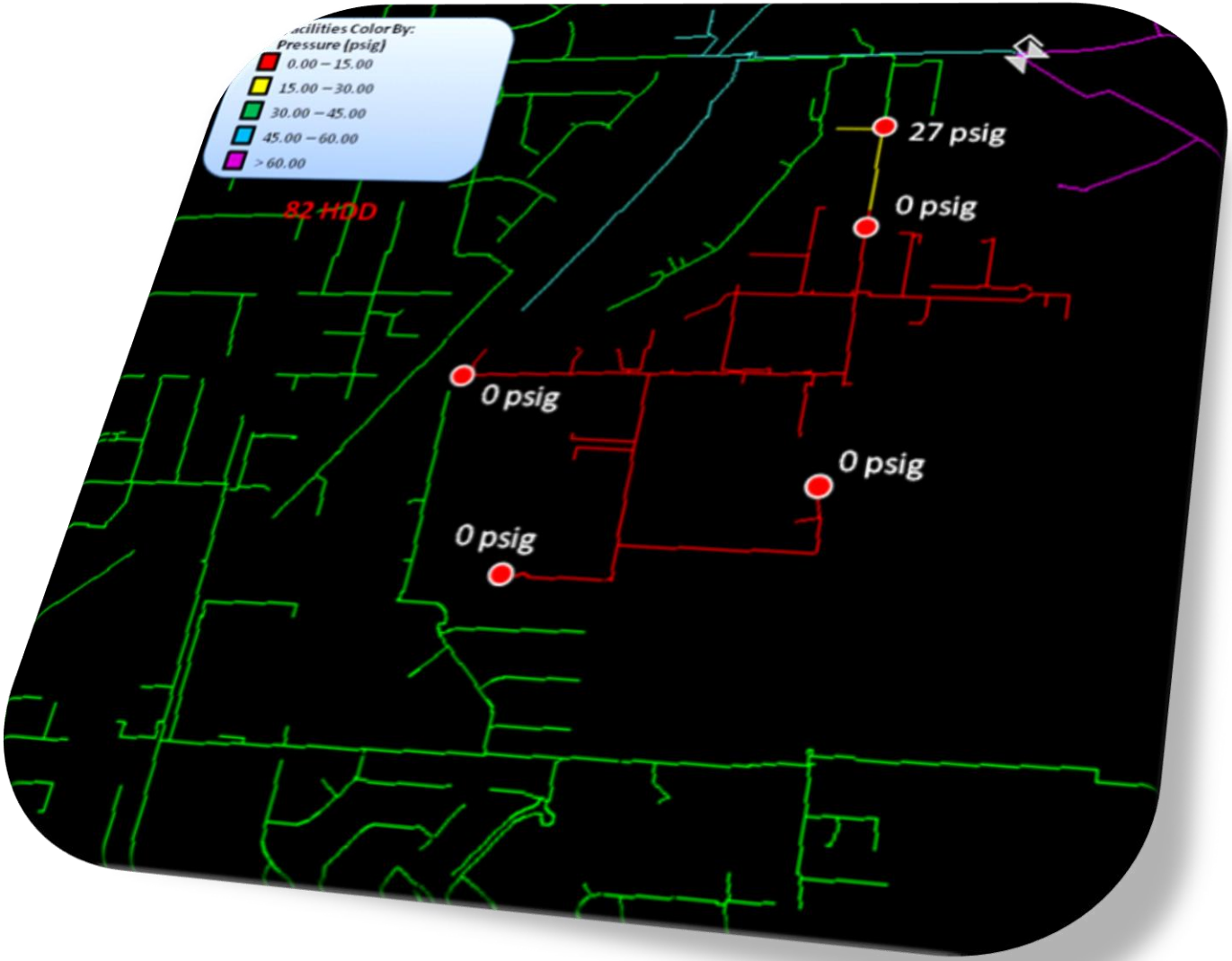
25.00 35.00 162
35.00 65.00 223
ABOVE 65.00 40
MIN = 5.896
MAX = 200.000
ANNOTATION:
NODE OFF
NODE OFF
NODE OFF
ELEM OFF
Corners: (FEET)
65 DD
0° F
Ready
Balanced
NUM

Interpreting Results

- Identify Low Pressure Areas
  - Number of feeds
  - Proximity to source
- Looking for Most Economical Solution
  - Length (minimize)
  - Construction obstacles (minimize)
  - Customer growth (maximize)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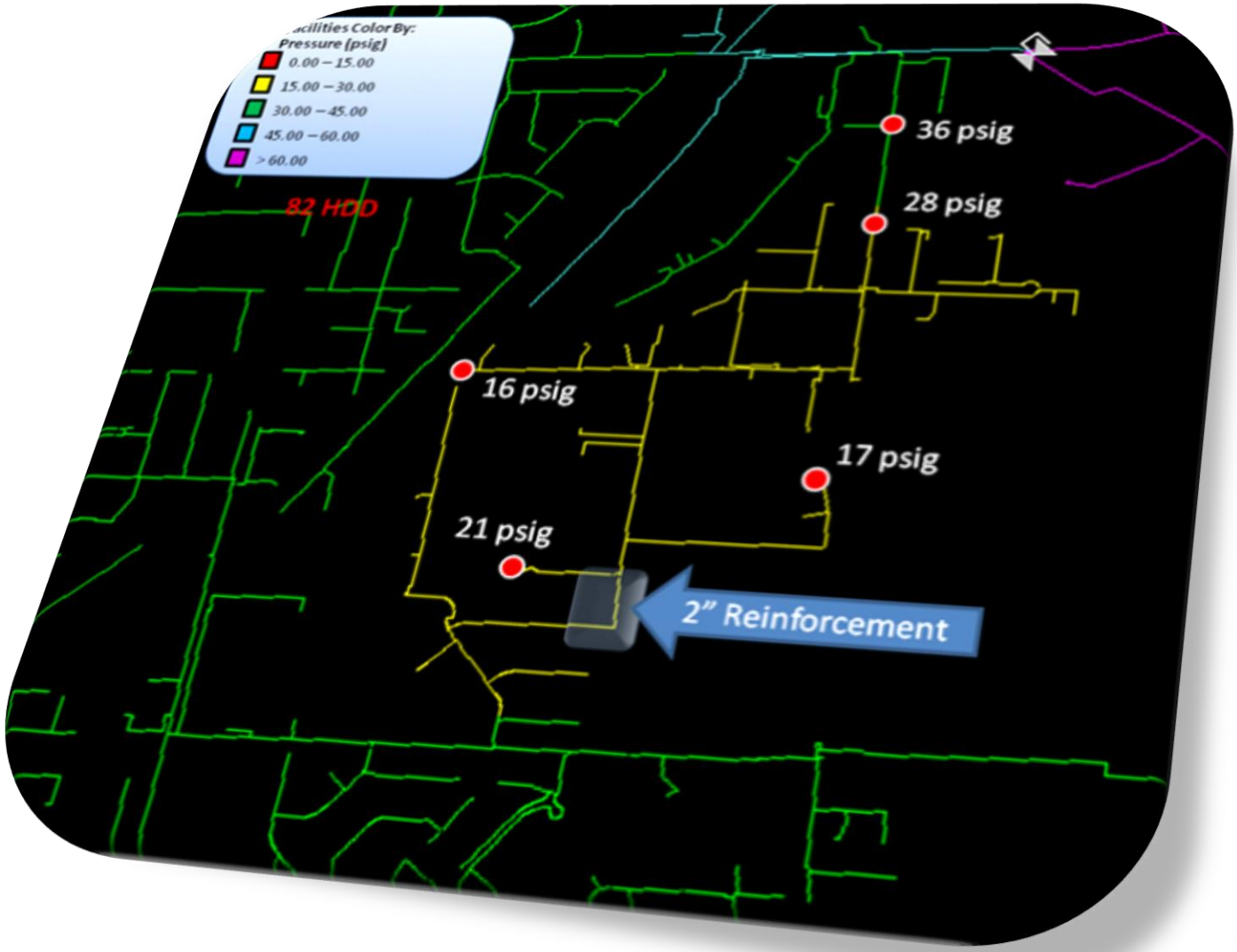
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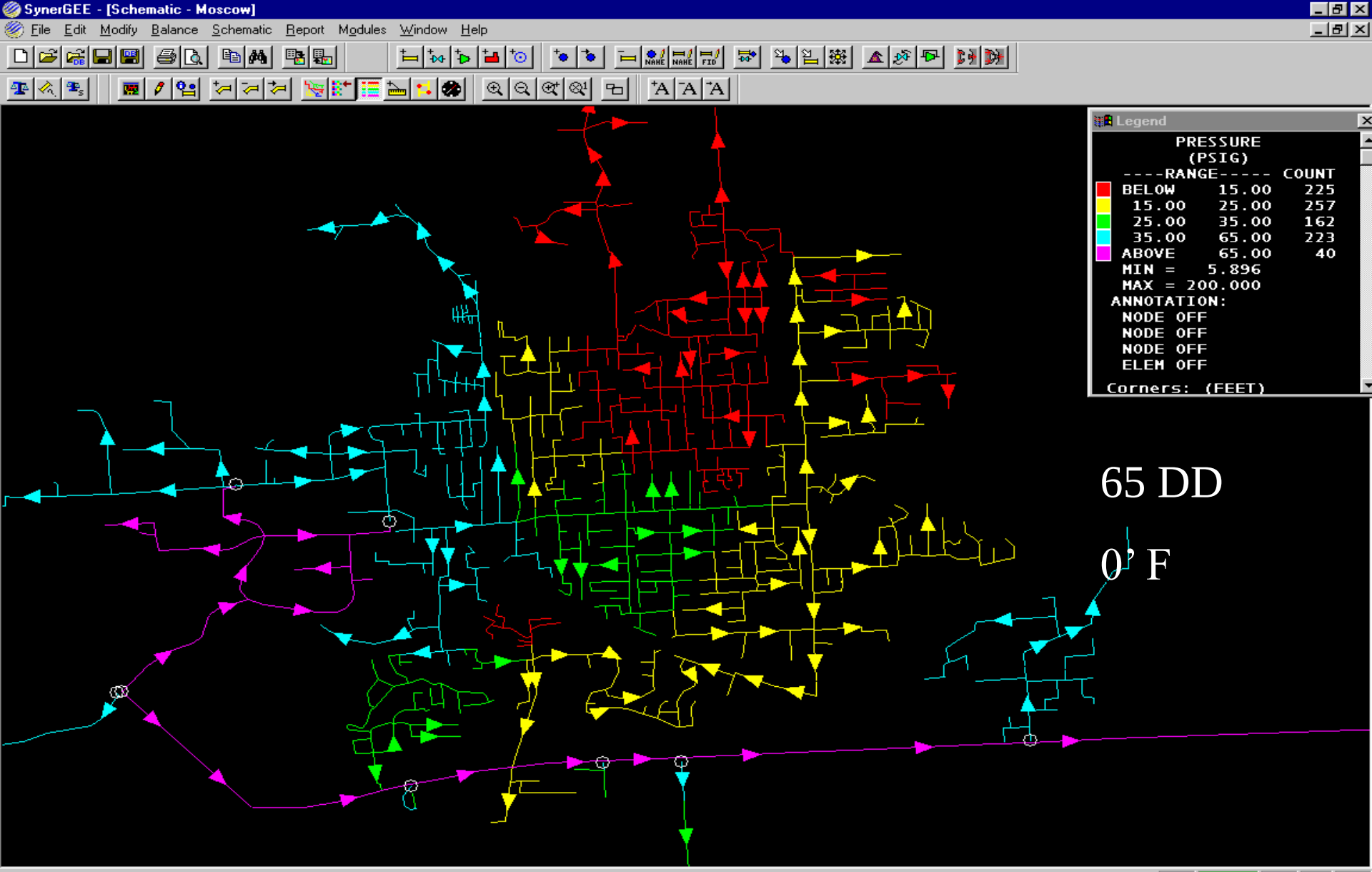
2" Reinforcement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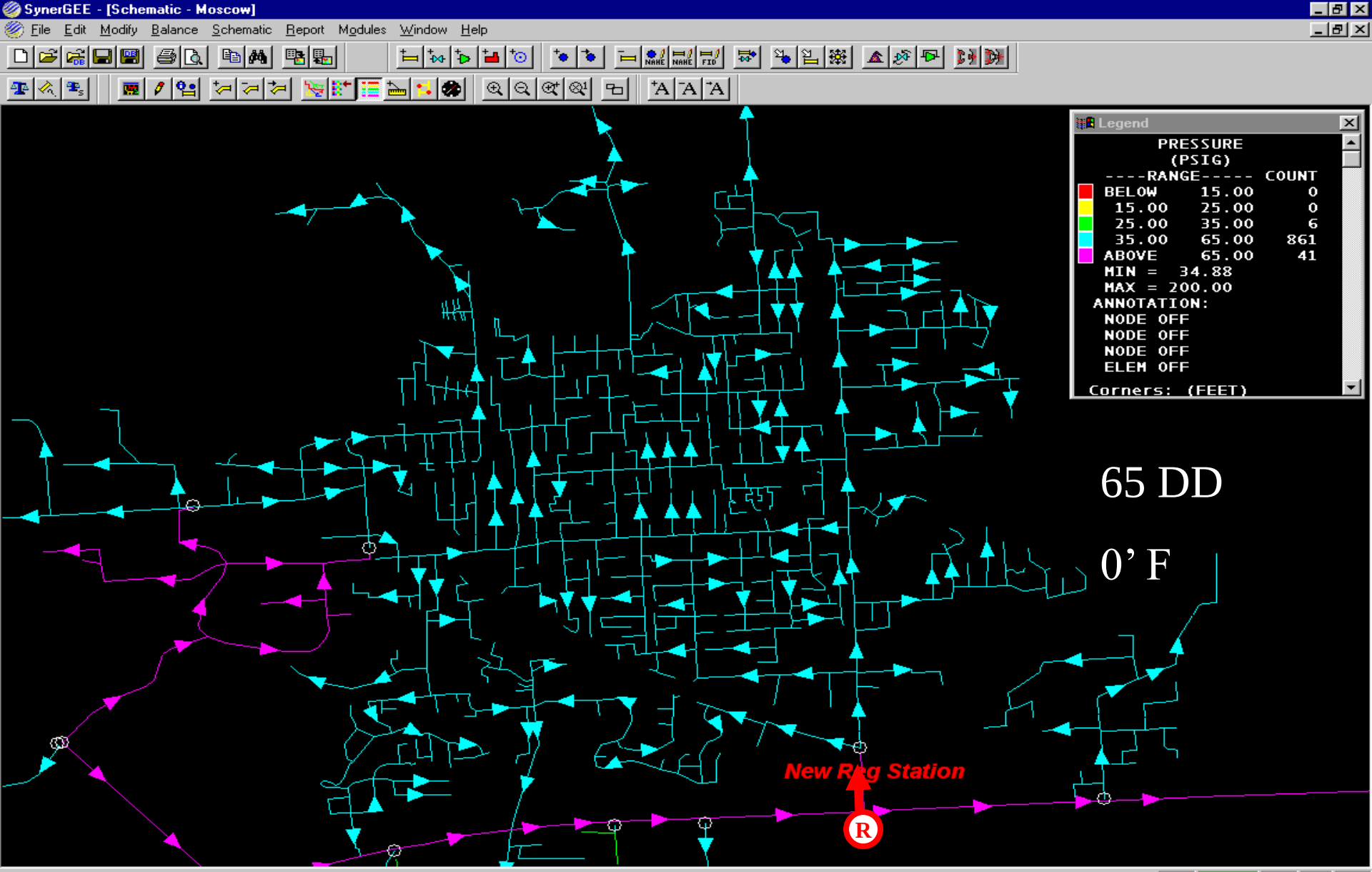
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25.00 35.00 6
35.00 65.00 861
ABOVE 65.00 41
MIN = 34.88
MAX = 200.00
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NODE OFF
ELEM OFF
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New Reg Station
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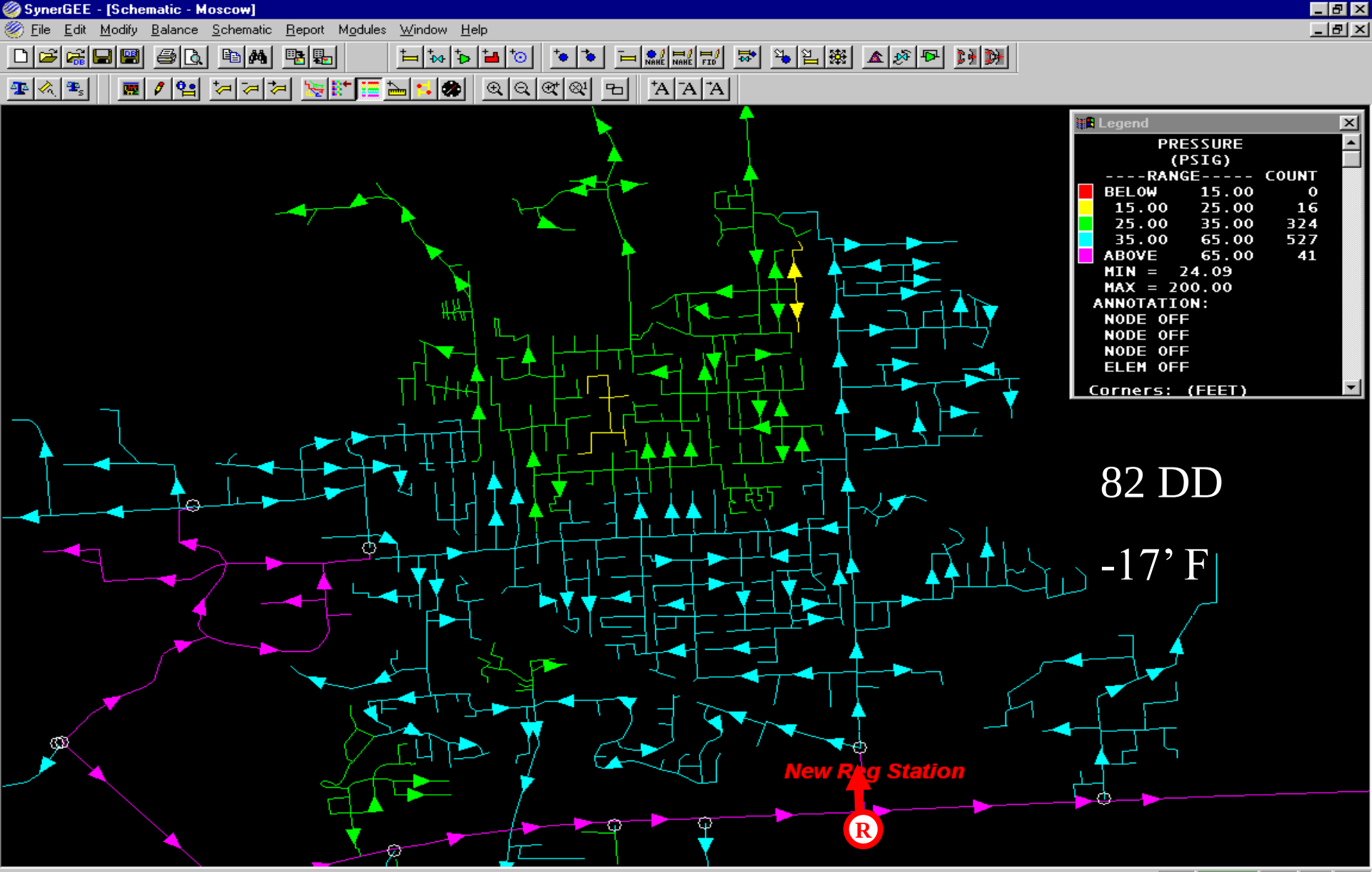
Ready
Balanced
NUM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35.00 65.00 527
ABOVE 65.00 41
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MAX = 200.00
ANNOTATION:
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ELEM OFF
Corners: (FEET)
82 DD
-17' F
New Reg Station
R
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Long-term Planning Objectives

- Future Growth/Expansion
- Design Day Conditions
- Facilitate Customer Installation Targets