

Powering Success: Change Management and Governance Strategies to Enable Lasting Success at Alabama Power

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# Alabama Power & Project Copperleaf Overview

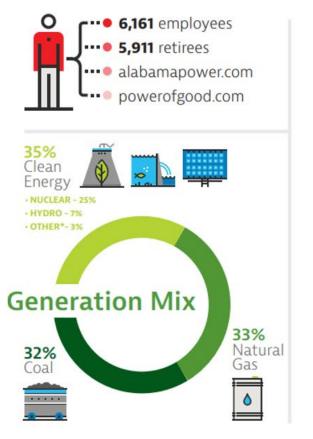




## Alabama Power Overview

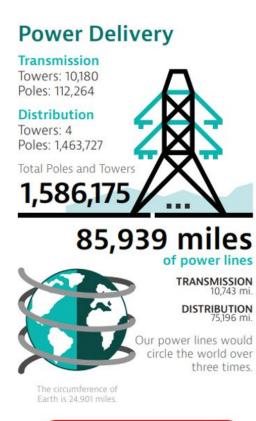
Alabama Power, a subsidiary of Southern Company, provides electricity to 1.5 million homes, businesses, and industries across Alabama across more than 85,000 miles of power lines.

### About Us



## Serving Our Customers





Total Nameplate Capacity: 12,942 megawatts

<b>Territorial Sale</b>	25	
Total revenue	100%	\$6,360,425,8
Industrial	24.55%	\$1,561,698,428
Residential	43.42%	\$2,761,433,793
Commercial	28.66%	\$1,823,121,977
Resale	3.18%	\$202,315,822
Other	0.19%	\$11,855,843

#### **Kilowatt-Hour Sales**

Total kWh sales	100%	54,004,613,427
Industrial	37.70%	20,359,287,387
Residential	32.15%	17,365,014,694
Commercial	23.93%	12,921,447,989
Resale	6.03%	3,258,425,509
Other	0.19%	100,437,848

#### **Total Revenue Expenditures**

Fuel and Purchased Power	
Other Operation and Maintenance	
Depreciation and Amortization	
Federal, State and Local Taxes	
Interest Charges	
Earnings Available for Common Dividend	
Retained in the Business	

### **Total Customers**

Total	1,541,357				
Residential	86.13%	1,327,562			
Commercial	13.43%	206,961			
Other (incl. industrial)	0.44%	6,834			

Note: APC statistics as of end of 2023.

## **Project Copperleaf Overview**

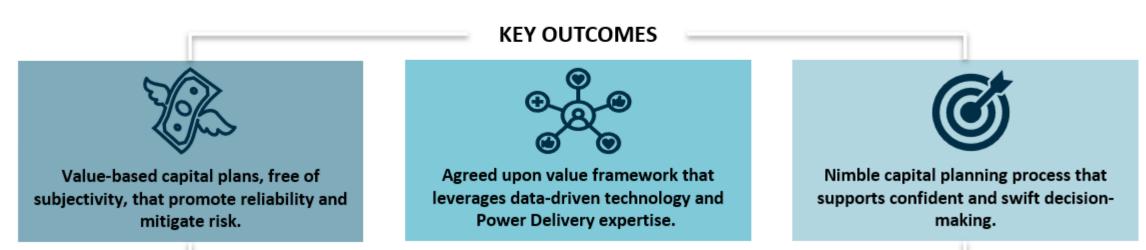
The APC Power Delivery organization recognized the need for a more advanced system to streamline the planning process and ensure every dollar of capital spend is being optimized to deliver the best services to its customers.

### WHY NOW?

Starting in 2024, **capital will see a 20% reduction**, emphasizing the need to improve the current cumbersome and subjective capital planning process that directly impacts how dollars are spent today.

### PLAN TO ACTION

By implementing Copperleaf's Asset Investment Planning software, APC Power Delivery aims to enhance risk mitigation and improve reliability in a capital-constrained environment.



# Enabling Success via a "Three-Legged Stool" Model



#### Effective Implementation & Adoption

Establishing robust processes, change practices, and governance for the capital planning process enabled through Copperleaf will ensure effective implementation and adoption. The work today will lay the groundwork for comparing projects equitably and continuous improvement in the future and is supported by Slalom & Copperleaf.







Alabama Power subject matter experts support the development of value models to ensure the correct information is captured for meaningful prioritization.

### Technology for Prioritization

The right technology can enable data integration across systems for effective project prioritization, optimization, and risk management, maximizing capital efficiency.



# Governance and Change Management Approach



# What is Governance?

Governance safeguards outcomes through intentional leadership, accountability, and decision models

### Purpose

**Governance** defines the mechanisms for decision-making and delegation of authority. It requires a holistic approach across people, process, and technology to enable the organization and its people to make decisions efficiently and consistently.

### Outcomes

- Clarity of organizational roles and responsibilities.
- Streamlined decision-making processes.
- Consistent and standardized process execution.
- Increased ownership, accountability, and alignment across teams.

### What Governance Should Help Us Answer

- · What management routines are needed?
- · What policies / standards are required?
- What is the right **balance** between control and speed?
- · What governs the way resources are involved?
- What bodies of people are required to govern and how do they operate?
- How will we measure success?



## What is the Change Journey?

### The Change Journey is a model to help people understand the stages of personal and organizational change.

The change framework and proposed activities in the change management plan will support impacted audiences (internal and external) as they move through each of the five phases of change.

This helps us design impactful and timely communications, engagement activities, and training.

Awareness

Awareness of the Need

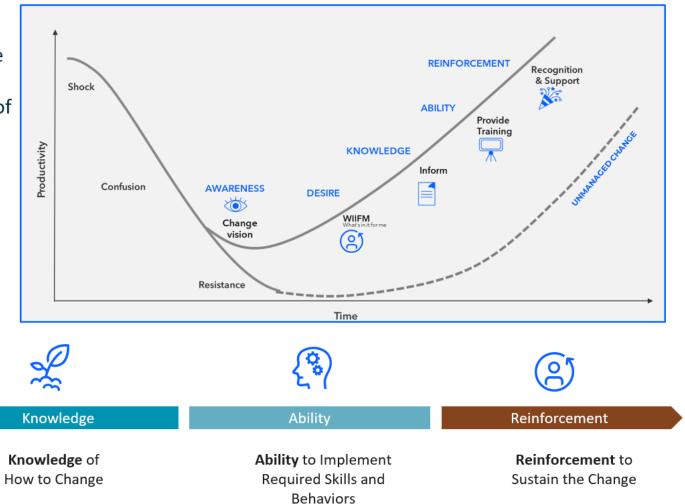
to Change

Desire

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Participate in the

Change



## **Change Management Areas of Focus**

The following dedicated pillars are critical to the success of a change management and adoption plan.



### Leadership Alignment

Unifying leaders and key sponsors around a common vision, while centering the organization on the business objectives.



#### Stakeholder Engagement

Assess stakeholders and current environment to identify individual awareness levels, potential risks, areas of resistance and ways to engage.



#### Communication Strategy

Develop and execute communication plan to inform, engage, and prepare stakeholders for change.



### Training

Identify training material needs, effective delivery methods and deliver training curriculum, job aids, etc., to educate users on the new ways of working, new features and new expectations.



#### Adoption and Measurement

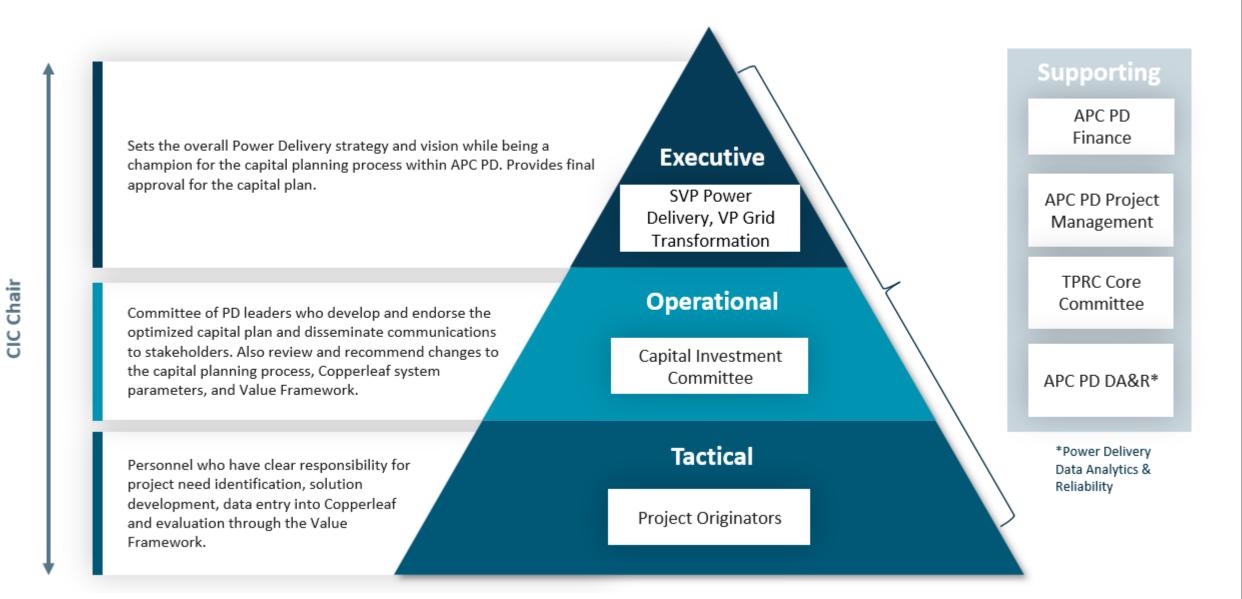
Assess and build the level of adoption of impacted stakeholders for the upcoming change and measure the success in the new platform/ways of working.

# **Project Copperleaf Governance**



## **Capital Planning Governance Structure**

# Organization & Structure



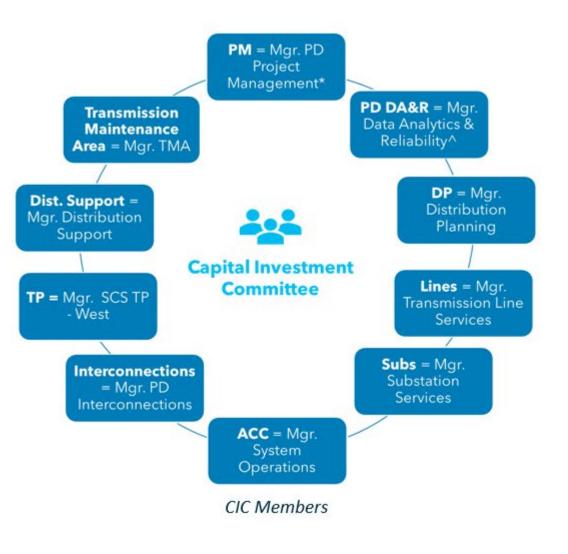
# **Capital Investment Committee Details**

The CIC Bylaws establish and commission the Committee in alignment with the implementation of the Copperleaf system in the summer of 2024.

The Bylaws provides details on:

- Purpose and authority
- Members and their roles & responsibilities
- CIC meetings, cadence and their format
- CIC decisions
- CIC communications

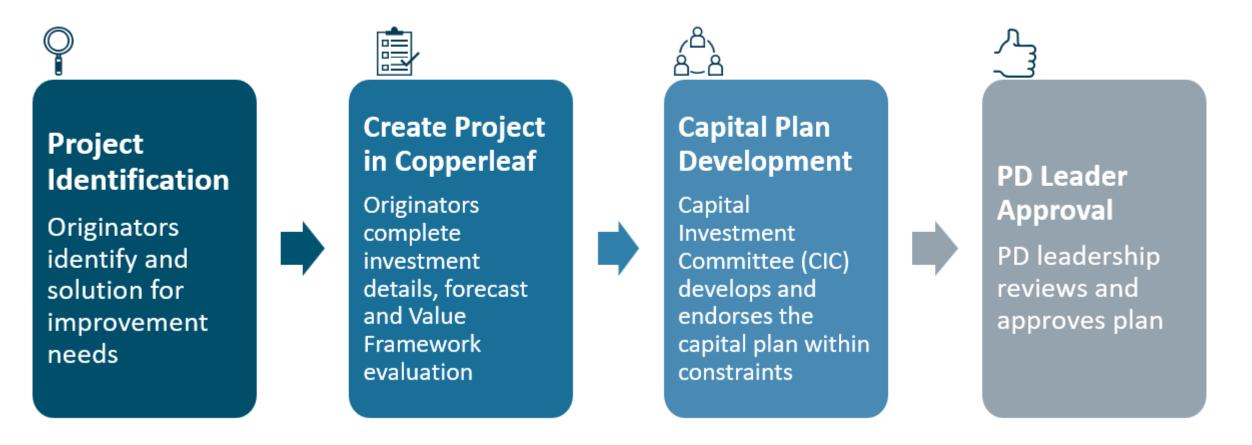




CIC Bylaws Document

Process

The capital planning process is designed to drive **consistency and reliability** across all origination groups, leveraging Copperleaf to drive an **objective evaluation of all candidate investments**.



# Capital Planning Process/Tool Enhancement

Process

**Why:** To continuously improve the capital planning process and Copperleaf system for optimal effectiveness within APC PD.

**Who:** The CIC will be responsible for reviewing and recommending improvements to the process / governance and the Copperleaf system. The CIC Chair will execute process /governance improvements, and PD DA&R will manage Copperleaf system improvements in coordination with Copperleaf Customer Support.

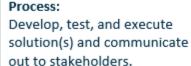
**When:** The CIC and PD DA&R will formally meet annually within one-month following the final 5-year capital plan approval. Ad-hoc meetings as needed between the CIC Chair, PD DA&R and Copperleaf Customer Support.

### **Procedure Summary:**

#### Input:

- User / Stakeholder submits request via MS Forms, email, talk, etc.
- CIC conducts annual postcycle review
- PD DA&R meets with Copperleaf customer support

Process:
CIC evaluates and recommends improvements.
CIC Chair and PD DA&R coordinate to evaluate the CIC recommended improvement and determine possible solution(s).



Output: Improved capital planning process, governance and Copperleaf system

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Power Delivery Capital Planning Process or Tool

### Process / Tool Request Form

## **Current Focus:**

- Focused on setting up a structured project intake, business case development, and portfolio planning process within Copperleaf.
- The aim is to quickly put the software in APC Transmission's hands and support rapid user adoption.
- Prioritizing off-the-shelf functionality.

### Future Enhancements:

- Future evolution of the process will be enabled through custom models, integrations, and workflow design in later phases.
- Future functionality built on experiences gained through using the technology in an initial planning cycle.



Supporting

Technology

# **Project Copperleaf Change Management**

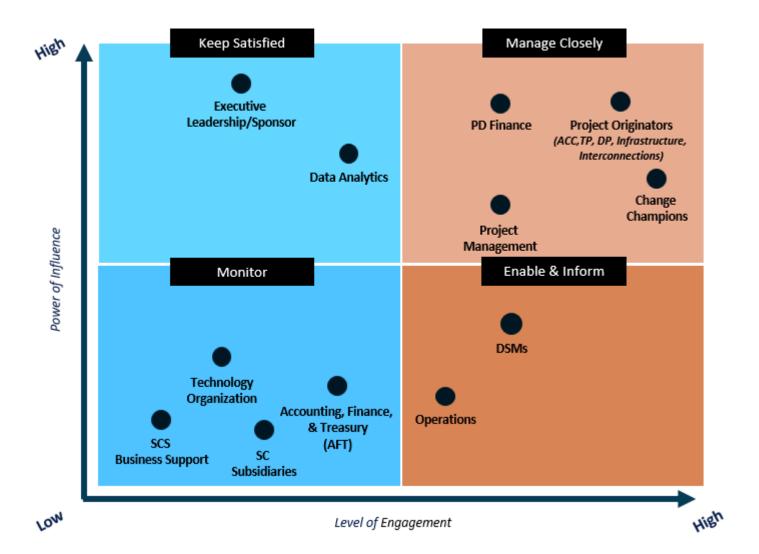


# **Change Management Strategy & Overview**

We aim to drive process and technology change at APC by (1) emphasizing stakeholder engagement and alignment to facilitate a seamless transition, (2) providing teams with the necessary knowledge and training for success, (3) promoting transparent communications, ensuring everyone remains informed and interconnected, and (4) driving adoption of these new ways of working.



## **APC PD Capital Planning Stakeholder Map**



### Legend

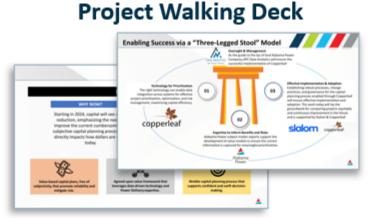
Manage Closely: Individuals and groups requiring regular engagement and education. Apply more focused efforts to communicate to, enable, support, and engage these stakeholders.

**Keep Satisfied:** While less involved in planning and implementation, regularly brief these groups on project progress and/or directional needs.

**Enable & Inform:** Communicate broadly with group to keep informed and enable when appropriate for key decisions, change initiatives, and activities.

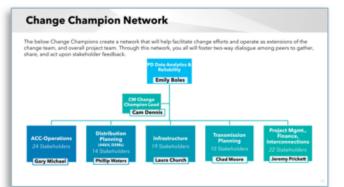
**Monitor:** For these stakeholder groups, ensure alignment on program goals and messaging.

# **Communication Channels**



Provides a high-level overview of Project Copperleaf, intended benefits, and execution plan to varying audiences.

### **Change Champion Network**



Enable two-way communication with stakeholders to cascade program messaging, collect feedback, and support change initiatives.

## Power Delivery Capital Planning Hub



This is a central location for users to access training and support resources about the capital planning process, governance, calendar, and Copperleaf.

### Weekly Project Updates

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Detailed project updates on activities, risks, issues, and decisions made to ensure project success and progression.

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Targets internal and external audiences of APC & Southern Company subsidiaries.

### **Teams Channel Updates**



The dedicated Teams Channel will be used to support chat forums and ad-hoc updates regarding Capital Planning and Copperleaf.

# **Next Steps for APC**



## The Road Ahead for Alabama Power

Alabama Power's new solution for capital planning within Copperleaf is an iterative journey, building upon initial success to scale across the organization.

## CURRENT FOCUS: Transmission Organization

- Go-live of Copperleaf with redesigned process and governance within Transmission in Summer 2024.
- Load next 5 years of Investments.

## NEXT FOCUS: Enhancement & Refinement

- Ongoing enhancement of the solution through integrations, workflows, performance mgmt capabilities, etc.
- Establish Center-of-Excellence for Capital Planning.

## FUTURE **FOCUS**: PD Technology Investments

 Anticipated Phase 2 Solution Expansion with PD Technology and possibly other organizations...

# **Questions?**

