

WHY GREENJACKET CAN BE CAPITALIZED

Purchasing cover-up products for existing substations tends to fall under Operations and Maintenance budgets for most utilities. This can be attributed in part to many wildlife mitigation products having relatively short service lives and minor replacements costs when compared to system assets.

A Greenjacket wildlife mitigation solution can be classified differently, qualifying as a protective system as opposed to a standalone product. Site-specific solutions consider voltages, species present, outage history and criticality of circuit components. Each component within the scope of a Greenjacket solution is accurately dimensioned and modeled. Greenjacket covers are custom designed or configured to suit the application and achieve a precise fit. Protection that fits correctly can significantly reduce, if not eliminate, wildlife contact risk points. Meeting the electrical, mechanical and durability performance parameters outlined within the IEEE 1656 guide, Greenjacket has a service life of twenty plus years. When utilities can quantify the improvement to reliability, savings on system maintenance costs and extending the life of assets, Greenjacket solutions can often be classified as Capital Improvement.

This classification can be supported through several unique differentiators that set Greenjacket solutions apart:

- No catalog - all covers are either customized or configured to fit the specific application
- Site Assessment - dimensional data is collected by expert linemen for each component
- Site Protection Plan - a comprehensive installation guide for the solution, specific to the site
- Exceptional service life of 20+ years
- Proven Performance - Increased reliability - extending the life of capitalized assets/equipment

Advantages of Capitalizing Greenjacket

The advantages of capitalizing a protective system are significant. Amortizing the cost of a Greenjacket solution over its service life means less impact to the bottom line by protecting tight O&M budgets. As capitalization is preferred over fully expensing purchases to O&M budgets, utilities can address a greater number of issues linked to wildlife and maximize improvements to reliability.

