Hyperscale Data Centers:
BURDEN or BENEFIT?

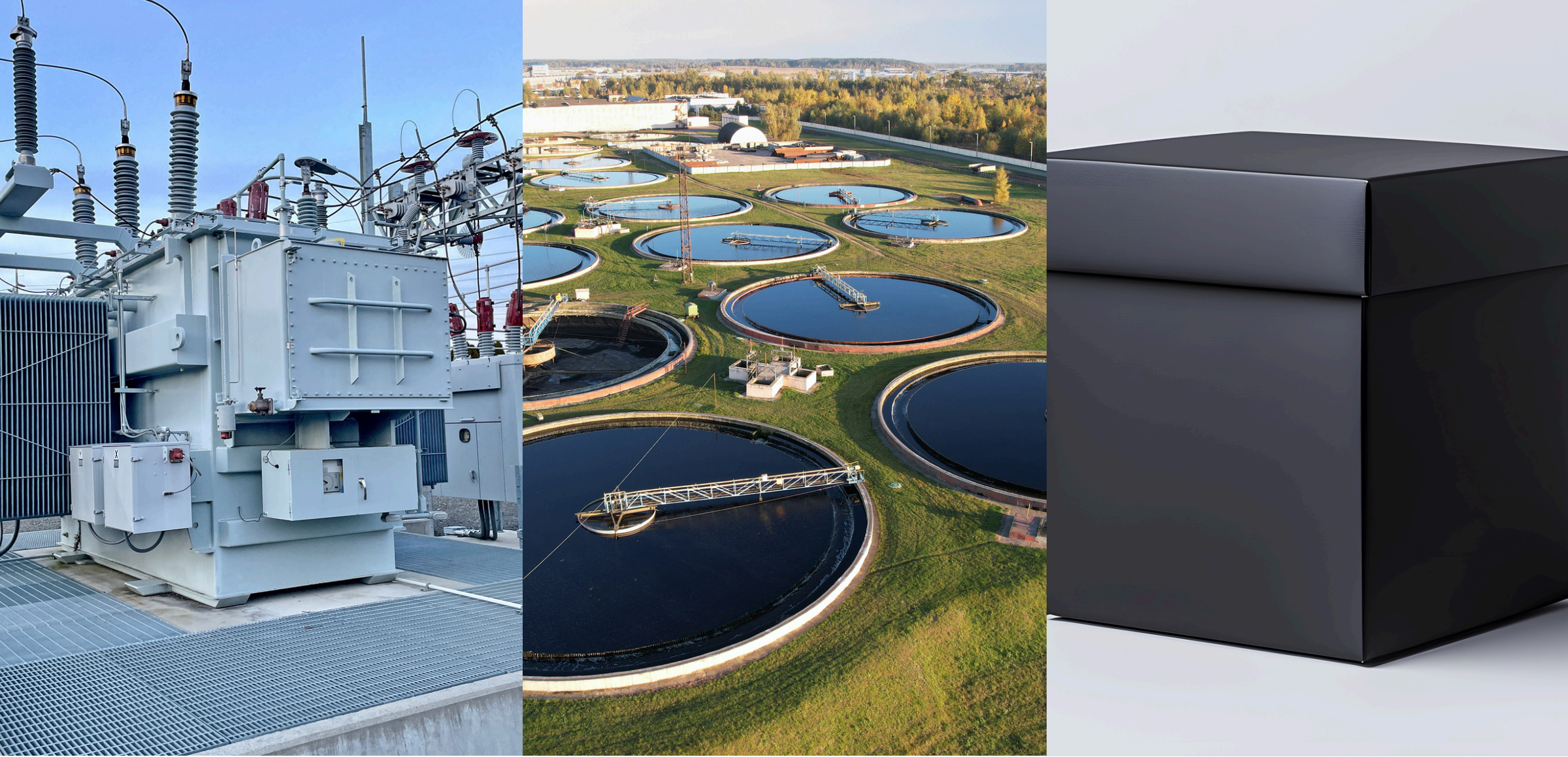*A closer look and a new way to give back*

1. The Promise

What hyperscalers bring to communities

- Billions in capital investment
- Construction jobs & local procurement
- New tax revenue
- Renewable energy demand
- Upgraded infrastructure

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2. The Hidden Cost

The burdens communities face

- Massive electricity demand, straining local grids

- Heavy water use

- Few long-term jobs compared to the scale of investment

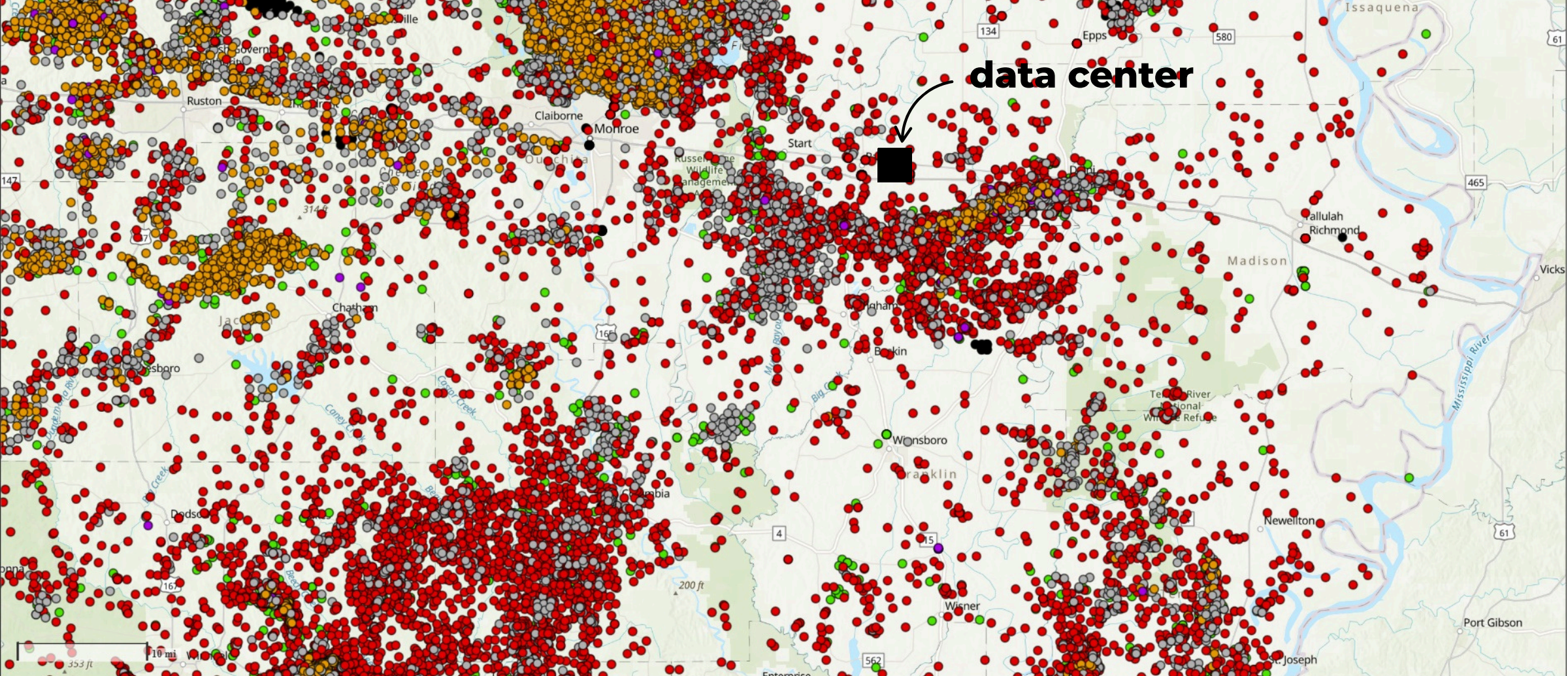- Opaque operations - often seen as a "black box" with limited local visibility

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3. The Imbalance

Communities ask: Is the trade-off fair?

How do we make sure the benefits outweigh the burdens?

data center

● = Idle Wells

Wells

4. Balancing Benefits and Burdens

One way forward: address the legacy of idle wells in data center communities.

- Richland Parish, LA alone has ~2,600 idle wells

- Each one a potential methane leak and land risk

- A chance to turn a liability into community impact

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5. A Simple Give-Back

Plugging <u>idle</u> oil & gas wells for carbon credits - restoring balance in data center communities.

6. Local Impact

Turning hyperscale growth into shared prosperity

- Each plugged well permanently eliminates methane leaks
- Carbon credits fund plugging at no cost to taxpayers
- Local communities gain cleaner land, air, and water

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7. Call to Action

The Plug Initiative

A small investment. **A big impact**.

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