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Priorities and Initiatives of the American Public Gas Association

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American Public Gas Association

- ~1000 community-owned gas systems
- Over 700 are APGA members
  - ➤ 37 states
  - ➤ ~5 Million Customers
  - ➤ ~21,000 Employees
  - ➤ ~120,000 Miles of Main
- Systems size: 38 to ~500,000 meters
- Largest: Philadelphia with ~ 500,000 meters
- Smallest: Freedom, OK with 38 meters

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DOE Furnace Efficiency NOPR

- DOE issued a direct final rule banning the use of non-condensing furnaces

- Condensing furnaces require special venting that may be impossible in many townhouses and other homes

- DOE rejected written comments raising substantive objections -- APGA sued

- DOE re-issued the NOPR to include all 50 states

- DOE relies proprietary reports and data not available to the public

- Fuel switching from the rule would result in increased energy consumption and higher costs to consumers

- SOAR = System Operations Achievement Recognition

- Give recognition to those APGA members that have demonstrated a culture of operational excellence

- Every APGA member can earn the recognition, if they meet the criteria

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Four General Areas

- Operational excellence is measured in 4 areas:
  - System Integrity
  - Employee Safety
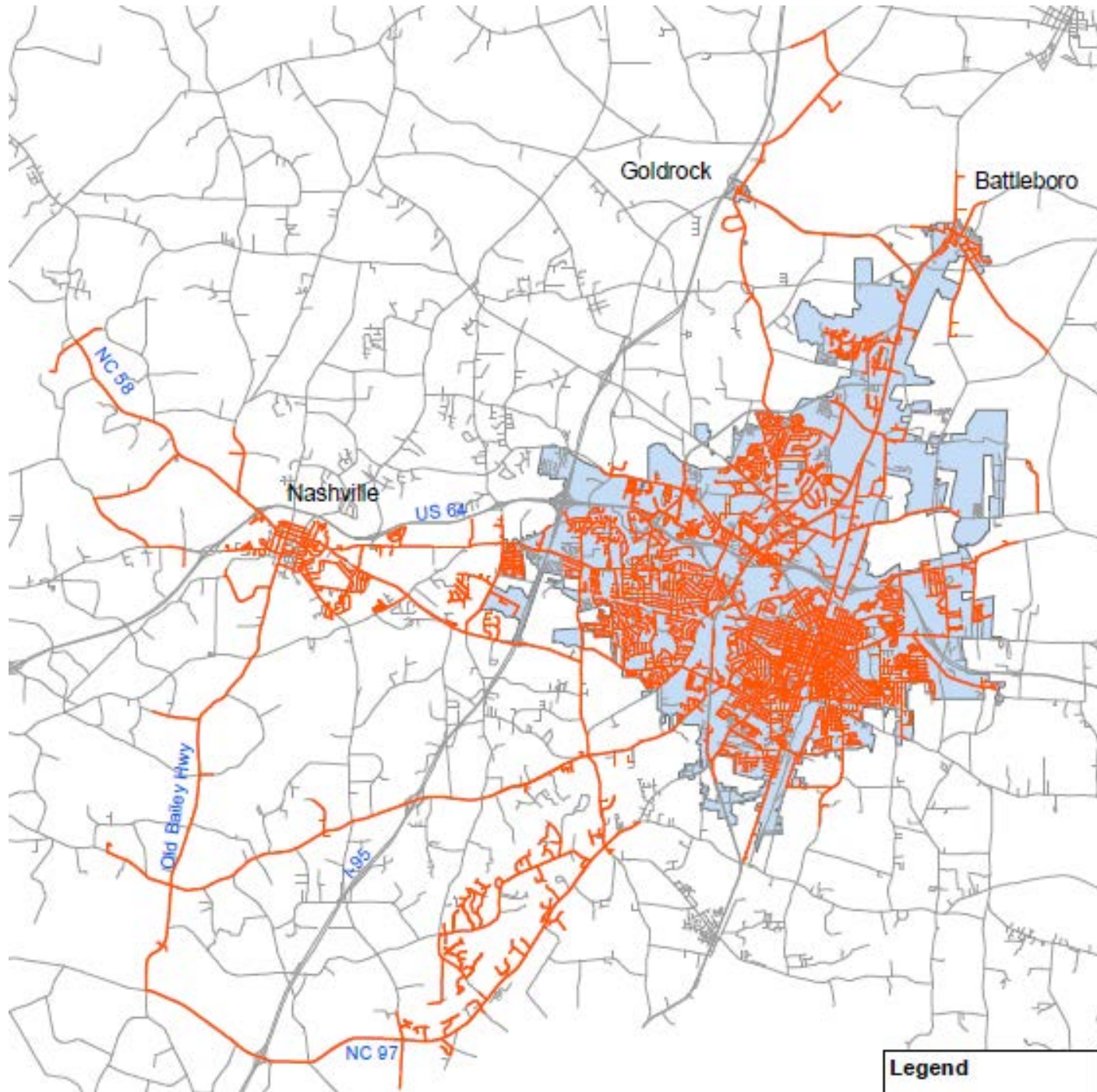 - Workforce Development
  - System Improvement

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Example: System Integrity

- Criteria include:
  - Internal audits of its pipeline safety program,
  - Review of any probable violations in its last state inspection
  - Upper management involvement in safety decisions
  - Unaccounted for gas (< 1% for full points)
  - Participation in CGA's DIRT program
  - Participation in the plastic pipe data collection project
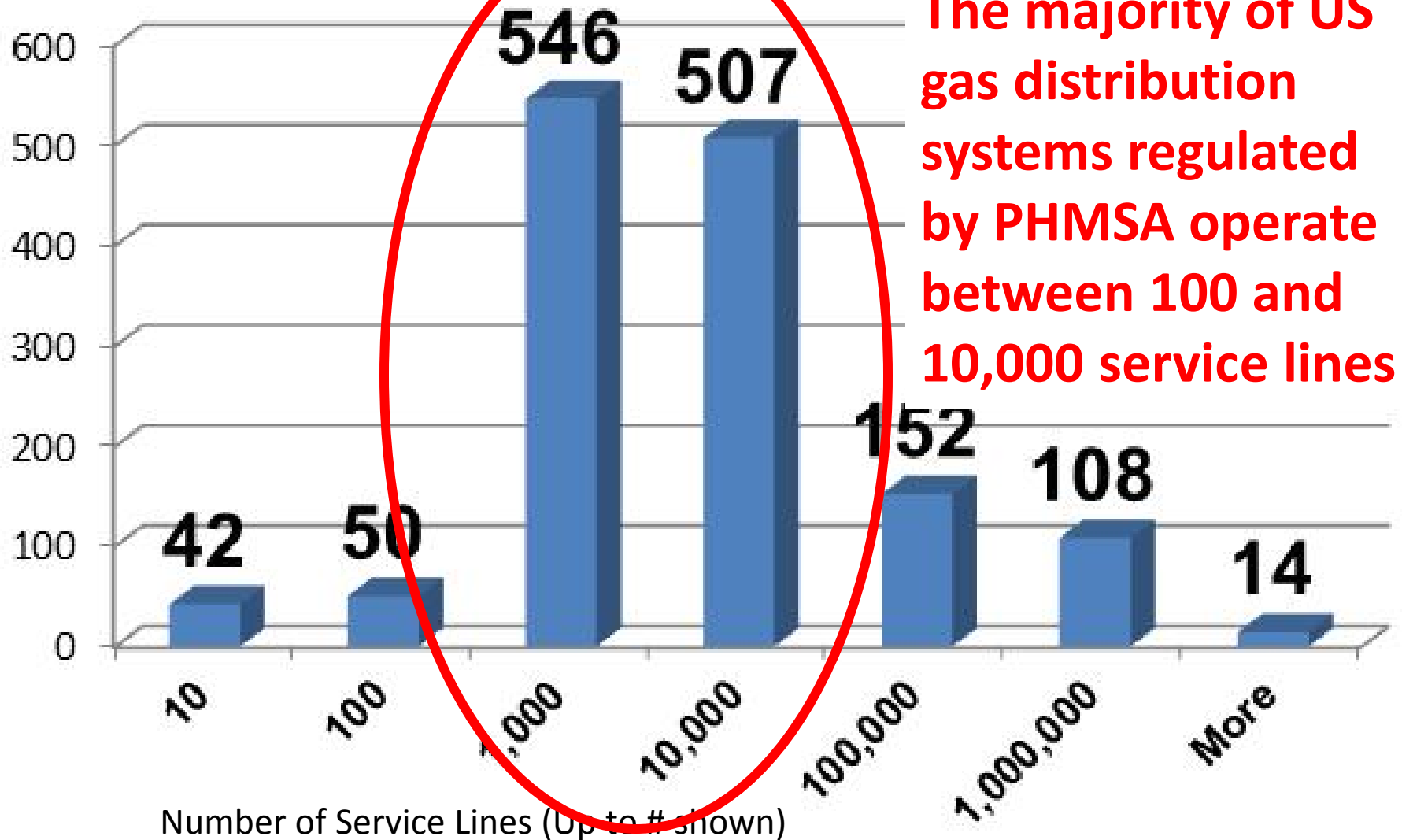 - And 20 more areas

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Goldrock

Battleboro

NC 58

Nashville

US 64

Old Bailey Hwy

I-95

NC 97

Legend

Size of US Gas Distribution Systems

(From 2014 PHMSA Distribution Annual Report Data)

The majority of US gas distribution systems regulated by PHMSA operate between 100 and 10,000 service lines

Number of Service Lines (Up to # shown)

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Thank you