# ENABLING VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

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## STATES SHOULD GET READY TO...

- Deploy public charging stations
- Enable utility investment to accommodate EV chargers
- Enable private sector investment in charging infrastructure
- Streamline interconnections, permitting and compliance for EV chargers
- Manage EV charging to benefit all utility customers



#### CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE: TODAY AND TOMORROW

#### Everything is changing...

- Today: 7 kW home charging, 50 kW fast chargers
- Tomorrow: Commitments for 150 kW fast chargers, up to 350 kW
- Retail built up around chargers like gas station? "Mega"-chargers at truck stops?
- Electrify America installing 150 DCFC network. Charging power levels up to 350kW will be available at every station
- Home charging is dominant now, but will not be as EV range grows and adoption moves to apartment dwellers





# ENABLING UTILITY INVESTMENT IN CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

Jurisdictions vary in their views on utility ownership of charging infrastructure.

- Utility investment in "make-ready" infrastructure is advisable everywhere, BUT...
- Utility incentives to invest in makeready should be performancebased
- Utility investment in charging stations (not just make-ready) should focus on installations that are unlikely to interest private sector companies, like low-income multi-unit dwellings





## **NEEDED UTILITY INVESTMENT**

Large new loads		Can require
	Residential Level 2 chargers (2.9 – 7.7 kW)  • Each EV is like adding the load of a house	<ul> <li>Distribution transformer upgrades</li> </ul>
	Workplace Level 2 chargers (7.7 – 16.9 kW)  • Up to ~1 MW	<ul><li>Distribution transformer upgrades</li><li>Feeders</li><li>Service panel upgrades</li></ul>
	Public high-speed (DCFC) charging depots  • 50 kW – 2 MW	<ul> <li>Distribution transformer upgrades</li> <li>Feeders</li> <li>Service panel upgrades</li> <li>Make-ready</li> </ul>
	Transit bus barns, fleet vehicles  • 5 – 30+ MW	<ul><li>Distribution transformer upgrades</li><li>Feeders</li></ul>
Electrification Coalition EV Folicy Bootcamp - F	Interstate truck stops • 20 – 40 MW	<ul><li>Feeders</li><li>Service panel upgrades</li><li>Make-ready</li></ul>

#### **ENABLING PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT**

- Public DCFC are critical parts of the network and should be mostly built, owned & operated by the private sector.
- Therefore it is critical that tariffs support public DCFC infrastructure.
- But most existing tariffs destroy the business case for investing in them:
  - Use punishing, non-coincident demand charges
  - Do not accurately reflect the true cost of service
  - Are not consistent across utilities
  - Lack appropriate price signals for effective integration of EVs onto the grid
- DCFC utilization varies by host type, and increasing utilization eases issues with demand charges.
  - → We need tariffs that create a better business case for DCFC owners & operators.



### PRIVATE-SECTOR FRIENDLY RATE DESIGN

- Charging should be profitable so that it is sustainable. But demand charges make this impossible when utilization rates are low.
- Charging should always be cheaper than gasoline (typically \$0.29/kWh, or ~\$0.09/mile, or less).
- Level 2 charging should be considerably cheaper than DC fast charging.
- EV chargers should be on **dedicated tariffs** and on **separate meters**, preferably the meter built into the charging station.
- Tariffs should offer an opportunity to earn credit for providing grid services through managed charging.
- Ideally, utilities could leverage distributed energy resource management systems (DERMS) to promote a more efficient use of existing grid infrastructure by offering varying rates, or interconnection costs, or levels of cost sharing for make-ready by location.



## DCFC RATE DESIGNS COMPARED RMI'S PROPOSAL

- Charges scale as a function of utilization rates.
- Fixed monthly charge: \$34.40/mo.
- Two-tier ToU rate:
  - On-peak (9 am 9 pm) Decreases from \$0.068 to \$0.007 Off-peak (9 pm 9 am) Decreases from \$0.022 to \$0.002
- Demand charge: Increases from \$0.677 to \$17.622/kW





## DCFC RATE DESIGNS COMPARED PUBLIC 150 KW DCFC

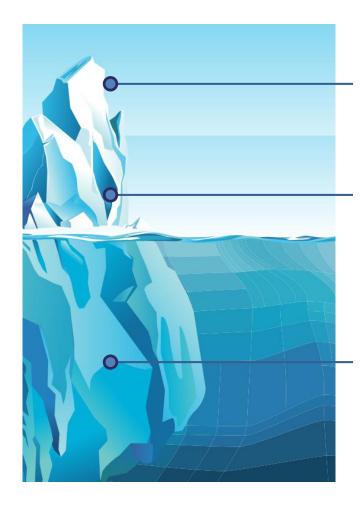
RMI tariff produces the *most consistent cost per mile* and the cheapest cost at 5% and 10% utilizations





### REDUCE SOFT COSTS OF DEPLOYING CHARGERS

### Streamline interconnections, permitting and compliance



#### **Procurement**

- Charger Hardware
- Managed Charging Capability
- Contracts

#### Requirements

- Payment System
- Measurement Standards Compliance
- ADA Compliance and Parking Requirements

- Software
- Grid Hosting Capacity
- Make-Ready Infrastructure
- Dual Plug Types for DCFC
- Open Standards

#### **Soft Costs**

- Communication Between Utilities and EVSPs
- Future-Proofing
- Easement Processes
- Complex Codes
- Complex and Inconsistent Permitting Processes



### REDUCING SOFT COSTS

#### What can government do?



At the **federal** level, requirements for ADA compliance and building permitting can be clarified and standardized.



At the **state** level, permitting & utility interconnection can be streamlined (e.g., CA AB 2188) and ADA compliance can be clarified.

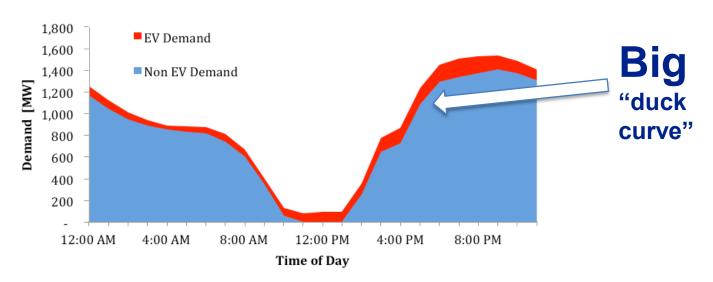


At the municipal level, building and planning departments can standardize codes and permitting requirements across jurisdictions, offer simple checklists for required documentation, and offer online permits.

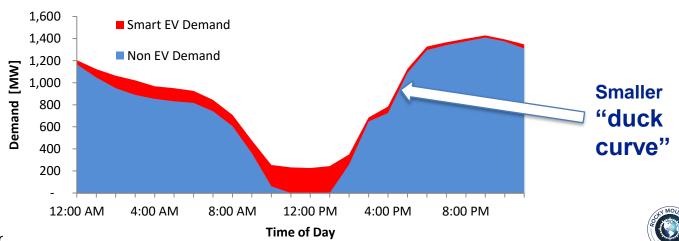


#### MANAGED CHARGING

Projected HECO demand with 23% EV penetration with uncontrolled EV charging



Projected HECO demand with 23% EV penetration with managed EV charging



### MANAGED CHARGING

Managed charging of electric vehicles (G2V not V2G) can deliver many benefits:

- Optimize existing grid assets and extend their useful life
- Avoid new investment in grid infrastructure
- Supply ancillary services, such as frequency regulation and power factor correction.
- Absorb excess wind and solar generation
- Reduce emissions
- Reduce electricity and transportation costs
- Reduce petroleum consumption

#### RATE DESIGN IS KEY

But: Managed charging is difficult and costly with DCFC depots



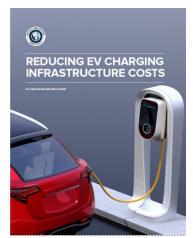
## PLAN FOR THE FUTURE



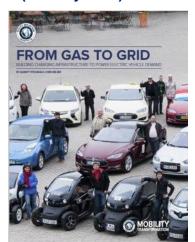
- Potentially large loads on the way, plan ahead and "future proof" installations to minimize capital expenditures
- Develop programs & rates
   for charging stations today to
   enable private sector
   investment and support
   managed charging
- Streamline and debottleneck utility interconnections, permitting, & compliance
- Get ready for accelerated adoption tomorrow



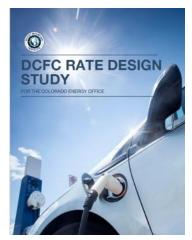
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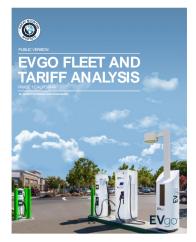
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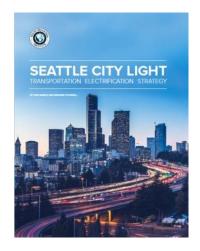
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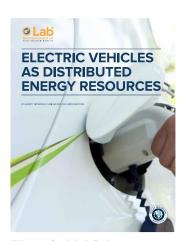
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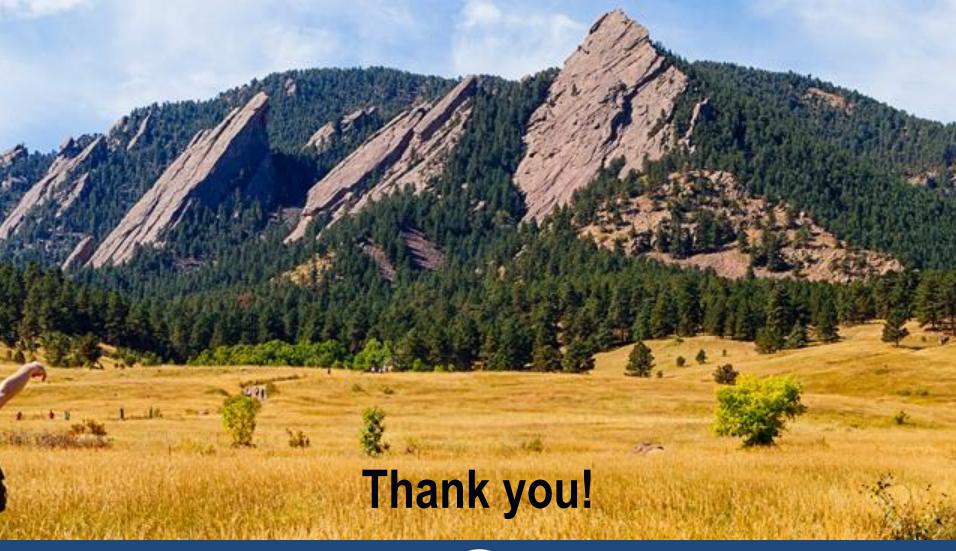
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