

EV-GRID INTEGRATION CHALLENGES AND BEST PRACTICES

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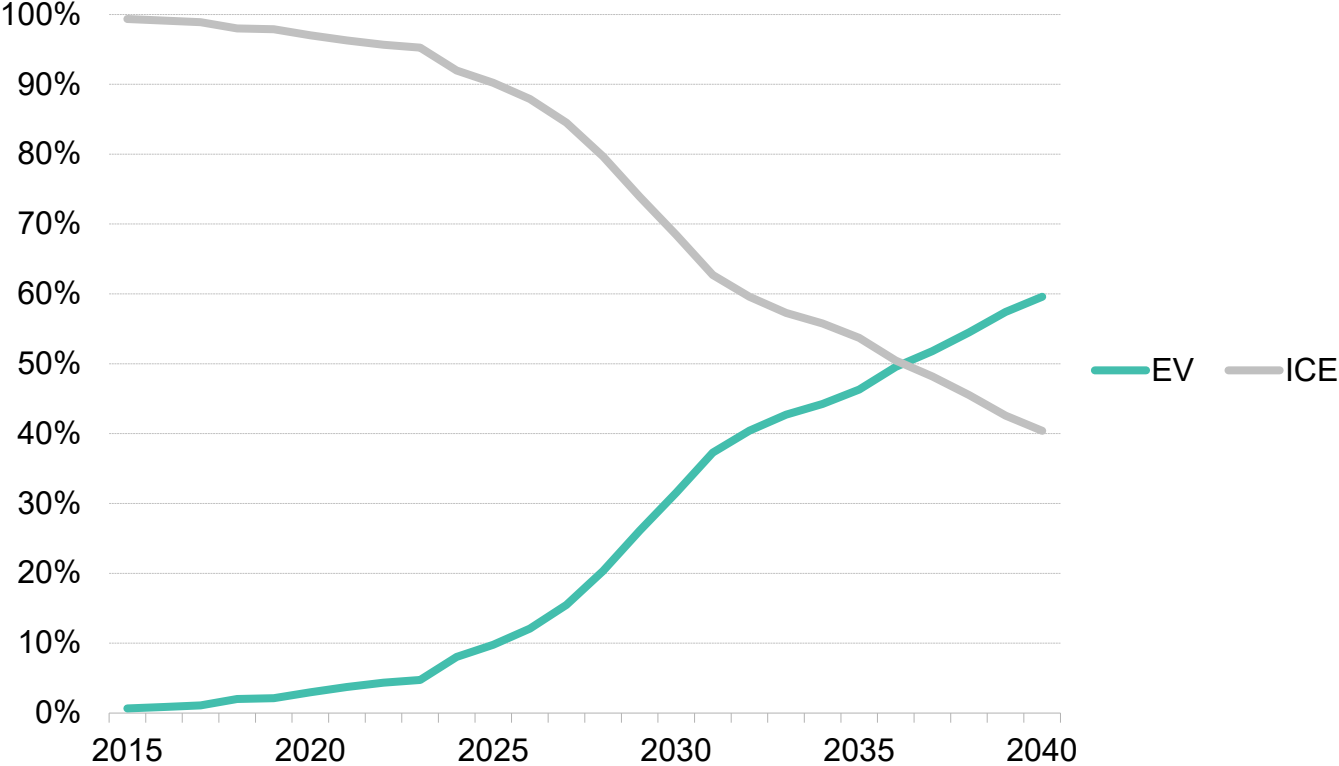
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ARE YOU READY FOR THIS?

- Rapid EV adoption is expected around 3 years from now
- EVs overtake ICE by 2037

Share of annual sales



MOST COMMUNITIES AREN'T...

Bloomberg New Energy Finance warns the U.S. will hit an “**infrastructure cap**” in the mid-2030s due to a lack of charging stations.

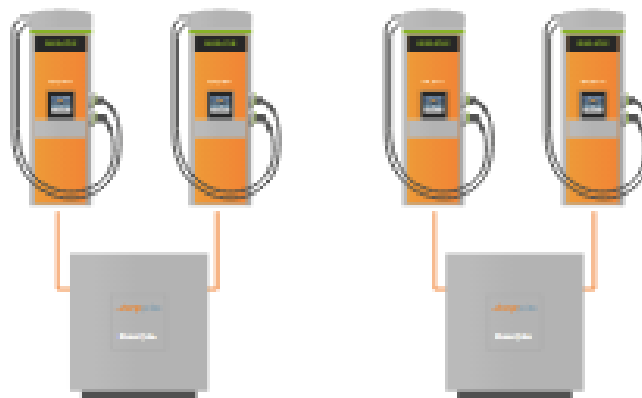
The questions we should be grappling with now are:

- **what kind** of EV chargers we need
- **where** to build EV chargers
- **who** should own them
- **whether** utilities should be able to recover costs via the rate base
- **how** to make fast charging a profitable (sustainable) business – role of utility vs. private sector operators
- **should** the cost of infrastructure be broadly (i.e. federally) socialized?

DIFFERENT RATES FOR DIFFERENT USE-CASES



For Level 2 chargers, which are mainly used for residential and workplace charging (8 hours or more), a conventional Time of Use (ToU) rate design to encourage **managed charging is appropriate.**

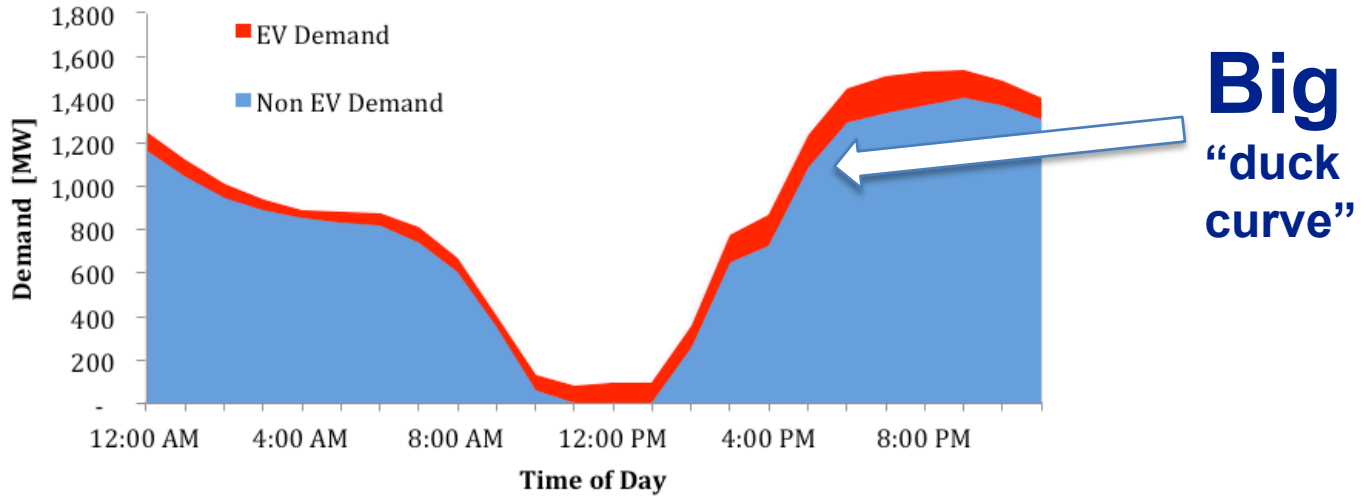


For DCFC (50-350+ kW), a more sophisticated rate design is needed, which minimizes the role of demand charges until the market matures.

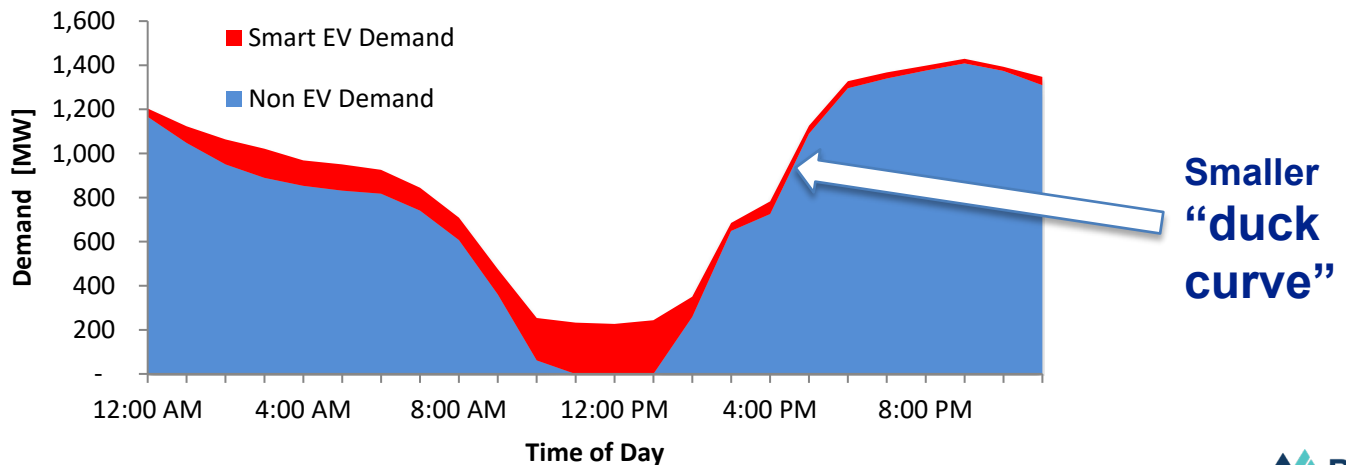
- The load is “spiky” and unpredictable.
- The DCFC use-case is **not conducive to managed charging.**

MANAGED CHARGING

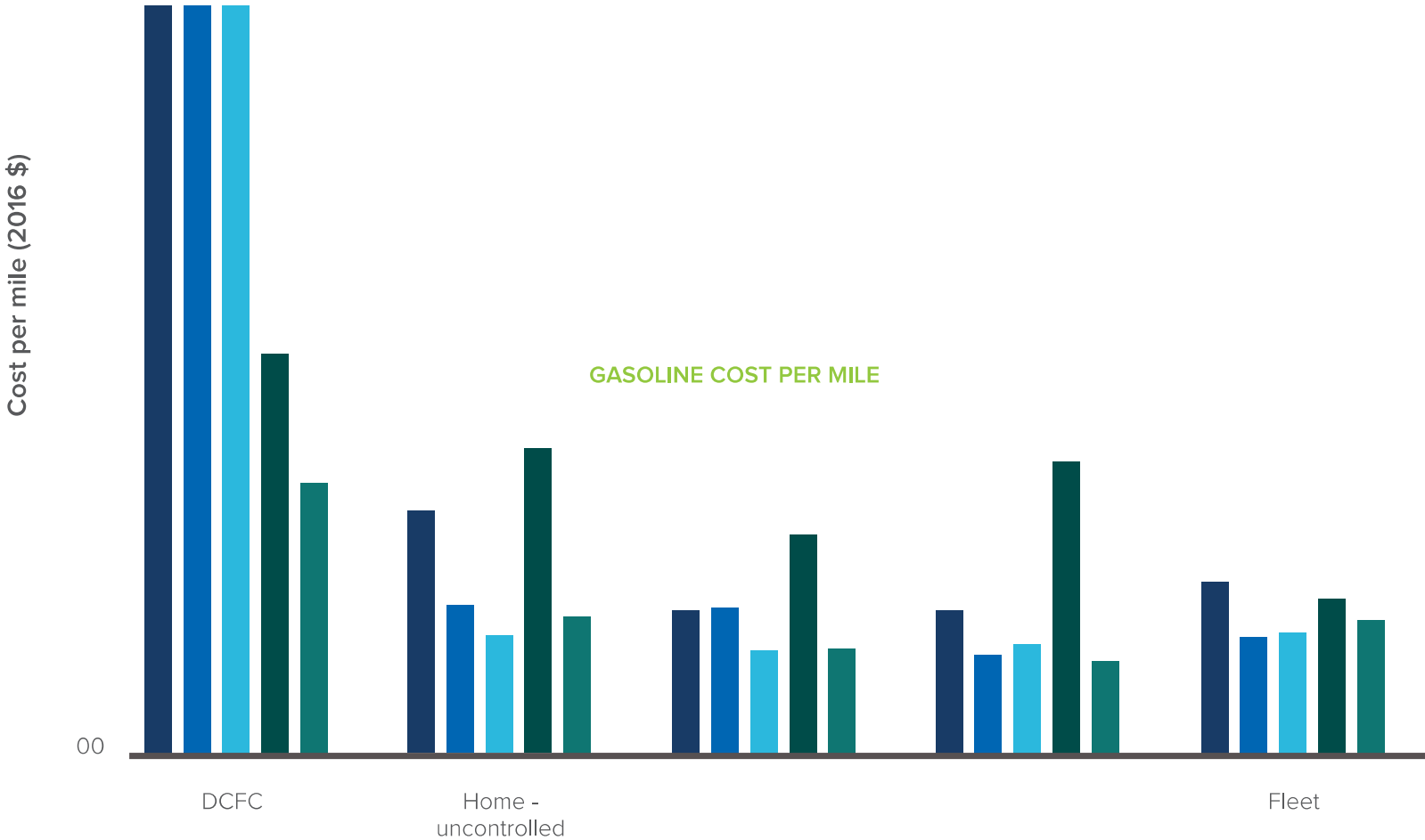
- Projected HECO demand with 23% EV penetration with uncontrolled EV charging



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



LEVEL 2 IS COMPETITIVE WITH GASOLINE; DCFC ISN'T



RATE DESIGN OBJECTIVES

- Charging should be **profitable** so that it is sustainable.
- 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**.

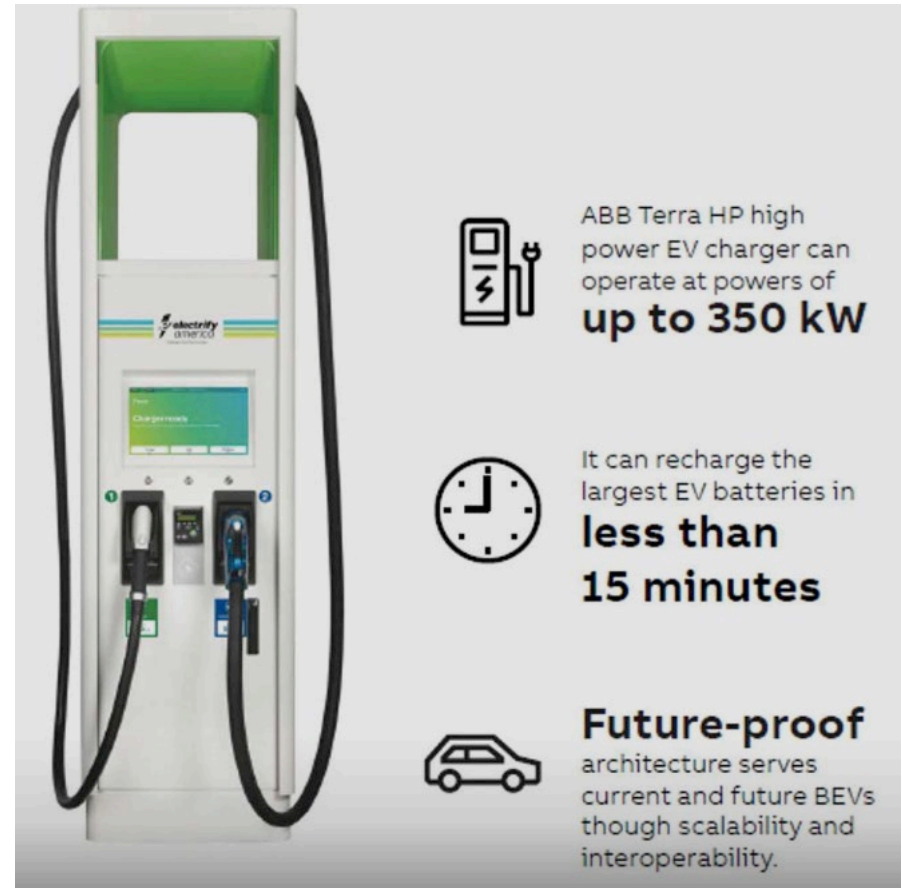
KEY ISSUES WITH DCFC RATE DESIGN

1. **DC fast charging is mostly a market failure.**
2. Public **DCFC are critical** parts of the network. We cannot achieve our transportation electrification aims without widespread public DCFC.
3. Conventional utility rates with **demand charges can kill the business case** and are not suitable. On public DCFC with low utilization rates, demand charges can be as much as **80-90%** of a monthly bill.
4. New, **DCFC-specific rates are needed** while the market is young and charger utilization rates are low.
5. **Charging depot loads will be significant.** In addition to today's 50-150 kW DCFC loads, let's have a view toward funding & recovering costs for 2 MW loads at public charging depots and 20 MW loads at truck stops.

CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE: TODAY AND TOMORROW

Everything is changing...

- Yesterday: **1 kW** home charging, **50 kW** fast chargers
- Today: **7 kW** Level 2 home and workplace charging, **150 - 350 kW** fast chargers
- Public fast-chargers site with retail, not gas stations
- 1.8 MW “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



WATCH OUT FOR...

Large new loads	Can require
Residential Level 2 chargers (2.9 – 7.7 kW) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each EV is like adding a new house 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution transformer upgrades
Workplace Level 2 chargers (7.7 – 16.9 kW) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to ~1 MW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution transformer upgrades • Feeders • Service panel upgrades
Public high-speed (DCFC) charging depots <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 kW – 2 MW • Most new public DCFC are 150 kW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution transformer upgrades • Feeders • Service panel upgrades • Make-ready
Transit bus barns, fleet vehicle yards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 – 30+ MW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution transformer upgrades • Feeders • Service panel upgrades
Interstate truck stops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 – 40 MW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make-ready

DISTRIBUTION GRID UPGRADES WILL BE REQUIRED

- Vehicle range is increasing (200+ mi), demanding more DCFC charging (150+ kW)
- Use-cases more general (Class 1-6, all-purpose)
- Clusters of Level 2 chargers in residential neighborhoods may require distribution transformer upgrades
- Multi-unit dwellings and workplaces will need dozens of Level 2 chargers
- Charging at home could become secondary
- On-peak/daytime charging could increase
- Sites with multiple chargers will have large power requirements (1+ MW)
- Private charging companies seek high utilization rates (8 hours/day) to chargers more profitable

MEDIUM- AND HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES REQUIRE EARLY PLANNING FOR UTILITIES AND THE ELECTRIC GRID

Electric buses, delivery trucks and vans are *here today*

By 2025, depots for MD/bus fleets will be here, drawing 4-30 MW per site

- Early planning helps with site selection and planning, avoid or minimize large grid upgrade costs
- These loads could cause grid constraints. We recommended that Seattle City Light engage with fleet customers and begin support planning *now*.



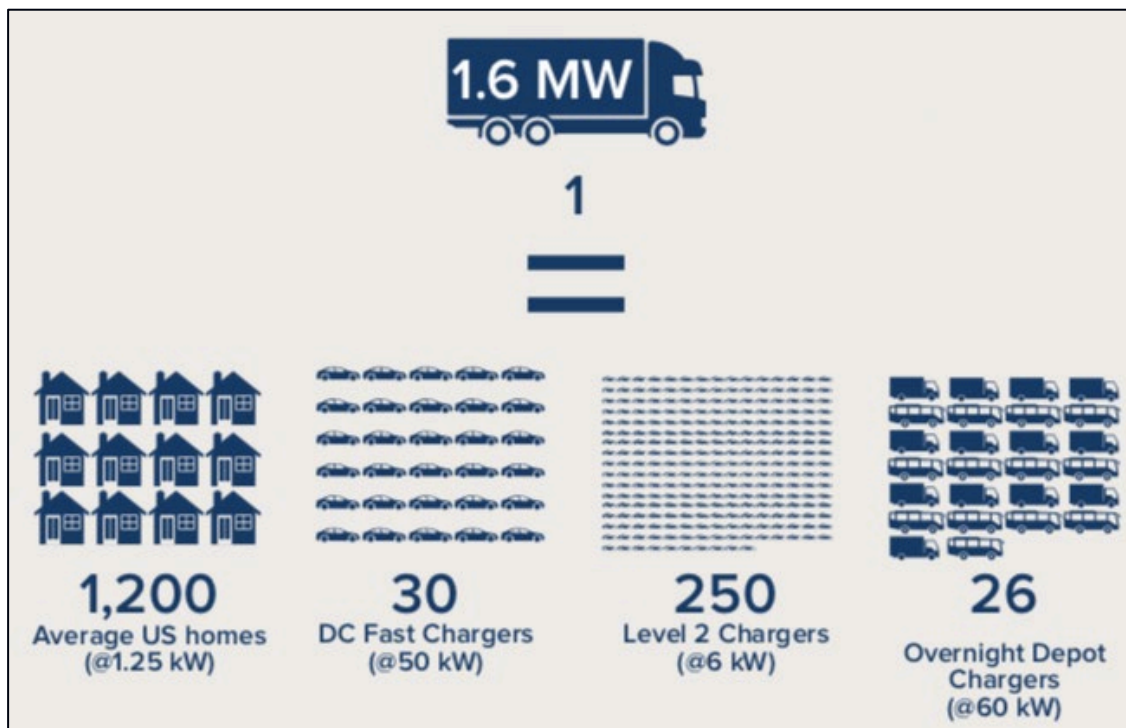
FedEx orders 1000 Chanje electric delivery vehicles



Amazon orders 100,000 electric delivery vans from startup Rivian



UPS buys 1000 electric vans from Workhorse



SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR MEDIUM- AND HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES

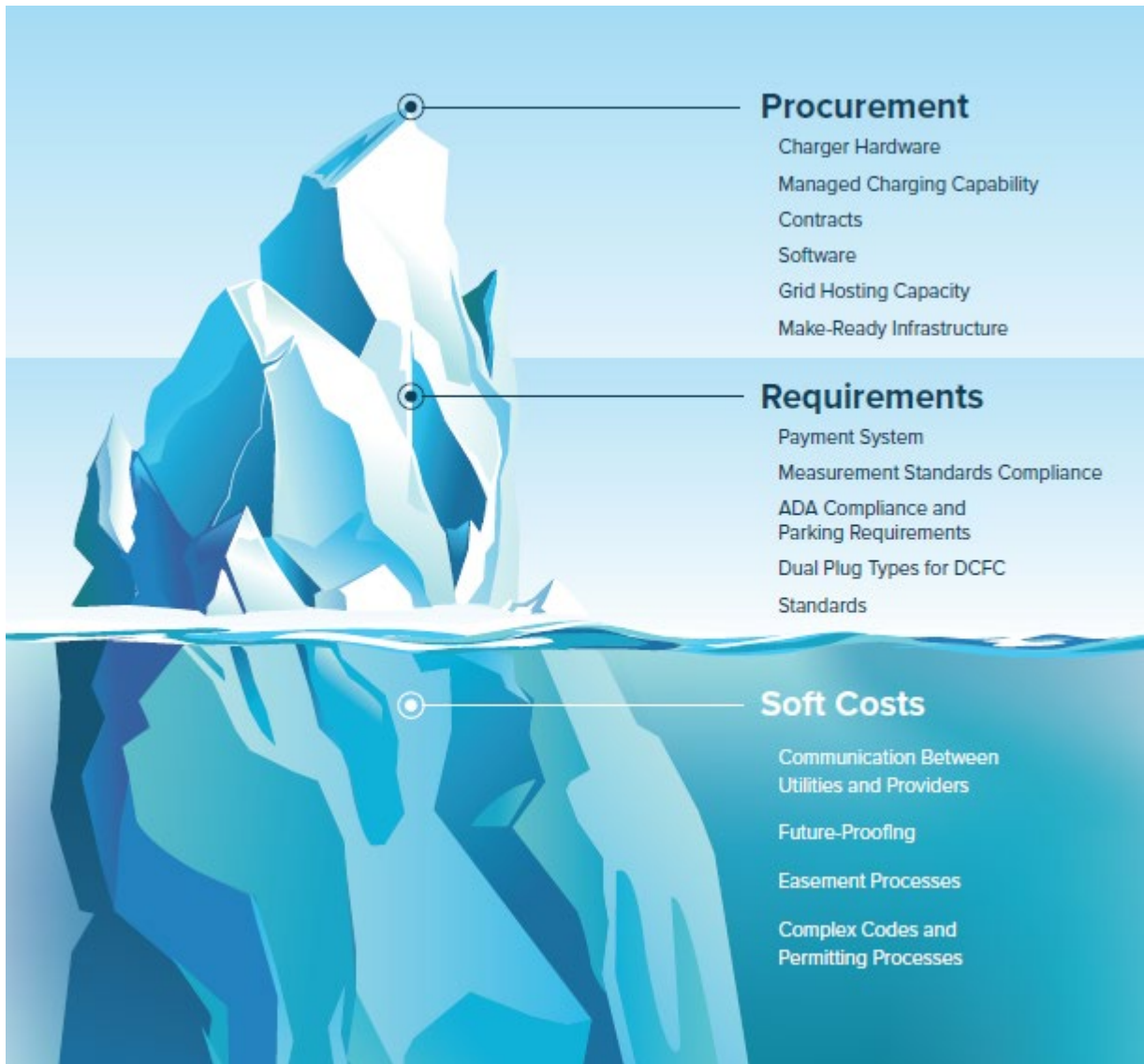
Fleet managers need help

- A steep and treacherous learning curve.
- Most fleet managers are unfamiliar with charging equipment, operational aspects of managing charging, financial impacts of charging and maintaining electric fleets, etc.
- Horror stories abound.
- **Utility outreach is essential** to sense future MHD loads, and to help fleet managers plan infrastructure.

Long-haul HD trucks will be the last to electrify:

- Technology at prototype stage, with 12 manufacturers targeting 2020/21 for first models
- Will require build-out of national network of “mega”-chargers
- **Significant grid upgrades will be required to handle ~40 MW loads in small rural communities.**
- Possible disparate impact in rural communities along freight routes.

PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS



- Procurement should require open standards
- Future-proofing isn't easy
- Utility engagement is critical
- Soft costs and other process issues incur unnecessary expenses

UTILITY OWNERSHIP OF CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

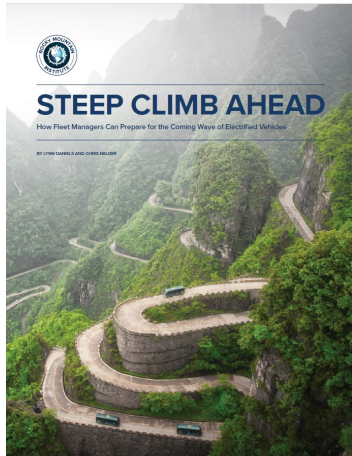
Jurisdictions vary in their views on utility ownership of charging infrastructure.

- Utility investment in “**make-ready**” infrastructure is probably okay everywhere, BUT...
- Utility incentives to invest in make-ready should be **performance-based**
- 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
- While the sector is young, test multiple models via **pilot projects**.

MOVE FAST AND FIX THINGS

- Transportation electrification is a rapidly changing space, full of uncertainty
- Potentially large loads on the way, plan ahead to minimize capital expenditures
- Model early and often, challenge assumptions and be ready to abandon them
- Work to cut red tape in deploying charging infrastructure
- Develop programs/rates for EV customers today
- Be ready for accelerated adoption tomorrow
- Help fleets prepare for the “steep climb ahead”

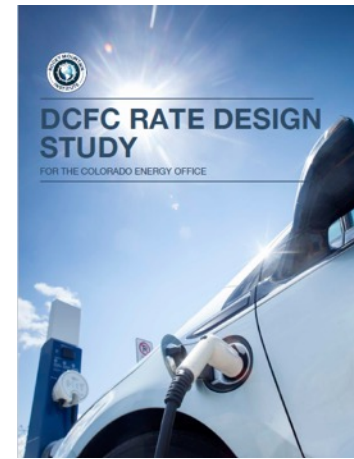
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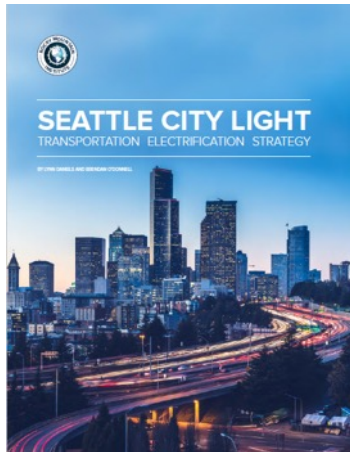
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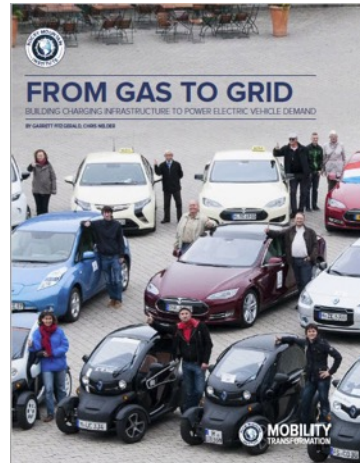
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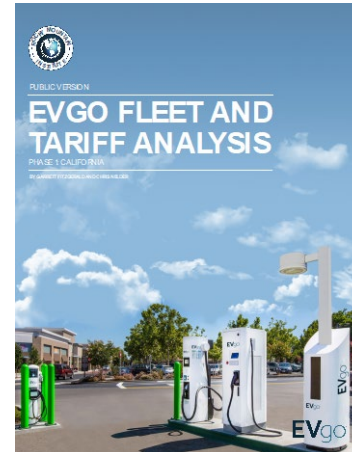
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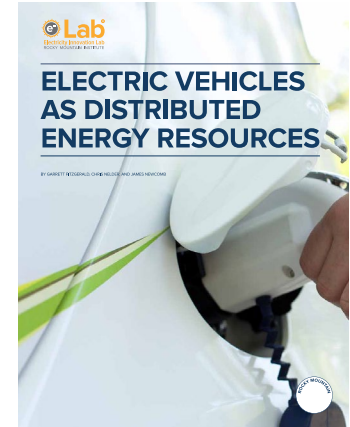
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Thank you!

