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#### **TURN Presentation on Electric Vehicle Grid Integration**

Presentation of Eric Borden for panel on 10/30.

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

## Electric Vehicle Grid Integration All Consumers Can Benefit from Flexible EV Load

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# Ratepayer Benefits of Flexible EV Load

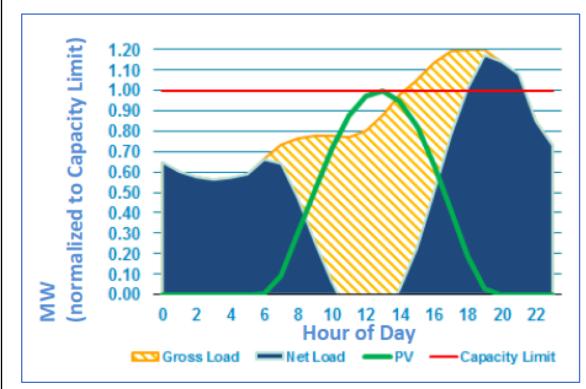
### **Generation** (System)

- Shift load from on-peak to off-peak, particularly to low-cost, high solar hours
- Reduce investment in storage and renewables
- Reduce peak load



### **Distribution (Local)**

• Shift load away from distribution peak to avoid distribution system capacity upgrades





## Distribution Benefits of Flexible EV Load

- Even if realized, peak load shifting benefits are <u>not</u> obtainable under current utility distribution practices.
- Utilities assume max charging station load is added to peak.

- Obstacles-
  - Lack of data/experience
  - Safety/reliability concerns
  - Regulated utility business model



- Key enabling technology-
  - Data, interest, willpower.



## Primary Tools to Achieve VGI Benefits

#### Demand response –

- A few hours with lots of value
- Players- utilities and demand response aggregators

#### <u>Rates</u>

- Time of Use (TOU) rates that provide incentive to charge off-peak and during the day – fuel cost savings and system benefits
- "VGI" rates that isolate distribution peak
- Players- utilities, automakers/state (education)



## EV Time-of-use Rates (Residential)

- Utilities have whole-house and separately metered residential EV rates in major utility territories
- Low uptake e.g. approx. 15% of EV drivers in SCE territory
- Whole house rate may not be right for everyone and introduces rate design problems that would be resolved if able to isolate EV load

### Key enabling technologies

- Education and outreach
  - Updated LCFS program for upfront rebate
  - Default TOU starting in 2020 opportunity for EV drivers and education
  - Automakers should play key role
- <u>Submetering</u> ability to isolate EV load and charge marginal costs
  - Solves issues with whole house rates and allows for low fueling costs off-peak
  - SDG&E residential rebate program
  - <u>Obstacles</u>
    - Utility business model doesn't incentivize
    - Billing integration issues



## Takeaways

- Local benefits of shifting EV load cannot be realized under current utility practices
- Rates are Critical for VGI
  - Few EV customers are signed up for EV TOU rates
  - Submetering allows for more targeted EV rates, lower cost of fueling, strong price signal to shift off-peak, and less potential for revenue shifts due to rate design
- Important to recognize and address where utility business model may run counter to capturing values of flexible EV load

#### **Conclusion:**

• All consumers can benefit from mass adoption of EVs with VGI as a critical component.