ENE EV Programs for Public Power: Impacts, Successes, & Future Plans

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Agenda

• New England public power and EV market
• Why EV programs & public power are a great fit
• ENE’s competitive advantage & positive impacts of a successful EV program
• ENE’s current EV program successes & 7 pillars
• The future of EV programs: 2020 and beyond
About Energy New England (ENE)

• Largest risk management & energy trading organization serving NE MLPs
• Manages the power supplies of over twenty municipal electric systems
• Promotes the principles of conservation, efficiency, and environmental stewardship

The 4 C’s of sustainability: Conservation, Carbon Mitigation, Commodity Services, and Clean Technologies.
New England Municipal Light & Power (MLP) background

Town light departments / light(ing) “plants”:
- 41 MA municipal-owned public power utilities
- Not obligated to make a profit for investors
- Under the direction of the General Manager or governed by elected board of commissioners
- Often are human resourced constrained
The state of the Southern New England EV market – a brief overview

- Massachusetts is the largest car market
- All are ZEV states (signed a 2013 MOU to put 3.3M ZEVs on the road by 2025)
- EV model availability above US average
- MA MOR-EV rebate restructured twice in 2019, ends 10/1/19?
- Tesla Model 3 & other large battery BEVs now trending
Why EV programs & public power are a great fit

• Lower kWh rates mean greater $ benefit
• Less red tape = agile program innovation
• Support of local government & other orgs
• MLP is often already trusted / well liked
• Some with cleaner power / emissions goals
  ➢ Concord, MA: Carbon-free electricity by 2030
ENE’s competitive advantage & impacts of a successful EV program
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Utility Goals:

- Trusted Advisor
  - Source of Information
  - Local Resource
  - Electricity as a Fuel

- Load Growth
  - Increased revenue
  - Decreased rate

- Off Peak Charging
  - Reduce risk
  - Control expenses
The Utility as the ‘Trusted Advisor’

- Utility = new “fuel source” for transportation
- Branding: Keep it local = Trusted
- Provide factual, relevant and local information
- Relay opportunity to save money
- Build community

Our team of knowledgeable and friendly professionals specialize in all things EV

FIND OUT:
What models are available and affordable?
How and where can I charge my EV?
How much will I save on fuel, energy and emissions by driving electric?
And more...

LELWD Drives Electric Support connects current and potential EV drivers with our experts to answer questions about vehicles, charging, incentives and more. This service is free for LELWD customers.
WIIFM?: Add load off-peak (revenue) while reducing on-peak charging (risk)

- Enables better grid management
- Saves consumers and utilities $
- Reduces GHG impact

- Shifting system load to off-peak lowers the total cost to procure power
- Increased load factors will lead to lower transmission & distribution costs

Solution: Educate and train customers; Market & incentivize off-peak charging now!

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ENE EV Programs successes:
11 public power clients as of July 2019
Electric Vehicle Awareness & Incentive Programs – 7 Pillars

• Education and active outreach
• EV Specialist support services
• Incentives – charging, equipment, vehicles
• Marketing – plans, materials and promotions
• EVents – beyond the EV show/ride & drive
• Auto dealership engagement
• Partnerships – state, local, business, OEM
Education and active outreach

• Comprehensive and user-friendly web portal
• Landing page integrated with MLP sites
Education and active outreach

• Content for newsletters, blasts, & blogs
• Creation of program educational materials

Example: EV feature monthly in Bright Ideas, a monthly newsletter for BELD customers

Braintree Celebrates Drive Electric Earth Day

Braintree hosted an electric vehicle EVent Saturday, April 27, as part of the first ever national "Drive Electric Earth Day" campaign. Plug In America, Sierra Club, and the Electric Auto Association served as the national team supporting events throughout the country, which were designed to share information about electric vehicles during Earth Month.

Braintree’s EVent at the Town Hall parking lot was an opportunity learn from real electric vehicle drivers about the many advantages of driving electric. Local EV owners showed off their affordable plug-in electric vehicles including an all-electric Volkswagen e-Golf and the plug-in hybrid Toyota Prius Prime, Chevy

EV owners shared their experiences with EVs and charging, and Braintree Drives Electric (BDE) EV Specialists provided information on BELD’s incentives for off-peak charging and for installing Level 2 charging at home.

Many attendees were interested in learning not only how driving an EV can help the environment, but also how it can help them save money on their daily drive. Driving an electric vehicle in Braintree is like paying the equivalent of just around a dollar a gallon for gasoline. Some of the owner's vehicles had more than 100,000 electric miles with the battery still going strong.

If you missed this EVent and want to know more about upcoming EV happenings in
Education and active outreach

Create materials to use across multiple programs, cut through noise or hype

Example:
ENE’s “An Informed Consumer’s Guide to Electric Cars”: EV Benefits & Facts
Uncover truths for consumers, such as: There is already a plug-in electric vehicle for nearly every lifestyle and budget.
EV Specialist support services

The EV interested still want guidance & reassurance

- EV specialists, qualified via assessment
- Answer questions about vehicles, charging, and incentives
- Paid staff (salary, hourly, paid internships)
- Website contact form
- Email – ev@ene.org
- Toll free number – 1.833.443.8363 (1.833.44-EV-ENE)
- Use of CRM to track & engage EV leads
EV Specialist support – branding styles

Customers value local, trusted, and personal service
Incentives

- Rebate guidance
  - Off peak charging
  - Level 2 charging (EVSE)
  - Vehicle incentives
- Evaluate rebate requests
- Provide monthly reporting
- Check cutting services
Marketing

- Develop an annual marketing strategy & marketing plan
- Develop effective branding & messaging
- Coordinate with & leverage client's marketing team
- Develop and design materials for outreach campaigns
- Create and implement social media & engagement strategies
The Town of Concord has its own EV Working Group comprised of utility and town employees, volunteers, and ENE EV Specialists. They meet bi-weekly.
Engage with messaging
Innovate with EVents

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2019 ELECTRIC CAR SHOWCASE
Save time and money. Drive the best. Drive the future.

DECEMBER 26, 2018 – MARCH 31, 2019
South Shore Plaza (Center Court), Braintree, MA

Check out the affordable electric vehicles on display, featuring both all-electric and Plug-in Hybrid EVs.

Discover the many benefits of driving electric—get your questions answered by an onsite EV Specialist.

Learn about rebates and incentives that lower the cost to purchase or lease.

Schedule a private test drive with an EV Ambassador or local EV Champion auto dealer.

Sign up for off-peak charging incentives and charger rebates available to Braintree residents!

Partners:
ENE
Quirk Chevrolet
Beld
Central Mitsubishi
EVents – engagement beyond the (stand alone) EV show / ride & drive

• Display & tabling at existing public events
• Engaging games, trivia, contests, swag
• Coordinating Lunch & Learns at employers
• Partnering with conferences and shows
EV Ambassador Program

- Develop and manage a team of trained local EV Ambassadors
- Utilize Ambassadors for display vehicles & support at EVents
- Connect EV interested customers with matched Ambassador
Auto dealership engagement

- Target and engage local dealers; build relationships
- Provide education on local EV programs & incentives
- Engage with group purchase and incentive programs
- Develop new & used EV dealer and customer support
- Provide EV showcase and display opportunities
- Celebrate and incentivize champions; develop new ones
- Report to client on engagement, performance and inventory
Partnerships – state, local, business

- Existing state government programs
  - MassEVolves, a new employers pledge & recognition program
- Local sustainability groups & coalitions
- Chapters of the Sierra Club and Electric Auto Association
- Engage OEMs on discounts, loaners, etc.

MassEVolves  SIERRA CLUB  Electric Auto Association
Innovation – new services, offerings, support & recognition

- WattPlan EV Advisor – compare cost tool
- Active smart charge mgmt. w/ new partners
- Apply Grants for innovative incentives – Example: used EV rebate for lower income
- Workplace Charging development & EVents
- Develop state/regional EV Dealer Awards
  - Partner with the state Auto Dealers Assoc.
  - Hold awards ceremony at Auto show
The future of EV programs: 2020 and beyond

• Utilities aligning their EV goals with state/IOUs
• Shift toward Time of Use Rate incentives for EVs
• Incentives to ensure 24/7 EV charging optimized
• Merging of solar, efficiency & EV initiatives
• Increase in utility-owned charging stations
• Infrastructure investment in MUD & workplaces
• Smart grid management utilizing EVs (V2G)
• Advanced partnerships with dealers & OEMs
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