

Electric Island: Utility Perspectives on Medium/Heavy Duty Fleet Charging

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PGE at a glance

Quick facts

- Vertically integrated electric utility encompassing generation, transmission and distribution
- 900,000 retail customers within a service area of 2 million residents
- 46 percent of Oregon's population lives within PGE service area, encompassing 51 incorporated cities entirely within the State of Oregon
- 75 percent of Oregon's commercial and industrial activity occurs in PGE service area

Leading the way to a clean energy future for Oregon

- ~50k EVs today estimated to grow to 400k in 2030
- 45% clean energy supply today (hydro, wind, solar)
- 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030
- 100% clean electricity by 2040





Planning for Heavy Duty Charging

PGE partners with fleet customers providing fleet electrification analysis at no cost and gaining insights into fleet customers' plans

Early engagement with the utility is critical, especially for heavy duty charging sites

Challenges to rapid deployment:

- Some fleet sites will require significant electrical upgrades on site and on the distribution system
- Supply chain delays for vehicles, chargers, electrical infrastructure

State and federal funding can help build public heavy-duty charging; West Coast Clean Transit Corridor Initiative provides a framework





PGE Fleet Partner: A turnkey solution for fleet electrification

- Free planning and technical services for fleet customers
- Installation of make-ready infrastructure with custom cost incentives
- Rebates for qualified Level 2 chargers
- Fleet Partner Phase 1 reserved all funding, hoping to expand January 2024





Partnering with Fleet Customers

Fleet Partner Plan

- ✓ Electric vehicle feasibility assessment
- ✓ Charging analysis
- ✓ Total cost of ownership analysis
- ✓ Site assessment
- ✓ Preliminary design and cost estimate
- ✓ Summary of incentives
- ✓ Presented in a Fleet Partner Study

No cost; no commitment

Fleet Partner Build

- Turnkey final design and construction of make-ready infrastructure
- Make-ready incentive based on forecasted energy use of the chargers
- ✓ PGE ownership of make-ready infrastructure

Customer must purchase/install qualified Level 2 or DC fast chargers



Typically 1-2 months

Typically 6-16 months

How to charge your fleet

Slow, overnight charging is the most cost-effective way to charge an EV:

- A lower charge rate means less expensive equipment and infrastructure.
- Customers benefit from lower demand and off-peak electricity pricing.
- By using charge management software, customers can optimize charging and further reduce costs.









DCFC Rectifiers

Pre-cast concrete trench and cableway

EVSE dispensers

12.47kV / 480V 2500 kVA Transformers (x2)

Plan view of facility layout

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Located adjacent to Daimler Trucks North America HQ, as well as several other industrial fleet customers in Portland, OR

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Pre-cast concrete trenches during construction





Steel mounting plates for EV dispensers allow for easier install/removal as chargers are replaced







Finished site - note the extra bollards to prevent any accidents during truck maneuvering



Total site loading

Date	# of Sessions	Average Session Duration (min)	Average Energy Usage per Session (kWh)	Total Charging Duration (min)	Total Site Energy Usage (kWh)
2021	1812	49.4	18.7	89,514	33,810
Sep	356	42.3	12.3	15,042	4,364
Oct	484	49.0	17.1	23,740	8,295
Nov	506	52.6	22.3	26,626	11,301
Dec	466	51.7	21.1	24,106	9,849
2022	1640	48.8	20.1	80,035	32,993
Jan	547	46.2	19.1	25,267	10,459
Feb	484	56.1	19.8	27,159	9,579
Mar	609	45.3	21.3	27,609	12,954
Grand Total	3452	49.1	19.4	169,549	66,802

Example Daily Load Profiles





Learning and Testing at Electric Island

Lessons in the first phase of the Electric Island project:

- Physical space to accommodate heavy-duty vehicles is key. Class 8 trucks are big!
- Civil infrastructure that makes it easy to swap chargers out can save on long term charging site O&M costs
- Electric loading from these sites can be very "peaky"

In the next phase, we plan to:

- **Install extremely high-powered chargers** of 500-1,500 kW to help reduce the charging time and help PGE understand charging load profiles and system impacts
- Add battery storage to reduce feeder loads at peak times and provide voltage support for the feeder at high charging loads, and test second life truck batteries
- **Deploy solar generation** to study how co-located EV charging, energy storage, and renewable generation can be co-optimized to provide grid services
- Use advanced controls to manage charging and services such as load shifting, curtailment, and flexing



Funding

Schedule 53: Non-residential Heavy-Duty Electric Vehicle Charging

- New tariff which pays a portion of development costs for new heavy-duty charging sites
- PGE eligible to cost share up to 50% of site cost with customer

Purpose of Sched. 53 is to:

- Better understand grid impacts from HD charging
- Obtain HD electric vehicle usage data and charging load profiles
- Provide opportunities to partner and provide guidance to customers in deployment of HD charging sites





Questions?

