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# **Beneficial Electrification:** *The Voice of the Consumer*

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# Today's Presenters





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## Name Background

### **Sara Cappe**



# **SVP and Managing Director, Maru/Matchbox Public Service Practice**

- Sara leads a team of consultants who are all passionate about utilizing technology and System 1 solutions to deliver impactful outcomes
- She has over 15 years of experience consulting NFPs, utilities, governments and telecommunications firms across North America.
- Sara has led numerous brand building, stakeholder engagement, reputation management, loyalty and retention, customer experience and thought leadership programs
- She specializes in understanding the voice of stakeholders to all areas of the practice.







GOAL: Investigate consumer interest in transitioning to electricity from natural gas, petroleum or other fossil fuel sources in transportation, space heating, cooking and water heating.

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# Multi-Phase Research Project



# **Industry Scan White Paper**

11 industry interviews
Literature review

# **Consumer Research Report**

Online survey with 1,200 Consumers

# What is Crossroads Analysis?





Crossroads analysis incorporates our Implicit Association Testing (IAT) with a MaxDiff exercise to holistically understand consumer attitudes and behaviors.

Electricity is becoming cleaner and more renewable everyday.

Agree Disagree

Illustrative Example

#### What is Implicit Association Testing (IAT)?

In IAT, respondents are shown a series of statements and asked if they agree or disagree whether each statement applies to them. A short reaction time to agreeing or disagreeing with a statement shows implicit association with an instinctive reaction and strong connection (System 1). A longer reaction time is an explicit association, as it requires slower and more rational thinking (System 2).

Reaction time testing provides the means by which psychologists can discriminate subconscious brain processes from conscious thoughts or decisions. This is because conscious and subconscious mental processes occur within different timeframes, allowing for two distinct paths for decision making:

### System 1

- Unconscious Emotions
- · Very Fast
- Involuntary
- Associative
- · Implicit Responses



#### System 2

- Conscious Thinking
- Slow
- Controlled
- Rule Following
- Explicit Responses

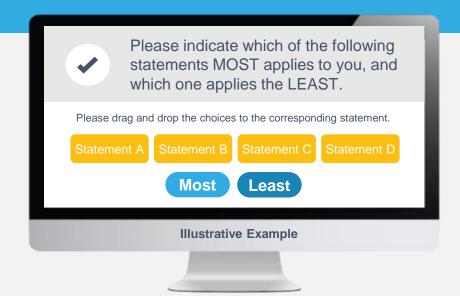
# What Does it Help Us Understand?





#### What is MaxDiff?

MaxDiff is a choice-based methodology that forces consumers to trade-off items that influence their decision process, which results in rank order data that can then be modeled to further derive the degree of importance.





### How does it come together?

The combined MaxDiff exercise and IAT results provide us with a white space opportunity map. This intersection of behavior and emotion uniquely unlocks the System 1 pathway to behavior.



# SECC's Consumer Segmentation



**Green Innovators**  Tech-Savvy Proteges

Movable Middle

**Energy Indifferent** 

### MORE FAVORABLE

LESS FAVORABLE

Energy is on their mind

Tech savvy

Few barriers

Financial capacity

Dependency on electricity

Energy not a priority
Tech wary
Many barriers
Limited financial capacity
Low/static usage



# Characteristics of SECC's Segments

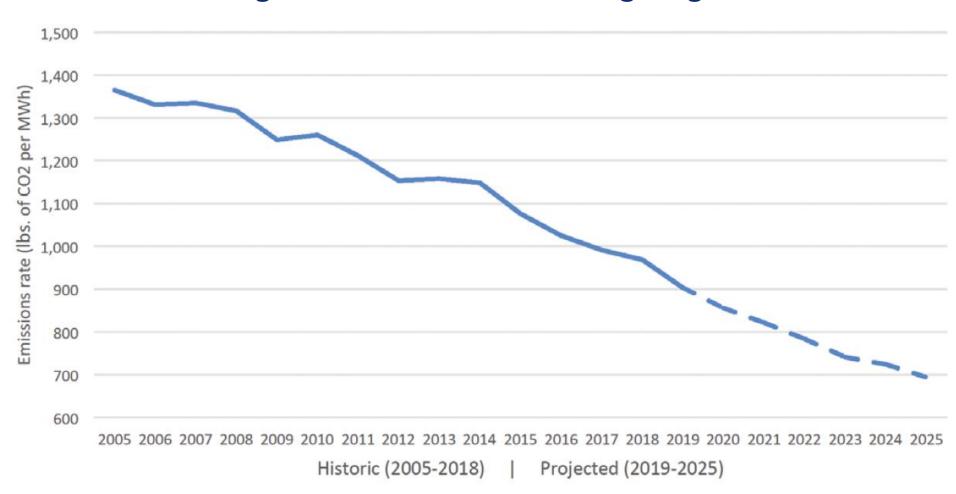
Segment Name	Proportion of Consumer Market	Age			Household Income*			Electricity Bill (Mean)
Green Innovators	20%	18-34 (29%)	35-54 (40%)	55+ (31%)	=\$50K<br (47%)	\$50-\$99K (29%)	\$100K+ (20%)	\$121.7
Tech-savvy Proteges	25%	18-34 (35%)	35-54 (35%)	55+ (30%)	=\$50K<br (37%)	\$50-\$99K (42%)	\$100K+ (17%)	\$132.0
Movable Middle	29%	18-34 (17%)	35-54 (32%)	55+ (51%)	=\$50K<br (52%)	\$50-\$99K (31%)	\$100K+ (11%)	\$117.0
Energy Indifferent	26%	18-34 (16%)	35-54 (25%)	55+ (59%)	=\$50K<br (57%)	\$50-\$99K (29%)	\$100K+ (9%)	\$112.8

<sup>\*4-5%</sup> of respondents did not answer the income question, hence percentages do not add to 100.

# Why Beneficial Electrification?



### The grid's emissions rate is going down



# What Makes It Beneficial?



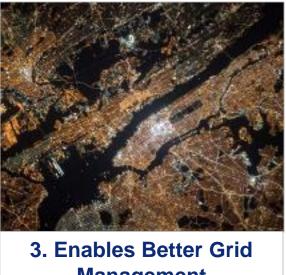
### Regulatory Assistance Project's Three Conditions



1. Saves Customers **Money Over Long Term** 



**Environmental Impacts** 

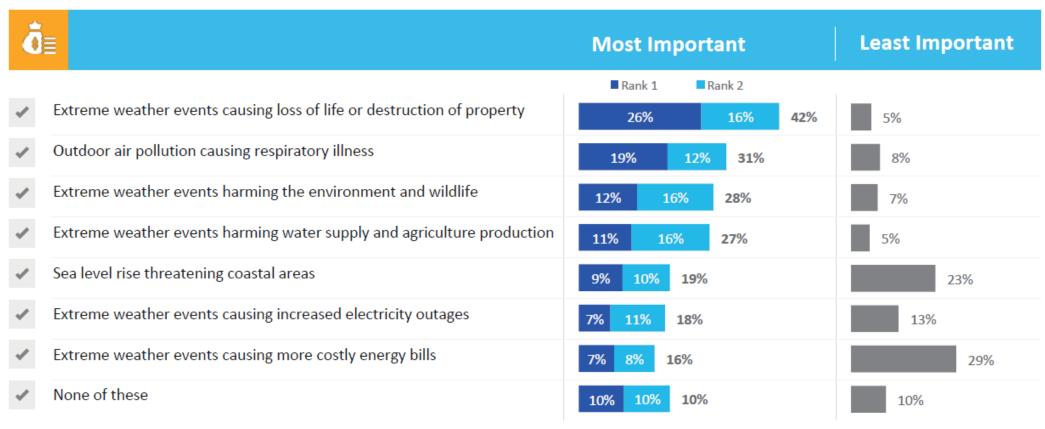


Management

# **Underlying Consumer Motivations**



### Figure 4: Importance for Political and Community Leaders to Prioritize



Base: All Respondents (n=1201)

Q\_ClimateChange. Please drag and drop the "Most important" and "Second most important" statements from the list below.

Q\_ClimateChangeLeast. And which of the following issues is the LEAST IMPORTANT for political and community leaders to prioritize?

# Electrification on the Road





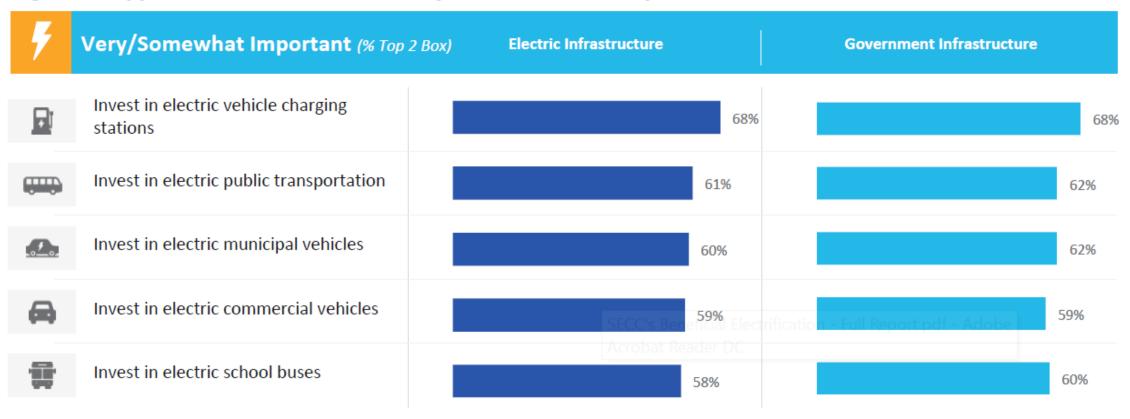


**Electric Vehicles** Public Transportation Municipal Fleets School Buses

# Consumer Support for Infrastructure



#### Figure 5: Support for Government and Utility Investment in Transportation Electrification Infrastructure



Base: All Respondents (n=1201)

Q\_ElectricInfrastructure. Thinking about your community, how important is it for your electricity provider to invest in each of the following?

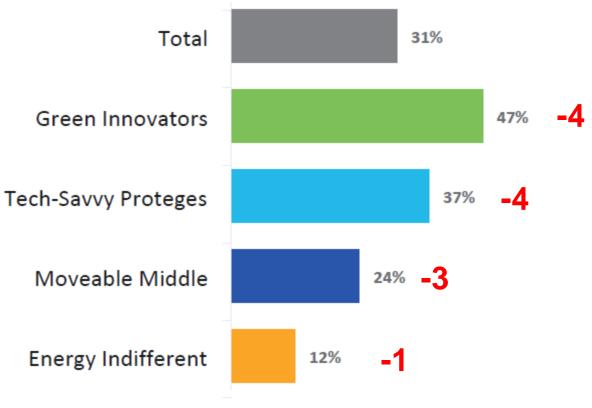
Q\_Govt\_Infrastructure. Thinking about your community, how important is it for your government to invest in each of the following?

# Impact of Cost Increase on Interest





10% Higher (Interested in Next Vehicle as Electric/Plug-in Hybrid)



Assume that using electricity from your local power grid emits fewer greenhouse gas emissions than an equal amount of energy from fossil fuels. Would you make the following purchases if the price of electricity use were 10% more than the equivalent in liquid or gas fuels?

# Electrification at Home



# Cooking





# **Space Heating**

## **Other Tools**



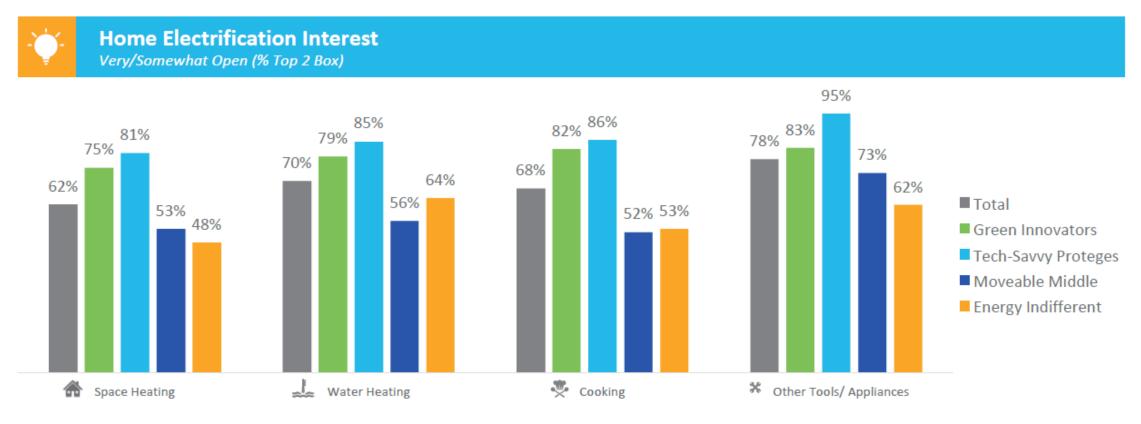


**Water Heating** 

# Are Consumers Interested in Switching?



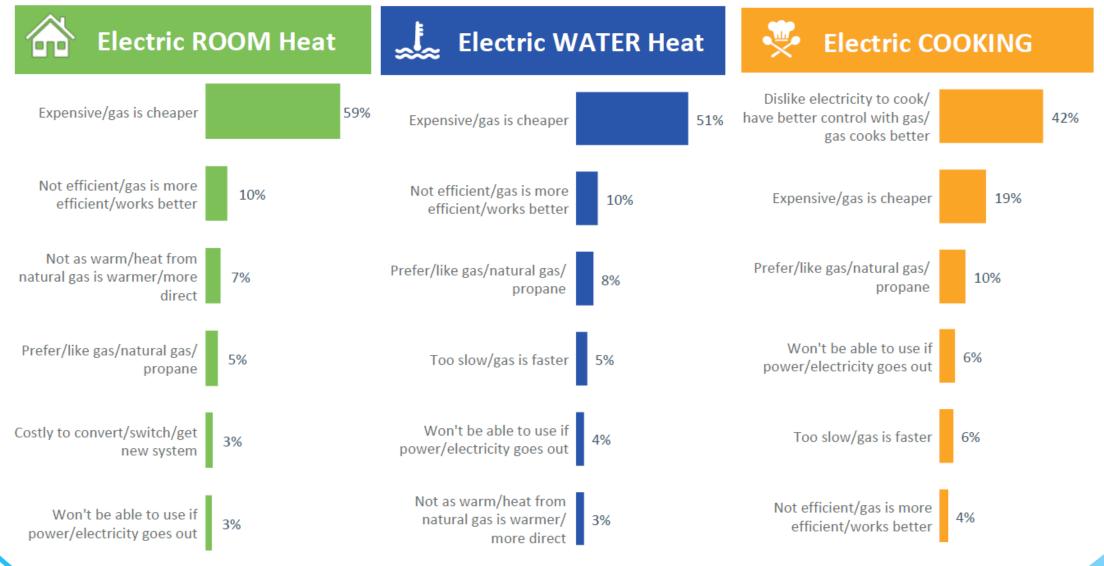
Figure 9: Interest in Home Electrification Among Consumers with Other Fuels



Base: Have "Other" Source in area of home (n=287); Energy Indifferent (n=43\*), Green Innovators (n=67), Moveable Middle (n=49\*), Tech-Savvy Proteges (n=128) Q\_ElectricInterest. How open are you to using only electricity for each of the following?

# Barriers for different types of electrification





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# What Messages Did We Test?



- 1. I am trying to reduce my greenhouse gas emissions
- 2. I am concerned about air pollutants inside my home
- 3. I am concerned about my community's air quality
- 4. Saving money is more important to me than saving the environment
- 5. Saving money is more important to me than improving the air I breathe
- 6. Electricity from renewable sources reduces greenhouse gas emissions
- 7. The government isn't doing enough to reduce greenhouse gases
- 8. The increase in extreme weather is concerning to me
- 9. Climate change is impacting how I use energy
- 10. Electricity emits more greenhouse gases than natural gas
- 11. Electricity is becoming cleaner and more renewable everyday
- 12. Banning natural gas will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- 13. Buildings should favor electricity over natural gas to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- 14. Any little bit of renewable energy helps prevent climate change
- 15. I am concerned about the safety of natural gas in homes
- 16. I am concerned about the safety of electricity in homes
- 17. If my electricity provider switched to using renewable sources, this would increase my bill
- 18. Buying electric vehicles is for the wealthy
- 19. New homes that are 100% electric are often more expensive than new homes that are not 100% electric
- 20. EVs reduce greenhouse gas emissions compared to gas-powered automobiles
- 21. I would only reduce my greenhouse gas emissions if it saves me money
- 22. Moving to electric vehicles and all-electric buildings will strain the power grid, potentially impacting reliability

# Getting the Message Across





### Crossroads Analysis (Total)



### The Most Effective Message

"Electricity is becoming cleaner and more renewable everyday" addresses consumer values across segments. With the addition of cost information, even less-engaged consumers can be encouraged to take notice and act.

Base: All Respondents (n=1201)

Q\_IATPersonal. Does this statement describe how you feel about energy and the environment?

Q MaxDiff1. Please indicate which of the following statements MOST applies to you, and which one applies the LEAST.

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# What Statements Motivate Consumers?



#### Figure 15: Statements That Would Motivate Consumers to Electrify



### **Benefits to Using Only Electricity**

Electricity is becoming cleaner and more renewable everyday

Most electricity is from renewables and is cheaper to produce than non-renewable energy sources

Using electricity as my only energy source will decrease my overall energy expenses

Using any amount of renewable electricity will reduce greenhouse gas emissions

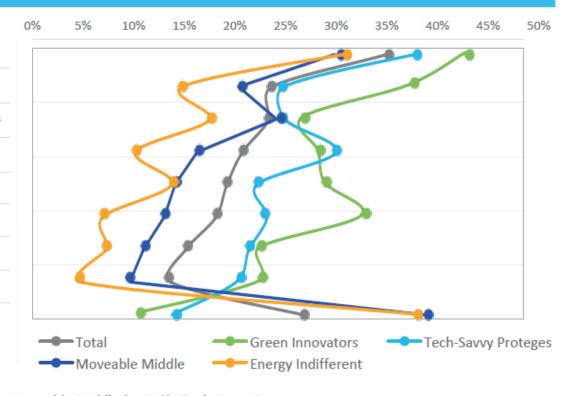
Using electricity over natural gas can lead to fewer greenhouse gas emissions

Most electricity is from renewables and reduces greenhouse gas emissions

Cooking with natural gas contributes to poor indoor air quality due to pollutants from burning natural gas

Natural gas emits more greenhouse gases than electricity

None of these



Base: All Respondents (n=1201); Energy Indifferent (n=204), Green Innovators (n=318), Moveable Middle (n=218), Tech-Savvy Proteges (n=461) Q\_Electrification. And which of the following statements, if any, makes you want to only use electricity as an energy source?







#### **Green Innovators**

Emphasizing positive environmental changes appeals to the core beliefs of Green Innovators. Statements that showcase putting forth any little bit of effort to reduce environmental impact strongly resonate with this segment. Although, Green Innovators are the most likely to act, they should not be taken for granted. Messaging still needs to be tailored to them.



### **Tech-Savvy Proteges**

Tech-Savvy Proteges place high importance on environmental concerns and putting in any bit of effort. However, these concerns are not as implicitly agreed with as Green Innovators. Rather, the Tech-Savvy Proteges need to think about these statements a bit more. Messaging should clearly emphasize how doing anything can help to engage their explicit or rational side. Employing technology could also be used to appeal to this segmentation. With clear and consistent ongoing messaging, this can become more implicit.







### **Energy Indifferent**

The Energy Indifferent not only state they value monetary savings, but it also comes through in their decision-making. Additional statements that resonate with this segment focus on the **importance of money over the environment** and concern of cost increases. To create longstanding success, the winning message should **include wording about ensuring cost savings** as electricity becomes cleaner and more renewable.



#### **Movable Middle**

Although the Movable Middle state money is a concern, they place high importance on doing 'any little bit' to prevent climate change and are concerned 'the government is not doing enough'. There tends to be a say versus do gap with this segment, as they do not prioritize saving money over saving the environment but show some cost concerns. Messaging to this group needs to emphasize environmental action, but also incorporate some wording on cost mitigation.

# Five Key Takeaways



01

'Electricity is becoming cleaner and more renewable everyday' best conveys the urgency of climate change.

02

To streamline messaging, segments can be grouped as less or more engaged when it comes to beneficial electrification.

03

Cost increases have little impact on electrification adoption for more engaged segments.

04

Climate change messaging needs to account for cost sensitivities among the Energy Indifferent. *05* 

Green Innovators and Tech-Savvy Proteges need to be encouraged that any little bit counts.





- 1. Benefit consumers--consider ways to more explicitly articulate these benefits.
- 2. Include consumers—include and understand consumer perspectives prior to and during the creation of policy objectives related to electrification.
- 3. Educate consumers--help grow understanding and awareness of how energy is acquired and produced



## Name Background

#### Lee Ann Head

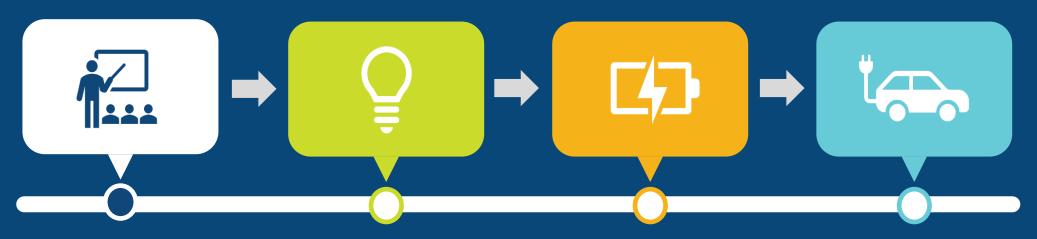


### **Senior Software Product Manager, Franklin Energy**

- Lee Ann serves as Senior Product Manager at Franklin Energy and is currently working with the NGAGE platform
- She served as the Energy Efficiency Solutions Manager for Entergy
- VP of Research and Insights for The Shelton Group for 17 years



# **Utility EV Programs**



### CUSTOMER EDUCATION & AWARENESS

ADDRESS PRIMARY BARRIERS TO ADOPTION

- EV and EVSE educational tools providing:
  - Vehicle comparisons
  - · Cost of ownership
  - Rate options
  - Home charging
  - Public charger maps
  - Available incentives
  - Dealer locator

### ENROLLMENT, PURCHASE & INSTALLATION

STREAMLINE THE CUSTOMER JOURNEY

- EVSE marketplace
- · Rebate processing
- Stacked rebates
- Program enrollment
- · Certified trade ally networks (dealers, installers)
- Financing
- Charger network integrations

#### MANAGED CHARGING

#### MINIMIZE THE COST TO SERVE

- · Behavior programs:
  - TOU rates
  - Coaching and messaging
  - Rewards
  - Price elasticity analysis
- Direct control programs:
  - Networked EVSE control
  - · Smart circuit breakers

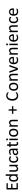
### WORKPLACE, FLEET, AND PUBLIC CHARGING

EXPAND EV ADOPTION BEYOND RESIDENTIAL

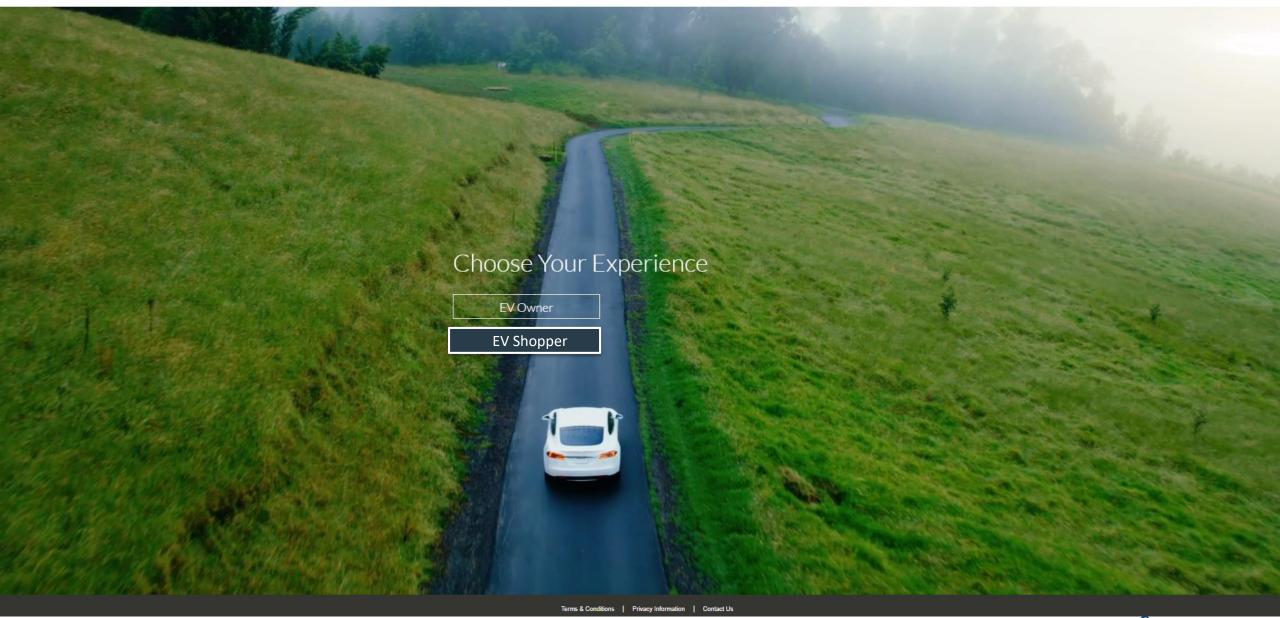
- Fleet assessments
- Site feasibility assessments
- Rate analysis
- Charging optimization
- Depots
- Public and private charging programs



# **EV Customer/Grid Optimization Value**









# **Target Personas**











#### **EV BENEFITS**

Electric Vehicles Cost Less to Operate than Gas Powered Cars

Depending on the local prices of fuel and electricity, driving an EV can be three to five times cheaper than gasoline and diesel-powered cars. Plus, they don't need as much maintenance as gasoline or dieselpowered internal combustion engines.

Learn more >

#### **EV FACTS**



Battery Electric

Vehicles have a battery

and an electric motor

instead of a gas tank

and an internal

combustion engine. Learn more





Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles have an electric motor AND a gas-powered internal combustion engine.



Range refers to the number of miles an EV will travel before the battery needs to be recharged.



Charging your EV requires plugging into a charger connected to the electric grid.

#### WHY BUY AN EV?

There's never been a better time to purchase an electric vehicle. There are now over one million EVs on the road in the U.S. and the market is booming, with 2018 sales totaling 361,307 (up 81% from 2017.)1

There are now over 40 types of electric vehicles on the road and automotive manufacturers are aggressively investing in EV technologies and rolling out new models with greater range each year. Plus, the nation's public charging infrastructure has doubled over the past two years.

#### **EV BENEFITS EV FACTS**



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#### Never Go to the Gas Station Again

Electric vehicles don't use gasoline or diesel. You can charge one at home with a standard 120V outlet. For faster, more efficient charging, owners can choose to install a 240V level 2 charger.





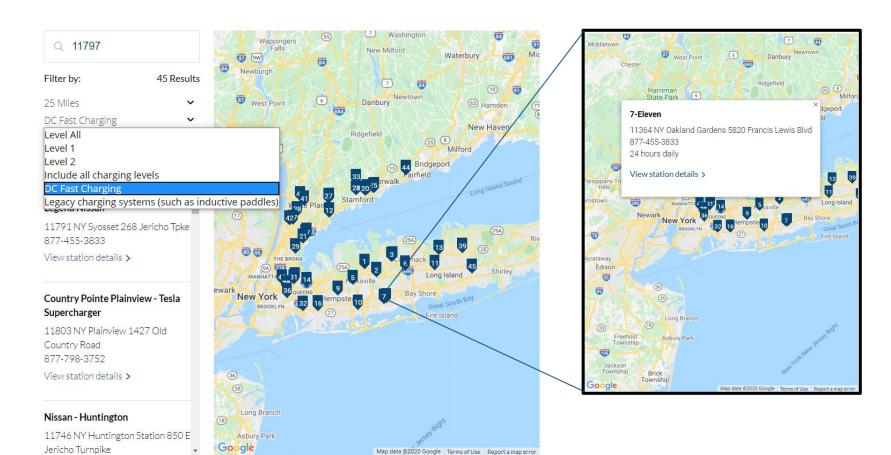
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#### Find a charging station







### **Compare vehicles**

Choose The EV That's Right For You

StandardSUV × Large Car × MidSize Car × SmallSUV × Small Car ×

Filter by Y

Your selections: Make: BYD X Chevrolet X Hyundai X Mitsubishi X Year: 2020 X



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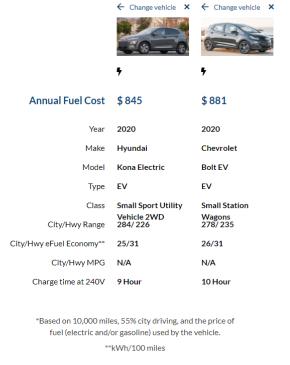
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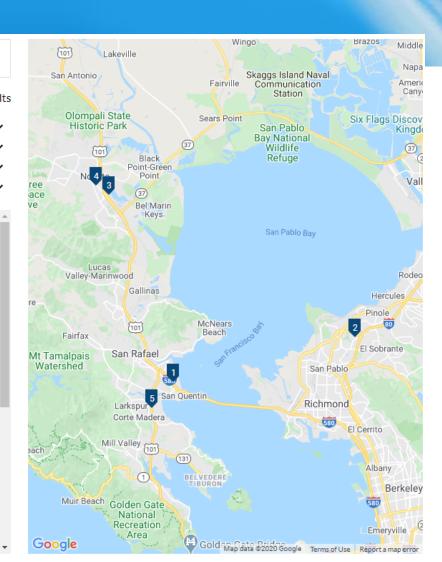
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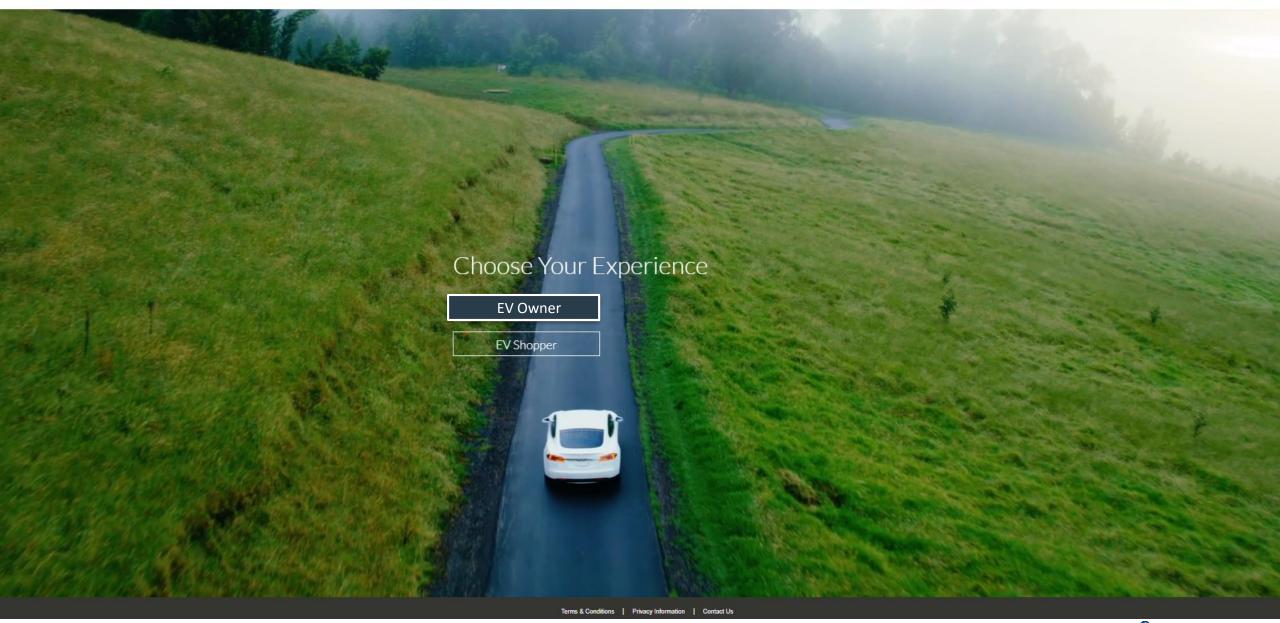
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#### **EV Incentives and Rate Plans**

Learn about ways to re



### Utility

\$500 Home charger rebate

Purchase and install a qualifying Level 2 (240)/) charging station at your home and receive a \$500 incentive!

Learn more >

#### **Utility EV Programs and Rate Plans**

The following rebates can help lower the costs of your energy action plan.

#### Save \$500 on a Level Two Home Charger

A level two (240v) charger offers much faster charging at home. While the 120v electric outlet charger that comes standard with most Plug-in All-Electric and Plug-in Hybrid Electric vehicles provides 2-5 miles of range per hour, a level two charger works up to nine-times faster - giving you 10-20 miles of range per charging hour.

This also allows you to potentially save money on your electric bill by charging your vehicle at strategic times when electrical demand is lower. You can take advantage of lower rates during the night, which helps to maximize the savings on an already energy efficient vehicle.

#### QUALIFYING CHARGERS







Speed: 6x faster Ampage: 32A/7.7kW Plug type: Plug in NEMA

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\$119.00

With \$500°s harger/installation credit

JuiceBox Pro 40

Ampage: 40A/10kW

Was \$649.00

\$149.00

Plug type: Plug in NEMA 14-50

With \$500° charger/installation

#### Save money with our Plug-in Electric Vehicle Rate Plan!

Fueling a vehicle with electricity is already much cheaper than gasoline or diesel. But for even greater savings, try our Plug-in Electric Vehicle rate. This rate offers lower prices from 11 p.m. - 7 a.m. to encourage nighttime EV charging.

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\$199.00

Was \$699.00 Save \$500,00 (72%)

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Annual Energy Use (kWh/yr): 130

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Earn a \$500 enrollment incentive and up to \$120 per year by allowing

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Occasionally, on days when the demand for energy is hi
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will schedule a Managed Charging event. These events
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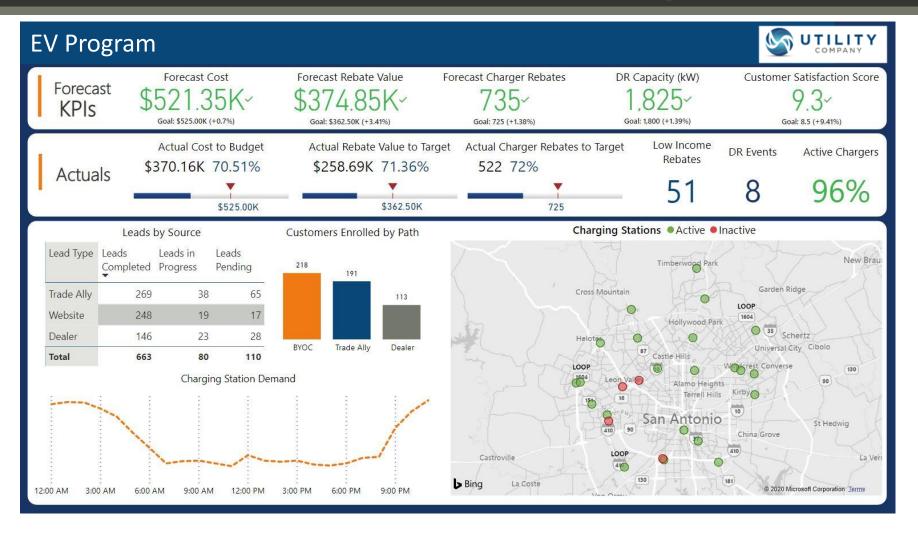
charge your vehicle during the Managed Charging Event, you can opt out and charge your vehicle as needed.

You'll receive a bill credit of \$10 for each month you participate in all managed charging events if you opt out of half, you'll receive \$5. If you opt out of more than half, you'll receive no bill credit for that month.

By participating in the Managed Charging Program, you will receive a \$500 instant enrollment incentive off the price of your selected qualified charger. The program is designed to save energy during peak periods and reduce the costs for all customers while providing you with an opportunity to earn additional incentives via your continued participation



# **Program Reporting**





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# Questions?

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