

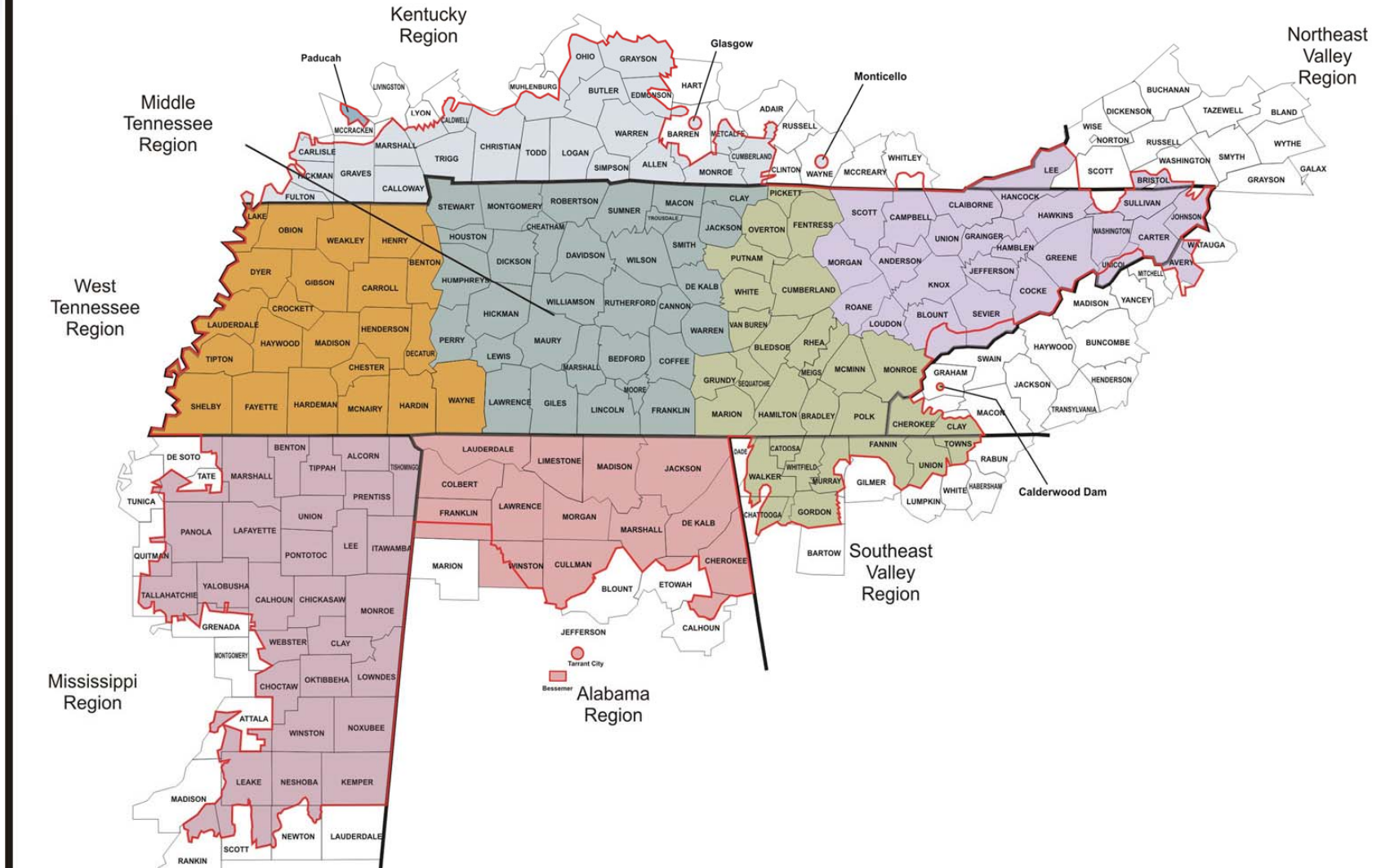


# **Electric Vehicles – Impacts & Opportunities**

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# The TVA Power Service Area





## Quick Facts about TVA

- Established by Congress in 1933.
- Board appointed by the President.
- Funded solely by power revenue.
- Serving Tennessee and portions of 6 other states, ~9 million people.
- Generator, wholesaler and regulator.
  - 155 Power distributors – Municipals and Cooperatives.
  - 59 Direct served accounts .
- Peak load 33,482 MW.



## **TVA Mission**

### **- Alignment with Electric Transportation**

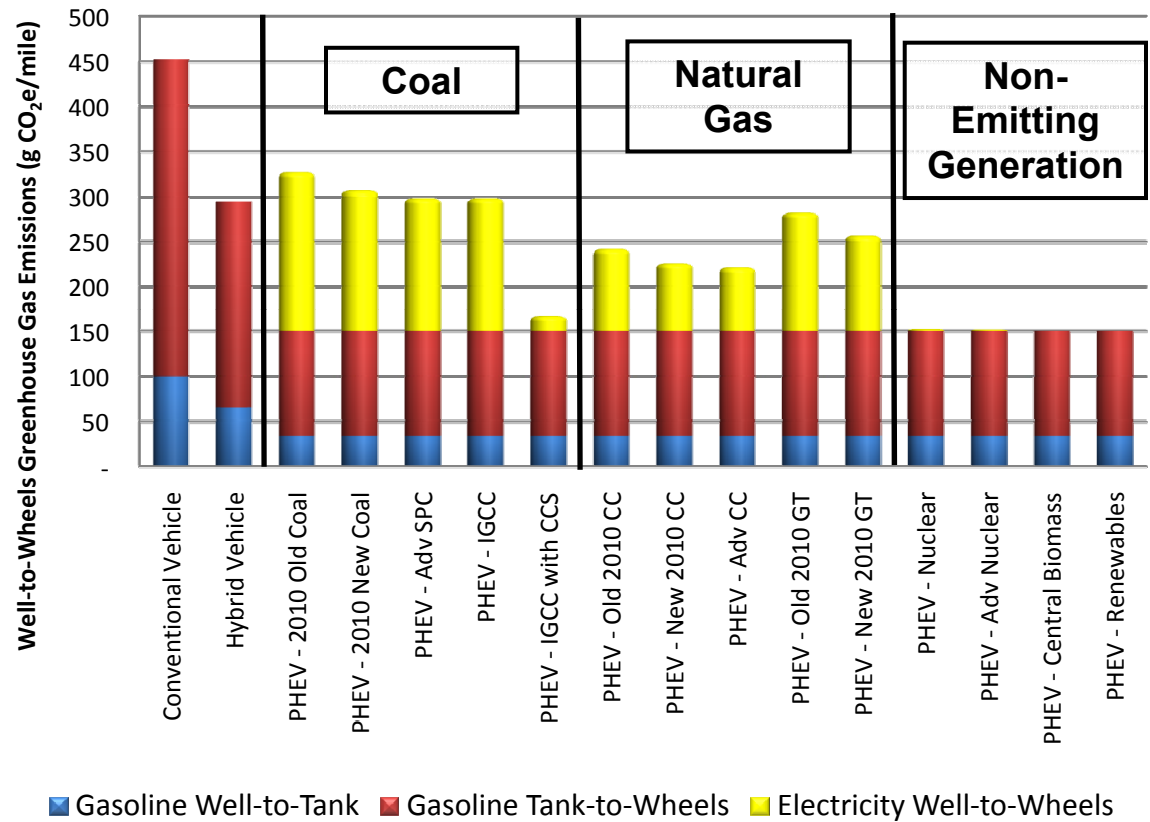
## **TVA Missions**

- **Economic development.** ✓
- **Environmental stewardship.** ✓
- **Affordable electricity.** ✓
- **Technological innovation.** ✓
- **Integrated river system management**



# Environmental Assessment of Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (EPRI/NRDC Study)

- Supported by TVA, other Utilities, and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
- Volume 1- PHEVs are a minimum of 30% better than conventional vehicles for Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Volume 2 – PHEVs Improve Overall Air Quality
  - Ozone
  - Secondary PM<sub>2.5</sub>
  - SO<sub>x</sub>
  - NO<sub>x</sub>

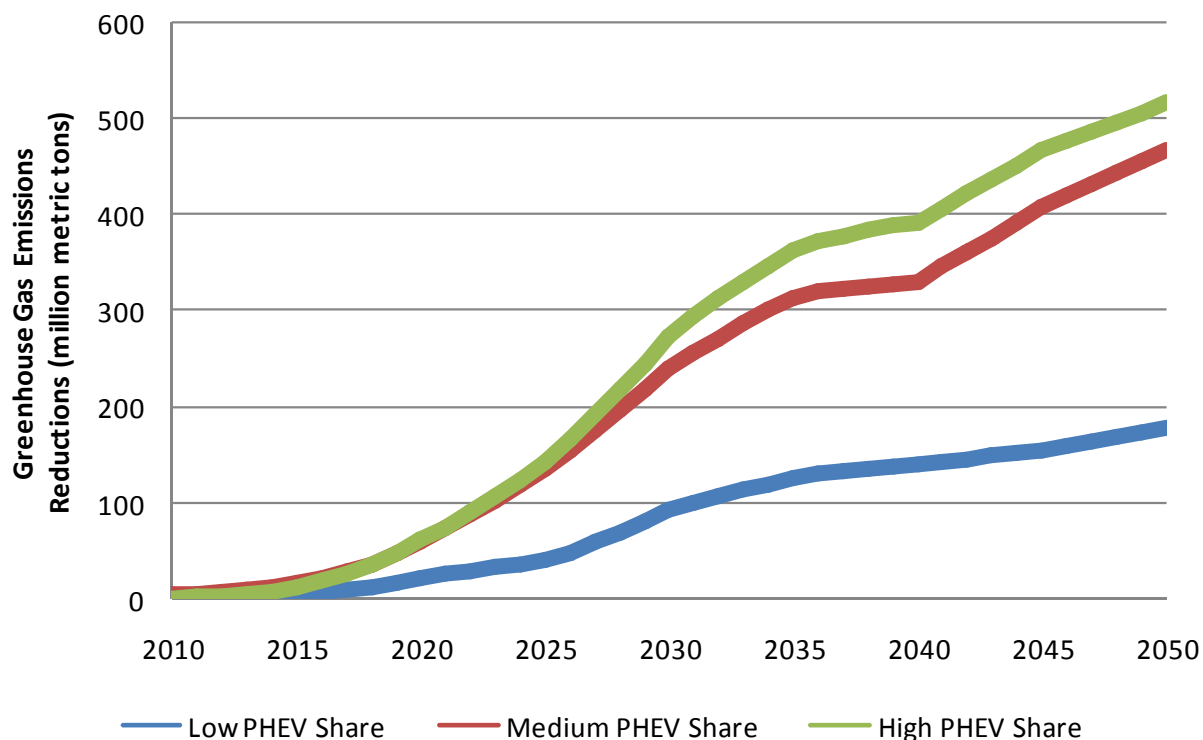


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## Annual greenhouse gas emissions reductions from PHEV adoption

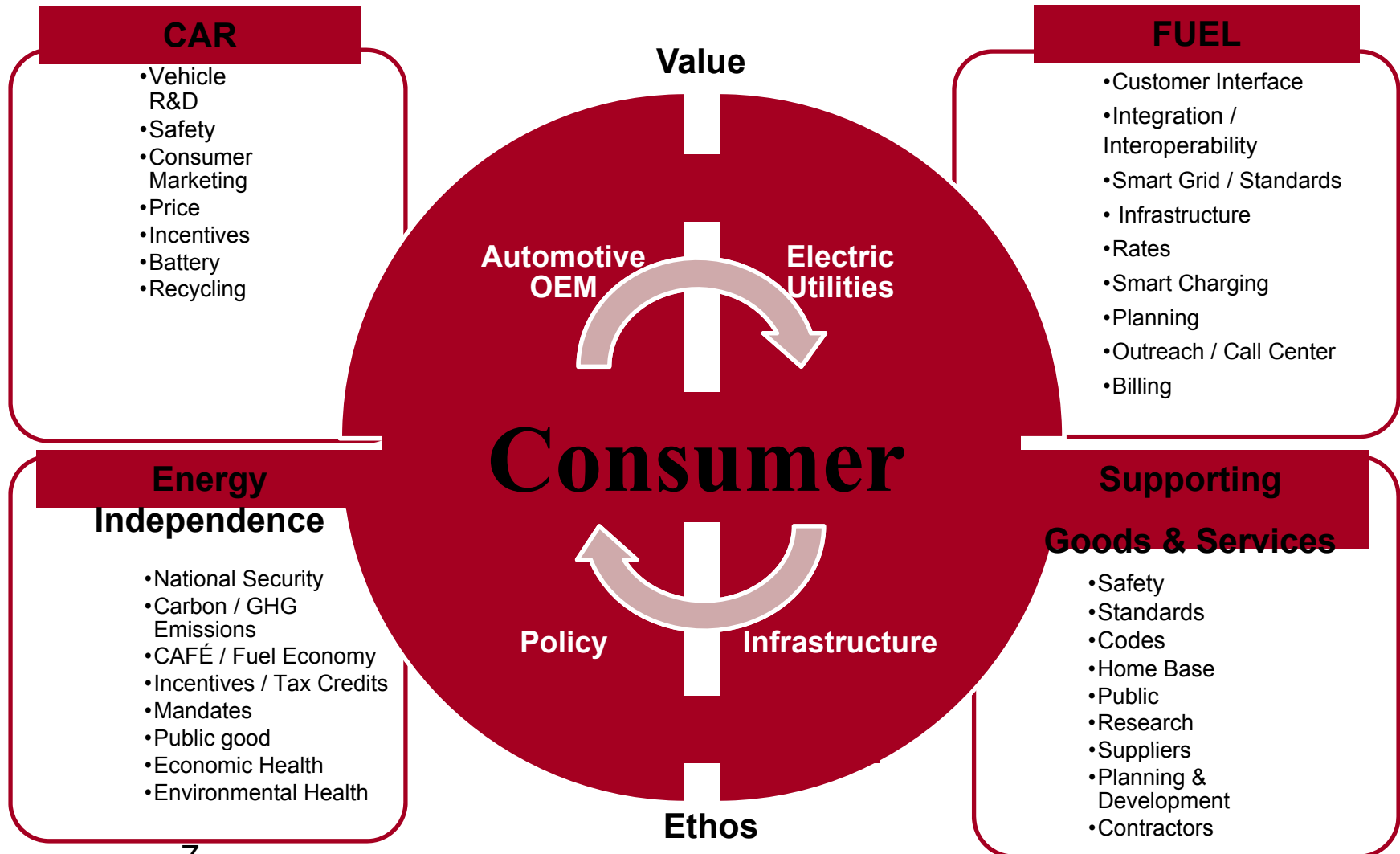
- There is the potential for a 400-500 million metric ton annual reduction in GHG emissions by 2050 nationwide (the US currently emits 6 billion metric tons annually)
- Petroleum reduction of 3-4 million barrels per day by 2050
- Reductions in TVA's territory are 4.7 MMTons by 2030 and 11.7 MMTons by 2050



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# CONSUMER STAKEHOLDER MAP



# Traditional Consumer Fuel Paradigm

**House = Consumer's Largest Purchase Decision**

**Strong Consumer / Utility Dynamic Exists**



**Consumer billed / pays AFTER power consumption**

- Largest Consumer Purchases are traditionally mutually exclusive**
- Power is paid for after its used**
  - Fuel is prepaid prior to use
- Traditionally NO Fueling at House**

Many Public Fuel Choices  
**Vehicle = Consumer's 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest Purchase Decision**

**NO Utility Role**



**Consumer NOT brand loyal to FUEL**

**Utility has no role in vehicle purchase**





# New Consumer Fuel Paradigm

Home = Primary Re-Fueling Location

**Strong Consumer / Utility  
Dynamic Remains**



**Meter/Account  
Number Provides  
Utility Visibility**



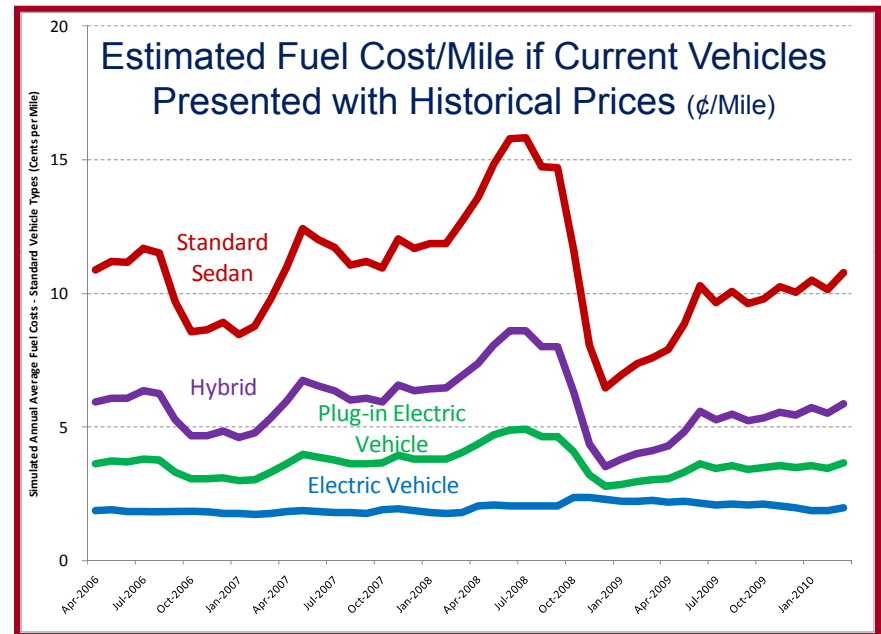
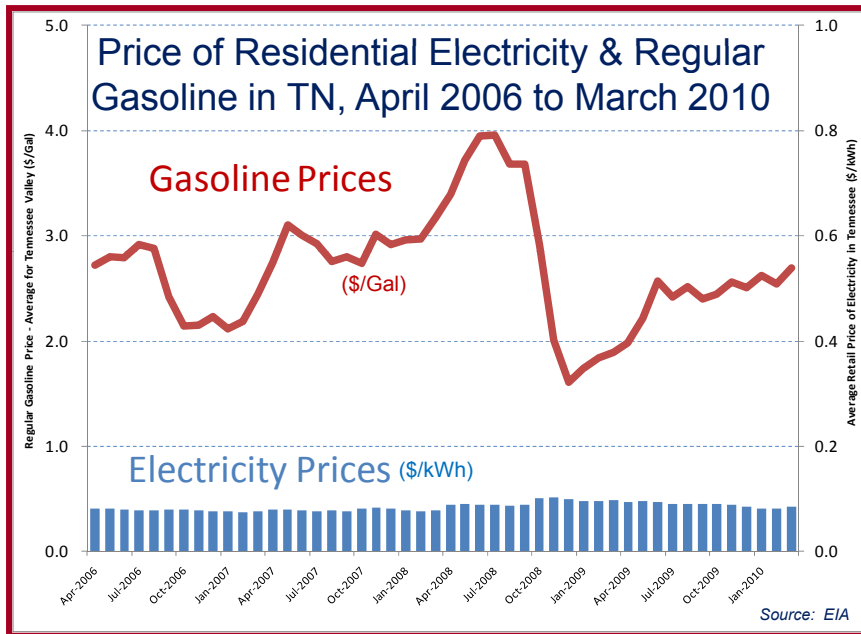
**Electricity is  
the FUEL**

## Utility Role

- Existing customer dynamic with their utility will NOT be changed by vehicle using electricity as a fuel
- Consumer experience will be directly affected by utility engagement
- Power Bill is increased from more kWh usage; Consumer NET COSTS decrease from transportation Fuel and O&M savings**
- Utility will maintain PRIMARY point of contact for electrical issue resolution



# ELECTRICITY AS A TRANSPORTATION FUEL ECONOMIC

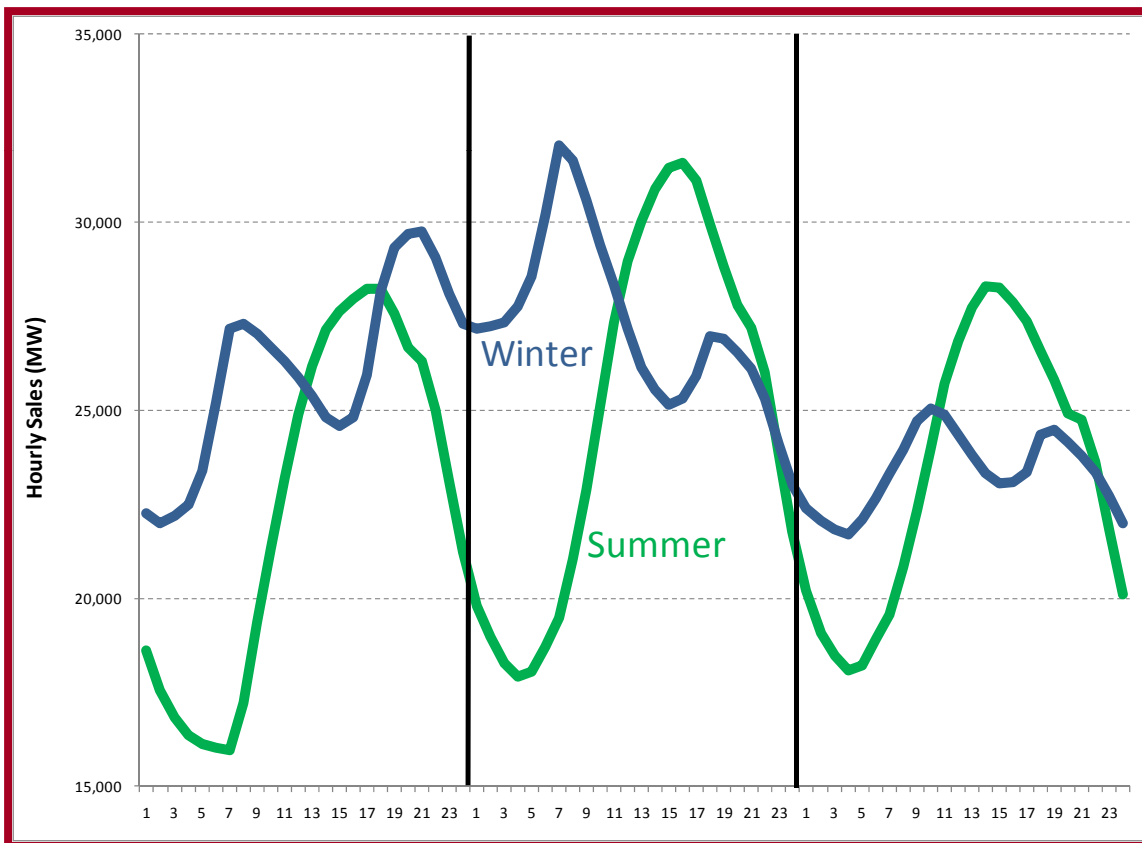


- TVA Electricity is equivalent to \$0.75 ¢ per gallon of gasoline  
.... ALL THE TIME!
- Electricity is consumer friendly - less volatile than gasoline and easier to estimate overall transportation fuel expense.



# ELECTRICITY AS A TRANSPORTATION FUEL ENERGY

TVA Hourly Seasonal Load Curves, Example Three-Day  
Periods in 2008



**Electric Transportation load  
will overlay an already-  
existing load pattern.**

**The Fuel Challenge:  
Smooth it out**

**Options:  
Education  
Smart Charging  
TOU  
EV Rate**

Dual Peaking System – Summer & Winter



## Why Utilities Should be Plug-In Ready

|                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Central Air conditioning        | 3 – 20 kW            |
| Water heater<br>(40 gallon)     | 4.5 – 5.5 kW         |
| Clothes dryer                   | 1.8 – 5 kW           |
| <b>Plug-in Electric Vehicle</b> | <b>1.44 – 7.2 kW</b> |

**Unplanned “*per capita*” load growth**  
**We do not yet know how consumers will**



# First Plug-in Vehicles to Market

## Very Different Grid Impacts!



### Chevrolet Volt

- Extended Range Electric Vehicle (EREV - A plug-in hybrid with a guaranteed electric range).
- 40-mile electric range
- Charging:
  - 8-9 hours at 120V, 12A
  - 3 hours at 240V, 15A



### Nissan Leaf

- Battery Electric Vehicle
- 100-mile range
- Charging:
  - 20 hours at 120V, 12A
  - 8 hours at 240V, 15A
  - 30 min at 400V, 150A DC



# Charging Scenarios

| Charger         | AC Power Supply                  |                    | Charger                      |                                          | Charge Time |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Type            | Volts                            | Continuous Current | Power                        | Location                                 |             |
| Level 1         | 110-120V                         | 12 A               | 1.4 kW                       | On-board                                 | 18 h        |
| Level 2         | 220-240V                         | 15 A               | 3.3 kW                       | On-board                                 | 8 h         |
|                 |                                  | 32A (80A)          | 6.6 kW (20 kW)               | On-board                                 | 4 h (1.2 h) |
| 'Fast', or 'DC' | Input: 3 Phase Typically 480V AC |                    | 50-60 kW DC into the vehicle | Off-board – Vehicle controls the charger | <30 min     |



## EPRI PEV Distribution Impact Study – A Collaboration Initiative

- Detailed analysis of circuits, PEV impacts
- **45** circuits at **25** utilities, including:
  - Nashville Electric Service,
  - Middle Tennessee EMC,
  - Chattanooga EPB,
  - Knoxville Utilities Board.
  - Memphis Light Gas & Water
- Compilation and comparison across different distribution systems.

### Near-term Planning Horizon

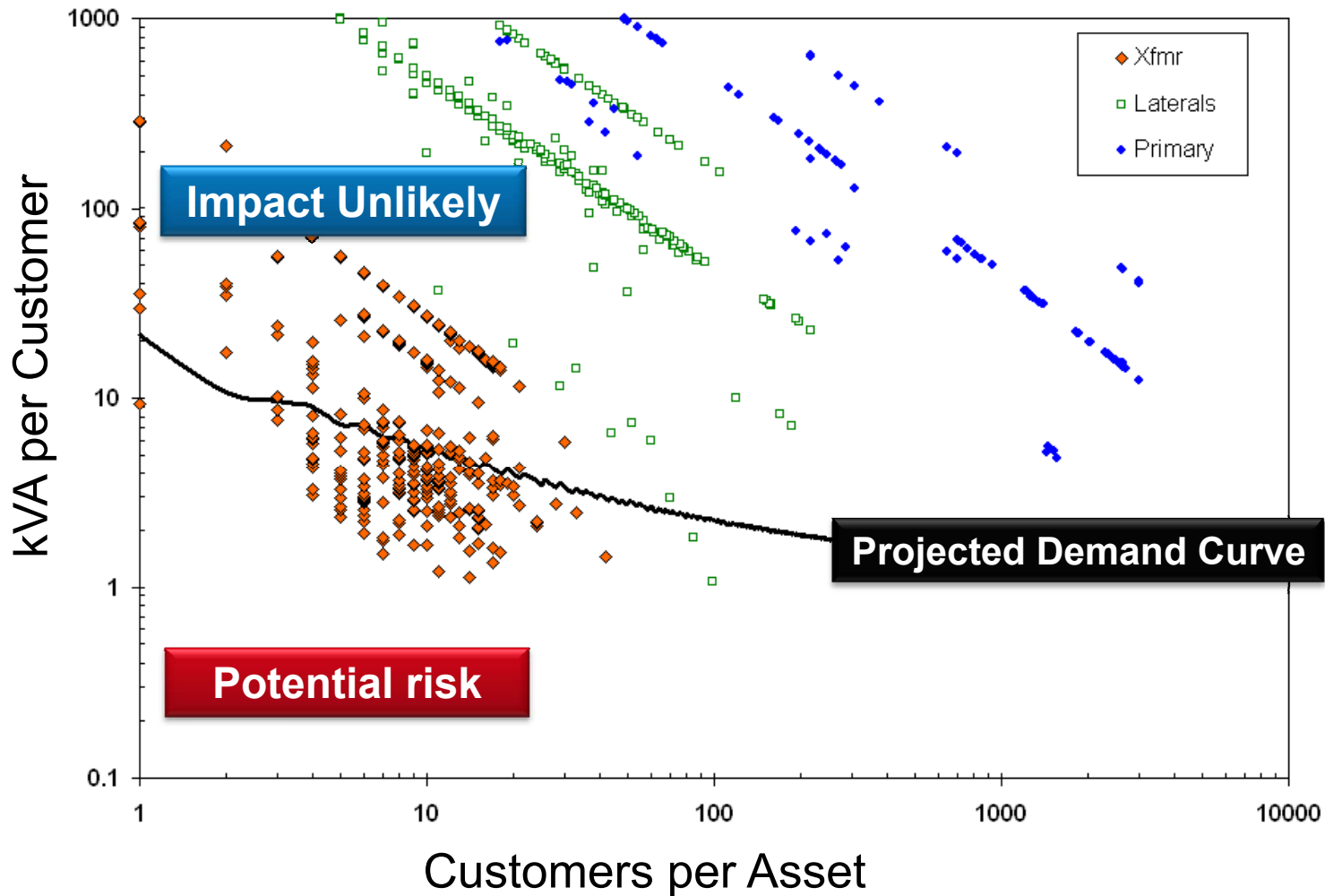
Load only operation  
Customer behavior driven  
Market projections  
Mainly residential charging

### Evaluated Impacts

Feeder demand  
Thermal overloads  
Steady-state voltage  
Losses  
Imbalance  
Power quality



# Typical Asset Risk Analysis







## Key Findings – Asset Risk

- Greatest impact – transformer life.
  - Transformers with low kVA rating per customer.
  - At constant kVA/customer, fewer customers/transformer reduce diversity, increase risk
- PEVs loads exacerbate pre-existing problems.
  - Undersized secondaries.
    - Long runs, smaller diameter
    - Length, diameter, often un-documented.
  - Lower voltage primaries – e.g. 4 kV



# General Study Findings – Phase I

Minimal near-term impacts expected

## Negligible Impacts

- Losses
- Imbalance
- Power Quality
- Primary Voltage

## Local Risks - Reliability, Voltage

- Close to the customer
- Low capacity per customer
- Undersized secondaries

## Planning Adjustments

- Equipment sizing
- Asset-to-customer allocations
- Transformer ratings



## Grid Impact Study – Phase II (pending)

- Area-Wide Asset Risk Planning and Evaluation Tool
- Generalize, Automate, & Apply Phase One Learnings
- Provide Utility tool for easy application
- Broader than PEV Impact
- Scope - TBD





## SAE Power Quality Standards,- J2894

- PQ Standards for Chargers
  - Attainable goals
  - To protect utility, customers
  - To protect public interests (efficiency)
- Standards for AC Power Supply
  - Attainable goals
    - For utilities.
    - For alternate power supplies.
  - To protect charger electronics.



# SAE Power Quality Standards,- J2894 Part 1 –Target parameters –in draft

## Power Quality Standards for Chargers –

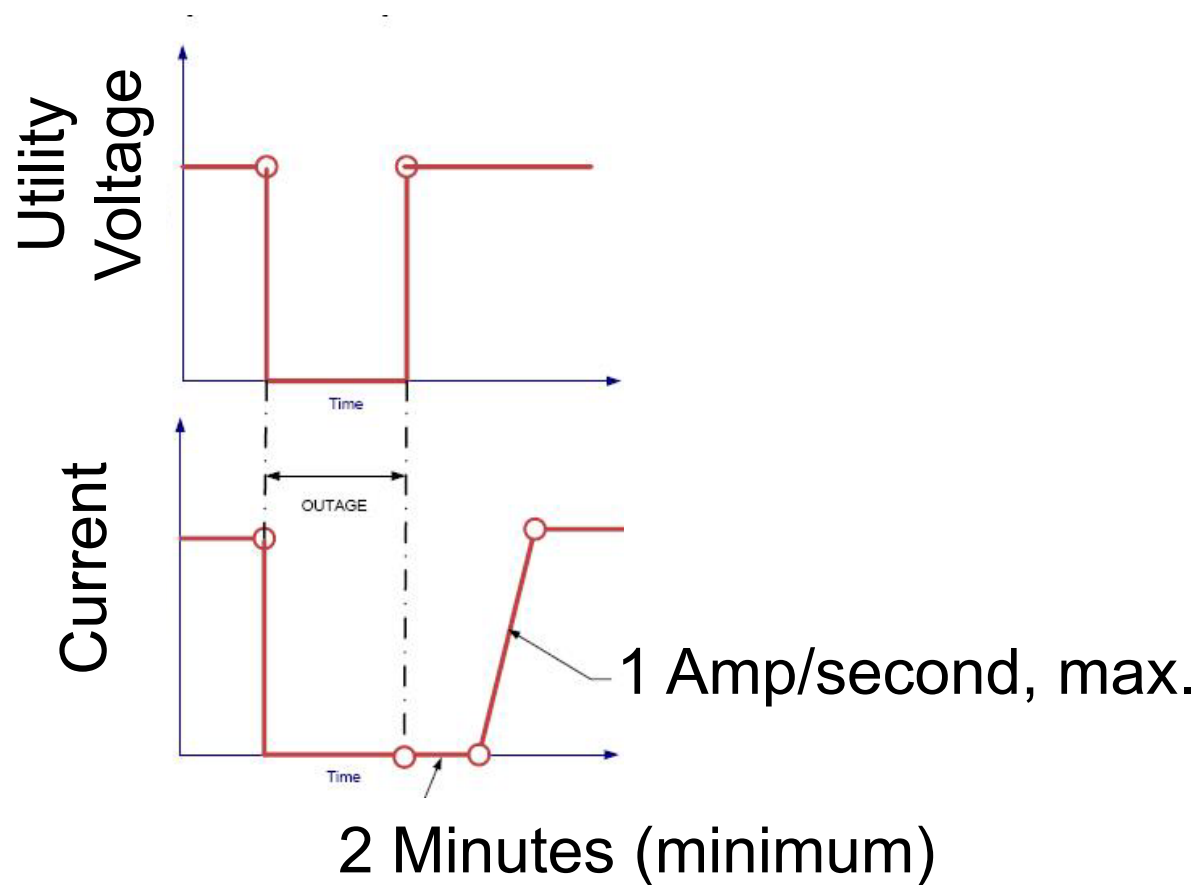
| Parameter                            | SAE J2894                                                                 | EPRI IWC (1990s) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Power Factor                         | 95%                                                                       | 95%              |
| Power Transfer Efficiency            | 90%                                                                       | 85%              |
| %Total Harmonic Distortion (current) | 10%                                                                       | 20%              |
| Inrush Current                       | 120% of nominal, max.<br>(after 50 ms, level 1)<br>(after 100 ms level 2) | Specified Value  |
|                                      |                                                                           |                  |



# SAE Power Quality Standards,- J2894

## Part 1 –Target parameters

### Cold Load Pickup – proposed





# SAE Power Quality Standards,- J2894

## Part 1 –Target parameters

### Power Quality Standards for AC Service

| Voltage Range                         | SAE proposed      | EPRI IWC (1990s)   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Voltage Range                         | 90-110% nominal   | 90-110% of nominal |
| Voltage Swell<br>(1/2 cycle, minimum) | 175% of nominal   | 180% of nominal    |
| Voltage Surge<br>(momentary)          | 6 kV              | 6 kV               |
| Voltage Sag                           | 80% for 2 s       | 80%                |
| Voltage Distortion                    | 2% max            | N/A                |
| Momentary Outage                      | 0 V for 12 cycles | 0 V for 12 cycles  |
| Frequency Variation                   | +/- 2%            | +/- 2%             |



## SAE Power Quality Standards,- J2894 Part 2 –Testing Procedures - pending

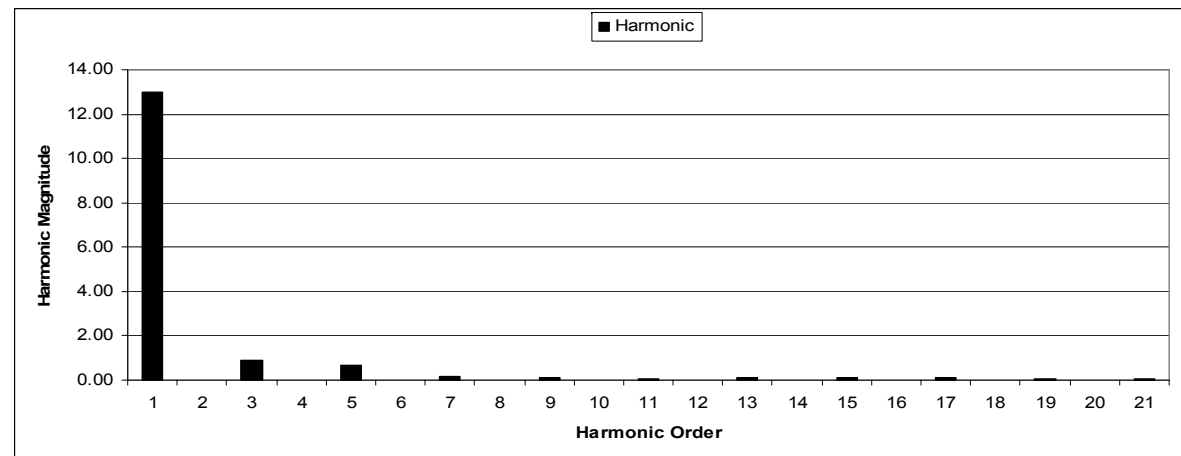
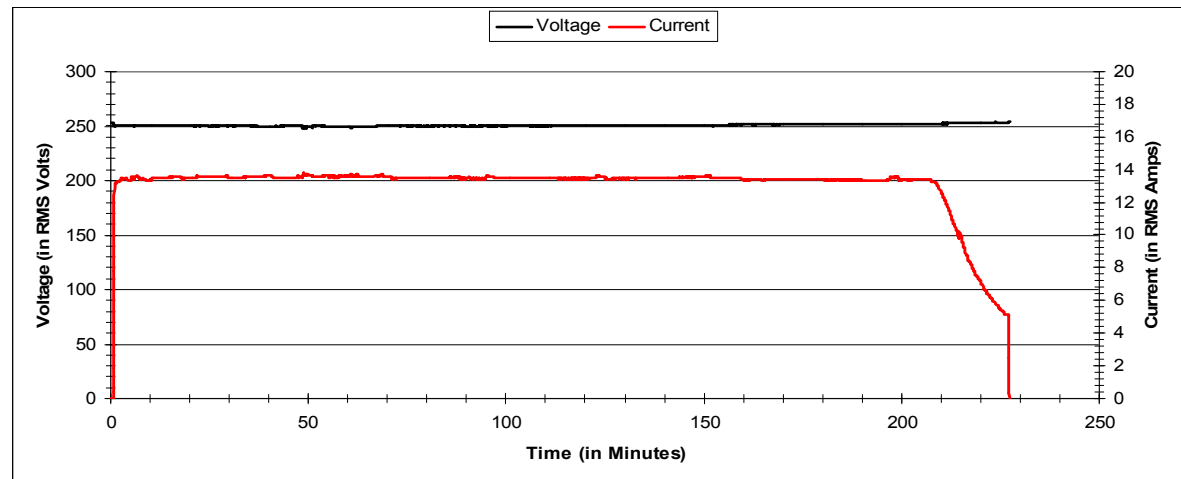
- Work has just begun.
- Grid and Charger interaction
  - Charger PQ during Grid Sags & Surges
  - Charger Protection during Grid sags & Surges
- Scope of tests may be controversial.
  - Limited to power conversion electronics?
  - Auxiliary loads?
  - Heating cooling loads?
- Efficiency standard driven by California’s need for “Low Carbon Fuel Standard”.





## Chevy Volt

- A Chevy Volt was monitored during charging
  - 250 Volts, ave.,
  - 13 Amps, ave.
- Complete charge cycle, 3.8 hours.
- Sampled every 3 seconds.
- 9.37% iTHD<sub>ave.</sub>
- 1.42% vTHD<sub>ave.</sub>





## DC Fast Charger Demonstrations

- CHAdeMO system developed by TEPCO/JARI
- Widely deployed in Japan
- Being deployed in US as part of DOE projects
- PG&E Demo underway
  - Two sites (San Francisco and Vacaville)
  - Ongoing testing of Mitsubishi i-MiEV and Nissan Leaf at PG&E
- TVA /EPRI Solar Assisted Charging Station in Knoxville.

### Fast-Charge Infrastructure

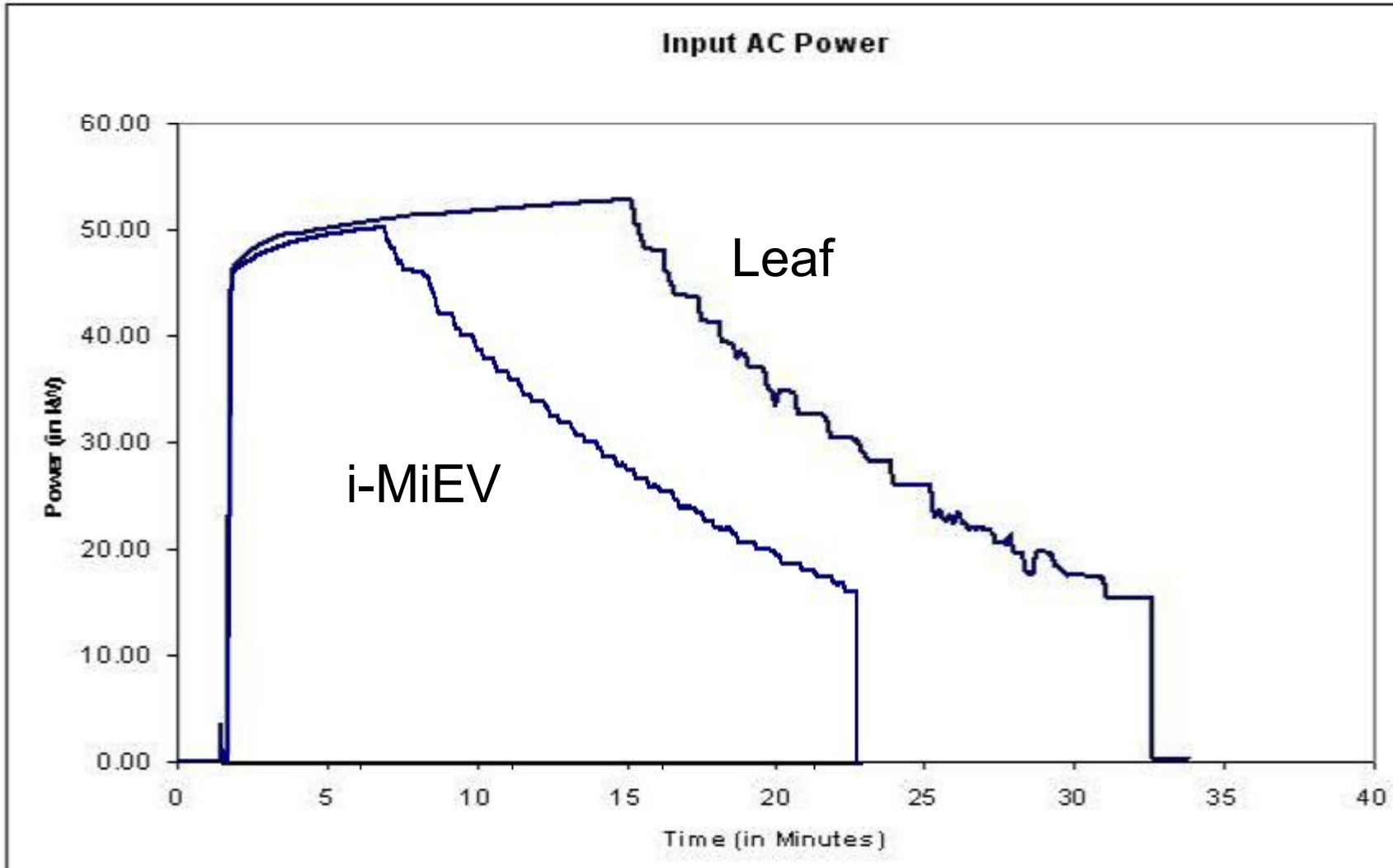


- 260 total Level 3 Chargers (~ 40kW)
- ~ 50 Level 3 chargers in each market area
- Telematics interface provides status
  - Price
  - Availability
- Project Partners:



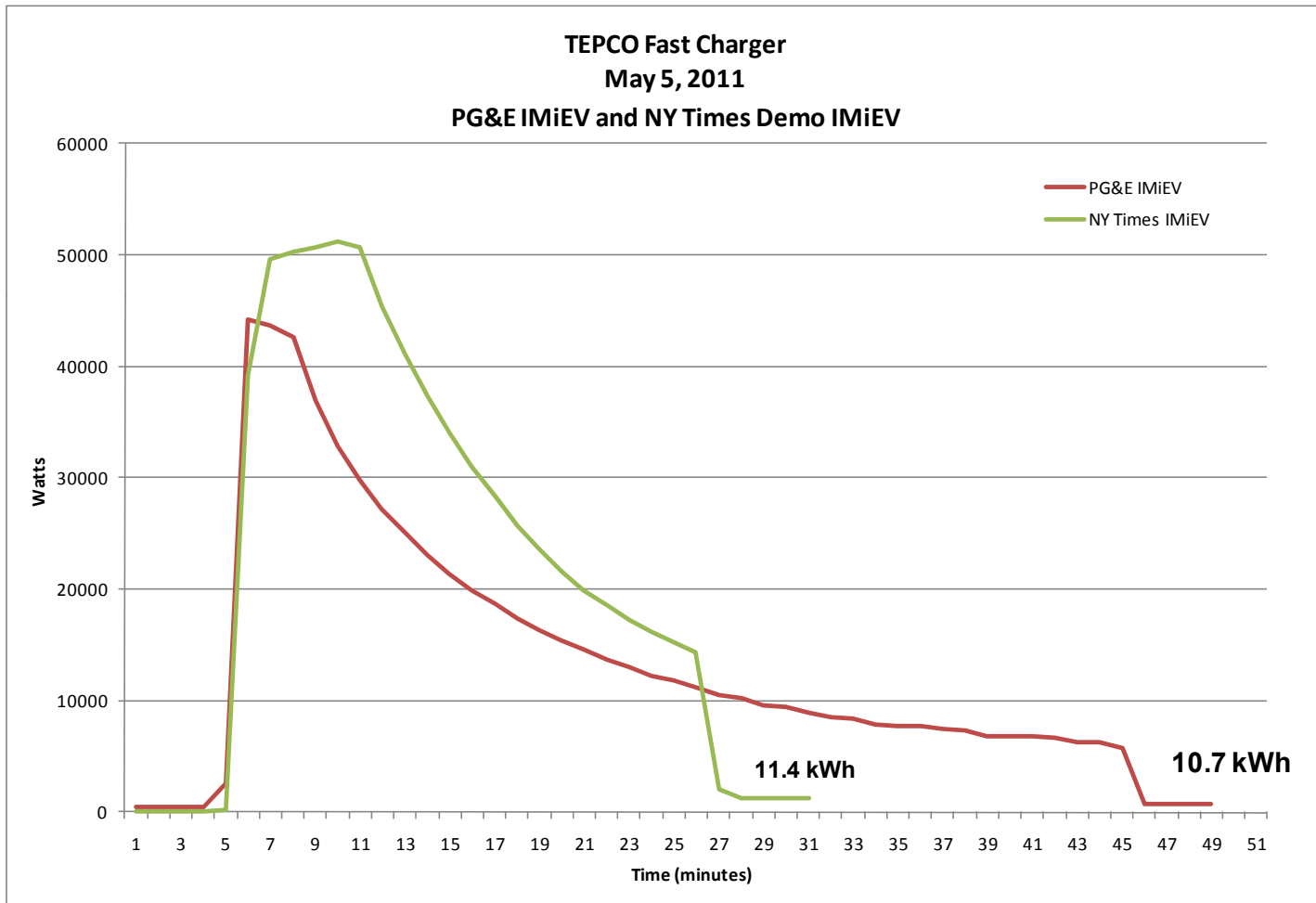


# Charge Profiles for Leaf and i-MiEV - with DC Fast Charger





# Other Fast Charge Data





## Power Quality & Plug In Vehicles - Summary

- PEVs will impact distribution circuits
  - Impact is local, manageable.
  - Planning tools are needed
- Charging profiles are being gathered
- OEM Chargers appear to meet PQ Standards
- Prototypes – not so much
- Additional work needed:
  - Testing standards and procedures
  - Utility control for cold load pickup



## Solar Charging Sites in Tennessee

### **TVA EPRI**

- Knoxville – EPRI Site Complete
- Nashville – Site Agreement
- Memphis – Site Agreement
- Chattanooga – 2 Sites, 1 Agreement

### **Oak Ridge National Lab**

- ORNL Site Complete,
- others pending in Knoxville, Nashville

### **Nissan**

- Franklin HQ and Smyrna Factory



## TVA- EPRI Solar Charging Station with six Chevrolet Volts





## Nissan Leaf – ‘Anecdotal Experience’ – not a scientific test

- Mild Weather, 68-69 F (~20 C) No HVAC,
- Moderate speed, cruise control set at 38 mph.
- Level Ground, Oval Track.
- First Warning at 94.6 miles, 11 miles more predicted.
- Second Warning at 110.3 miles, 4 miles more predicted.
- Range Prediction then shows ‘-----’
- ‘Turtle Mode’ warning light at 118.8 miles
- Cruise control drops out
- Max speed begins to drop steadily
- Coast to stop at 120.2 miles
- Tow to charging station, charge to 100% with 26.1 kWh