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VOLTTRON[™] Enabling Vehicleto-Building Integration

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What makes electric vehicle charging control a good market for VOLTTRON[™]?

Managed charging is needed

- EV adoption growth expected
 - Distribution feeder loads limiting with growing electric vehicle population
 - EV charging can mitigate the local feeder effects of solar or wind renewables generation
 - Battery capacity (vehicle range) increases and charging power increases
- Regional value proposition
 - Base rates
 - Ancillary & Regulation services rates
 - Demand charges
- Communication latency and bandwidth needed for market participation.

Enables Distributed Managed EV Charging







PEV load impact for a typical San Francisco feeeder

What related / near markets would open up if this is successful?



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VOLTTRON[™] can enable unique EV charging characteristics:

- Flexible charging can typically be delayed without impact
- Variable charging rates
- Dynamic charging rate change capability
- Peak loading / demand charge reductions
- EV charging is geographically distributed
- Longer range PEVs will use higher charging power



What enhancements to VOLTTRON[™] are required for successful application?



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- An extensive portfolio of sample agents and implementation designs / considerations
- Tools / frameworks / active user groups to minimize initial agent development effort
- Design methods / approaches that enable continued system operation even with network faults

VOLTTRON[™] Drivers / Agents needed:

- ISO/IEC 15118 & SEP2.0
- OpenADR2.0 & CEA 2045
- OEM Central Server
- OpenEVSE
- Owner interface
- Markets / Renewables



NREL Parking Garage PEV Charging



What are the non-technical barriers to this market?



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- Technology development level of maturity – EV chargers can have varying control capability - from very simple to using advanced communications
- Implementing and monetizing ancillary services value to customers
- Simulated basis for Vehicle Grid Integration (VGI) business models needed to develop additional businesses
- Analyses needed to articulate benefits to OEMs, PEV owners, utilities and policy makers.
- Are policy changes needed to enable controlled PEVs to participate in VGI



ANL EV Charging Station Infrastructure interfaced with Energy Storage and Solar Generation System



VOLTTRON[™] to Vehicles

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VOLTTRON[™] Agents and Drivers

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