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**Examining Transmission and Distribution
Infrastructure Across the West**



Grid Capacity for EVs at Scale: Phase I+II

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Purpose of the WECC Study, Phase I

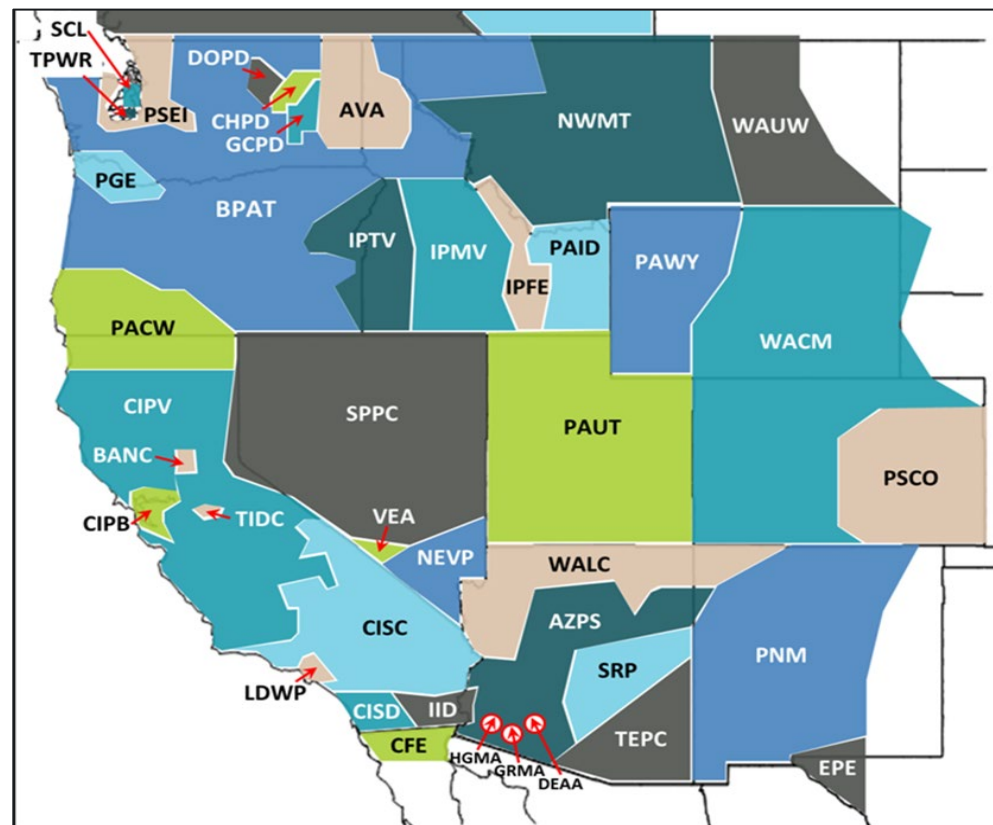
As adoption of EVs is accelerating, provide insights into the limitations of the US bulk power grid to serve the new EV load

Question 1: Are there sufficient resources in the US bulk power grid to provide electricity to the projected EV fleet?

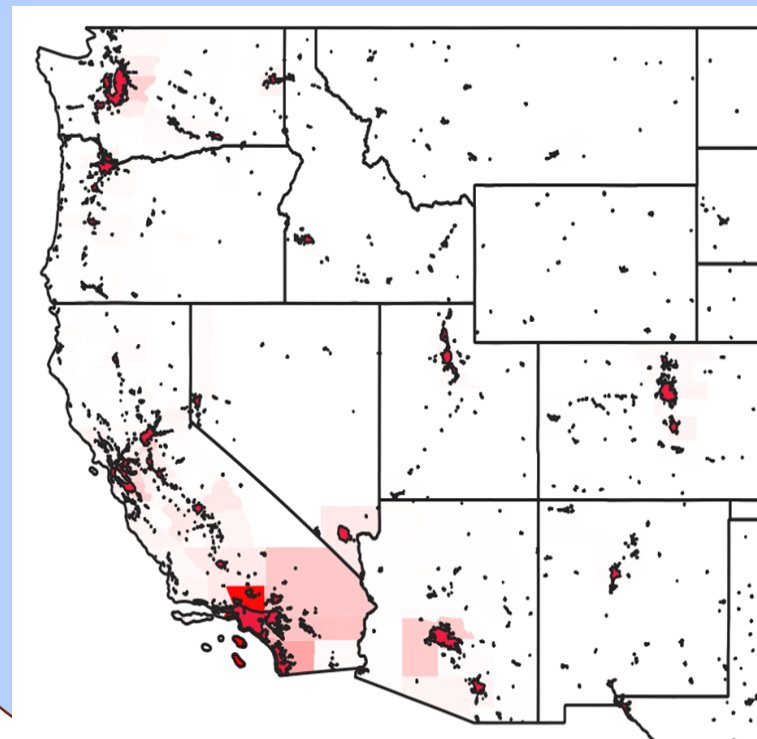
Question 2: How will the generation mix dispatch be impacted by the additional EV load?

- what are the expected production cost impacts?
- what are the challenges and benefits to grid operations

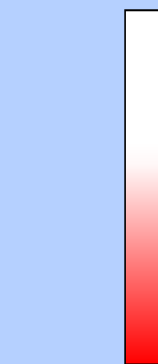
WECC



2028 EV adoption : 9 mill. (LDV)
70 K (MDV)
94 fast chargers



Minimal LDV EV Penetration

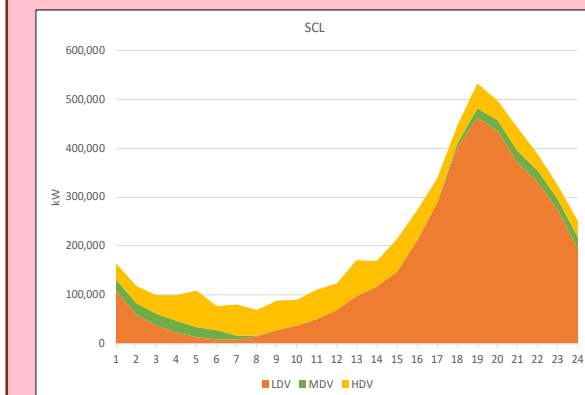


High LDV EV Penetration

Load Profile Seattle

SCL

	LDV	MDV	HDV
No of vehicles (LDV, MDV) and charging events (HDV)	259,532	1,569	
% of WECC vehicles	3%	2%	



Conclusions of Study, Phase I

Question 1: Are the sufficient resources in WECC to provide electricity to the projected EV fleet?

Answer: YES. high scenario with national fleets of ~24M LDV, 200k MDV, 150k HDV are not expected to cause resource adequacy issues in the WECC

EV carrying capabilities of the WECC: For 2028, we estimated that at:

- for unmanaged charging (HHND): 30-37 M LDVs (plus 200k MDV, 150k HDV)
- for managed charging: 65+ M LDV (plus 200k MDV, 150K HDV)

we are likely to encounter limiting resources to further accommodate more EVs, unless more generation and transmission is built

Conclusions of Study, Phase I

Question 2: How will WECC's generation mix be impacted by additional EV load?

Answer:

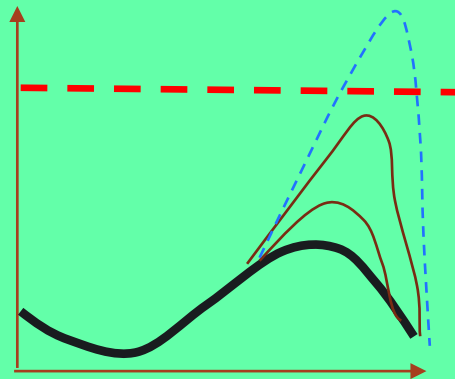
1. **Production cost:** at high EV penetration (24M) increases on average 13%, in CA highest: 22%, Arizona lowest: 3%
2. **Generators contributing to EV charging:**
 1. primarily natural gas units (CC, CT) with CC carrying the bulk, CT are used during peak periods.
3. **Unmanaged “evening charging” stresses the system**
 1. by setting new system peaks
 2. exacerbates Duck Curve:
4. **EV loads reduces Renewables curtailments 70% or more (WECC)**
5. **Managed charging increases the EV hosting capability, avoids curtailment and reduced Duck Curve**

Scope for EV@Scale: DISTRIBUTION, Phase II

- Questions Addressed:
 - when and where, which EVs(LDV, MDV, HDV), and how Evs impact Distribution ?
 - Understanding on what the EV hosting capabilities are under various assumptions given
 - ✓ Utilities' infrastructure upgrade assumptions for reasons other than electrification of transportation?
 - ✓ Value of managed charging strategies
 - ✓ Other non-wires solutions (DER)
 - Incorporate EV hosting capability methods into Distribution System Planning
- Outcomes and products
 - Routines/procedures for utilities to perform Distribution System Planning with EV considerations
 - EV (LDV) adoption model by neighborhoods relevant for distribution planning, incentive analysis, equity studies
 - Some insights from case-studies with SCE, + ???

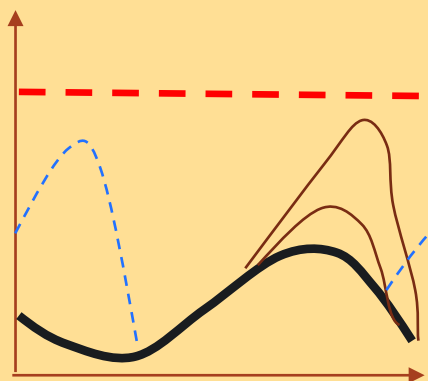
Example of how to determine EV hosting capability: Phase II

Problem

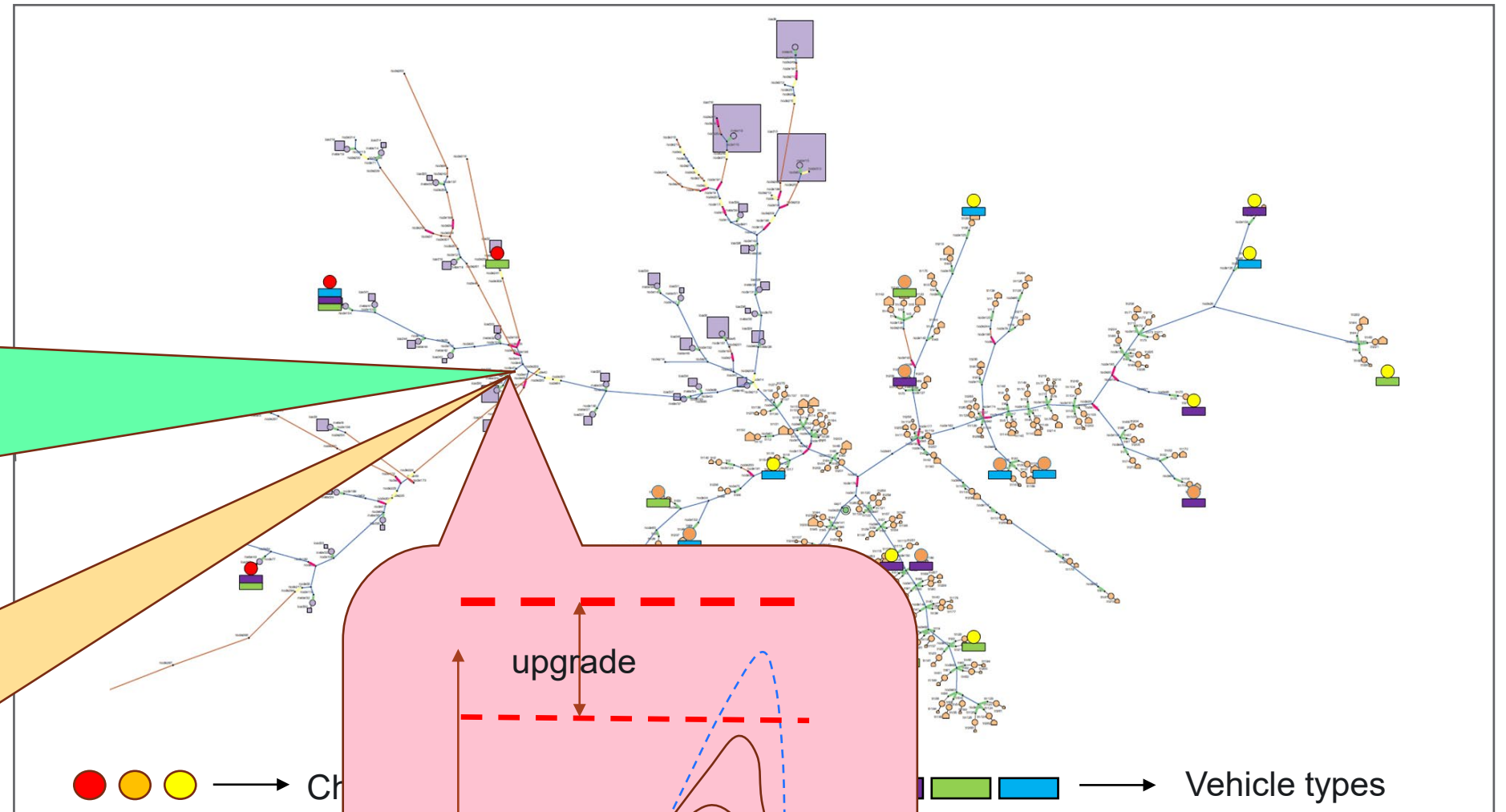


Thermal limits violation

Solution 1

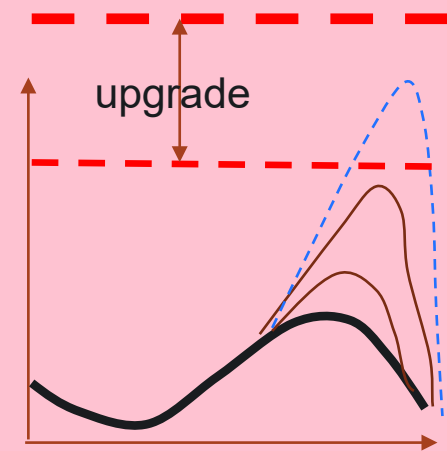


Charge management



upgrade

Solution 2



Some policy questions for considerations

- Bulkpower:
 - Do IRP study look far enough out into the future? Or are they too myopic to exclude EV penetration targets?
 - What are the right wholesale market rules to create incentives for Smart Charge Management?
- Distribution System
 - What are the retail price signals for inducing smart charge management. Would TOU schedules be sufficient?
 - what are the minimum technology requirements on Evs and charging stations to assure future-proofing technologies?
 - What is the value of Smart Charging?
- Market adoption of EVs
 - What are the right incentives for EV adoption and Charging Infrastructure development from a state as well as utility perspectives?



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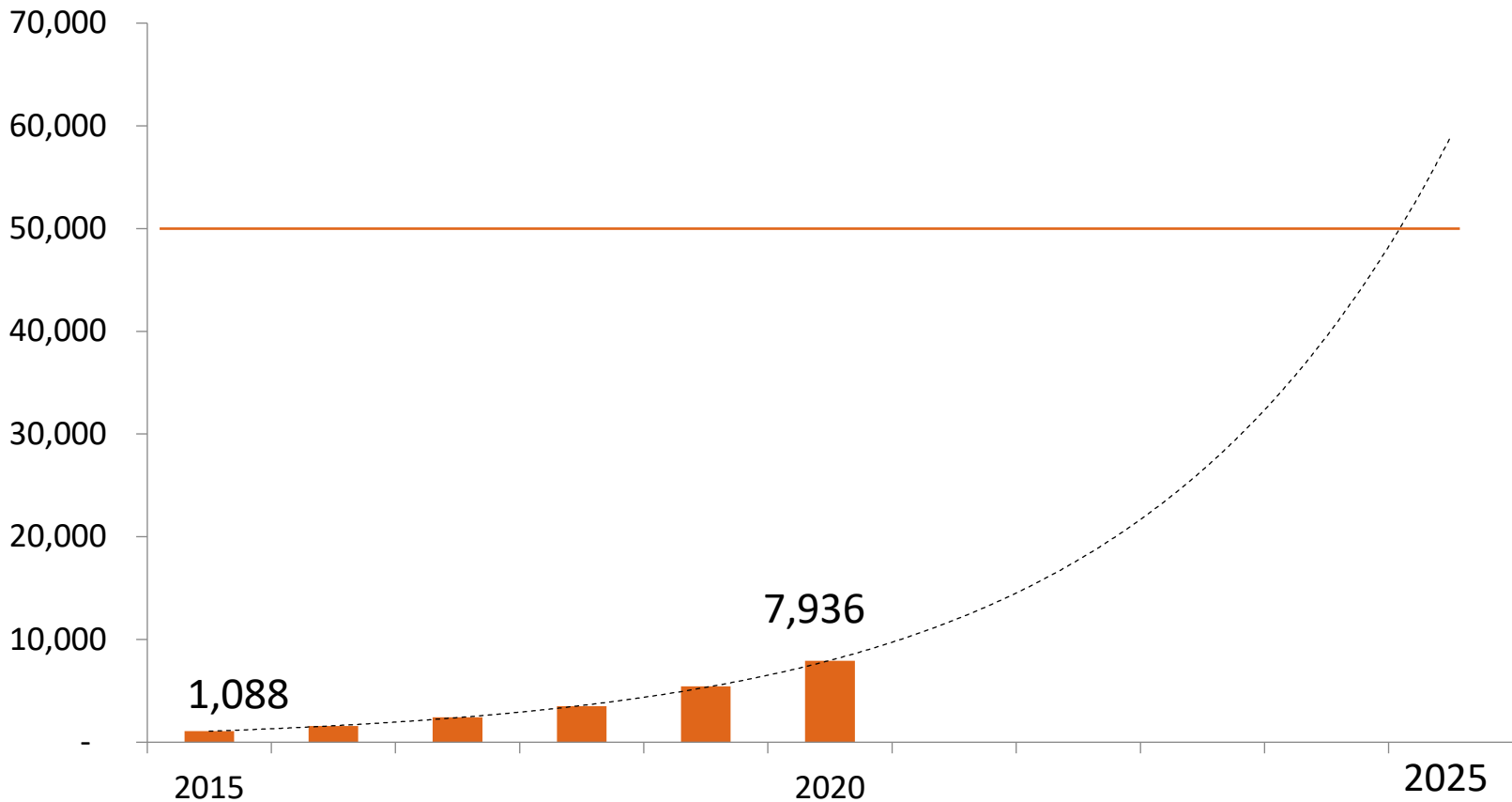
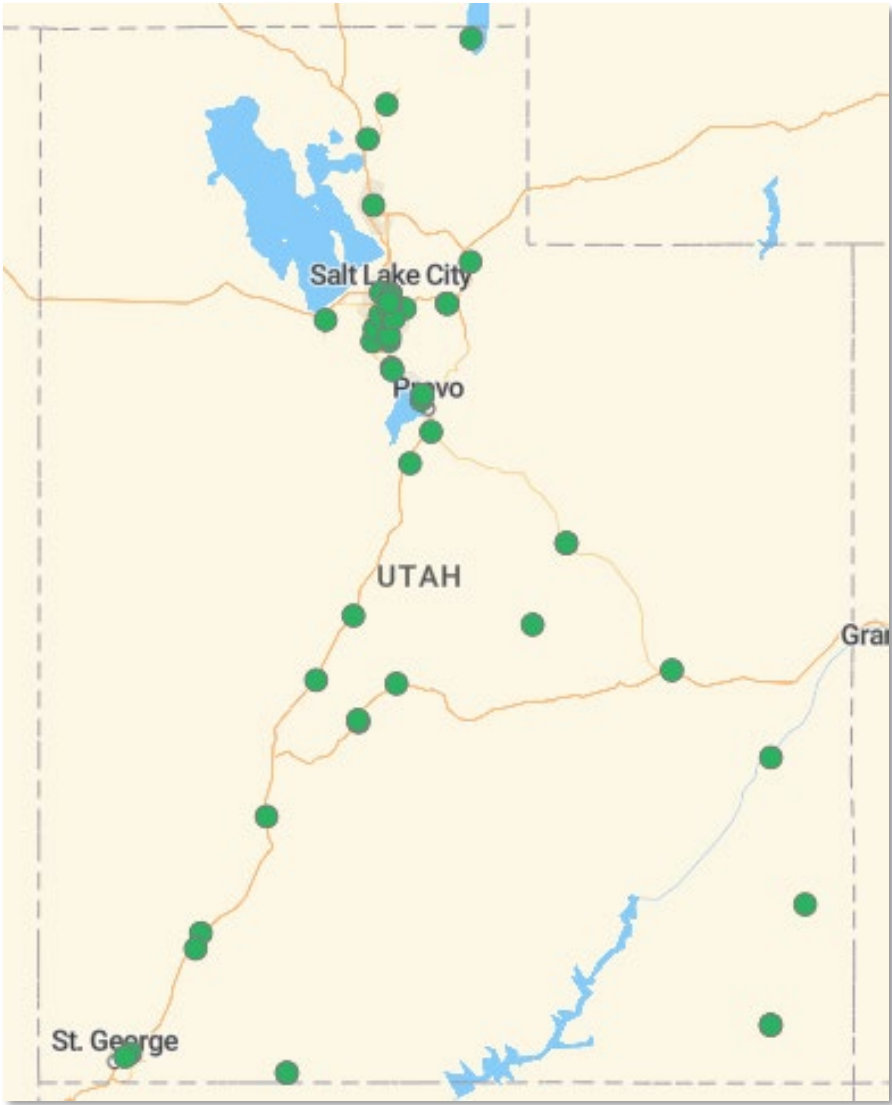
EV Infrastructure Planning

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EV Market



DCFC — 142 outlets
L2 — 1,177 outlets

Image source: afdc.energy.gov, vehicle data from the Utah Tax Commission

Funding Sources

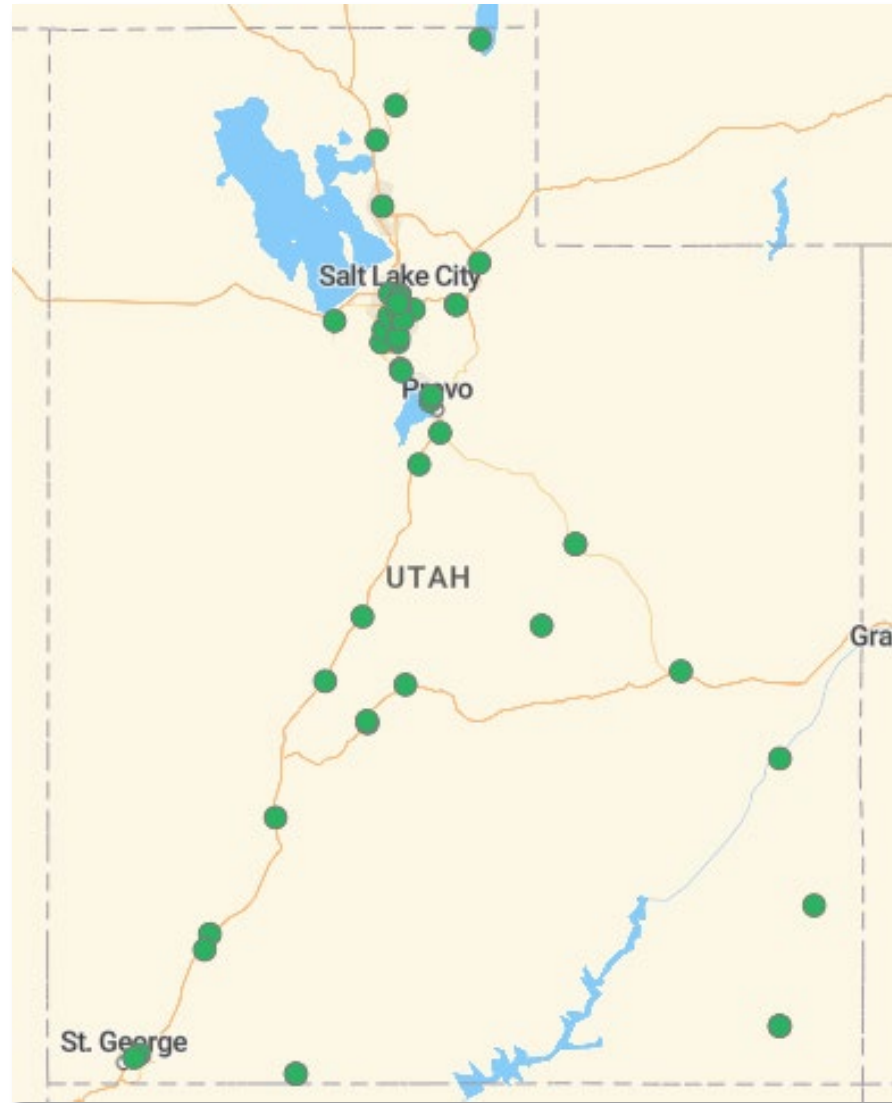


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- **State-funded programs**
 - Workplaces and State facilities
- **VW settlement funds**
 - DCFC
- **Utility programs**
 - Grants and incentives

Partnerships

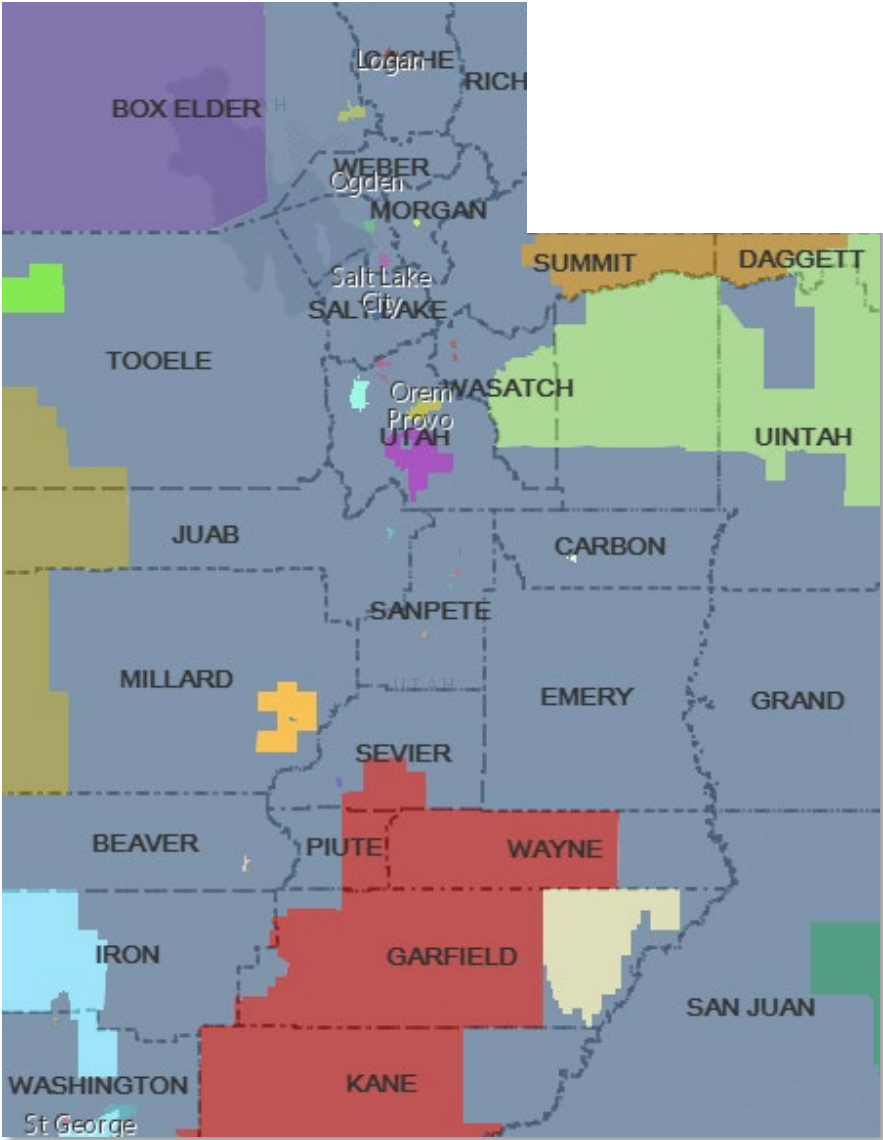


Image sources: Utah EV Master plan, 2019 8 state MOU

Utah's Approach



Image source: Utah Clean Cities

- **Be proactive**
- **Encourage more charging infrastructure**
- **Build partnerships**



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Thank you!

Questions?

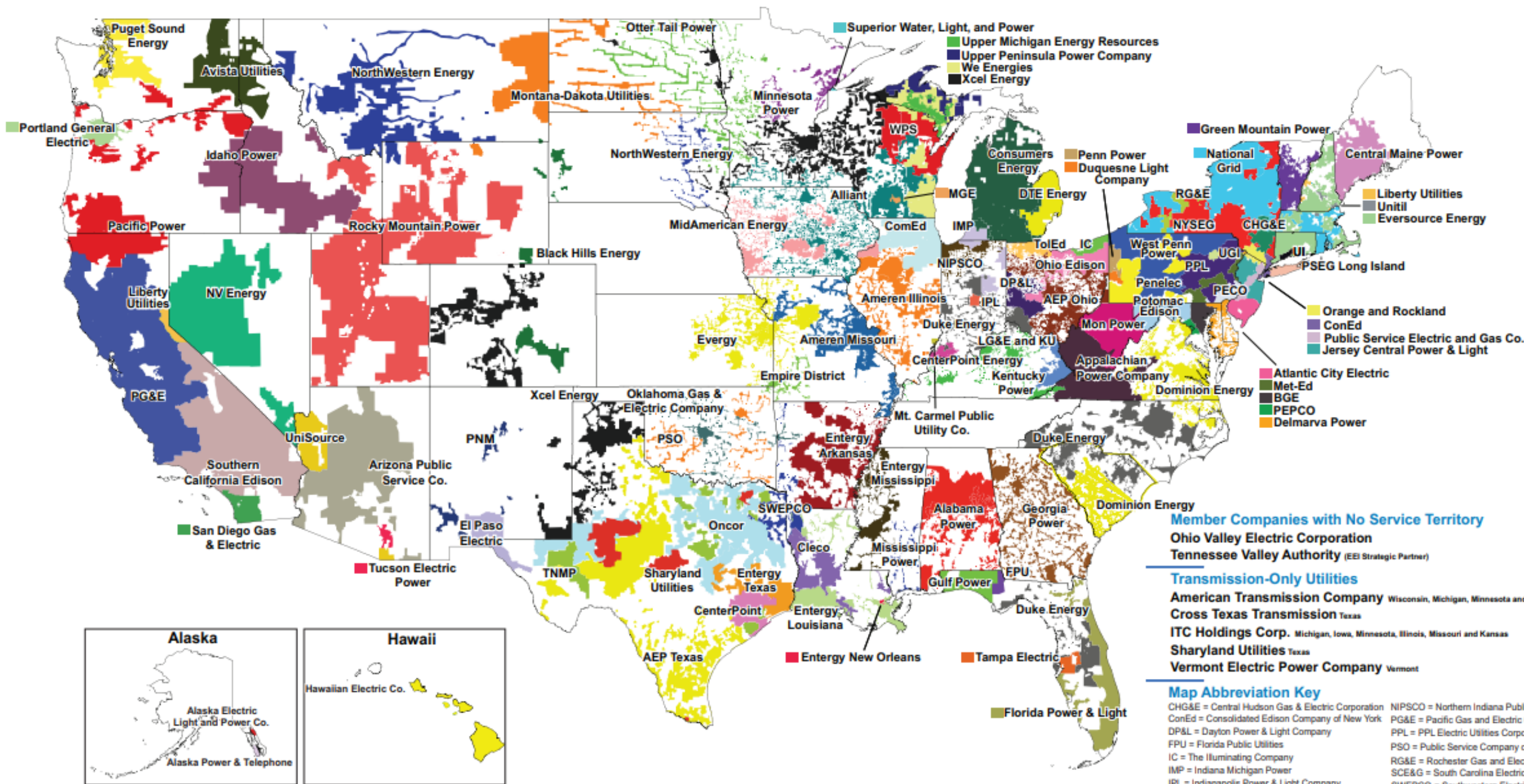
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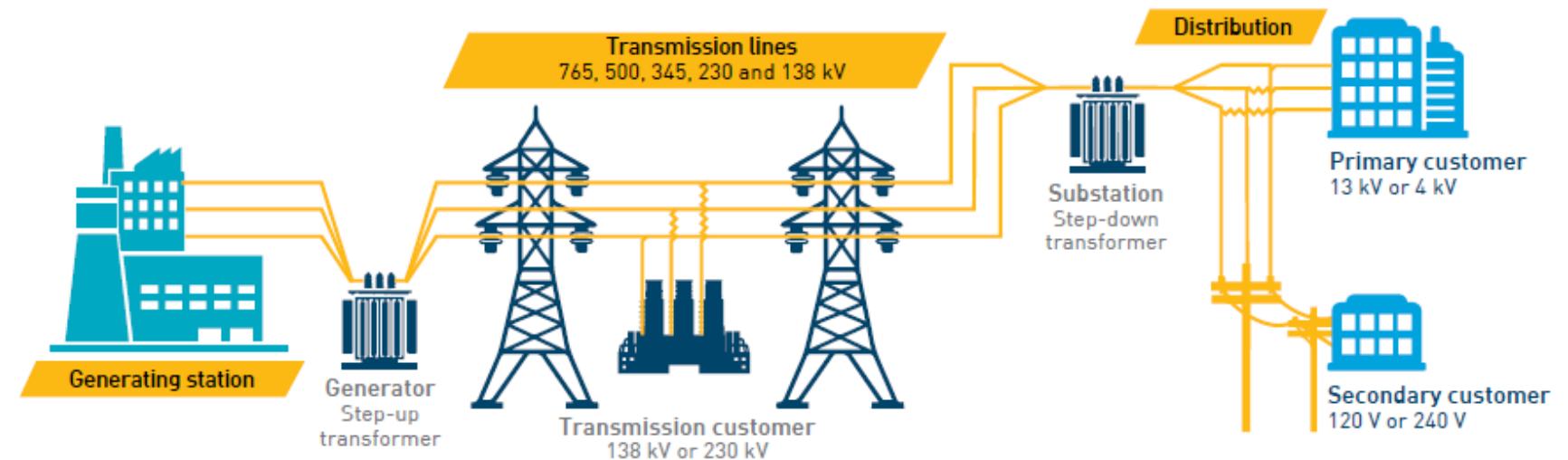
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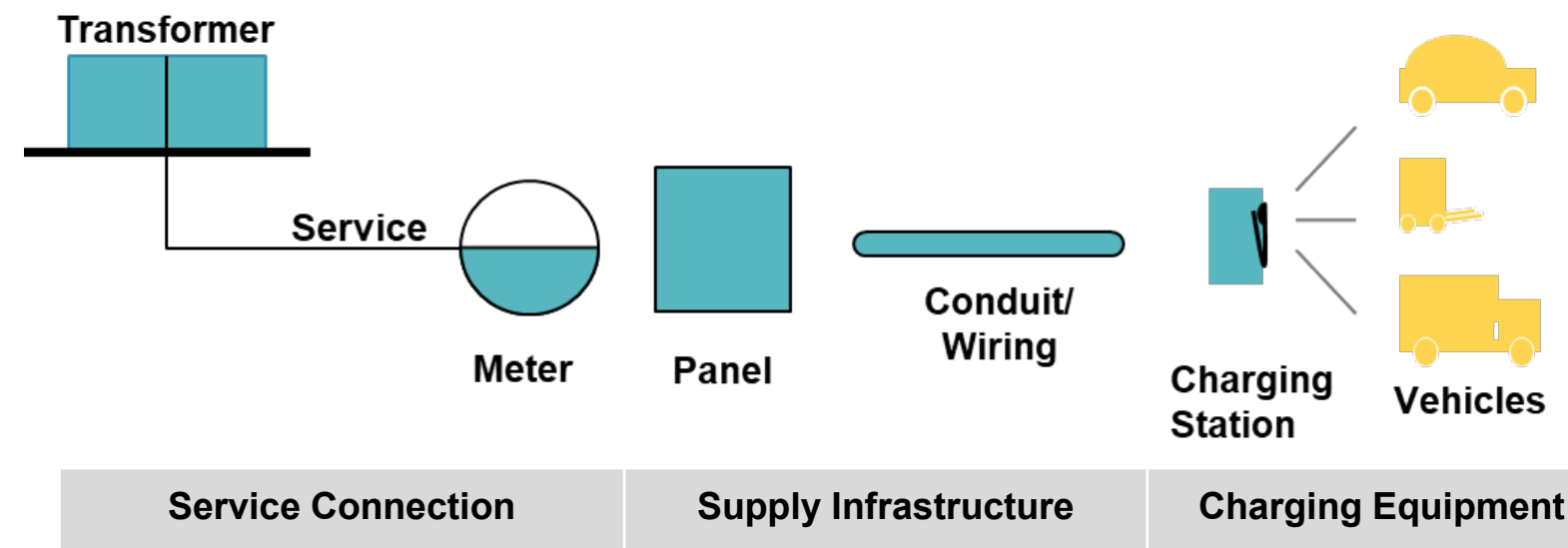


Energy Grid and EV Charging Infrastructure

Energy Grid



Charging Infrastructure



Key Messages

- **Clean energy:** electric transportation (ET) is key to reducing emissions from transportation
- **Electric company roles:** deploying infrastructure, expanding access, grid integration
- **Collaboration needed:** energy grid is dynamic and evolving; stakeholders key to planning for ET at scale