





### Charging Smart Cohort Session 3 Utility Engagement Category

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## Agenda

- 1. Cohort Structure/Timeline
- 2. Peer Updates
- 3. General Updates
- 4. Oncor Presentation
- 5. Bronze Designation Requirements
- 6. Utility Engagement Category Walk-Through
- 7. Group Discussion
- 8. Homework Assignment, Next Session



## Cohort Structure and Timeline





## Peer Updates

- What updates do you have on your progress on the criteria actions since the last session?
- Any successes accomplished or challenges encountered?
- Do you prefer the Google Drive or the Teams Channel?



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## **General Updates**

- Memo of exceptions and assistance
- Compilation of regional examples for criteria
- CFI Community Grant
- Specialized TA is available!



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# **CORCOR® EVOLUTION**

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#### WELCOME Ian Perkins-Smith – Project Manager Jennifer Deaton – Manager Transportation Electrification

## **Origin of EVolution**





Oncor Noticed EV Industry Trends



**EV Inquiries** 

Legislative and PUC Considerations



Oncor Strives To Be a Proactive Partner

## **TE Resources**



**Provide Educational Material To All Customers** 

- <u>Oncor.com/EV</u>
- Publication of monthly newsletters

Meet With Customers Directly To Discuss TE Topics

• Happy to act as an Oncor point of contact for all things TE

**EVolution Sessions** 

• All EVolution sessions are open to any Oncor customers or REPs

## **About Oncor**

- Oncor is a regulated transmission & distribution utility (TDU) that operates the largest electric delivery system in Texas.
- Provides transmission and distribution services under regulations established by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT).
- We're your "poles and wires" company. Oncor does not own, generate, produce or sell electricity.





## Where We Serve



#### Serving ~13 Million Texans



**98 Counties** and 400+ Communities



## 143,000 Miles

Of Transmission And Distribution Lines



#### **3.9 Million Advanced Meters**







## Supporting Growth in the Lone Star State ONCOR.

Oncor has invested **billions** of dollars across its service area to build, upgrade and operate a **safer**, **smarter**, **more reliable** electric grid.

#### Oncor is using data analytics to:

- Optimize vegetation management and fire mitigation
- Forecast potential high loads to identify necessary upgrades
- Modernize poles and wires to continue providing reliable electricity to all customers



Oncor's capex plan includes \$24 billion in investments over the next five years. These capital expenditures are expected to be used for investment in transmission and distribution infrastructure, including investments to support system growth, reliability and resiliency.

Oncor also focuses on making appropriate and necessary investments in an efficient and **cost-effective** manner. Oncor rates are among the **lowest** electric delivery rates of any investor-owned utility in Texas.



## Count of EV Chargers from 2015 to 2023 - USA and Top 4 States





TX is the state with the 3rd most EV chargers.

First is CA, followed by NY, TX, then FL.

Texas was fourth through 2023 (Surpassed FL in 2024).

Source: US Department of Energy, Alternative Fuels Data Center (https://afdc.energy.gov/fuels/electricity\_locations.html#/analyze)



## Network vs. Non-Network Charger

Network Charger With additional subscription cost, may add features such as:

- Summary reports
- Network dashboard
- Smart demand response
- Payment options
- Reservations
- Messaging

VS.

No network access, simply enables safe charging for an EV. Unable to process payment or offer other networked features.

**Non-Network Charger** 



## **Other Charging Technologies**



Enables off-grid charging for greater resiliency, may integrate with other charger brands and have on board storage. No additional infrastructure required.

Allows for portable and emergency charging of EVs without any additional infrastructure. Utilizes on board batteries that store electricity to allow faster charging and charging off-grid.

## **Distributed Generation at Oncor**



**Distributed Generation (DG)** comprises of a variety of technologies; solar, batteries or generators, used to generate electricity at or near the point where it will be used.



If you want the DG at your site to put electricity back onto the grid (ex. solar panels, Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G), Battery Storage), you will need an **interconnection agreement** to meet safety and equipment standards.

Delay of interconnection agreement submission will cause a delay in a project.

### **New Commercial Construction Process**





## What is Energy Efficiency?



#### **Energy Conservation**

**Definition**: Energy conservation is any behavior that results in the use of less energy.

**Example**: Turning lights off to save energy.

#### **Energy Efficiency**

**Definition**: Energy efficiency is using technology that requires less energy to perform the same function.

**Example**: Installing efficient lighting, such as LEDs, to save energy.



## **Energy Efficiency Program Offerings**

<b>Commercial Programs</b>	<b>Residential Programs</b>
Commercial Standard Offer Program	Home Energy Efficiency Program
CHEF Program	Low-Income Weatherization Program
Commercial Load Management Program	Residential Solar Program
Winter Commercial Load Management Program	Targeted Low-Income Program
Small Business Program MTP	Residential Load Management
Commercial Midstream MTP	Retail Products MTP
Strategic Energy Management MTP	New Homes Construction MTP





Choose the program that  $\rightarrow$  Pick a service provider or self-sponsor  $\rightarrow$  A Service provider installs approved equipment  $\rightarrow$  Oncor calculates the savings & verifies the work  $\rightarrow$  Service provider or Self-sponsor receives an incentive!



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## **QUESTIONS?**

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## Bronze Designation Point Breakdown



Total (General Points) 80



## Utility Engagement Category Explanation

This category focuses on fostering partnerships that can drive EV adoption, manage grid impacts, and create innovative programs to support electrification.

This includes working with your utility:

- On collaborative education and communication initiatives
- On the service load connections process
- To address EV-managed charging initiatives



## Utility Category Requirement U1.1

U1.1: Meet with utilities to discuss EV collaboration opportunities

- Initiate a conversation with their electric utility focused on strategic coordination around EVs
- Define shared objectives, explore potential partnerships, and identify opportunities for collaborative promotion of electrified transportation

Verification: Provide an agenda for the meeting and a memo summarizing the meeting, including the next steps for collaboration.

Attend an EVolution Session through <u>ELECTRIC VEHICLES</u> or contact Oncor at <u>EV@oncor.com</u> Contact Texas-New Mexico Power through Josh.Campbell@tnmp.com



## Utility Engagement Action U2.1

U2.1- Work with utility to document service load connections process for commercial and public charging (10 points)

Collaborate with utility to create a straightforward, accessible guide to the service load connections process for commercial and public EV charging stations.

• Outline the steps involved in connecting charging stations to the grid, including any necessary upgrades, permits, or approvals

Verification: Provide a link to the public website detailing the service load connections process and public charging. If applicable, provide a description of where this can be found within the documentation (i.e., chapter, section, etc.). Note how the jurisdiction was involved in the process.



## Action U2.1 Example

## U2.1- Work with utility to document service load connections process for commercial and public charging (10 points)



**Oncor New Construction – Commercial Industrial** 

#### Starting New Commercial Service

To start construction and / or permanent service with Oncor, the customer will call the contact center (888.222.8045) or select "Start New Service" online (www.oncor.com). The Project Manager assigned to the project will require: Name, Contact Information, Load, Site Plan, and Timeline. These items help determine the size of facilities Oncor will need to install, where they might be installed on the site, and when service is expected by the customer. The project will then follow the basic process below.





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Process Overview - Commercial Industrial 2021.pdf

## Utility Engagement Action U3.1

U3.1-Create and promote educational materials on the benefits of managed charging and/or available utility incentives (5 points)

Develop and disseminate educational materials that highlight the benefits of managed EV charging

- Managed charging- adjusting the timing and intensity of EV charging to align with grid conditions, renewable energy availability, and user preferences
- Benefits- potential cost savings, environmental ease, grid support opportunities

Verification: Provide a link to or attach a document of the created educational materials on the benefits. Also provide a short description of how these materials were promoted.



## Action U3.1 Example

U3.1-Create and promote educational materials on the benefits of managed charging and/or available utility incentives (5 points)





From Unidirectional to Bidirectional: Understanding the Role and Value of Managed Charging | SEPA

## Utility Engagement Category Resources

Charging Smart - Utility Engagement (google.com)

U1.1- Meet with utilities to discuss EV collaboration opportunities

- ELECTRIC VEHICLES
- <u>Alternative Fuels Data Center: Electric Vehicle Readiness (energy.gov)</u>
- Roadmap to Engaging Electric Utilities.pdf Google Drive

U2.1- Work with utility to document service load connections process for commercial and public charging

- Process Overview Commercial Industrial 2021.pdf
- Utilities, charger vendors find interconnection best practices to propel EV growth | Utility Dive
- Working with Electric Utilities
- Paving the Way: Emerging Best Practices for Electric Vehicle Charging Interconnection | IREC

#### <u>U3.1-Create and promote educational materials on the benefits of managed charging and/or available</u> <u>utility incentives</u>

- Understanding the Role and Value of Managed Charging
- Managed Charging Programs: Maximizing Customer Satisfaction and Grid Benefits



## **Group Discussion**

Any questions, comments, or concerns?

If you have previously met with Oncor, what was discussed?

Do you have any advice to share with your cohort partners? Any challenges to sort out?



## Homework and Next Session

Continue addressing Regulation and Planning actions

Begin addressing the Utility Engagement category

- Attend an **EVolution** session if Oncor is your utility
- Let us know if you are in the service area of a utility other than Oncor

Date for next session?

- June 4 at 10?
- June 5 at 11?



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