## **Preparing for Electric Vehicles: The Distribution System Perspective**





# Con Edison Provides Electricity to New York City and Westchester

- Service Area: 604 square miles
- 3.24 million customers, 9.2 million people
- 2.4 million customers are in Networks
- System is 86% underground and 14% overhead
- NYC Energy Density: 235 MW/sq mi





## System Wide Smart Grid





## **Smart Grid**

Smart grid puts information and communication technology into electricity generation, delivery, and consumption, making systems cleaner, safer, and more reliable and efficient.



# Why do Electric Vehicles Make Sense for NYC and Con Edison Customers?

## Wheel-to-Well Emissions Comparison for Combustion Engine and Electric Driving in New York City



Source: "Exploring Electric Vehicle Adopton in New York City", The City of New York, January 2010



### New Yorkers Own Fewer Vehicles

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#### Households by Number of Vehicles Owned

Source: 2000 US Census

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## Electric Vehicle Sales in the Next 5 Years Likely to be Modest





## Distributed According to National Driving Patterns -NYC Peak is Increased by 9%



: Energy Management, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Energy Information Administration, US Census Bureau, Bureau of Transportation Statistics



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## **Commuter Traffic Patterns Could Create Two Daily Charging Peaks**



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## Managing Demand Will Require Careful Coordination Between Utilities and Auto Manufacturers



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## Impact on Grid Infrastructure Challenges

Demand exceeds capacity Low scenario = 140,000 EVs in 2018 Percent of area sub-stations impacted by low and high scenarios of EV adoption High scenario = 230,000 EVs in 2018 Demand within 5% of capacity 100% -14% 75% With smart 4% 4% 2% 6% charging 50% 25% 72% 51% 47% 33% 33% 50% 50% 86% 14% 100% -75% 20% Without smart 4% 29% 4% charging 50% 57% 20% 40% 14% 25% 14% 29% 50% 53% 40% 14% 60% 43% 45% 41% 33% 57% High High High High High Low Low Low High Low Low Low Bronx Manhattan Staten Island Brooklyn ALL NYC Queens

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Source: ConEd analysis, New York City Electric Vehicle Adoption Survey, 2009





## Con Edison is Taking a Leadership Role

Con Ed is actively engaged in a number of PEV-related initiatives, to prepare itself to respond knowledgeably and quickly to PEV market development.

- Utility and auto OEM planning
  - Inter-industry, utility/OEM working group
- Infrastructure development
  - Inter-industry Infrastructure Working Group
  - Active dialogue with new technology vendors
- EPRI

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- Ford Pilot Program
- GM Electric Infrastructure Study
- BMW Electric Mini Pilot
- PEV pilot testing and demonstration
  - Prius fleet demonstration Astoria
  - Ford Escape SUV testing and demonstration
- Distribution grid impact analysis



The Con Ed PEV program provides an opportunity to learn through inter-industry and utility collaborations what it needs to know for system and fleet planning

## **Technical Challenges**

- Battery Technology
- "Plug" the utility interface
  - Metering
  - Smart interface
  - Monitored and controlled charging
  - Vehicle-to-grid
- Reconfiguring network protectors for reverse power flow (V2G)



## **New Operational Challenges**

- Increased off peak load reduces opportunities to perform maintenance at night
- The thermal cycling of delivery assets will be changed and may adversely effect the useful life of existing assets
- Current rate structure will need to be evaluated to accommodate new PEV load



## Conclusion

- PEVs are real and currently being sold to customers in low volumes
- In the short-term, PEV markets will be driven by government policies and programs
- In the long-term, PEV markets will become sustainable as technology improves and commodity and carbon costs increase
- Con Edison will face new challenges as PEVs come onto our grid, however PEVs also represent a real opportunity



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