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# **Electric Vehicle to Grid**







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# Pilot Study of 100 Electric Vehicles

- Solar energy and wind energy have capacity factors of about 25%, requiring energy storage.
- We are proposing to solve this problem in a novel way using electric vehicles to provide this energy storage.





# **Electric Car Energy Storage Capabilities**

- A Tesla automobile stores about 80 kW-hrs of energy.
- Why not develop a standardized hookup that would allow customers to hookup their electric cars to their homes and avoid peak time of use rates?



# **Required Equipment for Hookups**

- Electrical hookup on the automobile
- Electric hookup on the house
- DC-AC invertor
- Production meter (like the one presently used on solar systems)
- Power switch
- Smart metering device (to limit the current)
- Estimated Cost: less than \$3000 per hookup









# **Developing the New System**

- Tibbar Plasma Technologies, Inc. will obtain a grant to finance the project.
- We will design and certify the components (or select and use off-the-shelf equipment).
- We will test a system using 2 24kW-hr Nissan Leaf battery banks and a 20kWe solar array at Tibbar Plasma Technologies.
- We will procure and install the components for anyone in Los Alamos County requesting them.



# **Questions for the Pilot Study**

- How much incentive will be required to entice electric car owners to use their vehicles?
- Can this be done with minimal battery lifetime degradation?
- What is required to manage a grid with distributed energy storage devices?
- What is the best way to extract energy from these batteries?
- Is it cost effective?

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### **Incentives for Customers**

- A higher nighttime rate would encourage people to recharge their cars during the daytime and then use this stored power from their vehicle to power their homes during peak power rates.
- Customers would save money on the rate difference which would be compensation for the wear and tear on the batteries in their electric vehicles.

## **Advantages for the County**



- It can provide a large amount of energy storage which requires no investment in batteries by the utility.
- It would shed peak loads in the evening.
- No battery maintenance is required by the utility. This is provided by the consumer.
- The technology would be updated free of charge (by the car owners) as the battery storage technology improves.



### **In-kind Contributions**

- Tibbar Plasma Technologies will provide an existing commercial 20 kW solar PV array.
- We are presently constructing a 10kW residential array which will also be made available in order to show how this technology interfaces with solar PV energy on a real grid.
- Tibbar Plasma Technologies will provide building space to house the testing facility



#### **In-Kind Contributions**

- Los Alamos County will provide 2 24kw-hr Nissan Leaf battery banks and equipment for a lease rate of \$1.00/year.
- Los Alamos County will write a letter of support for the project and offer the in-kind Nissan Leaf battery storage for the grant request.
- Los Alamos County will participate in the data acquisition and analysis using their Smart-Meters.



### Value of Project

- This project is a paradigm change, and it could flourish into a new type of business.
- The major goal of this program is to see if this approach is viable.

#### **Questions?**





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