# Electric Vehicles as DERs

Utility Remuneration and Responding to DERs

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**Distributed Resource Coalition** 

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# Distributed Resource Coalition (DRC)

- DRC is an intervenor in OEB rate proceedings and consultations focused on:
  - 1. optimizing existing energy assets;
  - 2. efficiently facilitating the integration of existing and innovative DERs (including EV-related DERs) to achieve customer and grid solutions; and
  - providing input on direct customer needs and local distribution company opportunities relating to DERs (including EV-related DERs).





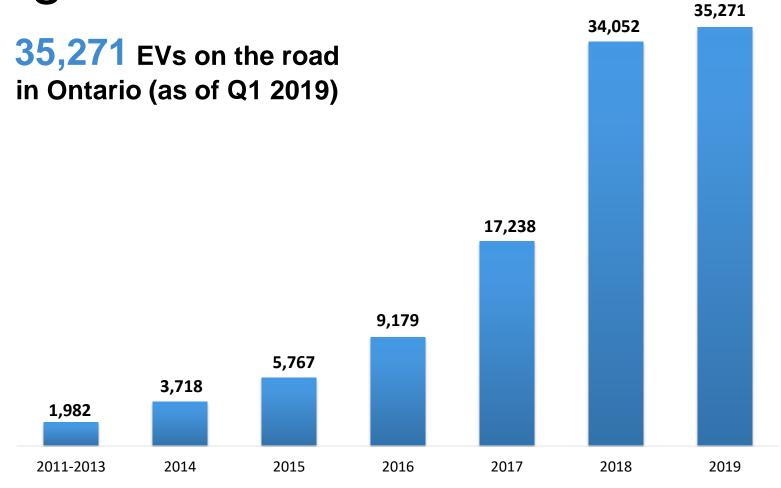
## DRC membership

- Plug'n Drive: Non-profit organization committed to accelerating the adoption of EVs in order to maximize their environmental and economic benefits; a leader in the EV industry, a trusted and unbiased source of information on electric cars, charging stations, and the electricity sector.
- Electric Vehicle Society: Membership-based organization representing over 1,000 end-use, largely residential, individual electricity customers in 12 local chapters across Ontario. Mission to accelerate the adoption of EVs and shift the car culture towards an environmentally more sustainable future.





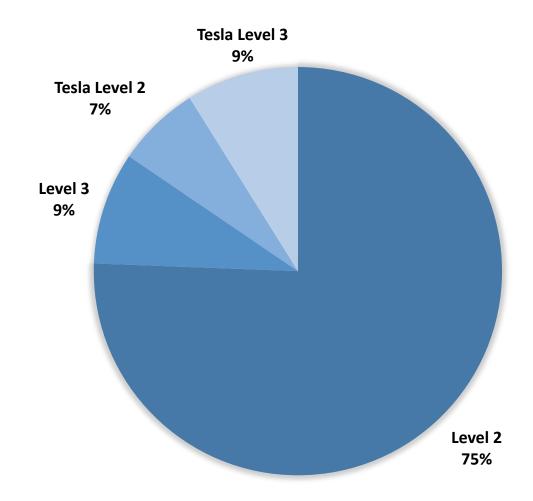
# EV sales growth in Ontario







# Charging infrastructure in Ontario

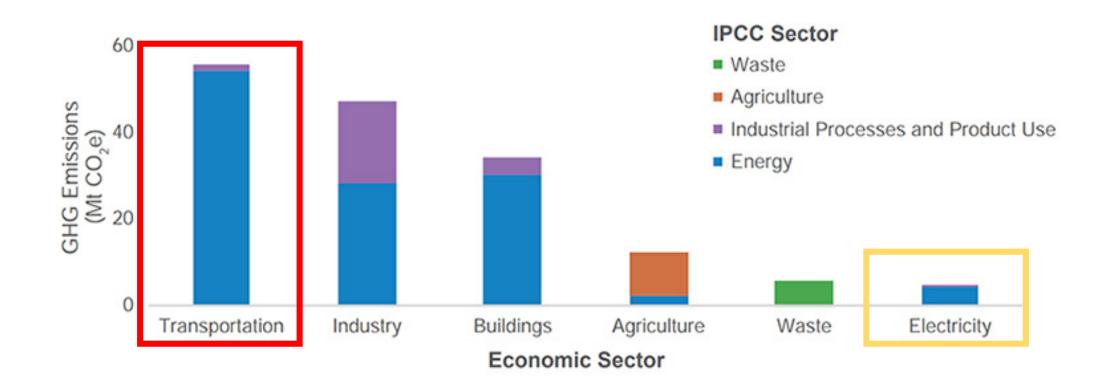


Approximately 1,960 Charging Stations Across Ontario\*

\*Data extracted from ChargeHub



#### Electrification and emissions reductions





### EVs: not "if" but "when"



#### DERs include EVs

- The IESO defines distributed energy resources (**DERs**) as follows:
  - DERs are electricity-producing resources or controllable loads that are connected to a local distribution system or connected to a host facility within the local distribution system.
  - DERs can include solar panels, combined heat and power plants, electricity storage, small natural gas-fuelled generators, electric vehicles and controllable loads (e.g., HVAC systems, electric water heaters).

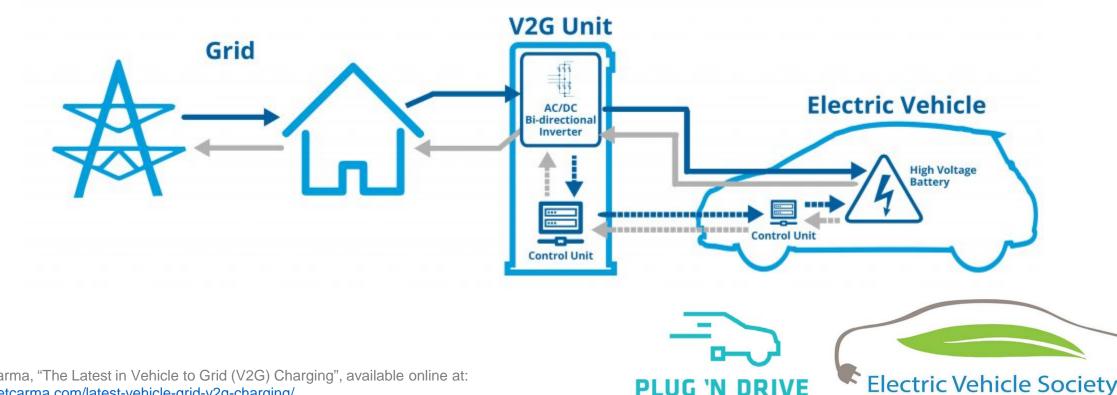






## EVs as DERs

- Used EV batteries for storage (or storage in the vehicles)
- Used EV batteries to back up charging stations (microgrid)
- Not just emission reductions, but climate adaptation/resilience



#### Electric buses as DERs

- Brampton: single largest global deployment of standardized and fully interoperable battery electric buses and high powered overhead onroute charging systems: 8 electric buses and 4 charging systems.
- TTC will have 60 electric buses delivered by the end of 2019



# System and consumer benefits of DERs and EV-related DERs

- EVs provide system-wide benefits, provide increased capacity in a cost effective manner, and emissions reductions that benefit all consumers, whether or not they are EV owners
- DER and EV-related DER growth and integration are resulting in fundamental changes to the distribution grid that will impact several aspects of the electricity system, including:
  - electricity supply and demand, customer preferences, capital expenditures, operations and maintenance, load and productivity.
- Utility and non-utility investment in DERs, including EV-related DERs may produce enhanced system reliability, lower customer costs through deferred/paced system investments and improved flexibility



#### Recommendations

- Reduce regulatory barriers to DERs, including EV-related DERs, by developing clear guidelines/rules and streamlining regulatory review
- Benefits of EVs should be considered fully in context of DER integration
- Utilities should not be prohibited from implementing EV DER infrastructure where efficient and effective for customers
- Re-assess and clarify regulatory restrictions on utility business activities and separation of regulated vs. competitive services
- Encourage deferred utility capital investment by advancing role of DERs as viable alternatives to traditional investment
- Develop mechanisms to compensate DERs, including EV-related DERs, for the services they provide to the electricity system

**Electric Vehicle Societ** 

 Facilitate market-based solutions that respect consumer choices by increasing transparency

# Thank you.



