

# **AEG - Chicago**

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# **Itron Solutions Manage Critical Infrastructure**

Itron connects critical infrastructure and enables outcomes via our platform



#### **ITRON ENABLES OUTCOMES:**

- » Smart Energy
- » Smart Water
- » Smart City



Advanced Metering Infrastructure Two-way, Transport Agnostic, Communications

### **Distributed Intelligence**

Delivering Intelligence and Applications to the Edge of the Network for Demand Response & More



### Distribution Automation

Advanced Grid Control

### Streetlight Canopy

Intelligent Lighting & Increased Network Coverage



#### **Demand Response and Distributed Energy Mgt** Analytics and Orchestration of DERs

### Smart City Solutions

Connecting Communities to Outcomes such as Safety, Traffic, Smart Parking, Intelligent Transport, Kiosks, and Environmental Sensors



#### **Electric Vehicle Management**

Charging Management for Grid Operators and End Customers



#### **Smart Water**

Measurement, analytics and optimization of water usage

# **Root Problem(s) for this Topic**

### >> Topic: Real-time emissions and price signals

- >> Utility rate structures reflect a <u>forecasted</u> cost of generation + installing & managing grid infrastructure at a determined rate of return. These rate cases happen <u>every 3 years</u>
- Solution Carbon emission calculations are based on an annual emissions factor set by the EPA, and calculated by energy consumers on an annual, <u>backward-looking</u> basis. All customers that use the same kWh look the same from a GHG perspective
- >> EVs can have a massively positive impact on emissions, but only if the charging load is delivered via clean energy
- >> In some parts of the country clean energy generation is being curtailed



## **Key Obstacles to Overcome**

- >> Utilities need to understand real-time energy delivery cost structure and emissions factor
- > These factors need to be signaled to energy customers and ultimately reflected in energy (power) pricing that drives the right behaviors
- >> EV Charging needs to be smart
  - Knowing when and where generation is cleanest will ensure EVs are charging with the cleanest energy possible.
  - By "signaling" to charging customers that the grid is congested, charging schedules can be altered



### Example



#### Fleet Operator

*"My vehicles return at 5pm, but energy pricing is high at 5pm because solar generation is decreasing. I am going to delay charging until 3am"* 



#### Individual EV owner

*"I get home from work and plug-in, but my utility is telling me the grid is dirtiest at this time. I'm going to delay charging until cleaner energy is being produced* 



### **Consequences of addressing/not addressing**

- >> Accelerates net zero plans from utilities
- >> Provides accurate signals to fleet customers to help them make decisions
- >> Drives 24/7 renewable energy, REC matching
- >> Reduces clean energy "invisible gap" and cost of meeting clean energy targets (reduced storage needs)
- >> Leads to smarter and more cost-effective EV charging for fleets





### Drives more cost effective, accurate, and efficient reduction of GHGs

## **Final Statement**

>> Regarding Mobility & Transportation, to achieve Chicago's Carbon & Equity goals, a critical obstacle to overcome is:

Enabling an energy price structure that accounts for 'real-time' emissions signals and grid congestion that can be utilized for smart EV charging, starting with public and private fleets such as the CTA