# The Alternative Fuel Experience

Fitting the technology to the application

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### **About PG&E**

#### Who we are

Gas & electric utility based in San Francisco

23,000 employees

Over 70,000 sq. mile service territory

16 million customers

#### Generation

More than 4,000 megawatts through hydroelectric, fossil & renewable generating facilities

Over 2,000 megawatts produced by Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant

#### **Transmission and distribution**

More than 141,215 circuit miles of electric lines.

More than 42,141 miles of natural gas pipelines.

- 5.1 million electric customer accounts.
- 4.3 million gas customer accounts.



### **PG&E Fleet Current State**

Almost 14,000 assets of which more than 10,000 are on-road/offroad vehicles of all classes. 33% are alternative fueled or high efficiency vehicles.

PG&E is ranked in the top quartile of green fleets nationwide.

#### **Alt Fuel Vehicle Technology mix**

ePTO	746
Electric (on- and off-road)	117
Hybrid (HEV and PHEV)	702
Natural Gas	384
Biodiesel	1,200

Approximately 1 million gallons of B20 biodiesel consumed per year.

**CNG** Customer = 2.9 M Therms

**CNG PG& Fleet = 350K Therms** 



## The Potential of Alternative Fuels

Opportunity	Petroleum	Natural Gas	Hybrid	PHEV	Electric
Fuel Savings					
No Range Limitations					
No Fueling Infrastructure Issues					
Nox Reduction					
Particulate Matter Reduction					
Extended Work Days					
Fuel CAGR Price Protection					
Idle Reduction					
Extended Useful Lives					
Job Site Power Supply					
Exportable Power					
EPAct					
ZEV					
Acquisition Cost					



## Alternative Fuels – Why the Time is Now

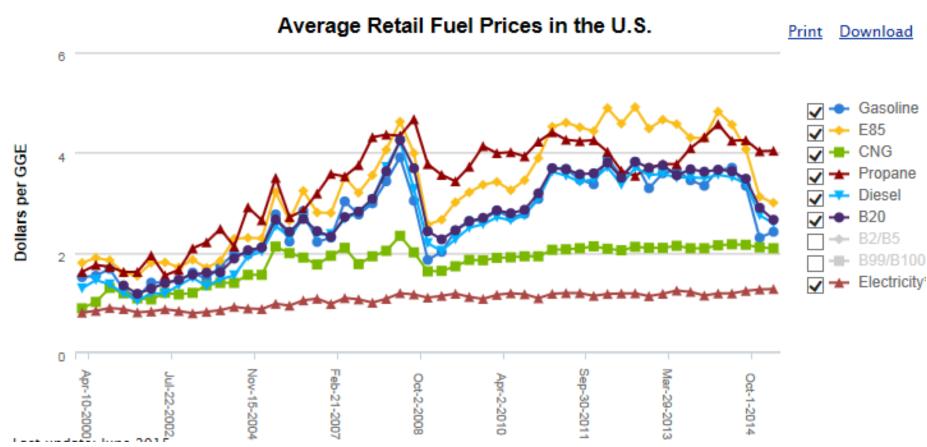
#### The obvious reasons

- National security
- Transfer of wealth
- Domestic fuel production
- Reduced dependence on foreign oil
- **Fuel price volatility** 
  - 15 year is 7.5%
  - 4 year is 12%
- **Emissions reduction targets** 
  - CARB Compliance
  - EPAct Compliance
  - ZEV Mandates

#### The not so obvious reasons

- Economic development and job creation
- Potential to extend vehicle useful life (some fuels)
- Improved operating costs (some fuels)
  - Lower fuel consumption
  - Lower maintenance costs

## If it's about the money...



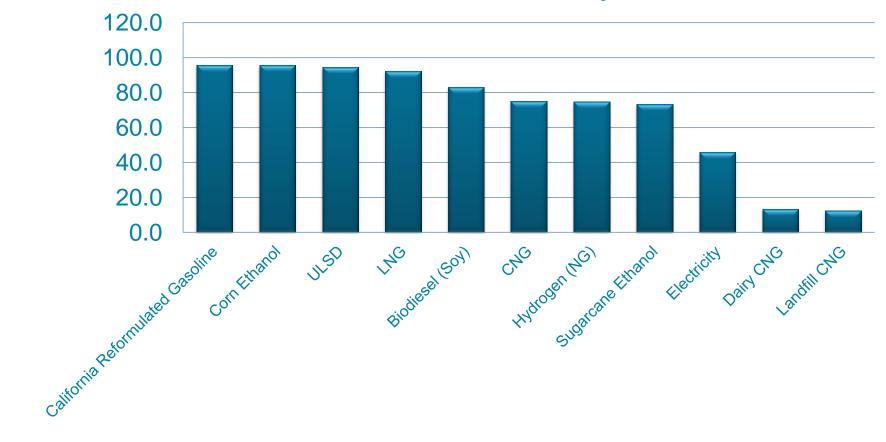
Source: Clean Cities Alternative Fuel Price Reports

Notes: Fuel volumes are measured in gasoline-gallon equivalents (GGEs), representing a quantity of fuel with the same amount of energy contained in a gallon of gasoline. \*Electric prices are reduced by a factor of 3.4 because electric motors are 3.4 times more efficient than internal combustion engines.

This chart shows average monthly retail fuel prices in the United States from 2000 to 2014. The price of petroleum fuels (gasoline and diesel fuel) is the primary driver of overall fuel prices. For as petroleum prices rise, so does demand for alternative fuels, thereby pushing their prices upward as well. However, natural gas and electricity prices have been buffered from this driver because transportation only constitutes a tiny portion of their markets. These two fuels are tied to each other, though, because over a quarter of all electricity is produced from natural gas.

### If it's about the environment...

### **Total Carbon Intensity**



## **PG&E's Technology Strategy**

- Any technology must meet the operating needs of the business
- For every technology we develop a business model that includes potential operating savings or safety impacts and potential cost impacts
- Because no fuel or technology can provide a single solution to our fuel dependency, emissions, and operational needs, we use a blended technology portfolio approach. Each technology is matched with the appropriate application.
- We remain actively involved in the development, demonstration and application of alternative fuel and idle reduction technologies

## Alt Fuel Implementation

#### Development of a comprehensive rollout plan is critical to the success of your alternative fuel vehicle implementation

- Technology identification
- Matching technology to current business needs
- "Engineering" vehicles
- Identifying potential placement locations
- Constructing "flexible, expandable" infrastructure
- Provide a systematic rollout to clients and garages
- Provide over-all communications to all stakeholders on project
- Continue to seek outside funding for vehicles and infrastructure

## **History Of NGVs At PG&E**

1970s - Early conversions

1980s – NGV program growth

#### 1990s – Full NGV program

- Early focus on conversions
- OEM light duty products later

#### 2000s – Expansion into MD/HD vehicles

At our peak we had over 1,000 NG vehicles



Interested in a bi-fuel underbody tank pickup.









## The pros and cons of NATURAL GAS







## The Good News about NG

- In recent years, 80% to 90% of the natural gas used in the United States was domestically produced.
- CNG and LNG are considered alternative fuels under the Energy Policy Act of 1992.
- CNG is trending around \$2.25 per GGE in our service territory.
- Compared with vehicles fueled by conventional diesel and gasoline, natural gas vehicles can produce lower levels of some emissions.
   And because NG fuel systems are completely sealed, NG vehicles produce no evaporative emissions.
- A wide variety of new, heavy-duty natural gas vehicles are available from U.S. original equipment manufacturers (OEMs). The number of light-duty natural gas vehicles from original equipment manufacturers are limited but growing.
- NG conversions are readily available.
- Current generation of equipment is much more reliable than first generation.



### **NG Barriers**

- Fueling infrastructure is the largest limitation. Stations are expensive to install and maintain.
- Range limitation due to storage and density.
- Still significant premium on capital vehicle purchase.
- Higher maintenance costs due to durability and parts availability.
- Lack of qualified technicians and service centers.
- CNG may require you to specify a larger truck (for fuel storage) than you would specify for diesel.
- NG is currently equivalent to clean diesel technology in terms of emissions.
- Political climate in some states. CNG doesn't meet the definition of ZEV in the 10 state MOU: California, Connecticut, Maryland, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island and Vermont + Washington D.C

## NG vs. Electricity

### NG

- \$2.25/gal for PG&E NG
- Speed of fill varies from 3 min to 8 hrs.
- Fast fill NG stations can serve many vehicles, but costs can vary dramatically (up to \$6M) depending on the location and infrastructure needs.

### **Electricity**

- \$1.00 /gal for the Volt at \$0.06/kWh
- Charge time from 20 minutes to 8 hours
- Charging points (EVSE)
  for an electric vehicle
  costs \$2-3k per unit, but
  running the cable to the
  chargers can be
  incredibly expensive.

## Convenience vs. Coverage

- We have a coverage model of CNG fueling stations in the San Francisco Bay Area. PG&E owns 33 CNG fueling sites
- Stations are spaced along main thoroughfares so travelers can fuel at half way points on common trips
- When a station is down for maintenance (planned or unplanned) drivers must travel 20-30 miles out of the way just to get enough fuel to complete their trip
- Gas stations are placed on a convenience model. They have a 100-year head start on convenient locations and density of service.



## Why alternate fuels can be a challenge for most light duty utility fleets

\$10,000 premium price for CNG pick-up

Average mpg standard gasoline: 17

Average mpg CNG: 19

Average miles per year in utility industry: 11,000

Gasoline to CNG Discount: \$1.50 (\$3.75 to \$2.25)

11,000 miles / 17 mpg = 647 gal. gasoline

 $647 \times \$3.75 = \$2426$ 

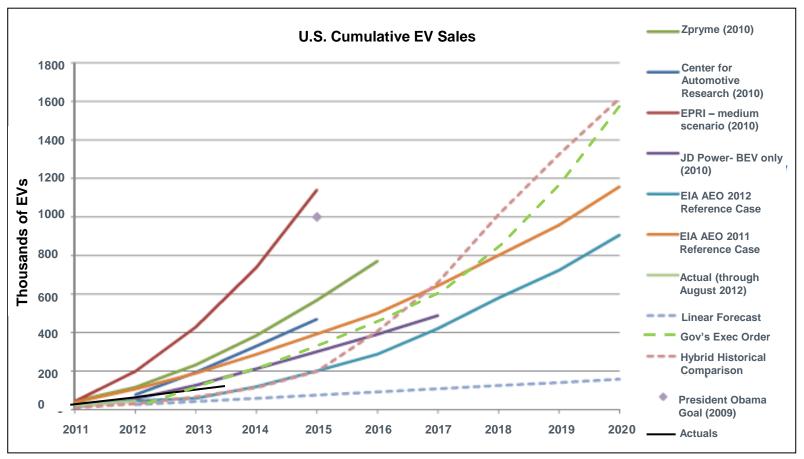
11,000 miles / 19 mpg = 579 gal. CNG

 $579 \times \$2.25 = \$1303$ 

\$2426 - \$1303 = \$1123 savings per year

10,000 / 1123 = 8.9 yr. payback

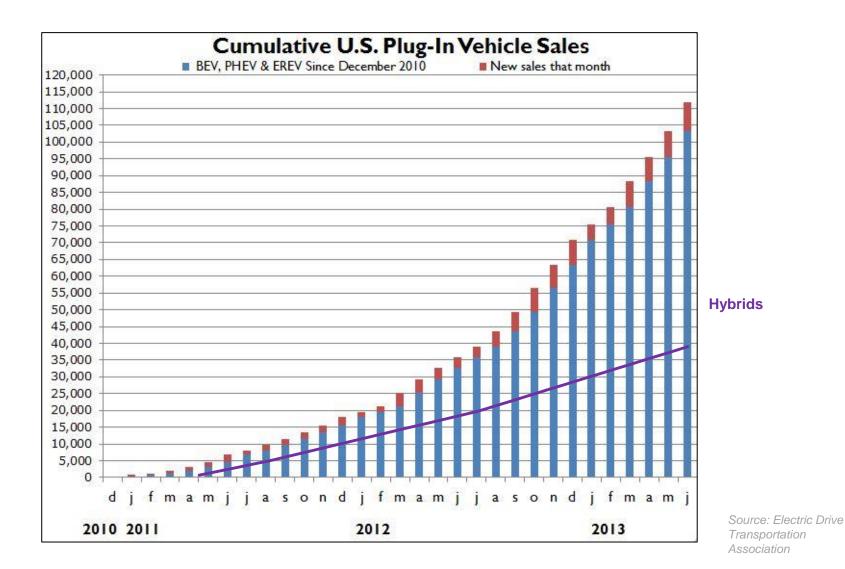
## Future EV adoption is unknown, and predictions vary widely, but.....



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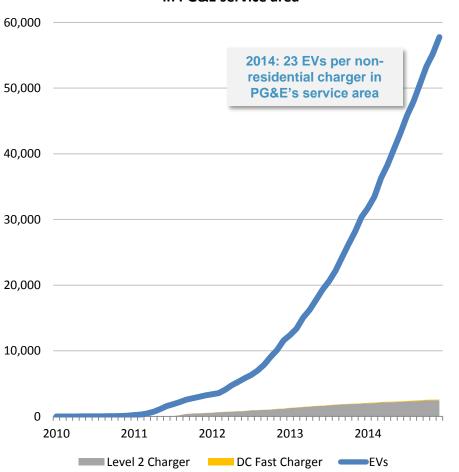
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## EV adoption is growing, and is outpacing historical hybrid car adoption



## Public charging infrastructure is not keeping pace with EV adoption in California

### Cumulative EV registrations<sup>1</sup> and charger deployments<sup>2</sup> in PG&F service area



## Key EV challenges today

- Higher upfront cost of EVs relative to conventional vehicle
- Range anxiety and lack of available charging infrastructure
- Charging availability for customers in multi-unit dwellings and workplaces
- Lack of easily-accessible customer information about EVs
- High infrastructure upgrade costs for commercial and fleet customers

Utility can play key role in addressing

<sup>1.</sup> EPRI, R.L. Polk Data, Dec. 2014

<sup>2.</sup> PlugShare ® data, 2014

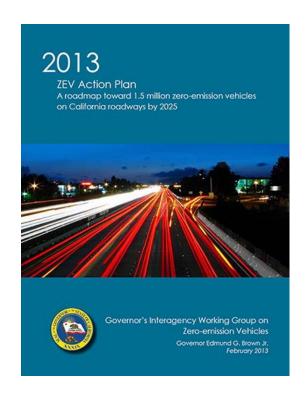
## Electric vehicle market is gaining momentum, and California is focused on accelerating adoption

#### **Electric Vehicle (EV) Market Conditions**

- EV offerings are growing significantly each year (20<sup>+</sup> models on the market today; 30<sup>+</sup> planned for 2016)
- Sales growth limited by high vehicle cost and range anxiety
- EV adoption is outpacing infrastructure deployments

#### **State Focus on EV Adoption**

- January 2013: Governor Jerry Brown issued the Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Action Plan calling for 1.5 million ZEVs in California by 2025, and the infrastructure to support 1 million EVs by 2020
- December 2014: California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) repealed 2011 prohibition on investor-owned utility (IOU) involvement in EV infrastructure market
- January 2015: Governor Brown's inaugural address proposed to reduce petroleum use in cars and trucks by up to 50 percent by 2030



## **Future of CNG/LNG**

### Marketplace

- Class 8's over the road
- Marine
- Drayage
- Short duration non-attainment areas

#### PG&E

- Light Duty: more towards electric
- Heavy Duty no clear NG benefits
- Tanks are a problem w/CNG Vehicles are not bad but the tank... Have throw vehicle out

## Thank you

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