

The Nation's Foremost Utility Champion of Electric Transportation

For more than 20 years, Edison International's electric utility, Southern California Edison (SCE), has been the nation's leading utility champion of electric transportation advancement. SCE operates the nation's largest fleet of electric vehicles. Since the program's inception, SCE's 254 electric vehicles have traveled more than 19.3 million miles, reducing greenhouse gas emissions by more than 10,300 tons, and pollutants by 2,300 tons.



SCE holds the nation's largest private fleet of electric vehicles.

The Future – Cleaner, More Secure Transportation Fuel



Recent product announcements by Ford, GM, Toyota, Nissan, Mitsubishi and others have made clear that the transportation industry is turning to plug-in vehicles – battery electric vehicles and hybrids – to enhance fuel efficiency, help achieve environmental goals and address the nation's energy-security challenges.

Currently, the U.S. transportation sector is responsible for 20 percent of the nation's greenhouse gas emissions – 40 percent in California. Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles could reduce such emissions by 50 to 60 percent.

Why Use Electricity?

- Electricity is a secure, domestic fuel.
- Traveling the same miles it costs 25%-50% that of gasoline.
- Transportation with electric fuel produces far fewer greenhouse gas emissions than relying on the internal combustion engine alone.
- It is generated with multiple energy sources, including renewable generation such as wind and solar.
- The nation's electric grid is the only source of alternative transportation fuel with a ready-made infrastructure connecting every home and business.

SCE's Vision – Filling Up at the Plug

SCE electric transportation engineers lead the national evaluation of how the U.S. might someday fuel light cars and trucks from the electric grid. SCE supported independent research released by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) and the Natural Resources Defense Council that concluded that by 2050 the widespread adoption of plug-in hybrid electric vehicles could reduce annual vehicle emissions of greenhouse gases by more than 450 million metric tons, the equivalent of removing one-third of today's light-duty cars and trucks from the road.



President Barack Obama visited SCE's Electric Vehicle Technical Center in March 2009 to announce stimulus funding for automotive battery development.

Advancing Electric Transportation Research

Light-Duty Plug-In Hybrid Development – SCE is collaborating with Ford, GM, and other automakers and stakeholders to evaluate the potential impact and help support the development of the next generation of electric transportation technologies. Most recently SCE deployed 115 light duty hybrid vehicles in its fleet in addition to maintaining the nation's largest fleet of pure battery electric vehicles.

Medium-Duty Plug-In Hybrid Development – SCE joined forces with EPRI, Ford and Eaton to establish a plug-in hybrid utility bucket truck evaluation and demonstration program with prototypes built on the Ford F550 chassis – now in prototype evaluation at SCE.

Heavy-Duty Hybrid Utility Bucket Truck Development – SCE helped create the nation's first plug-in hybrid heavy-duty utility bucket truck. The project spurred a 14-utility consortium that partnered with industry to develop a diesel hybrid production version delivering a 30 percent reduction in fuel consumption. SCE has deployed 19 additional hybrid utility bucket trucks for use in its street light maintenance fleet.

Technology Testing – SCE's Electric Vehicle Technical Center is a nationally recognized testing facility for all forms of electro-drive and advanced energy storage systems. SCE is currently testing automotive-grade Lithium-Ion batteries for use in stationary applications in the electric grid. The company plans to begin field testing batteries soon for several different applications such as small home storage devices and large central plant uses at SCE substations connected to wind farms.