



Expanding America's EV Charging Network

With gas prices spiking, third party retailers locked out of EV charging business

Even if gas prices keep climbing, Americans aren't going to switch to electric vehicles overnight, and the lack of accessible charging stations is one of the biggest reasons.

The price to fuel up in many areas is hitting an all-time high, just as major automakers are unveiling new electric models and state and federal governments are offering tax credits for buying an electric vehicle.

These cars will need a place to charge up, so why don't we see EV charging plugs at every gas station in America?

Unfortunately, massive power companies have complete control of this industry and have blocked out third party retailers from selling EV charging.

The powerful public utilities levy exorbitant charges on businesses selling a fast charge, and in many places establish their own charging operations, bankrolled by ratepayer fees.

What's been the result? Major swaths of the country have no nearby high-speed chargers.

According to U.S. Department of Energy data, there are roughly 46,000 EV public charging sites in the U.S. But the vast majority of those are slow chargers that take roughly 8 hours to fully charge an EV.

There are fewer than 6,000 high speed chargers in America, and most are concentrated in urban areas, rendering an EV-powered road trip impossible without hours-long pitstops to recharge.

That is why the gas stations, convenience stores and truck stops that already dot the interstate and sit on the corner of every small town in America are putting pressure on big power companies, wanting to get into the business of selling EV charging.

With gas prices shooting upward, the Charge Ahead Partnership is fighting to open up the EV charging industry to the free market.

A level playing field where entrepreneurs, grocers, gas stations and truck stops can all get into the business of selling an EV charge would dramatically accelerate the development of an EV charging network that is reliable, accessible and affordable.

To learn more about Charge Ahead Partnership and to join our effort to expand the EV charging network nationwide, visit ChargeAheadPartnership.com.