APOGEE® INSTITUTE ENERGY WEBINAR

Are you **Prepared** for a Future that Includes Electric Vehicles?

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With well over a decade of experience in market research, President and Founder Michael J. Vigeant champions the collaborative, client-focused atmosphere of GreatBlue Research. He launched The Center for Research in 2009 after serving as the Executive Vice President of The Center for Research and Public Policy, rebranding in 2013 to GreatBlue Research.

Vigeant is a specialist in the design and implementation of a wide variety of quantitative and qualitative research methodologies including telephone, digital, journey mapping, mail, focus groups, and in-depth professional interviews. Michael has personally conducted over 500 focus groups across a diverse mix of industries. Vigeant is considered, nationally, to be one of the leading authorities on Utility research.



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Jim Malcom is Chief Operating Officer of Apogee Interactive, Inc., providing oversight business and financial operations of the company. His senior management experience in the telecommunications and management consulting industries is providing strategic direction for Apogee's continued growth and success.

Malcom brings more than 20 years in corporate finance and accounting to Apogee, which began with the firms KPMG and Ernst & Young in Atlanta. His career steadily expanded to include senior posts as chief financial officer, corporate controller, vice president and treasurer for such area companies as Heidelberg USA, LecStar Telecom and Powertel.

He is a graduate of the University of Georgia with a bachelor's and master's degree in business administration, a certified public accountant, and a chartered global management accountant.



Today's Agenda

- Customers' Perceptions
 Revealed by GreatBlue Research
- Utility Challenges
 - Educating Customers with Relevant and Reliable Information
 - Onboarding New and Current EV Owners
 - EV Rate Adoption
- How to provide Continued Engagement
 Throughout Customers' EV Journey



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Current Trends, Needs & Concerns

- Customers don't know what they don't know
- Whether you have offerings or not, you <u>WILL</u> be viewed as a trusted resource
 - Rebates/Programs
 - Charging Stations for home/work
 - General Education
 - Response time
- Business & Residential Customers



Likelihood to Purchase an Electric Vehicle





More customers from the West (43.5%) and Northeast (41.3%) are likely to purchase an electric vehicle as their next vehicle than respondents from the South (34.9%) or Midwest (30.7%).



More customers 35 to 54 years of age (42.9%) or under 35 years of age (42.3%) are likely to purchase an electric vehicle as their next vehicle than customers 55 years of age and older (25.5%).

How likely is it that the next vehicle you purchase will be an electric vehicle



Data is from the Public Power Data Source (March 2022)

Sample size = 3,000

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What do you perceive to be the top benefits of an electric vehicle? (Select all that apply)



What, if any, do you perceive to be the downfalls or negative aspects of an electric vehicle? (Select all that apply)



Likelihood to Participate in Incentive Program

More customers under 35 years of age (52.9%) or 35 to 54 years of age (52.8%) would be likely to participate in an electric vehicle incentive program if their utility offered one than respondents 55 years of age and older (37.8%).







Impact of Increased Charging Stations on Likelihood to Purchase



How would electric vehicle charging stations installed

at your place of work influence your likelihood to

purchase an electric vehicle in the future? Would you

say you would be...

How would the availability of more public electric vehicle charging stations in your town influence your likelihood to purchase an electric vehicle in the future? Would you say you would be...





Timeline for EV Purchase Likelihood to Charge Outside Peak Hours



When do you anticipate purchasing an electric vehicle in the future?



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How likely would you be to charge your electric vehicle outside of peak hours if [UTILITY] provided incentives such as lower rates during that time period or a bill credit?

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WHAT'S NEXT



In the future, do you expect the number of electric vehicles (EVs) in your organization's fleet to:

Overall, how helpful has [UTILITY] been in providing advice and assistance on electric vehicles and chargers where zero (0) is "not helpful" and ten (10) means "very helpful?"





Motivational Factors in Purchasing an Electric Vehicle

What factors would motivate you to purchase an electric vehicle? (Select all that apply)



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To what extent would a rebate to reduce the



Empowering Utilities for the Future





EV Sales Statistics

- New vehicle sales
 8% in 2022
- EV Sales
 65% to 5.8% of new car sales
- Average Cost New Car \$49,507 EV \$61,448



Source: Kelley Blue Book



Customer Program Strategy

Get customers:

- ✓ Aware
- ✓ On-board
- Engaged

Combination of outbound communication supported by on-line resources





EV Customer Identification













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Option 1

If you already own an EV

Option 2

If you are thinking about purchasing an EV

Option 3

If you are not interested in EVs, but would like to learn more about energy savings





\$6 Less





EV Rate Adoption - Education

Step 1: Select a

electric / hybrid vehicle

Step 2: Enter driving habits

Step 3: Tell us how you will charge your B

Step 4: Describ your electric usage in your home

Step 5: What kind of purchase will this be?

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EV Calculator and Rate Calculators with AMI Data

- Examples of whole house impact of EV charging
- Understanding what rate fits customer's lifestyle -
 - Total Cost of **Ownership**
 - Carbon Impact









Upcoming Events WEBINARS

- Artificial Intelligence, April 20
- Good Enough Isn't!, May 23



- Regional MMSC, Chattanooga
- CS Week, Charlotte
- NRECA Connect, Jacksonville
- Hometown Connections, Denver
- SE AESP, Jacksonville
- EMACS, Phoenix
- E Source, Denver
- JD Power User Conference, Austin



Any Questions ?





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