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## Agenda

- Introductions
- Investments and Transactional Matters Involving EV Charging
- Corporate Partnering and Venture Investments

# **Investments and Transactional Matters Involving EV Charging**

#### Where we were ...

#### EV charging was historically a high-risk investment

- EV adoption hesitancy and demand uncertainty
- High upfront cost
- Regulatory uncertainty
- Rapidly evolving technology
- Electricity supply and demand

#### Where we are ...

# Recent critical changes to the EV charging landscape

- Battery and charging technology advancements
- Government funding and tax incentives
- Regulatory and policy changes to promote EV charging

# Future of EV charging looks bright

- Edison Electric Institute projects a 10x increase in DC fast charging stations to over 100,000 all commercial charging stations to over 500,000 by 2030
- The Biden administration has made a commitment to see this increase in charging over the next decade

## **EV Charging Risk Factors**

# **Power Supply**

- S&P Global estimates 4.68 TWh of electricity for current charging needs
- Increased EV demand will only increase demand response issues

#### Site Control

Need for on-site customer access

## Regulatory Matters

Regulatory risk and uncertainty remains

## **EV Charging Risk Factors (continued)**

# Intellectual Property / Charging Uniformity

 Evolving technology leads to concerns about picking the wrong partner

# Supply Chain Issues

- Post-COVID Supply chain delays continue to affect the industry
- Certain components including computer chips are scarce

# **EV** Charging Today and Tomorrow

Increases in EV charging demand and improving technology

Creating increased demand for EV charging

Helping to eliminate some of the upfront risk factors

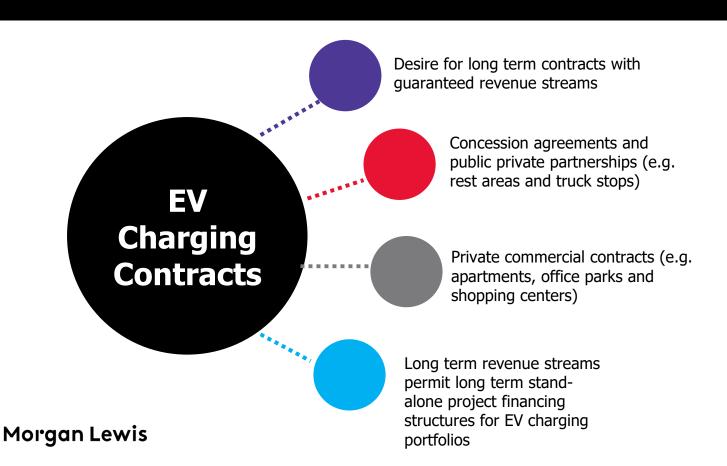
Evolving solutions to EV charging

Long-term contracting

Government support

Improvements in Technology

#### **Contracting**



# Recent Government Initiatives

\$7.5 billion committed in bipartisan infrastructure bill to EV charging buildout

DOT initiative to create charging uniformity

Federal and state initiatives to create regulatory certainty

#### Impacts of IRA on EV charging

- Tax credits for EV will result in increase demand
  - EV charging tax credits for certain infrastructure located in lowincome communities

#### **Technology Advancements**

#### Technology and Structuring Changes

- Combining EV charging with Solar + Storage
  - Demand charges for stand-alone EV charging can be difficult to finance
  - On-site solar + storage coupled with EV charging reduces risk of demand charge expenditures and electricity supply uncertainty
  - Micro-grids incorporating EV charging into the overall mix
- Evolving EV charging technology
  - Backup power supply pull power from electric vehicles to supply power back to the grid in times of emergency
  - Ability for technology to differentiate demand usage based on location of EV charging
  - Hydrogen powered fast-charging fuel cells

#### **Corporate Partnering and Venture Investments**

Corporate Venture Capital firms have favored the EV space as corporates ranging from the oil and gas industry, communications infrastructure, semiconductors and auto sectors see opportunities to partner and innovate complimentary technologies or to reinvent themselves.

With these investments, in addition to the cash investment, the transaction often involves a collaboration agreement and/or side letter which include exclusivity, most favored nations provisions, warrants and rights of first refusal.

EV start ups have to carefully consider strategic considerations as the auto sector has a limited field of major players to work with and associating with one or more players may limit upside potential.

#### **Questions?**

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