

Product and Industry News

Miami Car Charging Group Aims to Make EV Charging Stations Accessible, Affordable; Aims To Provide Charging Stations that Looks Similar to Gas Pump and Charge Five to Six Times Faster than a 110v Charger

With all major car makers and many startups developing new-generation electric vehicles, an estimated 40 million plug-in electric vehicles (EVs) could be on the road by 2030. But without the necessary car charging infrastructure, these cars won't run.

Car Charging Group, Inc. is positioning itself at the forefront of the transition from gas-powered automobiles to electric vehicles (EV) by owning, providing, and maintaining conveniently located car charging stations that will be compatible with all EVs.

"Almost all major auto companies, including GM, Nissan, Tesla and Fisker are rolling out their lines of EVs," said Andy Kinard, President of Car Charging Group, Inc., recently. "Our goal is to make electric car charging stations easily accessible for EV owners by installing them at convenient locations such as housing complexes, parking garages, municipalities, sporting venues, any many other public properties."

According to the company website, Car Charging Group, Inc., is different from other providers of car charging stations. "Dealers and distributors SELL charging units, which requires a capital outlay by the business/property owner for the units themselves as well as installation costs and municipal permitting fees. Once they are sold, the dealers and distributors have nothing more to do with them. We do not sell our units. We provide, install, maintain and service the units at no cost to the business/property owner. We provide a service for a fee borne only by the EV owner."

Car Charging will provide and install ChargePoint Network SM Charging Stations at various public locations nationwide at no charge to the business/property owner. According to a company spokesman, Car Charging partners with



A ChargePoint charging station. (Photo: Courtesy of Coulomb Technologies)

NovaCharge, a direct distributor of the ChargePoint™ system, to provide the business/property owner with the ChargePoint™ system. This enables the business or property owner to provide his customers or constituents with the service of convenient car charging while simultaneously benefitting financially from a percentage of the revenue from the charging station.

According to the spokesman, the ChargePoint™ system also provides a state-of-the-art charging experience for EV owners. By employing wireless networking technology, the system enables EV owners who subscribe to the network, to benefit from any and all ChargePoint™

stations, regardless of who owns the actual charging stations.

The product line consists of the CT1000 and CT2000 families of the ChargePoint Network charging stations, manufactured by Coulomb Technologies, which are specifically designed for the North American market. The 220v chargers look similar to a gas pump and charge five or six times faster than an 110v charger, the spokesman for Car Charging said.

According to the Car Charging website, the time is ripe for developing a car charging infrastructure. The U.S. government is now offering grants and tax incentives to jump start the EV industry, and Car Charging Group, Inc., plans to utilize these incentives to expand its business. In September of 2008, Congress approved a \$25 billion automotive retooling program earmarked for the electric car industry. "The fact that the government is strongly committed in its support of the EV industry bolsters our work and increases confidence in our industry," the company says.

Located in Miami Beach, Florida, Car Charging Group, Inc. describes itself as a company dedicated to a clean, sustainable environment and an economically strong, energy-independent America. For more information, please visit www.carcharging.com.