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Technology Planning for Aligning Emerging Business Models and Regulatory Structures -

The Case of Electric Vehicle Charging and the Smart Grid

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Abstract—Smart Grid has the potential to produce over \$2 trillion of benefits in the US utility sector over the next 20 years, according to a study by the Electric Power Research Institute. However, the study also projects significant costs of up to \$476 billion to achieve these returns. Therefore, while smart grid represents an enormous opportunity, with a benefit-to-cost ratio of nearly 6 to 1, given the enormous financial sums at stake, it is crucial that the planning process for smart grid be done with extreme care. Planning the deployment of smart grid technology in the electric utility sector can be a complex and difficult process due to regulatory frameworks that have evolved to protect consumers, the need for development of standards regarding numerous emerging technologies, and the need for emerging business models which can fit with these evolving technology and regulatory frameworks. Technology roadmapping provides a number of useful tools which can help with the planning of smart grid development, but a highly integrated approach is needed to accommodate the full range of factors mentioned.

I. MOTIVATION & OVERVIEW OF LITERATURE

Power grid modernization offers the opportunity to implement technologies that offer both revolutionary new capabilities and absolutely essential support function to allow the electrical backbone that modern technological society depends upon to continue functioning in a reliable and efficient manner. This research examines the case of smart grid technologies related to electric vehicle charging and provides a model for considering key technology, regulatory, and business factors with an emphasis on unique challenges in the Pacific Northwest. To conduct this research, it was necessary to perform an industry analysis, regulatory and policy analysis, an examination of the technology landscape, and to look at existing and emerging business models. Key factors were then prioritized to understand how they contributed to specific goals. A taxonomy was also created to organize business models and tools were created for more easily comparing them and seeing how they related to roadmap elements.

Literature from several key literature streams was reviewed for this paper and research gaps were identified. The first stream analyzed was the Technology Roadmapping literature (TRM). The following research gaps are summarized on the table in Figure 1.

A number of processes have been developed for applying TRM to current and emerging industries. General methods have been created for examining both the strategic landscape and technology performance characteristics of new technology product development [1-5]. Application of such processes to

disruptive technologies is highly relevant for smart grid and has been well examined in the literature [6-15]. The process has also been applied to emerging technologies in the renewable and sustainable energy industry, which have strong overlaps with and similarities to the smart grid industry [16-25].

Research Concept	References	Research Gaps
Various processes developed for applying TRM in current and emerging industries	[1-5], [6-15], [16-25]	Method is needed to integrate business modeling, policy, and regulatory factors into TRM for the utility industry
Several methods integrate aspects of business modeling with TRM	[18, 19], [21, 22], [26-31], [32-36], [37-50], [51, 52]	TRM goals must align with regional-level factors for utility industry and associated products
Few studies consider policy dimensions of TRM or regulatory frameworks, particularly in the utility industry	[53, 54], [32], [34], [37]	Additional work needed prioritizing R&D, acquisition processes, and barriers in utility related industries
TRM generally used at company-, industry-, and national-level, rather than incorporating regional utility concerns	[55-63] [53, 54, 64-67]	
More work also needed prioritizing R&D, acquisition, and barriers	[31-43], [68-75]	

Fig. 1. Technology Roadmapping Literature Gaps

However, the customization of such processes to meet the needs of specific industries, business models, and emerging technology products is an important need that must be addressed. A variety of methods have been developed for integrating aspects of business modeling with technology roadmapping [18, 19], [21, 22], [26-31]. The application of roadmapping to smart grid related industries also need to consider regional implications associated with region spanning utility systems [32-36] and development of business models to address strategic, regulatory, and policy landscapes [37-52].

Few studies, however, have done detailed analysis of the policy dimensions of TRM or regulatory frameworks, particularly with regard to the utility industry [53, 54], [32], [34], [37]. TRM has generally been done at company-, industry-, and national-level, rather than incorporating regional utility concerns [55-63] [53, 54, 64-67]. More work is also needed to understand how to prioritize R&D needs, acquisition efforts [68-75] as well as to understand barriers what may affect implementation. It then may be possible to determine how such barriers could be mitigated with practices involving

appropriate business models, market, and regulatory elements [31-43].

Therefore, a method is needed to integrate business modeling, policy, and regulatory factors into TRM for the utility industry. This method is particularly important for the utility industry, due to its unique characteristics and the need for regional scale solutions. Additional research is also needed regarding prioritization of R&D acquisition processes, and barriers in utility related industries. An improved methodology could provide a more complete and better integrated smart grid roadmap to improve planning in the industry. Without such a method, technology planning for regional scale utility systems is likely to be slower, more difficult, and less integrated.

The second key area analyzed in this research was the Smart Grid and Electric Vehicle literature. The initial discussion of this included only general literature. The following research gaps are summarized on the table below.

Research Concept	References	Research Gaps
Smart grid roadmap literature typically focuses on operational plans for utilities as opposed to regional energy planning	[76], [77], [78-83], [84, 85], [86-92], [93]	Smart grid planning literature could benefit from better alignment with technology roadmapping literature
Generally do not consider regional goals and structural barriers to business and market adoption	[94-103], [104-107], [108, 109], [110-117], [64, 65], [118-121]	Process needed to create roadmaps for smart grid technologies that integrate business modeling with regulatory factors and policy factors to meet regional energy planning objectives and overcome structural barriers
No current SG roadmaps for Oregon or the Pacific Northwest.	[95, 96, 98, 99]	
Significant planning also needed for electric EV smart charging roadmap	[56-58], [122], [9-15], [26], [123-126]	Customization needed to develop technology roadmapping processes for EV smart charging systems

Fig. 2. Smart Grid & Electric Vehicle Literature Gaps

Smart grid roadmap literature typically focuses on operational plans [76], [77], [78], [79-83], for utilities as opposed to regional energy planning [86-92]. Some studies examined limited aspects of wider regional planning and generally indicated advantages over more narrow operational plans [84, 85, 93].

However, most current studies examined to date generally have not emphasized regional level considerations [94-107, 127-129{Cowan, 2007 #337}]. Research on important elements of regional level smart grid planning has been initiated [108-117]. But, these results have not generally been integrated into models that systematically consider and assess regional goals [64, 65, 118-121]. Process needed to create roadmaps for smart grid technologies that integrate business modeling with regulatory factors and policy factors to meet regional energy planning objectives and overcome structural barriers.

Although some initial state-level studies have been conducted, no current smart grid roadmaps have been created for Oregon or the Pacific Northwest on a regional basis [95, 96, 98, 99]. Supporting important goals like the Renewable Portfolio Standard in Oregon and most other Northwestern

states has been discussed in chapter 3, along with smart appliances, such as electric vehicles. Electric Vehicle Smart Charging technologies appear to offer significant potential to support key state and regional goals for meeting the portfolio standard and enhancing to robustness of the power system. However, significant planning efforts [56-58] are needed to create roadmaps related to these emerging technologies [122], [9-15], [26] and adapt them to the needs business and market, policy and regulatory, and technology needs that have been discussed for such a system [123-126].

Processes are needed to create roadmaps for smart grid technologies that integrate business modeling with regulatory factors and policy factors to meet regional energy planning objectives and overcome structural barriers. Smart grid planning literature could benefit from better alignment with technology roadmapping literature. But, significant customization is needed to develop roadmapping processes for EV Smart Charging Systems.

The third key area discussed was the Resource Planning literature. The initial discussion of this included only general literature. The following research gaps are summarized on the table below.

Research Concept	References	Research Gaps
Strategic alignment of business model and policy frameworks particularly important for regulated industries like electric utilities	[130], [131], [132], [133-139], [84, 85, 94-97], [101], [88, 89], [110-114], [118], [140, 141]	Need to incorporate an understanding of utility regulation and planning processes to create strategic alignment between business models and policy frameworks
Unique regional energy policy planning issues in Pacific Northwest due to regulatory frameworks	[98-100, 102], [92], [108, 109], [61, 62, 115], [32-34], [120]	TRM methods need to be adapted to unique regulatory frameworks for regional utility industries
Multiple perspectives view is critical for creating robust planning models in the utility industry	[1-3], [56-58], [69-74], [142, 143]	Strong need for multiple perspective planning models in utility industry that create strategic alignment between business models, policy, and regulatory requirements

Fig. 3. Resource Planning & Policy Literature Gaps

Strategic alignment of business model and policy frameworks is particularly important for regulated industries like electric utilities [130], [131], [132], [133-135]. As discussed in chapter 1, utilities generally have large capital costs, high barriers to entry, and increasing efficiencies of scale. This gives them many characteristics of natural monopolies. Traditional structures present a number of advantages and disadvantages. But, with rapid technology advances in the utility sector, one key issue is the need to overcome chronically low levels of R&D investment in the industry, estimated at around 0.25% of revenues [136]. There is also a need to understand that many aspects of utility regulatory structures have been useful and durable [137-139]. Thus, it is necessary to incorporate an understanding of utility regulation and planning processes [84, 85, 94-97] to create alignment [110-114] between business models and policy

frameworks [118], [140, 141], and technology development [101], [88, 89].

In particular, unique energy policy planning issues exist in Pacific Northwest due to multiple regulatory frameworks at the state [98-100, 102], federal [92, 108, 109], and regional [61, 62, 115] levels. Implementing improved smart grid roadmaps will take considerable amounts of discipline spanning knowledge [32-34], [120]. A multiple perspectives view [69-74] is critical for creating robust planning models in the utility industry [56-58], [142, 143] and incorporate these inputs into a roadmapping process that an understanding of utility regulation and planning processes to create strategic alignment between business models and policy frameworks. TRM methods need to be adapted to unique regulatory frameworks for regional utility industries [1-3]. Overall, there is a strong need for robust, multiple perspective planning models in the utility industry that create strategic alignment between business models, policy, and regulatory requirements.

This section has explained how the gaps identified in this research area are driven by the practical needs to better understand the costs and benefits of smart grid technology and to better plan its implementation. The next section of this research provides a set of tools designed to assist with the roadmap development and prioritization process. A series of data collection instruments, matrixes, and prioritization tools are presented to perform various stages of roadmap construction and assessment of the various input factors.

II. EXPERT DATA

To conduct this research, two expert panels that were assembled consisting of five management-level professionals with at least five years of experience and a degree in a relevant discipline to the research topic being discussed. The first expert panel was comprised of managers, executives, and decision makers in the utility industry, as well as energy policy analysts familiar with the regional issues. It was tasked with identifying drivers, gaps, goals, and barriers for the development of electric vehicle smart charging and vehicle-to-grid systems. The second expert panel was comprised of executives, business leaders, and experts from the electric vehicle and vehicle charging industries. It was tasked with analyzing the industry and identifying gaps in technologies and business models needed to satisfy customer and stakeholder needs, as well as identifying potential solutions to satisfy these needs. The members of each panel were also selected to provide balance and to represent a range of viewpoints. The goal of the panel was to span multiple industries and disciplines to achieve a cross section designed to eliminate bias.

The first tool shown below provides a means of grouping data related to market and business drivers. Experts were asked to rate the general priority level of each of these drivers based on their views of its overall future impact on the market. Each driver is assigned a unique code and described in Appendix E of the full research study, along with each other roadmap element. Grouped driver are shown below.

#	Grouped Market Drivers	Priority	Notes and Constituent Drivers
DM1	Energy Management / Emissions & Sustainability	***	Green consumers, carbon footprint, managing fuel costs. Linked to DM3
DM2	Improved EV Battery Performance	****	Low battery costs, high capacity / range, fast charge, long life
DM3	Reduced Vehicle Costs	****	Linked to DM2
DM4	Consumer EV / Charging Incentives	****	Subsidies, benefits, financing

#	Grouped Business Drivers	Priority	Notes and Constituent Drivers
DB1	Transactional Energy Business Standards Development	***	Linked to G08, PC2, S2-6,B5
DB2	Charging Infrastructure Requirements	**	Linked to GP5, Go1, G08-9, Gp3-4
DB3	Business Partnerships and Policies	***	Linked to DB1, PC2-3, G02, S5-6
DB4	Need for grid support services, enhanced stability	**	Linked to DB1, DB3, DR5
DB5	Business Ownership Structures and Financing	****	Linked to DP7

Figure 4: Grouped Drivers - Market and Business

The second tool, shown below, is another basic data gathering form used for collecting and grouping information related to regulatory and policy drivers. Expert are also asked to rate the general priority level of each of these drivers based on their views of its overall future impact of specific regulatory structure or policy initiatives regarding the development of the industry and related technology products. This is shown below.

#	Grouped Policy Drivers	Priority	Notes and Constituent Drivers
DP1	Reducing Vehicle Emissions	****	Linked to DP3-6, DP8
DP2	Vehicle Fuel Economy / Energy Efficiency	***	Linked to DP3-5
DP3	State / Regional Energy Planning Goals	***	Linked to DP1-2, DP4-6, DP8
DP4	State / Regional Emissions Policies, Plans	**	Linked to DP1-3, DP4-6
DP5	Electric Vehicle Adoption Goals, Plans	**	Linked to DP1-4, DP5-9, DR1-5
DP6	RPS and need for Renewable Energy Integration	***	Linked to DP1-5, DP7-9, DR 3, DR5
DP7	Business EV / Charging Incentives	****	Linked to DR2-5, DB5
DP8	Renewable Energy Integration Needs	****	Linked to DP6, DP9
DP9	Charging Infrastructure Upgrades and Investment Needs	****	Linked to DP6-8, DP3-5, DR4-5

#	Grouped Regulatory Drivers	Priority	Notes and Constituent Drivers
DR1	Zero Emissions Vehicle Sales Mandate (ZEV / PZEV)	***	ZEV sales requirement in CA and other states. Linked to DP1, DP4, DP5
DR2	Regulation & Legislation on EV charging rates and processes	****	Linked to DP5,DP7,DR4-5
DR3	Transactional Energy Standards Development	***	Linked to DP6-9, DR4-5
DR4	Charging Hardware / Software Standardization	***	Linked to DP5, DP8, DP9
DR5	Plans for Grid Modernization and Stability	****	Linked to DP-56, DP6-9

Figure 5: Grouped Drivers – Regulatory and Policy

III. TECHNOLOGY ROADMAP MODEL

After finishing the initial data gathering and prioritization processes, a series of roadmap models were constructed incorporating the data. Several types of roadmaps were created to examine different aspects of this research. First, an overall roadmap was created that showed the combined effect of business, government, consumer, and market factors over the entire 10-year time span of the roadmap. This roadmap is consists of three parts, representing different set of layers on the roadmap. Part 1 is composed of three layers: (1) Drivers; (2) Gaps and Goals; and (3) Problem Characteristics and Barriers. Part 2 contains two layers: (1) a continuation of Problem Characteristics and Barriers; and (2) Solutions, which involve Technology, Business Model, Market, Regulatory, and Barrier Mitigation. Part 3 has 1 layer, which is a continuation of the Solutions layer started in Part 2. Parts 1, 2, and 3 or the overall roadmap are shown in the figures below.

First, however, the following definitions provide a general description of each of the three layers used in the technology roadmapping process. Additional details related to the each of the component elements which appear on these roadmap layers are provided in Appendix F. Layer 1 consists of drivers. Drivers are underlying factors in the environment, such as business and regulatory forces and trends which motive some type or action or response. One example is a Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) mandate, which requires a certain percentage of vehicles sold after a specified deadline to be vehicles which produce no tailpipe emissions. This driver is a regulatory

factor which motivates an action on the part of industry participants, such as manufacturers of electric vehicles and providers of electric vehicle charging stations to make those products available by the given deadline. Layer 2 consists of Gaps and Goals. Gaps represent the lack of something that a stakeholder feels is needed. For instance, if only 1% of vehicle currently sold are ZEVs and the eventual requirement is 10%, there is a gap of 9%. Similarly, a goal represents some type of outcome that is desired by particular stakeholders, but has not yet been reached. For example, one factor which may be related to the future deployment of more electric vehicle charging stations is rate and process restructuring concerning the prices and methods under which regulated utilities are currently allowed to sell electricity. So, the need for achieving that type of regulatory restructuring would be an important goal. This is similar to the concept of a Gap, but while Gaps often involve things that can be easily measured, such a 1% versus 10% vehicle sales, goals are generally more abstract, such as the need for a certain type of outcome. Layer 3 consists of Problem Characteristics and Barriers. Problem Characteristics are the factors involved a particular challenge, such factors that contribute to a certain Gap that currently exists. For example, there may be a need for significantly greater deployment of electric vehicle charging stations and infrastructure. However, until all the requirements are defined for these types of equipment and infrastructure, planning is difficult to perform. So, defining these types of requirements is an essential Problem Characteristic associated with this need. Similarly, Barriers consist of factors which are currently inhibiting the achievement of a specific outcome, such as a Gap or Goal. For example, there may be a need for reducing charging station cost, but the currently low level of adoption of charging stations means that economies of scale have not yet been achieved which can drive down costs. If this barrier is lifted and a solution can be found to deploy larger numbers of charging stations, then this can help meet the goal being blocked by the barrier, which is reduction of costs. On the roadmap, the Gap or Goal being blocked by a barrier is represented an arrow with a dashed line. Once the barrier is lifted, this Gap or Goal can be addressed. But, in order to lift that barrier, a solution is needed. Layer 4 addresses the issue of Solutions. Solutions address the challenges that underlie specific Problem Characteristics and Barriers. Solutions can consist of a variety of elements, including Business Development Processes, as well as Market, Regulatory, and Barrier Mitigation factors. For example, the reason economies of scale have not been achieved to drive down charging station cost may be related to factors such as lack of a public investment vision or plan of action for consistent deployment. So, Solutions that provide an investment vision for public charging stations, or Business Development Processes, such as the development of business-industry partnerships, can provide answers needed to address Problem Characteristics and lift Barriers. Each of these elements is shown in parts 1, 2, and 3 of the overall roadmap below.

Fig. 6. Integrated TRM Model - Electric Vehicle Charging - Part 1

As previously mentioned, Part 1 of the overall roadmap represents the top 3 layers, which consists of Drivers, Gaps and Goals, as well as Problem Characteristics and Barriers. Part 2 of the roadmap then shows the next 2 layers, starting with a continuation of Problem Characteristics and Barriers, and then the initial portion of the Solutions layer. Part 2 is shown below.

Fig. 7. Integrated TRM Model - Electric Vehicle Charging - Part 2

Part 2 of the general roadmap consists of the third and fourth layers, which starts with a continuation of the Problem Characteristics and Barriers layer and then begins the initial portion of the Solutions layer. Part 3 is then shown below.

Fig. 8. Integrated TRM Model - Electric Vehicle Charging - Part 3

Part 3 of the general roadmap consists of the fourth layer, which began in Part 2. After showing each of these three parts, a number of important facts about the overall roadmap are discussed below, as well as some ways to improve the organization of the roadmap. To make it easier to focus on specific aspects of the roadmap over shorter time horizons, the roadmap is further broken into version A and version B for each of the 3 parts. Version A reorganizes the roadmap with a Business and Regulatory Organizational Focus, while version B reorganizes the roadmap with a Consumer and Market focus. Additional details about the organization of the roadmap are provided in the next section.

Several key pieces of information can be seen from the above figures. Key stakeholders include consumers, businesses, government organizations (GO), and non-government organization (NGO), and regulatory agencies. Decisions can then be made regarding whether to focus first on specific user segments among these stakeholders or on a combination of segments. Further decisions can be made regarding different options for ownership structure and primary profit mechanisms. Ownership structures include the possibility of consumers, utilities, or third-parties, such as energy service aggregators owning and/or operating EV charging equipment and services. Key profit mechanisms include the following: (1) Direct fees for vehicle charging and/or parking fees; (2) membership fees and fees for other bundled and premium services, such as internet access or auxiliary vehicle power hook-up fees; advertiser fees or fees for consumers to opt-out of advertisements; ancillary service fees, which provide essential services to utilities, such as voltage and frequency regulation; or energy efficiency optimization contracts and energy aggregation contracts, which allow a network operator to manage and optimize energy use over a grid or micro-grid. Other profit mechanism or combinations of mechanisms are also possible, but these were the main mechanisms identified through conversations with experts who participated in data gathering workshops for this study. Options for financing and distribution methods related to each business model were also considered that were appropriate for each of these cases. Methods for financing EV charging equipment purchase include rebates and tax credits for consumers, on-bill financing through utility companies, and third-party owned equipment with a service lease, or charging

as a service models. Additional details about each of these points discussed above are provided in section 7.3.3, under the discussion of business models and in Appendix F of the full research study on which this article is based.

The overall roadmap shown in Parts 1, 2, and 3 summarizes a great deal of information about the technology, business, and regulatory landscape facing the electric vehicle charging industry. However, because it summarizes so many factors in one place, this can make the roadmap look cluttered and difficult to read. Therefore, to make it easier to focus on specific aspects of the roadmap, the follow sections breaks each of the 3 parts into 2 sections. Section A shows a Business and Regulatory focused version of the roadmap. Section B shows Consumer and Market focused version of the roadmap. Each of these are show below as parts 1 through 3, sections A and B.

Fig. 9. Integrated TRM Model - Electric Vehicle Charging - Part 1a

Part 1a of the general roadmap consists of the third and fourth layers, which starts with a continuation of the Problem Characteristics and Barriers layer and then begins the initial portion of the Solutions layer. Part 1b is then shown below.

Fig. 10. Integrated TRM Model - Electric Vehicle Charging - Part 1b

Part 1b of the general roadmap consists of the third and fourth layers, which starts with a continuation of the Problem Characteristics and Barriers layer and then begins the initial portion of the Solutions layer. Part 2a is then shown below.

Fig. 11. Integrated TRM Model - Electric Vehicle Charging - Part 2a

Part 2a of the general roadmap consists of the third and fourth layers, which starts with a continuation of the Problem Characteristics and Barriers layer and then begins the initial portion of the Solutions layer. Part 2b is then shown below.

Fig. 12. Integrated TRM Model - Electric Vehicle Charging - Part 2b

Part 2b of the general roadmap consists of the third and fourth layers, which starts with a continuation of the Problem Characteristics and Barriers layer and then begins the initial portion of the Solutions layer. Part 3a is then shown below.

Fig. 13. Integrated TRM Model - Electric Vehicle Charging - Part 3a

Part 3a of the general roadmap consists of the third and fourth layers, which starts with a continuation of the Problem Characteristics and Barriers layer and then begins the initial portion of the Solutions layer. Part 3b is then shown below.

Fig. 14. Integrated TRM Model - Electric Vehicle Charging - Part 3b

Part 3b of the general roadmap consists of the third and fourth layers, which starts with a continuation of the Problem Characteristics and Barriers layer and then begins the initial portion of the Solutions layer.

After constructing the many different roadmaps described in this chapter, analyzing their various parts, and organizing them into different topical areas, a key question that arises is how to best use these data and apply them to the industry environment. An important consideration for this is an analysis of what business models may be used to implement various aspects of the roadmaps that have been developed. To summarize the main business model challenges, expert input was gathered to create a taxonomy of business models appropriate for the issues discussed in the roadmap construction process. The models were divided into three main categories, based on the main business ownership structures: Investor-Owned structures (S1); Utility-Owned structures (S2); and Aggregator-Owned structures (S3). A series of business models variants were identified under each of these structures. A total of 31 business models were identified and assigned unique codes. These models are described in the next section.

IV. BUSINESS MODEL ALTERNATIVES

To better understand how the data from this study can be used, several types of analysis were performed. As described in the previous section, a taxonomy of business models was constructed to summarize the main challenges related to implementation of various aspects of the roadmaps that were produced during the research. The business model taxonomy is show below.

Investor-Owned (S1)	Utility-Owned (S2)	Third Party / Aggregator-Owned (S3)
Pay per kWh / Level 1. BMS1A-1: Level 1 Charging 2. BMS1A-2: Level 2 Charging 3. BMS1A-3: Level 3 Charging Flat rate per hour 4. BMS1B-1: Flat hourly rate 5. BMS1B-2: Flat monthly rate Pay for Parking 6. BMS1C-1: Pay parking only, not charging Membership 7. BMS1D-1: Flat Rate Charging 8. BMS1D-2: Unlimited Charging 9. BMS1D-3: Membership Bundle Premium Services 10. BMS1E-1: Advertising 11. BMS1E-2: Internet Access 12. BMS1E-3: Electrical hookup fee (trucks) Transactive 13. BMS1F-1: Buy/Sell Ancillaries	Pay per kWh (Standardized Rates) 14. BMS2A-1: Standard Elec Rates 15. BMS2A-2: TOU Rates (opt-in) 16. BMS2A-3: TOU Rates (opt-out) 17. BMS2A-4: Inclined Block Rates 18. BMS2A-5: EV-specific Rates 19. BMS2A-6: Demand Charges Premium Services 20. BMS2B-1: Advertising 21. BMS2B-2: Internet Access 22. BMS2B-3: Electrical hookup fee (trucks) Transactive 23. BMS2F-1: Buy/Sell Ancillaries	Agreements with EVSC owners 24. BMS3A-1: Level 1 Charging 25. BMS3A-2: Level 2 Charging 26. BMS3A-3: Level 3 Charging Agreements with Utilities 27. BMS3B-1: Utility Contract Energy Optimization Contracts 28. BMS3C-1: Energy Contract Transactive 29. BMS3D-1: V2G 30. BMS3D-2: V2B 31. BMS3D-3: V2H

Fig. 15. Business Model Specifications

Three main categories of business models were identified based on the main business ownership structures: Structure 1 - Investor-Owned models; Structure 2 - Utility-Owned models; and Structure 3 - Aggregator-Owned models (S3). A total of 31 business models variants were identified for each of these structures.

V. CONCLUSIONS

This research is intended to help improve the processes for envisioning and planning the introduction of emerging technologies into industries like the electrical utility sector. Historically, this industry has been slow to embrace modern information and communication technologies, due to a variety of factors, including relatively durable regulatory structures that have long been common in many parts of the world, as well as a difficulty creating products that have appropriate business models to meet regulatory and policy needs. A key goal of this research is to better integrate technology development with regulatory, policy, and business model development, to increase the likelihood of successful innovation. Within the utility industry, introduction of technologies related to grid modernization, or smart grid, have a particularly strong relevance to this research. However, development of a method that is useful in that area is also expected to have implications for improvements in many other industries, which have a variety of regulatory structures. This research performed a case study on the development of an integrated technology roadmapping process for electric vehicle charging. In addition to specific practical recommendations regarding the case study, this research provides a number of other important contributions to several fields of knowledge.

This research reviewed and analyzed many literature streams. It examined the current state of knowledge regarding smart grid technology and the emerging smart grid industry. In the process, it also examined the history of the U.S. electrical utility industry, as well as some of the relevant literature on utility economics. Integrated Resource Planning is another literature stream that was examined in the process of understanding how technology has been developed and deployed in this sector. Literature on energy policy and regulation was examined, as well as specific analysis regarding the policy landscape that has developed for the Pacific

Northwest region of the U.S. Closely tied to policy and regulatory issues, new frameworks, such as transactive energy structures were explored, and this in turn was specifically related to electric vehicle charging and vehicle-to-grid technology specifically. The technology roadmapping literature was also examined as a unifying concept for envisioning the technology development and deployment over time. Efforts specifically related to "smart grid roadmaps" were examined, and it was determined that few if any of the previous efforts in that literature stream would resemble those used in the technology roadmapping literature. Therefore, this research fills a gap by providing a technology roadmap on electric vehicle charging.

Furthermore, this research ties together important technology adoption concepts regarding "technology push" and "market pull" and offers several new concepts relevant to regulated industries, like electrical utilities. In addition to technology roadmaps balancing the technology push and market pull perspectives, it is proposed that regulated industries also have a significant "regulatory and policy push / pull" force that mediates between the technology push and market pull perspectives. Regulation can, for instance, distort market conditions, as well as place constraints on technology. Business models--which attempt to find a practical combination to solve the problem of competing technology, market, regulatory and policy forces--are affected by these simultaneous dynamics.

This research also examined relevant literature related to business models and tied it in to technology development business concept development, and analysis of industry forces. A set of general categories and characteristics were developed regarding the forces affecting the industry. A taxonomy of 31 business models were then develop and coded so that they could be easily distinguished and compared. These ideas were then connected to the technology roadmapping process. This provides an important resource for comparing elements of existing business models on the roadmap and helping stakeholders who wish to better understand this complex area. By providing a systematic framework for categorizing and comparing models as they relate to the roadmaps, it provides an excellent platform for adding further detail about models or as well as providing possible insights on the development of new models.

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