

# Port Electrification Considerations and Case Studies

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# Electrification for Decarbonizing Ports

- Drivers of Decarbonization
  - Health and Safety
  - Regulations, organizational goals, customer needs, and community demands.
  - Electrification is the primary path to net zero emissions.
- Challenges and Complexity
  - Balancing carbon neutrality with operational productivity.
  - Adapting electrified equipment within existing infrastructure.
- Operational Impacts
  - Infrastructure and traffic circulation adjustments.
  - Labor considerations for charging management and fleet monitoring.
- Port electrification is a complex task and demands a holistic approach.



# Opportunities of CHE Electrification

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- ❑ Reduced Emissions
- ❑ Lower Noise Pollution
- ❑ Maintenance
  - ❑ Less maintenance than internal combustion
  - ❑ Reduced downtime
  - ❑ Reduction in fuel handling
- ❑ Operating Cost
  - ❑ Grid power cheaper and less price-volatile than diesel
  - ❑ Incentives and funding from State and Federal

# Challenges of CHE Electrification

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- ❑ High Upfront Capital Expenditure
  - ❑ Equipment costs
  - ❑ Infrastructure development and upgrades
- ❑ Energy Demand and Reliability
  - ❑ Increased energy requirements
  - ❑ Power outages
  - ❑ Limited utility supply



# EV Charging Considerations

- ❑ Strategic Placement
  - ❑ Equipment should be placed as close as possible to operations
  - ❑ Dedicated space required for EV Charging and Infrastructure
- ❑ Charging Equipment
  - ❑ Speed of charging equipment is determined by the vehicle's specifications and Port operational requirements
  - ❑ Charging speeds of level 2 EV charging reach up to 80kw
  - ❑ Charging speeds of level 3 EV (DC Fast charging) charging reach up to 400kw
- ❑ Energy Supply and Grid Capacity
  - ❑ EV Charging can add significant load to a Port's electrical infrastructure
  - ❑ Number and size of chargers may be dependent the capacity of the local electrical utility
  - ❑ Load management software and SCADA systems can help mitigate potential grid capacity issues



# Planning Considerations



- › Electrified UTRs/Jockey Trucks
  - › Charging Schedule
    - › Consider operation availability
    - › Other coincidence loads
    - › Incidental charging opportunities
  - › Utilization Schedule and Travel Distance
  - › Battery charging is typically between 175-200 kW each at 480V
    - › For example, 24 EV Chargers at 180kW each – 4.32 MW
- › Top handlers Up to 400 kW
- › Light Vehicles Up to 40 kW

# Workforce Considerations



- › Training and Skill Development
  - › Operator Training
  - › Maintenance Training
- › Health and Safety
  - › High Voltage Safety
  - › Emergency Response
- › Improved Work Environment
  - › Reduced Emissions
  - › Reduced Noise Pollution
- › Workflow Adaptations
- › Collaboration with Tenants, Unions, and Worker Organizations
  - › Charging jurisdiction



# eRTG Considerations

- Load is typically between 70kW and 300kW, but it fluctuates greatly depending on operational condition
- Cable Reel
  - Typically Medium Voltage 4160V connection pedestal
  - Slightly larger RTG cost investment
  - Connection pedestal
  - Changing stacks requires a shallow cable trough or slot
- Busbar
  - Low voltage (480V or 1000V)
  - Larger infrastructure investment
  - Easily shift between stacks/blocks
  - Needs busbar support structures and foundations
- Fiber communications required in both cases
- Hybrid
  - 50%-60% reduction in emissions with no additional infrastructure





# Case Study #1 – Electrified CHE and Ancillary Support Vehicle Implementation

## Container Terminals, California



*Our experience shows, these items are key:*

*Robust design for a tough environment*

*Location of chargers with respect to charging strategy*

*Coordination between designers, owner, operator, equipment providers, charging system vendors, energy providers.*

*✓ Go live and Warranty*

*Testing and certification of system components*

### □ Experience

- Current LBCT Charger Vendor Outreach – Assessment of 25 industrial plug-in and wireless charger vendors with respect to 41 criteria to include:

- Voltage range and current output
- Safety protocols
- Proven track record
- Integration with fleet management systems
- Smart charging technology
- Installation, warranty, & support
- Maintenance and reliability

### □ POLB Pier C and J / Port of Oakland B60 SSAT Terminals

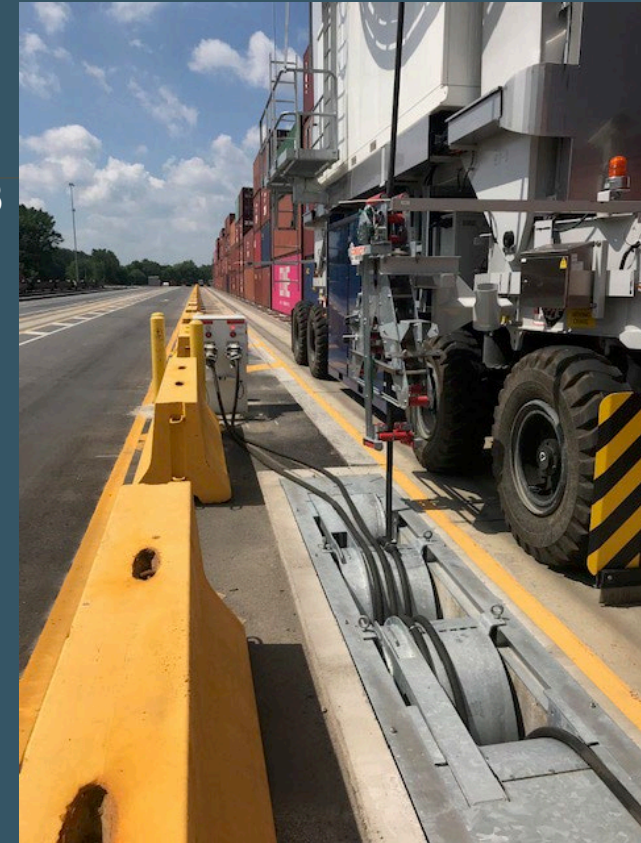
- eUTR automated charging systems
- eTop Handler manual charging systems
- eRTG installations

# Case Study #2 – RTGs Over Rails and Stacks

Garden City, Crandall, and Gainesville, Georgia (GPA)



- ❑ **Over Stacks:**
  - ❑ RTG Electrification GCT Phases 1, 2, and 3
    - ❑ Electrification of existing RTG fleet
    - ❑ Busbar
    - ❑ Savannah Transload Facility
    - ❑ Cable reel with above ground cable horn
- ❑ **Over Rails and Stacks**
  - ❑ Appalachian Regional Port
    - ❑ Cable reel with anchor pits
  - ❑ Blue Ridge Connector
    - ❑ Partially grant funded
- ❑ **M&N Project Scope:**
  - ❑ Collaborated with Port to define operational requirements
  - ❑ Electrical design: Medium and low voltage distribution and communications
  - ❑ Crane design: Set parameters and collaborated with crane vendor to finalize design and requirements





# Case Study #3 – RMG over Rail / eUTR

## Megarail, Garden City Terminal



*Our experience shows, these items are key:*

- ✓ *Stakeholder Involvement as early as possible. Rail companies can take two years to respond with confirmation*
- ✓ *Support solicitation of a group of qualified bidders*
- ✓ *Public outreach including hosting public information open house*
- ✓ *Understanding the operational needs of the project and rail line*
- ✓ *Large rail infrastructure projects quickly become programs due to the impacts on adjacent areas and systems.*

### □ Overview

- Largest on-terminal intermodal facility in North America
- Project integrated rail switching operations on terminal
- Partially grant funded to reduce rail traffic impact on neighboring communities

### □ Awards:

- Grand Prize winner of the Georgia Partnership of Transportation Quality Pre-Construction Design Award
- ACEC Engineering Excellence State and National Award Winner

### □ M&N Project Scope:

- Collaborated with Port to define operational requirements
- Rail design: Over 20 miles of new track, track alignment optimization, yard management system integration, switching controls, coordination with CSX and Norfolk Southern
- Electrical design: Medium/low voltage distribution, lighting, and communications
- Mechanical design: Compressed air systems for the railyard
- Crane design: Set parameters and collaborated with crane vendor to finalize design and requirements

# Case Study #4 – San Pedro Bay Clean Air Action Plan Compliance

## Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, California



*Our experience shows, these items are key:*

*Electrification is currently the most common path to net zero emissions*

*Integration requires a holistic approach*

- ✓ *Equipment*
- ✓ *Power demand and grid*
- ✓ *Space and layout impact*
- ✓ *Labor impact*

### □ Experience

- Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
  - Initial PMSA Studies to provide CAPEX and OPEX impacts of plan implementation in Ports of LA, LB, and Oakland Container Terminals.
  - Subsequent study to quantify associated electrical demand for terminal operations and electrified Truck drayage fleet.
- National Association of Waterfront Employers
  - Current ZE CHE Technology Assessment - Study to evaluate current state, challenges, availability, advantages, and disadvantages of CHE and ancillary support vehicles with respect to:
    - Battery electric equipment (40 vendor living data base)
    - Battery charging solutions
    - Hydrogen equipment
    - Battery Energy Storage Systems



# Case Study #5 – Electrification Master Plans

## POLB Pier J ZE Infrastructure Master Plan, California



*Our experience shows, these items are key:*

- ✓ *Understanding impact of ZE transition on CAPEX and OPEX*
- ✓ *Terminal operational modifications required to support electrified equipment.*
- ✓ *Coordination with maintenance and repair functions.*

### □ Overview

- Terminal master plan to analyze alternative ZE options for CHE and associated electrical demand for future throughput goals.
- Evaluated alternative energy solutions.
- Goal was to comply with CAAP with minimal impacts to operation.

### □ M&N's Approach:

- Developed quantities of charging stations needed to support ZE terminal operations
- Prepared ZE CHE parking and charging station layouts to consider
  - terminal operations and traffic flow patterns,
  - power infrastructure,
  - maintenance facilities,
  - operator/staff parking locations.
- Determined CAPEX costs associated with converting yard tractors to electric power, including a benefit cost analysis

# Case Study #6 – Electrification and Zero Emission Infrastructure Program

## Port of Oakland Green Power Microgrid Project, California



*Our experience shows, these items are key:*

- ✓ *Resilient microgrid design to ensure reliable port operations.*
- ✓ *Integration of renewable energy generation and battery storage to reduce emission.*
- ✓ *Scalable infrastructure that accommodates future electrification and load growth.*
- ✓ *Close coordination with utility providers and regulatory agencies.*

### □ Overview

- Implementing of a Green Power Microgrid to support ZE heavy-duty trucks, CHE, and terminal operations.
- Project scope includes:
  - 145 heavy-duty EV chargers
  - 1 MW solar panel array
  - 6.5 MW battery energy storage system (BESS)
- Substation upgrades planned to modernize the electrical grid and ensure resiliency
- Goal is to reduce emissions and improve air quality while meeting California's decarbonization and energy resiliency targets.

### □ M&N Approach:

- Conducted electrical load studies and power flow modeling to evaluate capacity and reliability of existing systems.
- Designed charger layouts and substations tailored to terminal operations, utility interconnection, and site-specific conditions.
- Developed Basis of Design Report (BODR) to align stakeholders on technical requirements, costs, delivery methods.
- Established project schedule and milestones to meet grant deadlines.

# Questions and Open Discussion

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