

## Volta To Be Acquired by Shell



January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Shell USA Inc. [NYSE:SHEL] has agreed to acquire the electric vehicle charging company Volta [NYSE: VLTA], which operates over 3,000 stations, for \$169M in cash

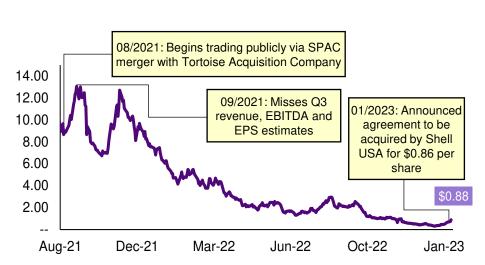




#### **Acquisition Overview and Rationale**

- On January 18, 2023, Shell announced it has reached an agreement to acquire Volta for \$0.86 per share (\$169M), representing an 18% premium to the Volta's latest closing price
  - The deal is pending shareholder approval
  - Shell will also provide loans to help Volta through the deal's closing, which is expected in the first half of 2023
- Shell will gain access to Volta's dual charging and media/advertising model
- Unlocks Volta's pipeline of charging stalls in evaluation or construction and ability to capitalize on the opportunity of the future EV market

#### **Volta Stock Price Chart**



#### **Shell EV Charging Strategy and Recent Acquisitions**

- Shell purchased EV charging network, Greenlots, in 2019 and operated its charging station business under its name until it rebranded to "Shell Recharge Solutions" in 2021
  - This followed the unification with its European counterpart, NewMotion, which was purchased by Shell in 2017
- Earlier in 2021, Shell purchased the largest public EV charging network in the U.K., Ubitricity, confirming charging stations as a key piece of the company's strategic priorities moving forward
- Shell has also moved into the home charging network business through its licensing of the Shell Recharge name to Sky Intelligent, a provider of power banks and charging equipment to consumers
- Shell installs an electric vehicle charge point every 20 minutes on average, aiming to operate 500,000 by 2025 and 2.5 million by 2030

# **Electric Vehicle ("EV") Charging Overview**



EV network adoption is accelerating rapidly within the United States with non-residential representing a growth area

#### **Industry Overview**

# Charging Infrastructure

 A charging network is composed of individual charging stations, which represent groups of charge points (for single-car use) located at one site

# Charge Point Outlook

- There are currently 4 million charge points for electric vehicles across the United States, including both the commercial and residential charging infrastructure
  - This amount will likely need to grow by ten times the current capacity to over 35 million to meet consumer demand by 2030
  - It is anticipated that there will be 27 million EVs on the road by 2030 and an additional 65 million during the decade following

# Segment Growth

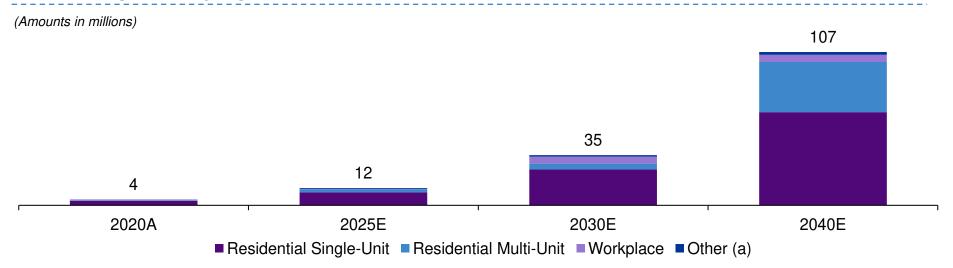
- The segment of charge points that are expected to see the most rapid growth over the next decade include at-work and on-the-go points
  - The workplace segment is anticipated to grow from roughly 0% of total units to 17% by 2030
  - For EVs to achieve scale, must be sufficient supply of on-the-go charge points to alleviate range concerns of the vehicles
  - On-the-go and at-work charge points represent the segments best positioned to use advertising



# **Electric Vehicle Charging Overview (cont.)**

With the number of EV charge points expected to grow by over 2500% between 2020 and 2040, the mass adoption of EVs offers an expansive but unproven physical footprint for advertising

#### **Installed Charge Points by Segment**



#### **Advertising Opportunity**

- Select EV charging kiosks are being constructed with premium LED screens that can be used for advertising
  - Most of the advertising capabilities associated with EV charging are in the development stage and have not yet been deployed
- Sites for future kiosks will include stores, including McDonald's, Taco Bell, Starbucks and Walgreens, through partnerships with existing networks, including ChargePoint and Volta
  - Companies seeking carbon reduction are leveraging kiosks to achieve this goal
  - Advertising revenue can offset costs associated with kiosks, making charging free for consumers
- · Pedestrian-level, high-resolution screens with analytical capabilities are of particular interest to advertisers
- Given limited adoption and data to date, unclear whether charging kiosks deliver enough impressions and engagement to be profitable from a unit economics perspective across a wide range of locations

# **Electric Vehicle Charging Advertising Landscape Overview**



- The advertising segment of EV charging stations is still nascent, with 3 major operators today
- Of the 148,000 active charging points (not including residential EV charging infrastructure) in the U.S. (a), less than 5% are currently integrated with advertising networks or have ad capabilities(b)
- Existing large networks of EV charging stations with advertising capabilities include:
  - ChargePoint: In August 2022, partnered with Ara Labs and GSTV to create a nationwide advertising network of 1,000 screens in 10 key markets as an optional add-on for business that buy and install ChargePoint stations
  - Volta: Media network of 5.700 screens in 31 states, garnering over a billion monthly impressions
    - Agreed to be acquired by Shell in January 2023, with the deal expected to close in the first half of 2023
  - Blink: Product called the Vision Point of Charge Advertising Solution that has LCD touchscreen capable of displaying static and dynamic advertising; rollout cadence unknown as of today
- Potential for increased attribution and data tracking also exists as a valuable adjacent benefit
- While the potential for an expansive physical footprint is certainly present, the deployment timetable and unit economics are still uncertain

#### **Electric Vehicle Charging Networks**



Indicates EV networks which currently have advertising networks or capabilities

#### **United States**



>900 stations



~800 stations and over 3,500 chargers



>5,000 stations

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Global

>27,000 U.S. stations: >200.000 charge points



>1.350 charge points in U.K. and 1 in U.S.



40,000 global superchargers



**Europe** 

>7.000 available charge points in U.K



>450 locations and over 2,000 chargers across Europe

Pro Forma: ~13,000 charge points available

globally

a) Source: Alternative Fuels Data Center - US Public and Private Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure.

# Select Electric Vehicle Charging Network Advertising Operators SOLOMON PARTNERS



Company	Fleet Size	Financials (\$M)			Commentary
<b>blink</b> °	>5,000 Stations	TEV Market Cap CY+1 Revenue CY+1 EBITDA EV / CY+1 Sales	\$618 674 59 (68) 10.5 x	•	Blink offers residential and commercial EV charging equipment and services, enabling EV drivers to recharge at various location types
				•	The Blink Vision point-of-charge Level 2 charging station is designed for maximum impact at high-traffic locations and includes oversized 55" LCD screens for advertisements
				•	These stations come equipped with a daylight color LCD charger touchscreen and easy payment via RFID credit cards
				•	Acquired SemaConnect, a network of 15,000+ deployed chargers, in June 2022
	>27,000 U.S. charging stations	TEV Market Cap CY+1 Revenue CY+1 EBITDA EV / CY+1 Sales	\$3,974 4,076 479 (239) 8.3 x	•	ChargePoint is a leading electric vehicle charging technology solutions provider, and is creating a new fueling network to move people and goods on electricity
-chargepoin+	210,000+ total active charge points under			٠	Partnership with GSTV and Ara Labs announced in August 2022 with goal of deploying 1,000 screens at ChargePoint stations that will not directly collect consumer data
Campbell, CA	management				<ul> <li>Roll out to begin in 2023</li> </ul>
volta	Network of ~3,000 stations and 5,700 digital screens in 48 DMAs and 31 states	TEV Market Cap CY+1 Revenue CY+1 EBITDA EV / CY+1 Sales	\$169 153 55 (135) 3.1 x	•	Volta Charging is an electric vehicle infrastructure company that operates a network of charging stations compatible with all major battery types globally
				•	The charging stations utilize first-party data from the company's mobile app and combine that with retail partners' customer-loyalty databases
					<ul> <li>Sensors at Volta stations can also target consumers by the model of vehicle they drive</li> </ul>
				٠	Advertisements on Volta screens encourage marketers to use its eight- or fifteen-second videos focused on sustainability messages and allow the company to offer free or reduced charging rates
				٠	Currently in partnership with Kroger to deploy charging stations at various U.S. locations of the grocery chain
San Francisco, CA				٠	In January 2023, it was announced that Shell will acquire Volta for \$169M, adding advertising capabilities to its "Recharge" network of stations

# **Select Electric Vehicle Advertising Solutions Providers**



Company	Fleet Size	Ownership	Commentary
dia			Ara Labs provides end-to-end managed digital displays to leading mobility, media, and retail companies
	Partnership with GSTV / ChargePoint to deploy 1,000	Raised \$70M from leading investors including Founders Fund, Coatue, Rosecliff,	<ul> <li>Owns and operates the largest US network of car top advertising displays in partnership with Uber and NYC Taxi, providing a network of screens which display geofenced and time-based content to riders</li> </ul>
	screens in 10 markets	iHeart Media, Kellogg's, and COPEC	<ul> <li>Recently launched EV charging media network with ChargePoint and GSTV, wherein Ara Labs will own and operate the digital displays</li> </ul>
New York, NY			<ul> <li>Other screens can be found on retail / storefront and parking / municipal locations</li> </ul>
I⊎Techa			<ul> <li>IoTecha provides critical hardware and software components for smart charging infrastructure and enables the integration of tens of millions of EVs with the power grid</li> </ul>
	NA	VC investors include BP Investments, Vajra Investments and the Hager Group among others	<ul> <li>In March 2022, the company announced a strategic collaboration with Samsung to introduce a new range of electric vehicle charging stations combining quality display and signage solutions with industry-leading EV charging tech</li> </ul>
Cranbury, NJ			<ul> <li>Collaboration enables new business models and revenue streams for digital signage and EV charging network providers</li> </ul>

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