



## **Electrify America's Giovanni Palazzo to Speak at AutoMobility LA on the Role Charging Companies will Play as the U.S. Prepares for Electric Vehicle Growth**

**Reston, VA (November 26, 2018)** – Electrify America President and CEO Giovanni Palazzo will be a keynote speaker at AutoMobility LA on November 27 in Los Angeles where he will share his perspective on the key role electric vehicle (EV) charging companies will play as automakers prepare to introduce hundreds of new EV models in the U.S.

Palazzo's presentation is titled: ***"Racing to create an open, fast charging network ready for a tidal wave of EVs."***

In his presentation, Palazzo will note that mobility will experience a major jolt by 2025 when hundreds of new electric vehicle models will enter the U. S. transportation grid. Publicly available, fast charging services will be in high demand.

Palazzo says the key questions the U.S. must face will be: Are we focused on this race to create an open electric vehicle charging network? And will it meet consumer demands and expectations for convenience, reliability and speed?

"With the next generation of EVs featuring faster charging speeds, we all need to be focused on the development of a comprehensive and open ultra-fast EV charging network," said Palazzo. "I am delighted to participate in AutoMobility LA as it brings together all the key mobility stakeholders to have a robust discussion on the opportunities and challenges we all face in ensuring that drivers feel confident about EVs and the charging networks that are available to serve them."

Electrify America is investing \$2 billion in Zero Emission Vehicle charging infrastructure, access and education programs across America as it rapidly expands its nationwide charging network, the largest commitment of its kind to date.

Electrify America plans to have more than 484 ultra-fast EV charging sites featuring more than 2,000 DC fast chargers installed or under construction by June 2019. During this same period, the company also is installing more than 2,800 Level 2 chargers at more than 400 community-based sites such as multiunit dwellings and work-place locations nationwide.

Electrify America's nationwide DC fast charging stations will be located in 17 metropolitan areas and along high-traffic corridors in 42 states, including two cross-country routes. The charging stations will feature charging levels that range from 50 kilowatts (kW) up to 350kW, with the latter being capable of adding up to 20 miles of range per minute to a vehicle. Nationally, each planned charging station site will be located no more than 120 miles apart and, planned locations average only 70 miles apart.

**About Electrify America**

Electrify America LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Volkswagen Group of America headquartered in Reston, VA and with an office in Pasadena, CA, is investing \$2 billion over 10 years in Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) infrastructure, education and access. The investment will enable millions of Americans to discover the benefits of electric driving and support the build-out of a nationwide network of workplace, community and highway chargers that are convenient and reliable. For more information, visit [www.electrifyamerica.com](http://www.electrifyamerica.com).

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