Portland International Airport Boasts Largest Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at an Airport in the United States: 42 PowerPost® EV Chargers Now Installed

Waukegan, Illinois (August 17, 2015) In the largest installation of commercial electric vehicle chargers at an airport in the United States, Portland International Airport (PDX) now has 42 L1 PowerPost™ EV charging stations in place. PowerPost® commercial electric vehicle charging stations (EVSEs) are designed and manufactured by Telefonix® Inc., a technology design and manufacturing company that creates product solutions for highly regulated industries.

“This installation makes a huge statement,” says Bill Williams, Business Development Manager for Telefonix, EVSE Division. “The electric vehicle movement is gaining steam and will continue to do so. Facilities like PDX are acknowledging this growing community and sending a signal that they support those who are embracing electric vehicles by installing stations for both airport employees and travelers.”

Portland International Airport chose PowerPost level 1 electric vehicle charging stations for their integrated, retractable cord reel, which keeps cables off the ground, reducing maintenance and tripping hazards. They were also selected because they are level 1 units, which have low current requirements and allow for an efficient use of energy. Level 1 charging is well suited for long-dwell parking that is typical at airports and workplaces. The low-current requirements of level 1 also allowed the airport to install more charging stations, compared to more powerful chargers that often require costly upgrades to the electrical supply. Level 1 charging enables EV drivers to recover about 5 miles of range for every hour they are plugged in. The range lost in a typical commute of twenty miles is recovered in about 4 hours at a cost to the facility of less than 75 cents.

“We are excited to support our travelers and employees with these new EV charging stations,” says Vince Granato, Port of Portland chief operations officer. “Voted America’s Best Airport in 2013, 2014 and 2015 in Travel + Leisure’s Reader Survey, we take pride in delivering a memorable and positive experience to those who use our facilities. The installation of EV charging stations is one of our many environmental initiatives, which are central to how we do business and serve as good community stewards.”
“Airports are really taking an aggressive approach to delivering on the need for electric vehicle charging infrastructure,” says Williams. “Given that customers parking for 4 hours or more represent over 85% of all occupied spaces at an airport and the fact that airports often have sustainability initiatives in place, it’s a perfect fit.”

The PowerPost EV charging stations will be free to use for employees and visitors.

About Portland International Airport
Portland International Airport is home to domestic and international passenger airlines offering nonstop service to more than 50 domestic destinations and nine international cities. PDX serves more than 16 million passengers annually. A convenient public transportation light rail system runs from the city center to the airport. PDX is a leader in wildlife hazard management, noise management, and waste reduction and recycling; the airport was voted the best U.S. airport in Travel+Leisure World’s Best Awards reader poll in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

About the PowerPost® EVSE Product Line
The Telefonix PowerPost electric vehicle charging station product line is focused on low current solutions for commercial parking lots or garages where cars are parked for two or more hours. The L1 PowerPost EVSE led the way as the first commercial Level 1 EV charging station, and the L2 PowerPost EVSE is making an impact on the Level 2 product category as the first low current, commercial Level 2 EV charging station. All PowerPost chargers provide an economical charging solution that also features a retractable cord reel that eliminates the clutter and potential hazards of long cables as well as offering the potential for custom branding. Telefonix is delivering on electric vehicle charging innovations with a cost of ownership that creates a win-win for both the EV driver and the parking facility.


About Telefonix®, Inc.
With over 25 years in business and more than 60 patents issued to date for its innovations, Telefonix is a leader in cord reel technology. In addition to its portfolio of cord reel products, the company also designs and manufactures custom electronics for customers in highly regulated industries. In 2011, the idea to leverage the company’s capabilities to address unmet needs in the electric vehicle charging station market was born. Today, the same proven cord reel technology that flies on more than 80% of long-haul aircraft is designed and incorporated into the PowerPost® commercial low-current electric vehicle charger product line. Based in Waukegan, Illinois, the Telefonix team is adept at delivering smart solutions to market. With a staff of highly skilled engineers, project managers, manufacturing experts and more, the Telefonix team delivers the quality product you expect and service you need for success.

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