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Next Meeting: September 25th, 6:30 PM
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Program: Cash or Charge?

Newsletter Topics:

The finality of Ecotality.



Coast to Coast with Elon Musk.

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Ecotality goes belly up

Ecotality Inc, a maker of charging stations for electric cars that won a \$99.8 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy four years ago, has filed for bankruptcy protection and said it plans to auction its assets next month. The San Francisco-based company is among a growing number of U.S. alternative-energy companies that have struggled or succumbed amid consumer resistance to the high cost and restricted driving range associated with electric vehicles. Ecotality and five affiliates filed for Chapter 11 protection on Monday night with the U.S. bankruptcy court in Phoenix. The company said eight parties have expressed interest in bidding on its assets and that it wants to hold an auction on October 9, with a closing to occur within two days. Citing "significant liquidity constraints and the difficulty of obtaining long-term financing," Ecotality said an auction is necessary to maximize value for creditors and avoid a "fire-sale liquidation." Ecotality makes systems for electric vehicles under the Blink and Minit Charger brands. It had warned on August 12 that a bankruptcy filing was possible, amid disappointing sales and a suspension of payments from the federal government. Among other U.S. alternative energy companies, green car startup Coda Holdings Inc filed for bankruptcy protection in May after selling just 100 all-electric sedans. Meanwhile, the Energy Department on Tuesday said it will in October sell a non-performing loan made to another green car startup, Fisker Automotive. Ecotality's \$99.8 million grant was awarded in August 2009 to help develop the EV Project, a network of charging stations for vehicles such as the Chevrolet Volt and Nissan Leaf in major U.S. metropolitan areas. The company said Nissan North America Inc agreed to provide up to \$1.25 million of financing to keep it operating during the bankruptcy. Court approval is required for that loan.

According to a court filing, the Energy Department is owed \$6.5 million as the largest unsecured creditor of Ecotality affiliate Electric Transportation Engineering Corp.

A hearing on Ecotality's "first-day motions," including that it be allowed to pay employees and vendors, is scheduled for Thursday morning. Shares of Ecotality closed on Tuesday down 7.2 cents, or 31.1 percent, at 15.9 cents on the Nasdaq. They closed at \$1.46 on August 9, the last trading day before Ecotality warned of a possible Chapter 11 filing.

The case is In re: Ecotality Inc, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Arizona, No. 13-16127.

(Reporting by Jonathan Stempel in New York; Editing by Carol Bishopric)

Read more: <http://www.foxbusiness.com/news/2013/09/17/ecotality-electric-car-charger-maker-files-for-bankruptcy/#ixzz2ffx3xmcf>

Elon Musk to Drive a Tesla Across the U.S. — But the Superchargers Have to Come First

BY [DAMON LAVRINC](#)



Elon Musk is planning to drive from Los Angeles to New York using only a Model S and Tesla Superchargers. But he'll have to wait until the end of the year before the automaker's quick charging network is actually built out.

According to Musk, [the trip will take six days and cover 3,200 miles](#). But the really important number is how much time he plans on charging. Over the course of the trip, he claims to only charge a total of nine hours, [saying in a tweet](#) that, "At 1.5 hrs/day, we will only ever need to charge when stopping anyway [sic] to eat or sightsee, never just for charging itself." We buy the eating part, given the strategic placement of Superchargers near gas stations and restaurants, but we're not entirely sure how much there is to see in the middle of Kansas.

But a lack of attractions is the least of Musk's concerns at the moment. Tesla only has 19 Supercharger stations online in all of North America, and [the map of planned stations](#) has some major gaps. However, a Tesla spokeswoman tells WIRED that the Supercharger map hasn't been updated since April and that many more stations are planned to be online by the time Musk and his family set off.

Musk originally discussed the trip during [a shareholder meeting in June](#), saying that he planned to recreate the same cross country adventure he and his brother took nearly 20 years ago. But there's no word if his brother will be joining him this time around.

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