Chart of the Week: Can the U.S. Electricity Grid Immediately Switch to an All-EV Fleet?

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Can the U.S. Grid Handle EVs?

	Can the U.S. Power Grid	handle an i	mmediate	
switch to Electric Vehicles?				
			Factor	Formula
A	U.S. Total Miles On-Highway Driven (VMT)	3.2	Trillion	
	Number of			
В	Light Duty Vehicles (LDVs) (90% of VMT)	249.0	Million	
с	Heavy Duty Vehicles (HDVs) (10% of VMT)	13.2	Million	
D		2.9	Trillion	90% * A
E		0.3	Irillion	10% * A
F	MPG-Equivalent LD Electric Vehicle	100.0	One	
G	MPG-Equivalent HD Electric Vehicle	30.0	One	
н	LDV Fuel – Gasoline KWH/Gallon	35.3		
1	HDV Fuel – Diesel KWH/Gallon	40.3		
J	LDV EV Annual Electricity Requirement	1.0	Trillion Watt Hours	(D ÷ F) * H
к	HDV EV Annual Electricity Requirement	0.4	Trillion Watt Hours	(E ÷ G) * I
	Total EV Annual Electricity Requirement	1.4	Trillion Watt Hours) J+К
м	U.S. Total Electricity Generation	4.2	Trillion Watt Hours	
N	10 year Annualized Growth Rate	0.4%		
•	Fears Required of Growth in Electricity Generation	79.8)	(ln(L+ M) ÷ M) ÷ N
Analysis based on EIA & DOE Data EPRIN				

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The U.S. Grid would need to generate 33%, or 1.4 TWHs, more of electricity.

U.S. Electricity Generation grew at an annualized 0.4% growth rate during the last ten years.

At that rate, it would require 79.8 years to accommodate a full EV transition of the U.S. fleet.