



COLLINS ELECTRICAL COMPANY, INC. POWERS THE FUTURE WITH WATTEV'S LARGEST ELECTRIC TRUCK CHARGING DEPOT IN BAKERSFIELD, CA

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We are proud to announce we celebrated a significant milestone as a proud contributor to WattEV, Inc.'s latest endeavor – the grand opening of their third and largest electric truck charging depot in Bakersfield, CA. As the electrical contractor on this groundbreaking project, we are honored to have been highlighted by the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) for our exceptional workmanship and dedication to excellence.

The WattEV Bakersfield Electric Truck Stop stands as the nation's first electric truck stop, featuring a solar-powered microgrid with a cutting-edge battery energy storage system (BESS) and the capability for megawatt rapid charging. This state-of-the-art station boasts an impressive array of chargers, including 16 dual-cord 360kW chargers, 15 single-cord 240kW CCS chargers, and three MCS rapid chargers, all drawing power from the site's solar array.

Under the leadership of our Branch Manager David Helsel, Lead Estimator, and Project Manager, Bryan Hard, Assoc. DBIA, General Superintendent Stefan Davis, Assoc. DBIA, Foreman Josue Haro and his crew, along with our dedicated Project Coordinator Leslie Byrd, Collins Electrical Company, Inc. played a crucial role in the success of this project.

From setting up solar arrays to connecting inverters and battery storage equipment to completing site lighting and communication systems, our team ensured that every aspect of the electrical work was executed with precision and expertise.

The Bakersfield depot, strategically located near major distribution centers and the busy CA-99 freeway, will play a vital role in facilitating the transition to zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty truck transportation across Southern California and beyond. With amenities including restrooms, a commercial center, and on-site attendance 24/7, this depot sets a new standard for eco-friendly logistics solutions.

As WattEV continues to spearhead the electrification of freight corridors across the nation, Collins Electrical Company, Inc. is proud to be a part of this transformative journey. Together, we are driving towards a cleaner, greener future for transportation in America.

About Collins Electrical Company, Inc.

Established in 1924, Collins Electrical Company, Inc. (CECI) is a family-owned/operated business and one of the top electrical construction and engineering firms in Northern California. With offices in Fresno, Livermore, Marina, Modesto, Stockton, and West Sacramento, CECI maintains a specialized focus on all commercial, industrial, institutional, and energy-based markets. As an IBEW Union contractor, CECI upholds a valued reputation for unmatched quality and excellence in design, construction, and project management. Electrical Construction and Engineering Services provided by the company include:

- Design-Assist
- Design-Build
- Energy Services
- Preconstruction
- Prefabrication
- Service & Maintenance
- Solar Photovoltaics
- Special Projects
- Traffic & Street Lighting
- 24-Hour Emergency Service

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