



## Sven Thesen, Utility Operations & Sustainability Strategy Better Place



Sven Thesen, who joined Better Place in April 2008, is responsible for driving the company's sustainability vision and strategic relations with key utility companies. In his role, Thesen leverages his deep technical expertise in electric transportation and environmental engineering to help Better Place achieve its greater goal of global oil independence.

Prior to joining Better Place, Thesen managed the Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) emission reduction team and assisted the United Nations in revising the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories. As a result of his contributions to the IPCC, he and other contributing engineers and scientists were awarded the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize.

In his most recent post at PG&E, Thesen served as Electric Drive Supervisor within company's Clean Air Transportation Department. Under his direction, the Electric Drive Group secured its leadership position in utility-based EV initiatives by being the first utility to demonstrate Vehicle to Grid (V2G) technology.

Thesen received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from North Carolina State University and has been recognized by California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's administration with the 2006 Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award. As an avid cyclist and zero emission activist, sets a good example for his two children and wife by biking to and from work and their residence in Palo Alto, California.