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DECEMBER ELECTRIC VEHICLE SALES REACH ALL-TIME MONTHLY HIGH

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13,650 Electric Vehicles Were Sold in December, Despite Sustained Low Gas Prices

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Yesterday, final numbers of U.S. [electric vehicle sales for the 2015 year](#) were released showing that despite low gas prices, a record-breaking 13,650 electric vehicles were purchased this past December, the largest sales month ever. This marks a more than 10-percent increase from last December, which previously held the record for highest monthly sales of electric vehicles. InsideEV's scorecard notes that the Tesla Model S, Chevy Volt, Ford Fusion Energi, and BMW i3, i8 and X5 saw a surge in sales that led to this record-breaking statistic.

Gasoline prices averaged only [\\$2.40 per gallon](#) for U.S. consumers in 2015, down from an average of [\\$3.34 per gallon](#) in 2014. Overall, U.S. electric vehicle sales in 2015 suffered from these low gas prices. However, the December surge (after a strong November showing) is notable, given that the average U.S. gasoline price in December dipped down to [\\$2.01 per gallon](#), the lowest monthly price since 2009.

In response, Sierra Club Electric Vehicle Initiative Director Gina Coplon-Newfield released the following statement: "Plug-in electric vehicles are a clean, affordable choice over the gasoline-fueled conventional vehicles that are leaving our air dirty, our families sick, and our climate in peril. The high December electric vehicle sales numbers show that even when gas prices are low, consumers can break records choosing electric vehicles. The increasing options, mileage ranges, and affordability of electric vehicles are moving us in a direction that's not only good for the consumer, but good for the planet too. Now, we need to use this momentum to replace even more polluting vehicles with cleaner alternatives."

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