

Demand Response Prohibited Resources

Background

What is changing?

The California Public Utilities Commission has mandated that fossil fuels can no longer be used to reduce load during demand response events. This policy will be effective on January 1, 2019. Please review the information below. Your attestation may be required to continue to participate in demand response.

Why?

Demand response plays an important role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and supporting California's clean energy policies. The California Public Utilities Commission mandated this in Decision 16-09-056.

Impact

What fossil fuel resources are subject to prohibition for demand response load reduction?

- Distributed generation technologies using diesel, natural gas, gasoline, propane or liquefied petroleum gas
- Topping Cycle Combined Heat and Power
- Non-combined Heat and Power configuration

What programs are affected?

- Base Interruptible Program
- Capacity Bidding Program
- Demand Response Auction Mechanism
- Supply-side Pilot
- Excess Supply Pilot

Exemptions

What resources are exempt?

- Pressure reduction turbines
- Waste heat to power (bottoming cycle combined heat and power)
- Storage that is not coupled with fossil fueled generation

What programs are exempt?

- SmartAC
- SmartRate
- Peak Day Pricing
- Time-of-use rates
- Scheduled Load Reduction Program
- Optional binding mandatory curtailment
- Permanent load shifting programs

About the attestation

What are my attestation options?

If you're a current or new participant in an impacted program, you will be required to attest to one of the following:

- 1. You do not have a prohibited resource.
- 2. You do have a prohibited resource and you will not use it during any demand response event.*
- 3. You do have a prohibited resource, but you must run the resource during demand response events for safety-, operational- and/or healthrelated reasons. You will take a default adjustment based on the nameplate capacity of that prohibited resource.*
- * You will be required to provide the number of prohibited resources onsite and the total nameplate capacity in kW.

When do I need to attest?

Attestation period is between October 1 and December 10, 2018.

What happens if I don't respond?

If you are a Base Interruptible Program or Capacity Bidding Program participant, you will be removed from the program. You will be eligible to reenroll, subject to the requirements associated with the prohibition.

How do I get started?

If you are directly enrolled in a demand response program with PG&E, your Customer Relationship Manager will contact you with details of the process. Be on the lookout for attestation materials arriving soon.

If you participate in the demand response program through an aggregator or Demand Response Auction Mechanism contract, your aggregator or demand response provider will seek the appropriate attestation from you.

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