



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. The date when this will be implemented is not yet available but is expected to be in the first quarter of 2018. 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)
- Stand-alone storage or storage coupled with renewable generation that meets the relevant greenhouse gas emission standards adopted for the Self-Generation Incentive Program

What programs are exempt?

- SmartAC
- SmartRate
- Peak Day Pricing
- Time-of-use rates
- Schedule 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 electronically 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 health-related reasons. You will take a default adjustment based on the nameplate capacity of that prohibited resource.

When do I need to attest?

The date when you must provide your attestation is not yet available.

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.

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 re-enroll, subject to the requirements associated with the prohibition.

How do I get started?

We're developing an online portal for submitting attestations and will keep you posted on updates. If you have any questions, please contact your PG&E Account Manager.