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Incentives and ongoing payments:

- **One-time incentives** to install ADR-enabled building controls.
- **Ongoing payments** for actively participating in an eligible DR program.
- **Advanced notification** about upcoming DR events via email and phone call.
- **Convenience of automated participation** in DR events.
- **Ability to opt out** if necessary to meet unanticipated property needs on event days.
- **Technical and administrative services** including incentive estimation, application processing, support enrolling in a DR program, and ongoing connectivity support.
- **LEED Credits** v4 O+M: Existing Buildings equal to three credits.

- **$200 per kW** of calculated DR load reduction.
- **Incentives cover up to 75 percent of eligible project costs** with 60 percent of the incentive received after verification of equipment installation and the remaining 40 percent received dependent upon performance in one full DR season.
- **Ongoing payment amount depends on the selected DR program.** PG&E can help you select the program that best fits your operations.

Next steps

To learn more about the Automated Demand Response Program, call 1-855-866-2205 or visit pge-adr.com.

Market characterization

The large office sector in California consists of buildings larger than 30,000 square feet and comprises over 650 million square feet. While just thirteen percent of California’s commercial floor stock, it accounts for seventeen percent of electricity consumption. Supplying the additional 500 MW of load created by large offices on hot summer days can require the entire output equivalent of a large fossil fuel power plant or multiple small power plants. By actively participating in DR programs, property teams help reduce the need for certain power plants to operate on hot summer days, improving air quality and the reliability of the electricity system.

Large office sector: Estimated cumulative daily electric load in MW

![Graph showing estimated cumulative daily electric load in MW](source)

Source: 2006 Commercial End Use Survey, California Energy Commission*