California Demand Response Programs

It's an exciting time to be an energy-consuming organization in California. That's because we're on the cusp of a new era in clean energy. Our drive toward generating 100% of our state's energy by way of renewable sources by the middle of this century is one no other state can match.

Getting there won't be easy, but the road of a pioneer seldom is.

That's why CPower wants to help your organization lead California toward a more sustainable future with a holistic demand-side management solution

California Programs

- Capacity Bidding Program (CBP)
- Base Interruptible Program (BIP)
- Demand Response Auction Mechanism (DRAM)
- Emergency Load Reduction Program (ELRP)





Program Comparison

Parameters	PG&E BIP	PG&E CBP Elect	PGE DRAM/SCE RA	SCE CBP	SDG&E CBP/ CBP Elect	Statewide ELRP	
Dispatch	Day Of (30 min)	Day Ahead	Day Ahead with possibility for 45 minute	Day Of (1 hour) Day Ahead	Day Of (40 min)/ Day Ahead	Day Of	
Commitment period	Annual (Jan-Dec)	Summer (May-Oct)	Summer (May-Oct)	Annual (Jan-Dec)	Summer (May-Oct)	Summer (May-Oct)	
Commitment Hours	24/7/365	1-9 PM weekdays	4-9 PM weekdays 4-9PM Saturdays	3-9 PM weekdays	11AM - 7PM OR 1-9 PM (Elect) Weekdays	4-9 PM Daily	
Max # of events/Day	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Callable Hours/Events	Maximum 6 hours	1-4 hours	1-4 hours	1-6 hours	2-4 hours	5	
Min Curtailment Value	100kW	No	No	No	20 kW	No	
On-Site Generation Requirements	No Fossil	No Fossil	No Fossil	No Fossil	No Fossil	Fossil Permitted	
	Below 100% excess	75-105% Proportional	75-100% Proportional	75-105% Proportional	75-100% Proportional	Pay for Performance	
Payment Bands	energy applies	Below 75% reduced payments /penalties	Below 75 - \$0	Below 75% reduced payments /penalties	Below 75% reduced payments /penalties	No penalties.	
Trigger	System Emergency	Economic bid into CAISO	Economic Bid into CAISO	Market price trigger Market price trigger/ Economic bid into CAISO		System Alert or Emergency	
Max hours (events) / Month	40 hours	5 Events	24 hours	30 hours (5 events)	24 hours	60	
Max Hours / Year	180 hours	120 hours	None	None	144 hours	60	
# Test / Year	Up to 2	Up to 2	1+	Up to 3	Up to 2	N/A	



Program Parameters CBP

BASELINE	 Average usage of each hourly interval out of 10 previous eligible weekdays. Customer can choose baseline with or without day-of adjustment (60% to 140%) or without day-of adjustment.
COMPENSATION	 Payments for Capacity and Energy are based on monthly kW curtailment nomination, adjusted by performance. Energy payments are made only to bundled customers when either an event or test is called.
COMPLIANCE	 Customers are required to comply with all relevant rules and regulations.
UNDER AND NON- PERFORMANCE	 Underperformance varies by Utility and Program. (Please refer to Payment/Performance table for details)
ENROLLMENT DEADLINE	 Contract and add forms must be finalized by the 1st day of the month prior to the operating month. Actual deadline varies by utility.
METERING	 Each account must have an approved 15-minute interval meter or Smart Meter and approved meter communications equipment installed and operating at least 10 days prior to participating in the programs in order to establish a valid baseline. PG&E requires 3 months of data.
BACK-UP GENERATION	 No fossil generation for curtailment. All customers will have to provide information on any onsite fossil generation and attest to not using it for curtailment. Verification measures under development by CPUC and supporting data, including the potential for a utility paid for data logger, will be requested.
CPOWER APP REQUIREMENTS	 If curtailable load per account is in excess of 500kW, the CPower App is required and CPower shares the cost with customer.

Program Parameters PG&E BIP

BASELINE	 Summer Potential Load Reduction (PLR) is based upon the average monthly demand during On-Peak hours (on-peak kWh divided by on-peak hours) excluding any days where customers participated in a DR event. Winter Potential Load Reduction (PLR) is based upon the average monthly demand during assessment hours. Partial-Peak hours (partial-peak kWh divided by partial-peak hours) excluding any days where customers participated in a DR event.
COMPENSATION	 Capacity Payment: based upon the difference between the applicable Summer or Winter monthly PLR and the Firm Service Level.
COMPLIANCE	Customers are required to comply with all relevant rules and regulations.
UNDER AND NON-PERFORMANCE	 Failure to reduce usage below FSL results in penalty payments back to PGE at a specified \$/kWh amount. Payments will be netted against customer payments to reduce risk of out-of-pocket expenditures.
ENROLLMENT DEADLINE	 New Enrollments are only processed in April, contracts must be finalized and add forms submitted by mid- March. De-enrollments and FSL changes may only occur in November for the following calendar year.
METERING	 Each account must have an approved 15-minute interval meter and approved meter communications equipment installed and operating at least 10 days prior to participating in the programs in order to establish a valid baseline.
BACK-UP GENERATION	 No fossil generation for curtailment. All customers will have to provide information on any onsite fossil generation and attest to not using it for curtailment. Verification measures under development by CPUC and supporting data, including the potential for a utility paid for data logger, will be requested.
CPOWER APP REQUIREMENTS	 If curtailable load per account is in excess of 500kW, the CPower App is required and CPower shares the cost with customer.



Program Parameters PGE DRAM / SCE RA

BASELINE	 Weekday events are calculated on the average usage of each hourly interval out of 10 previous eligible weekday with an uncapped day of adjustment to the baseline; Saturday events are calculated on the average of each hourly interval of the prior 10 eligible days, including weekend days, with an uncapped day of adjustment to the baseline. 				
COMPENSATION	 Capacity Payment: Monthly payment based on customer's monthly nominated kW or average performance in latest event/test. Prior performance carries forward if no event/test in the month. Energy payments are made based on actual performance when an event is called. 				
COMPLIANCE	Customers are required to comply with all relevant rules and regulations.				
UNDER AND NON-PERFORMANCE	No payment for performance under 75%				
ENROLLMENT DEADLINE	Minimum 80 day prior to delivery month to meet CAISO registration timelines.				
METERING	 Each account must have an approved 15-minute interval meter or Smart Meter and approved meter communications equipment installed and operating at least 10 days prior to participating in the programs in order to establish a valid baseline. 				
BACK-UP GENERATION	 No fossil generation for curtailment. All customers will have to provide information on any onsite fossil generation and attest to not using it for curtailment. Verification measures under development by CPUC and supporting data, including the potential for a utility paid for data logger, will be requested. 				
DISPATCH REQUIREMENT	 New for 2021, this program is required to provide "energy" via curtailment, this will require the program to be dispatched 35-40 hours per season 				
CPOWER APP REQUIREMENTS	 If curtailable load per account is in excess of 500kW, the CPower App is required and CPower shares the cost with customer. 				



Program Parameters ELRP

ELIGIBILITY AND INCREMENTALITY	 Customers may "stack" this program with capacity programs and be paid for incremental curtailments or use of fossil resources during ELRP events. There is no minimum dispatch in this scenario. 			
	 Customer not dual enrolled in a capacity program will receive at least 10 hours of dispatch per season to ensure a revenue opportunity. 			
BASELINE	 Average usage of each hourly interval out of 10 previous eligible weekdays. Customer can choose baseline with or without day-of adjustment 			
	(60% to 140%) or without day-of adjustment.			
COMPENSATION	\$2000/MWH payment rate for event performance			
COMPLIANCE	 Customers are required to comply with all relevant rules and regulations. 			
UNDER AND NON- PERFORMANCE	 None 			
ENROLLMENT DEADLINE	Rolling monthly enrollment			
METERING	 Each account must have an approved 15-minute interval meter or Smart Meter and approved meter communications equipment installed and operating at least 10 days prior to participating in the programs in order to establish a valid baseline. PG&E requires 3 months of data. 			
BACK-UP GENERATION	 Approved fossil Generation may be used for curtailment. Customers will have to provide information on any onsite fossil generation used for participation. 			



Performance Payment Bands

UTILITY PROGRAM	PERFORMANCE RANGE	PAYMENT TERMS			
	75-105%	Proportional			
	60-75%	50%			
PGE CBP	<60%	0 payment plus Adjusted Hourly Capacity Penalty = Unadjusted Hourly Capacity Payment * (0.60 - Hourly Delivered Capacity Ratio)			
	70-105%	Proportional			
	60-75%	50%			
SCE CBP	0-60%	[Delivered Capacity - (Capacity Nomination x			
	0-00%	60%)] x Capacity Credit Rate			
	75-100%	Proportional			
	50-75%	0%			
SDGE CBP	0.500/	[(0.5 - Delivered Capacity)/Capacity			
	0-50%	Nomination] x Capacity Credit Rate			
PGE DRAM	75-100%	Proportional 0%			
I OL DIVAM	0-75%				
ELRP	0-100%	Energy Payment provided for all kWh incremental to enrollment in any base capacity program			



Average Event History

UTILITY	PROGRAM OPTIONS	AVERAGE EVENT HISTORY (Avg. of 2018-22)				
		Avg. # of Events	Avg. Hours Called	Avg. Hour/Event		
	CBP Day Of	34	117.5	3.5		
SCE	CBP Day Ahead	35	116	4.5		
	DRAM/RA	14	37.5	2.5		
	Day Ahead Elect	12	26	2		
PG&E	BIP	2	5	2		
	DRAM	22	51	2.5		
SDG&E	CBP Day Of Late Window	13	30	2.5		
	CBP Day Ahead Late Window	15	30	2		



Pricing kW (per month) Gross

MONTH	Statewide ELRP	PG&E BIP	PG&E Elect	DRAM	SCE CBP		SDG&E CBP Elect	
			DA 1pm-9pm	DA	DA 1-6 HOURS	DO 1-6 HOURS	DA 1-9 PM	DO 1pm-9pm
JANUARY		\$9.00 - \$10.50	-		\$1.65	\$1.90		-
FEBRUARY		\$9.00 - \$10.50	-		\$1.38	\$1.58		-
MARCH		\$9.00 - \$10.50	-		\$1.38	\$1.58		-
APRIL		\$9.00 - \$10.50	-		\$1.38	\$1.58		-
MAY	Energy payment only,	\$9.00 - \$10.50	\$3.18		\$3.30	\$3.80	\$3.43	\$3.87
JUNE	no capacity	\$9.00 - \$10.50	\$3.88		\$4.95	\$5.69	\$9.13	\$10.30
JULY	minimum dispatch	\$9.00 - \$10.50	\$16.30		\$16.78	\$19.29	\$19.81	\$22.35
AUGUST	opportunity for stand alone enrollment	\$9.00 - \$10.50	\$22.54		\$19.53	\$22.46	\$24.49	\$27.63
SEPTEMBER		\$9.00 - \$10.50	\$13.90		\$10.40	\$12.02	\$16.22	\$18.30
OCTOBER		\$9.00 - \$10.50	\$2.27		\$1.93	\$2.21	\$4.91	\$5.54
NOVEMBER		\$9.00 - \$10.50	-		\$1.65	\$1.90		-
DECEMBER		\$9.00 - \$10.50	-		\$1.65	\$1.90		-
TOTAL (\$/kW/Yr)	\$2/kWh	\$108-\$132	\$62.07	Contact CPower	\$65.98	\$75.91	\$77.99	\$87.99

