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# Accelerating Distribution Interconnection and Energization

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### **Accelerating Customer Outcomes**

PG&E's focus is on improving customer outcomes – from providing transparency of data and engineering analytics to accelerating and leveraging customer flexibility

Transparency into Planning and Hosting Capacity for Interconnection and Energization

- Hosting Capacity or Integration Capacity Analysis (ICA)
- Annual filings of reports
- Seeking deferral opportunities for DERs
- Grid Resource Integration Portal (GRIP)

Accelerating Customer Interconnection and Energization

- New reporting and tracking of Capacity projects, Project Execution, and Customer impacts.
- Provision of pending load data, scenario planning, equity data and metrics, known load data, and an expansion of reporting of forecasting and planning horizons.
- Incorporation of Community Engagement

Leveraging Customer Flexibility

- · Limited Generation Profiles (LGP)
- Flexible Service Connections
- Incorporation of Electrification Impact Study (EIS) Findings
- Bottoms-up Forecasting and Incorporation of Pending Loads
- Scenario Planning to utilize multiple forecasts to develop a single, actionable investment plan.

Improved Customer
Outcomes

- Access to grid, planning, and interconnection data for load energization and interconnection
- Increased community input and visibility into the Distribution Planning and Execution Process
- Accelerated energization of customer interconnections and energizations through LGP and Flexible Service Connection

Change of focus from Deferral of Upgrades to Accelerating Customer Energization and Interconnection

*Improving* 

Affordability

Improved Customer
Outcomes

Safety and Reliability

Compliance



# **Grid Resource Integration Portal (GRIP)**

### Public data portal for interconnection, energization, and distribution planning data access

### **Useful for:**

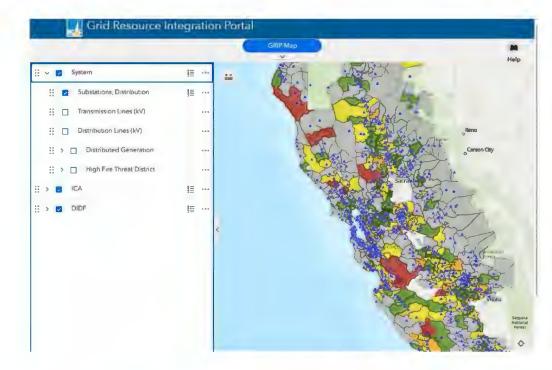
- Access to data and information about PG&E's annual distribution planning process, including grid needs and planned investments
- Siting Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) and load
- Interconnection & Energization support: directional guidance before customers formally apply

### **Datasets:**

- ICA (hosting capacity)
- Forecasted load and DER growth ad grid needs
- Planned distribution system projects

### **Key features:**

- New platform to support analysis and easier access
- Access through map, API, or tabular data
- New filtering and searching functionality



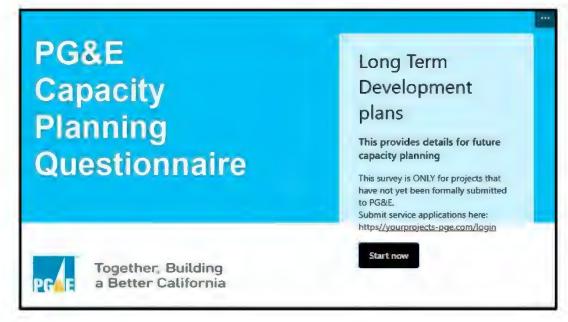
Link: GRIP.pge.com



# Community Engagement for Distribution Planning

# Improve engagement with our communities regarding distribution planning to better meet California's increasing energization needs

- PG&E launched a Capacity Planning Questionnaire to:
  - Inform our distribution planning forecasts by obtaining community plans for future development.
  - Provide pathway for communities to provide their longterm development plans with our Distribution Planning Engineers
  - Consider these plans in our Distribution Planning Processes (DPP) to be able to better service future community needs.
  - Improve coordination with Federal Tribes, Environmental & Social Justice groups, and local governments on longer term planning for city & county developments



Link to Webform: Capacity Planning Questionnaire

#### Benefits:

**Longer Term Outlook** than service planning application adjustments

*Improved location and temporal accuracy* over propensity based spatial adjustments

Better inform proactive capacity upgrades
Opportunity for customers to align long-term forecasts with capacity outlook

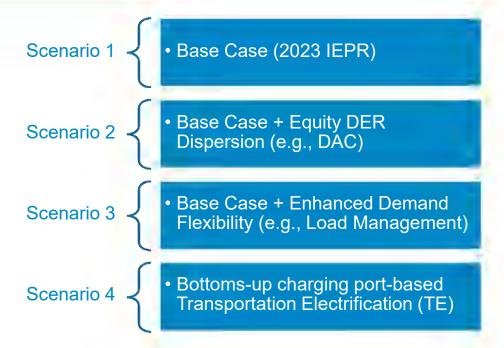


# PG&E Electrification Impact Study (EIS) Overview

### **Objective:**

The EIS is designed to <u>estimate the long-term distribution grid infrastructure costs associated with achieving California's electrification goals through 2040</u>. It serves as a strategic reference—not a direct investment plan—to understand the implications of widespread electrification, including the adoption of Distributed Energy Resources (DERs), demand flexibility, and equity-focused planning.

- A comprehensive assessment of a high electrification future:
  - Forecast grid impacts across 4 scenarios for 2030, 2035, 2040
  - Estimate costs across the distribution and secondary grid through solutioning
  - Examine DER adoption for DAC customers
  - Examine the impact of enhanced demand flexibility
- Study timeline:
  - Study began in Q4 2024
  - Incorporate lessons learned into PG&E's future DPEP cycles

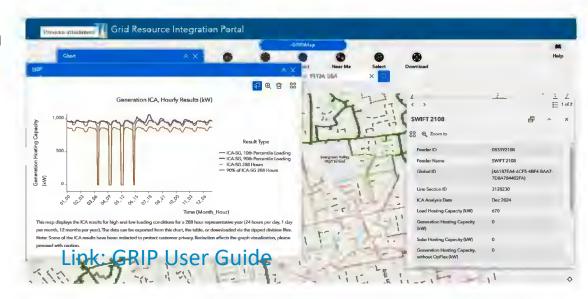




## **Limited Generation Profile (LGP)**

# PGE Launched LGP Functionality in July 2025 to facilitate Generation Customer Interconnections through Rule 21

- Empowers DERs to leverage flexibility and operate within grid constraints to minimize the need for distribution grid upgrades and accelerate interconnection.
- Customers can use PG&E's <u>GRIP</u> portal to extract hourly hosting capacity data (ICA) and build their operating Limited Generation Profile (LGP).
- Customers can submit their generation interconnection applications through <u>YourProjects</u> portal with LGP profiles.
- LGP is a set of generation export limits that allows DERs to maximize their export while avoiding the need for grid upgrades and accelerating generation customer interconnections.



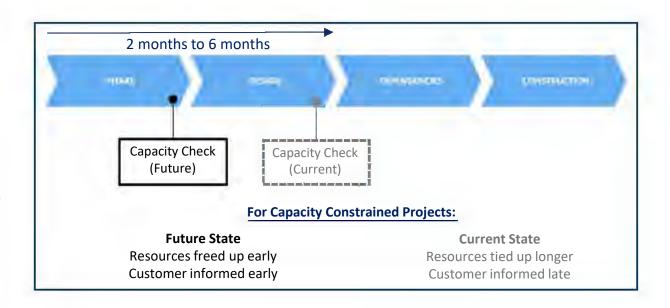
- The data can be viewed in GRIP through:
  - The chart interface
  - The table function
  - Pop-up windows
  - Downloadable files



## **Automatic Capacity Evaluator (ACE)**

# Integrate Load ICA data into energization process for early capacity screening of new applications

- Integrate automatic demand calculations and capacity screening for incoming customer load applications
- Identify capacity constraints significantly earlier in the energization process to improve visibility for customers and minimize unforeseen project impacts
- Optimize resources and reduce waste on applications that ultimately don't proceed, allowing focus on viable projects with available capacity
- Reduce manual tasks and minimize rework by implementing standardized load calculation methodologies and automation across platforms





### **Key Challenge: Delivering on the Capacity Needs of a High Electrification Future**

The Capacity Delivery Center (CDC) facilitates the on-time delivery of electric capacity for PG&E customers (Distribution, Transmission, Generation and Large Load).



### Visualizing the Delivery of Capacity for Customers

- Located at PG&E's Oakland General Office
- Bring visibility to PG&E's Portfolio of Work
- Strategize to address barriers to delivery on customer commitments



#### **A Command Center**

- Regular Operating Rhythms on the status of capacity projects
- Identify escalations and develop catch-back plans to mitigate risks
- Monthly report out on status of in-year metrics for capacity projects



#### **A Lean Operations Hub**

- Visualize project delivery process
- Analyze data to identify opportunities for improvement
- Implement efficiencies to better serve capacity customers through problem solving