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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

*Reliability Reserve Incentive Programs
and Demand Side Grid Support Program
Draft Guidelines, Fifth Edition*

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NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOP

RE: Demand Side Grid Support Program

Notice of Staff Workshop on the Demand Side Grid Support Program Draft Guidelines, Fifth Edition

February 19, 2026

1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Remote Access Only. See Attendance Instructions below.

Agenda

California Energy Commission (CEC) Staff will host a workshop to present an overview of the proposed changes to the Demand Side Grid Support (DSGS) Program Guidelines for 2026 program season. The proposed changes have been incorporated into the *Draft DSGS Program Guidelines, Fifth Edition*, which will be posted in Docket No. 22-RENEW-01, at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?doCKETnumber=22-RENEW-01> prior to the workshop.

There will be a period for public comment at the end of the workshop.

Background

Assembly Bill (AB) 205 (Ting, Chapter 61, Statutes of 2022) created the DSGS Program as part of the Strategic Reliability Reserve. The DSGS Program aims to support electric grid reliability beyond normal planning standards by providing incremental load reduction during extreme events, such as heat waves. The DSGS Program provides compensation for incremental reduction in customer net load during extreme events achieved through reduced usage, increased generation, or use of backup generation.

On August 10, 2022, the CEC adopted the *Demand Side Grid Support (DSGS) Program Guidelines, First Edition*, to implement the DSGS Program. Participants enrolled 315 megawatts in the program to help meet grid needs during the September 2022 heatwave. On July 27, 2023, the CEC adopted the *DSGS Program Guidelines, Second Edition*, to address lessons learned from the summer 2022

program implementation and to bring on more non-combustion resources with expanded and streamlined participation. On March 8, 2024, the CEC adopted the *Demand Side Grid Support (DSGS) Program Guidelines, Third Edition*, to refine and clarify program requirements, reduce operational complexities, and scale and grow participation from clean resources. On April 10, 2025, the CEC adopted the *Demand Side Grid Support (DSGS) Program Guidelines, Fourth Edition*, to improve program effectiveness and continue to grow participation from clean resources.

CEC staff is preparing the *Draft DSGS Program Guidelines, Fifth Edition*, and will be posting the draft for public feedback. After public comments are received, staff will review and revise as appropriate in anticipation of consideration of the revised program guidelines by the CEC at a future business meeting. The *Draft DSGS Program Guidelines, Fifth Edition*, seek to refine and clarify program requirements for the 2026 season, while aligning the program with the estimated funding level projected to be available after the 2025 compensation payout.

Attendance Instructions

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Public Comment.

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Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Unit by **5:00 p.m. on March 2, 2026**.

Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine.

Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number **22-RENEW-01** and "Demand Side Grid Support Program" in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

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Availability of Documents: Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at [Docket No. 22-RENEW-01](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-RENEW-01), at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-RENEW-01>.

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Dated: February 6, 2026, at Sacramento, California.

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