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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 AVAILABILITY, REQUEST FOR
COMMENT, AND REMOTE-ACCESS
WORKSHOP

RE: Demand Side Grid Support Program

Notice of Availability, Request for Comments, and Staff Workshop on the Demand Side Grid Support (DSGS) Program Draft Guidelines, Fifth Edition

The California Energy Commission (CEC) seeks public comment on the *Revised Draft DSGS Program Guidelines, Fifth Edition*. This draft version supersedes the initial *Draft DSGS Program Guidelines, Fifth Edition*, posted on February 18, 2026, that proposed changes to the rules for DSGS program participation including eligibility requirements, participation processes, and incentive structures. The *Revised Draft DSGS Program Guidelines, Fifth Edition*, includes additional modifications to reflect staff's current understanding of the funding level available for the 2026 program season, limit battery storage participation eligibility in DSGS to require a permission-to-operate date on or before December 31, 2025, and streamline minimum aggregation size for participation in Option 3 and 4. Public comment is now due on March 16, 2026.

The *Revised Draft DSGS Program Guidelines, Fifth Edition*, are 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>.

To assist parties in their review, three versions of the draft guidelines are available:

1. One shows changes compared to the initial *Draft DSGS Program Guidelines, Fifth Edition*, posted on February 18, 2026, (TN# 268687) in underline/strikeout with new text underlined and deleted text in strikeout (for example, underline/~~strikeout~~).
2. The second shows all proposed changes to the *DSGS Program Guidelines, Fourth Edition*, adopted on April 10, 2025, (TN# 262658) in underline/strikeout with new text underlined and deleted text in strikeout (for example, underline/~~strikeout~~).
3. The third incorporates all proposed changes to the *DSGS Program Guidelines, Fourth Edition*, without showing text in underline/strikeout.

California Energy Commission (CEC) staff will be hosting a workshop on these *Revised Draft DSGS Program Guidelines, Fifth Edition*, on March 9, 2026.

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

March 9, 2026

1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Remote Access Only. See Attendance Instructions below.

Agenda

Staff will 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 *Revised Draft DSGS Program Guidelines, Fifth Edition*, which are posted in Docket No. 22-RENEW-01, at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-RENEW-01>.

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 *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 *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 *DSGS Program Guidelines, Fourth Edition*, to improve program effectiveness and continue to grow participation from clean resources.

CEC staff have prepared the *Revised Draft DSGS Program Guidelines, Fifth Edition*, for public feedback. After public comments are received, staff will review and revise as appropriate in anticipation of consideration of the proposed program guidelines by the CEC at a future business meeting. The *Revised 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

Remote participants may join via Zoom by internet or phone.

- **To join via Zoom.** Click on <https://energy.zoom.us/j/83998655302?pwd=DHxsgnZcVUzc27iYLA3tgYy3mTGx4s.1> or login in at <https://zoom.us/> and enter the Webinar ID **839 9865 5302** and passcode **132449** and follow all prompts.
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Public Comment.

The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page for [Docket No. 22-RENEW-01](#), at

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-RENEW-01>. Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment. Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

Oral comments will be accepted at the end of the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. To comment via Zoom, use the "raise hand" feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. To comment via telephone, press *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute.

Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on **5:00 p.m. on March 16, 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.

A paper copy may be mailed to:
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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>.

When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those subscribed to the Demand Side Grid Support (DSGS). To receive these notices or notices of other email subscription topics, visit [Subscriptions](https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions), at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions>.

Dated: February 27, 2026, at Sacramento, California.

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