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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 CONSIDERATION

RE: Demand Side Grid Support Program

Notice of Consideration to Adopt Proposed Demand Side Grid Support Program Guidelines, Fifth Edition, on April 27, 2026

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will consider adoption of the *Proposed Demand Side Grid Support (DSGS) Program Guidelines, Fifth Edition*, at the April 27, 2026, business meeting.

For a detailed agenda with instructions on how to participate in the business meeting, please visit the [event page](https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/meeting/2026-04/energy-commission-business-meeting-0) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/meeting/2026-04/energy-commission-business-meeting-0>.

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.

On February 18, 2026, CEC program staff released for public comment the initial *Draft DSGS Program Guidelines, Fifth Edition*, which were then modified by the *Revised Draft DSGS Program Guidelines, Fifth Edition*, posted for public comment on February 27, 2026. On March 9, 2026, CEC program staff conducted a workshop on the *Revised Draft DSGS Program Guidelines, Fifth Edition*, to solicit input from stakeholders and interested members of the public. The public comment period closed on March 16, 2026. CEC program staff reviewed public comments and prepared the *Proposed Demand Side Grid Support (DSGS) Program Guidelines, Fifth Edition*.

The *Proposed 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.

The *Proposed DSGS Program Guidelines, Fifth Edition*, are available at Docket No. [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 to the *DSGS Program Guidelines, Fourth Edition*, adopted on April 10, 2025, in underline/strikeout with new text underlined and deleted text in strikeout (for example, underline/~~strikeout~~).
2. The second incorporates the changes to the *DSGS Program Guidelines, Fourth Edition*, without showing text in underline/strikeout.
3. The third shows changes compared to the *Revised Draft DSGS Program Guidelines, Fifth Edition*, posted on February 27, 2026, (TN# 268854) in underline/strikeout with new text underlined and deleted text in strikeout (for example, underline/~~strikeout~~).

Public Comment.

Comments will be accepted at the April 27, 2026, CEC business meeting. Public comments may be limited to two minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. Further instructions can be found in the business meeting agenda. If you need assistance making a comment at the business meeting, please contact the CEC's Public Advisor at the email or phone number below.

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Availability of Documents: Documents and presentations for this proceeding will be available at [Docket No. 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](#), at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions>.

Dated: April 17, 2026, at Sacramento, California.

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