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Provide Timely Smart Meter data to CCAs and OhmConnect

To prevent blackouts this summer, I support the April 23 Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) comments to the CEC, especially statements 3 and 4, requiring the CEC immediately ensure all IOUs provide all CCAs and other demand response services, such as OhmConnect, with daily Smart Meter data to enable forecasts and support smooth grid functioning. CAISO determined that lack of this Smart Meter data did not allow CCAs to correctly forecast demand, which directly contributed to causing the rolling blackouts last August 2020 in the Final Root Cause Analysis.

Longer-term, the CEC should require a single, centralized permission-based information access platform managed by a government or non-profit entity that includes machine readable rates as well as all other data that customers may choose to share with third parties, such as OhmConnect, that would be needed to successfully and seamlessly deploy demand flexibility solutions (interval data, billing data, emissions signal, DRP status, etc.).

As SVCE says: “Achieving California’s ambitious energy and climate goals requires an electric power system comprised of a vibrant participatory distribution side that complements and is coordinated with the bulk power system, high-voltage transmission and wholesale markets. Permission-based data sharing is a linchpin for a robust, innovative and participatory distribution side.”