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Assure CCA's have smart meter data for best day ahead demand forecasting

The Final Root Cause Analysis of the August 2020 outages recommended that the CPUC take action before Summer 2021 to ensure that the IOUs do not continue to withhold Smart Meter data from CCAs. At the May 4 joint CEC-CPUC workshop on summer 2021 reliability, Ed Randolph said CPUC is "working on this issue", and proceeded to cite all the Investor Owned Utility excuses for why they have not provided this data on the CCA's own customers.

Several data points:

--CPUC has been informed of the need for this data from the IOU's in regulatory filings since 2018.

--On April 6 2021, a CCA representative at a CPUC workshop stated that there has been no visible movement from PG&E in making interval data available in a form which is usable despite multiple requests from the CCA.

--ratepayers have paid for IOUs to install millions of smart meters, but the data is not being utilized or made available to CCAs to predict load and implement programs and response

--all three IOUs collect and validate 98%+ of Smart Meter interval data every day, and load the data into their Meter Data Management Systems by or before 8 AM which is 2 hours before the CAISO day-ahead demand bid window closes.

350 Bay Area urges CEC (and CAISO) to improve forecasting by requiring the CPUC to assert its legal authority under PUC Â§ 366.2(c)(9) and PUC Â§ 8380 to compel provision of these data needed to help improve day ahead demand forecasts, and avoid outages in summer 2021.