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There is more work to be done before the Energy Commission Commissioners consider adopting the proposed regulations in docket 21-OIR-03.

Perhaps MIDAS doesn't support CPUC UNIDE hourly tiered energy subscription rate plan proposal?

See attached presentation and search for "Proposed Roadmap: Step 5" or use the below links.

https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/energydivision/documents/demand-response/demand-response-workshops/advanced-der--demand-flexibility-management/slides-unide-workshop_gupta.pdf#page=50

These youtube video links provide Achintya Madduri's, California Public Utilities Commission description of CPUC UNIDE hourly tiered energy subscription rate plan proposal.

https://youtu.be/CrTngYVXUbI?t=2090

https://youtu.be/CrTngYVXUbI?t=2177

https://youtu.be/CrTngYVXUbl?t=2900

Other attendee comments on need to be equitable.

https://youtu.be/CrTngYVXUbI?t=3570

The use of hourly tiered energy rates will be equitable and more likely to comply with California's consumer protections in statute.

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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



Forward Looking Vision: Advanced DERs & Demand Flexibility Management

Aloke Gupta DR Section, Energy Division May 25, 2021





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Executive Summary

Policy Objective

Improve demand-side resource management...

- Through more effective demand response (DR) and retail rate structures,
- That leverage opportunities enabled by long term electrification and DER deployment,
- To better address grid issues associated with the growth of renewables, electrification, and DER adoption, and support California's clean energy goals.

Staff Proposal

Jointly pursue reforms of DR programs and Rate structures to Promote Unified Strategies for Domand (Load) Management and Grid Optimization to achieve widespread demand flexibility.





Anticipated Issues over the Next Decade

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- Steeper ramps → reliability challenge
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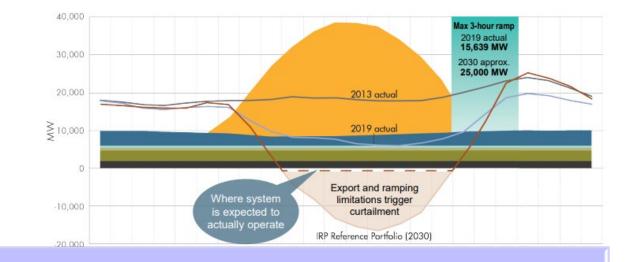




2019 IRP* Reference System Plan Implications

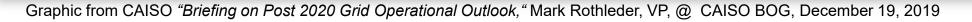
System trends by 2030:

- 60% increase in evening ramp
- Substantial increase (15x) in renewables curtailment



IRP analysis:

- DR can be a cost-effective alternative for renewables integration resources
- But highly scalable, low-cost deployment strategies are needed to realize that potential







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Opportunity: Proliferation of DERs & Electrification Demand Flexibility

- Doubling of rooftop solar
- 3.5x growth in BTM storage
- Transportation electrification
 - ~ 4.5x utility storage
- Building decarb
 - Smart devices & plugs
 - Smart thermostats/heat pumps,
 - Smart electric (heat pump) water heaters
- Growth of microgrids and other flexible emerging end uses



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5.5 GWh storage capacity

20 GW

5M EVs ~ 250 GWh aggregate storage capacity

Substantial growth of smart, flexible end uses



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- Multiple programs focused on load shed as resource adequacy
- Challenges in CAISO market integration, measurement & verification
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Current Procurement Options

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- DRAM
- CCA DR contracts





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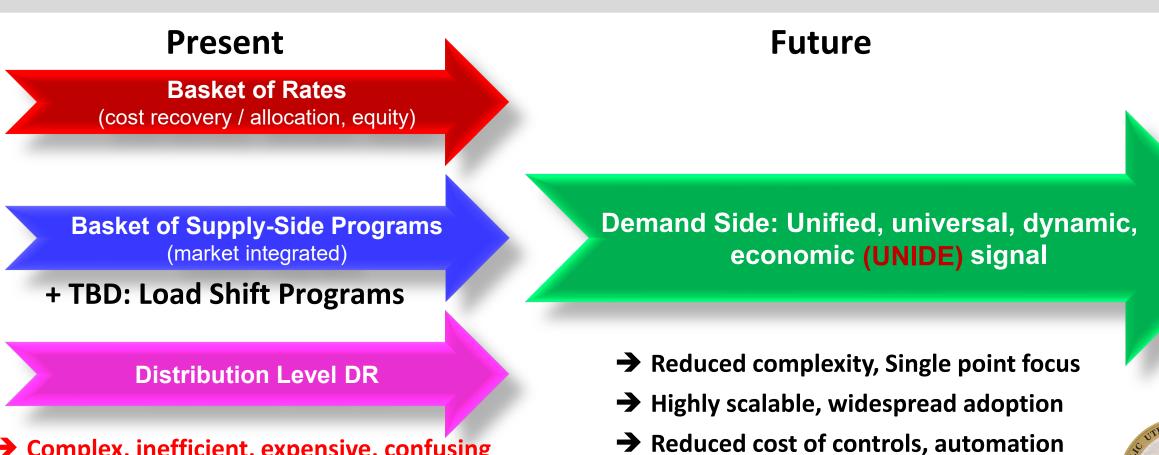
- Additional localized, temporary rate/incentive tariffs or
- Incremental DER procurement contracts



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- High cost of controls, automation
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Path Forward: Consolidation



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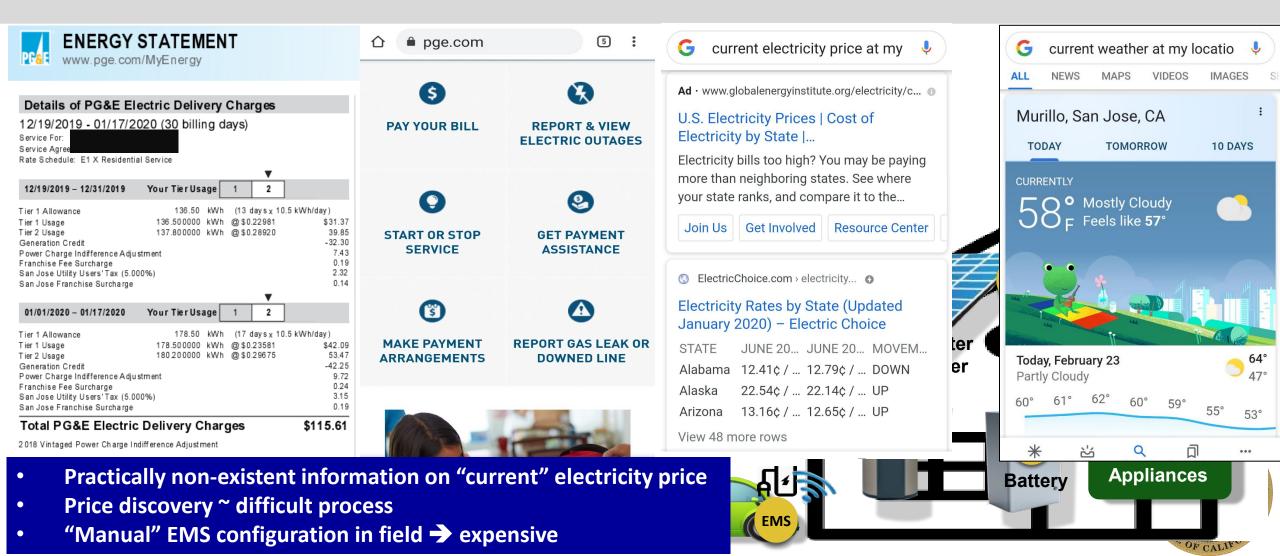
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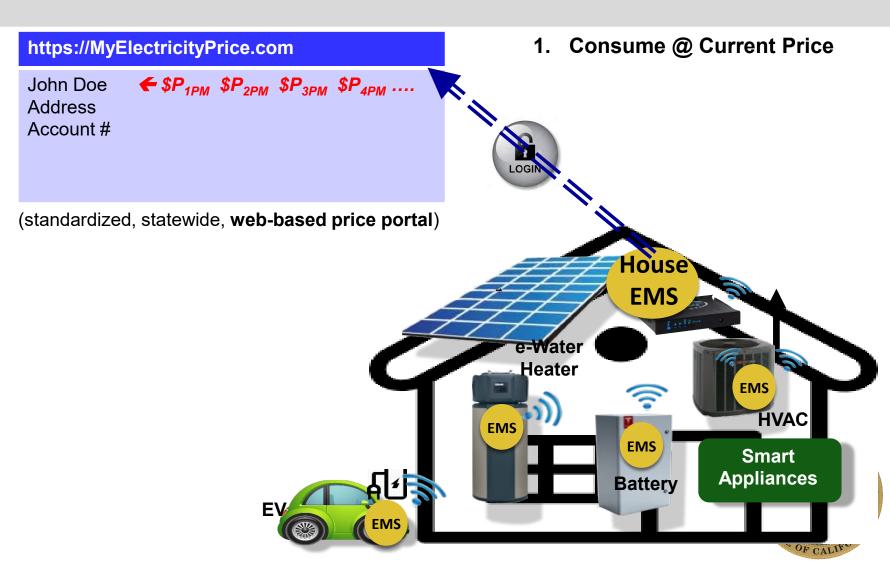
Electricity Price Presentation to Customers (Today)

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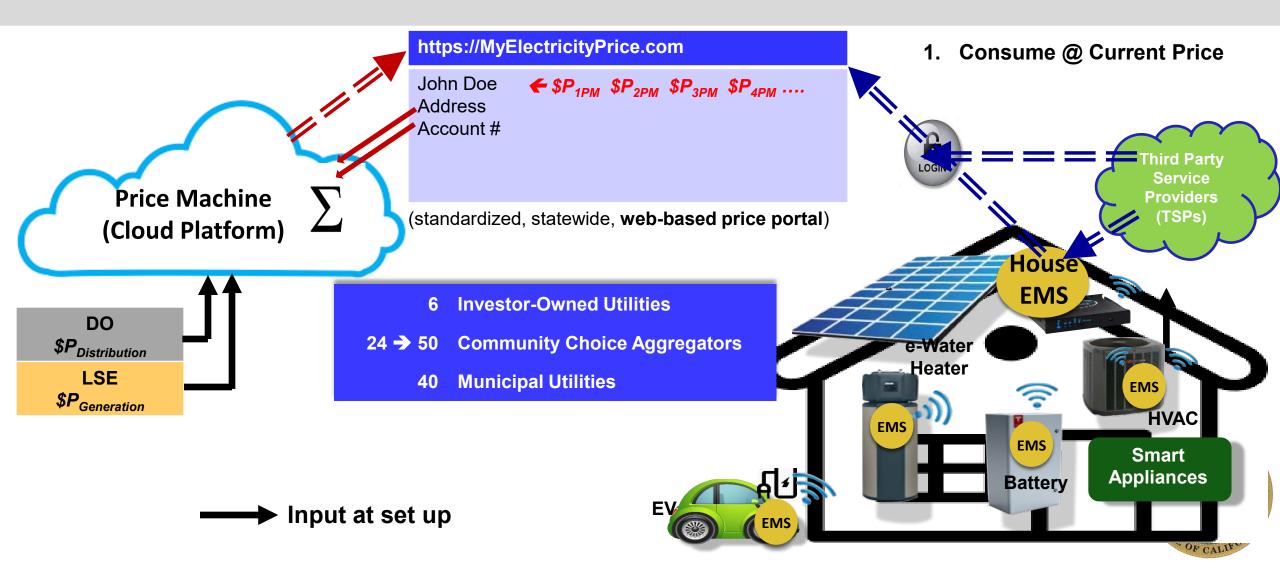


Step 1: Standardized, Universal Access to Electricity Price





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Auto-Configuration of Smart Devices

- Buy and install smart device
- Embedded EMS automatically connects (via internet) to...

https://www.MyElectricityPrice.com

- Access real-time price time series (hourly, sub-hourly)
- Day-ahead forecast, hour-ahead forecast
- Remote upgrade of EMS as needed for changes, new features





Enable Scalability, Wide-scale Adoption



Step 1: Standardized, Universal Access to Current Electricity Prices

1. Provides current, localized, composite electricity price specific to a service territory and customer

2. Accommodates pricing inputs from regulatory entities (DO, LSE)

3. Leverages large "ecosystem" to educate and help customers manage energy and DERs

4. Facilitates widespread adoption ← → cost reduction of demand (load) management automation





Proposed Roadmap: Step 1

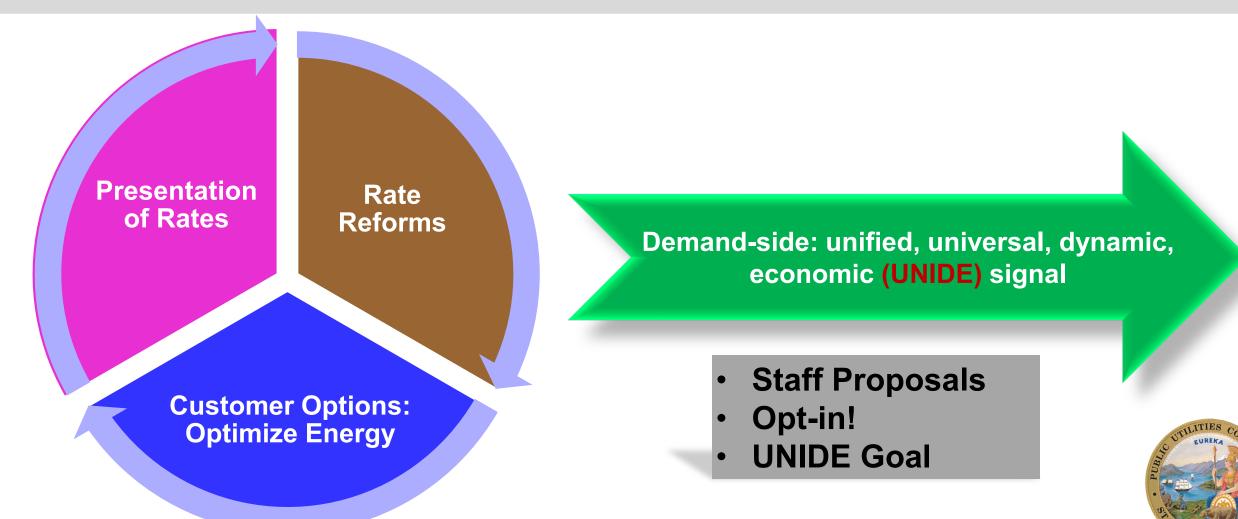
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Proposed Roadmap: Step 2

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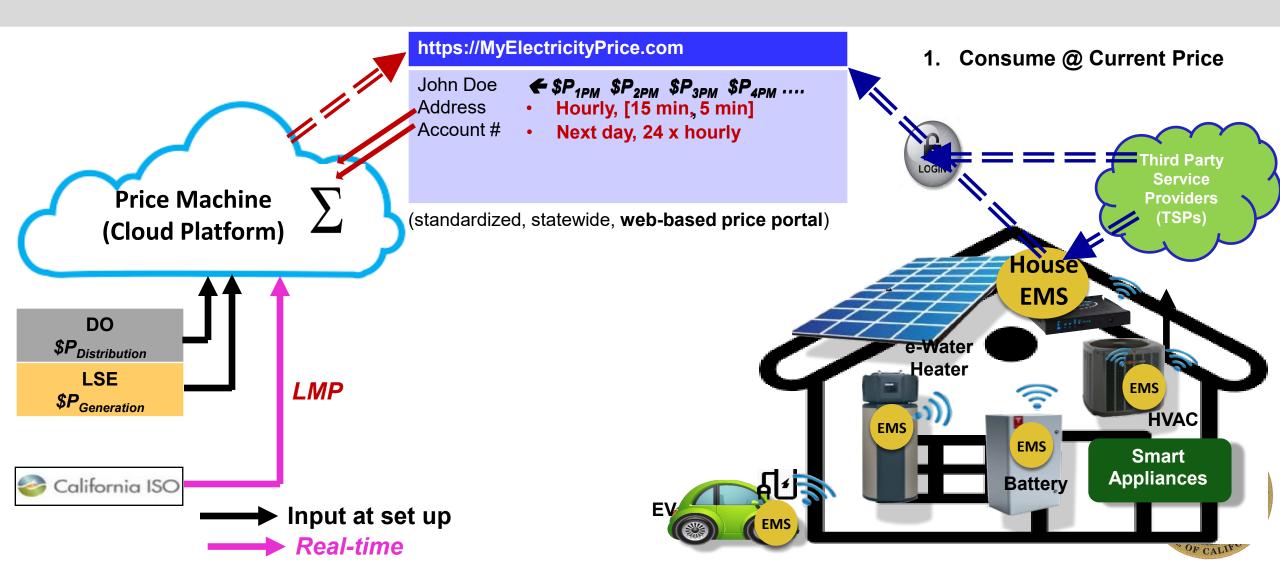
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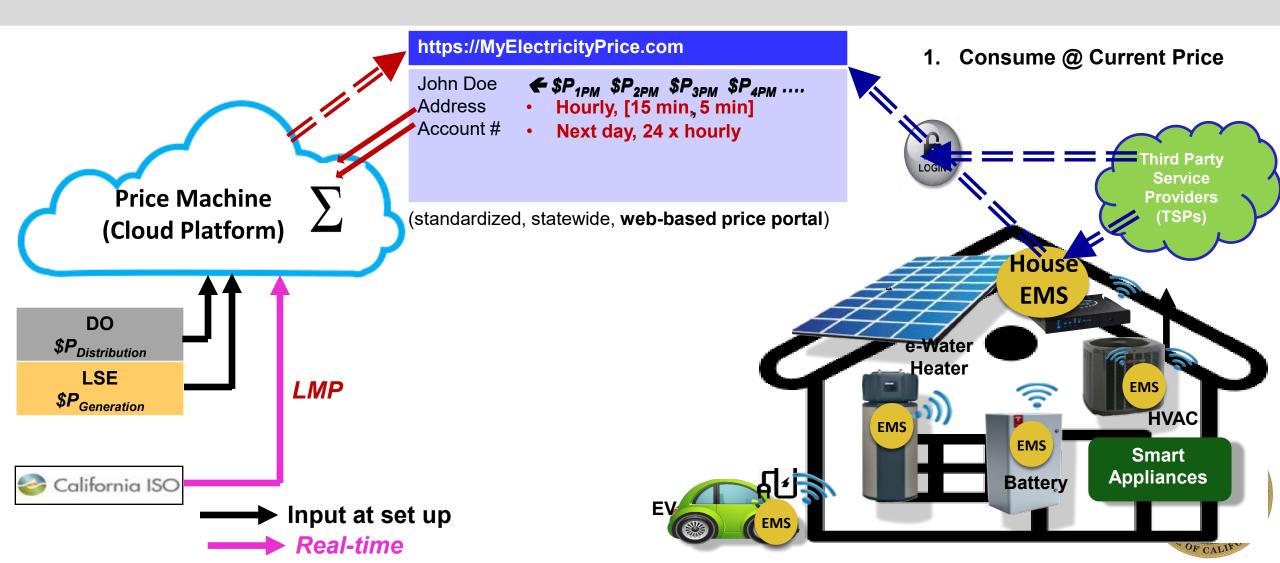


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Step 2: Introduce Dynamic Price per CAISO Wholesale Energy Cost





CAISO Energy Day-Ahead Market (DAM): Price Statistics*

	Units	2018	2020
Weighted average DAM price (WADP)		4.4	3.9
% annual hours below WADP		71.8%	76.4%
% annual hours below 2 x WADP		96.4%	97.5%
# annual hours above 2 x WADP	Hours	315	222
Lowest DAM Price	¢/kWh	-1.6	-1.0
# hours below \$0	Hours	75	41
Highest DAM Price	¢/kWh	93.5	101.9
Highest DAM price to WADP ratio		21.2x	26.2x
Price Range in Top 10% of Net Load		11.8 – 93.5	8.8 – 101.9
# hours responsible for Top 10% of net load	Hours	30	29

*Preliminary estimates - not peer reviewed



Step 2: Real-Time Locational Price Linked to CAISO Markets

- 1. Reflects CAISO market conditions, encourages load shift or increase
- 2. Helps reduce curtailment, evening ramp, emissions
- 3. Helps enhance reliability
- 4. Helps reduce energy procurement costs (reduces hedging cost)
- 5. Complements anticipated updates to CEC's Title 20 (Load Management Standards)





Electricity Price Dissected - Energy

Generation	Fixed - generation capacity Variable - energy	>
Distribution	Fixed - distribution grid capacity	
Misc	Metering, Billing, Legal, G&A	
Transmission	Fixed - transmission grid capacity	





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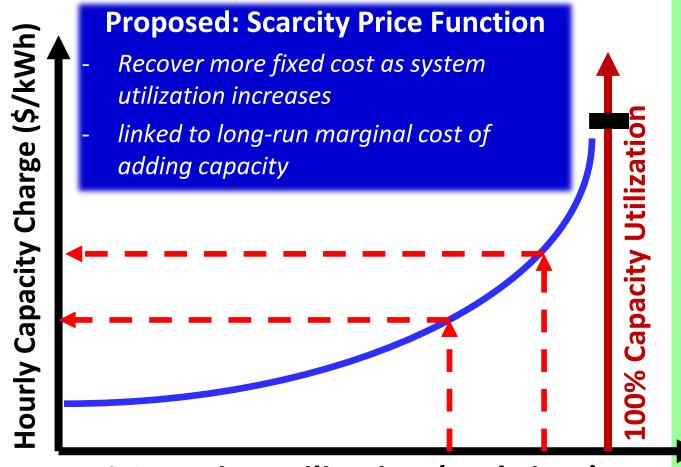
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1. Composite and component prices must be time-dependent, volumetric: \$/kWh

- Not based on capacity: \$/kW (such as, monthly demand charges)
- Not based on historical consumption (such as, stepped tiers)
- 2. Recover more fixed cost when system utilization is higher
 - aka "scarcity price function"



Step 3: Fixed Cost Recovery - Options



% Capacity Utilization (real-time)

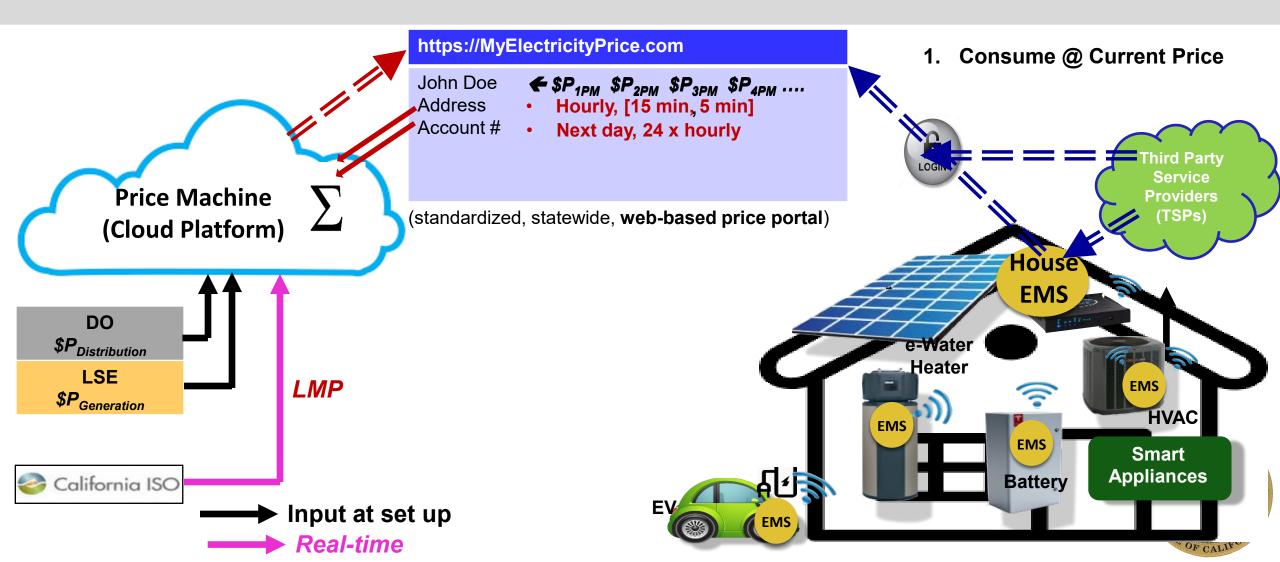
• Current approaches

- Non-Residential: Non-coincident demand charge based on *customer's* peak load
- **Residential**: Constant volumetric charge
- Issues with current design
 - Encourages non-economic behavior
 - No signal to reduce high coincident peaks
 - Increase in cost of service with higher load
- Fixed Capacity Constraints
 - Distribution capacity
 - Generation capacity (Resource Adequacy)
 - Ramping capacity (Flex Resource Adequacy)



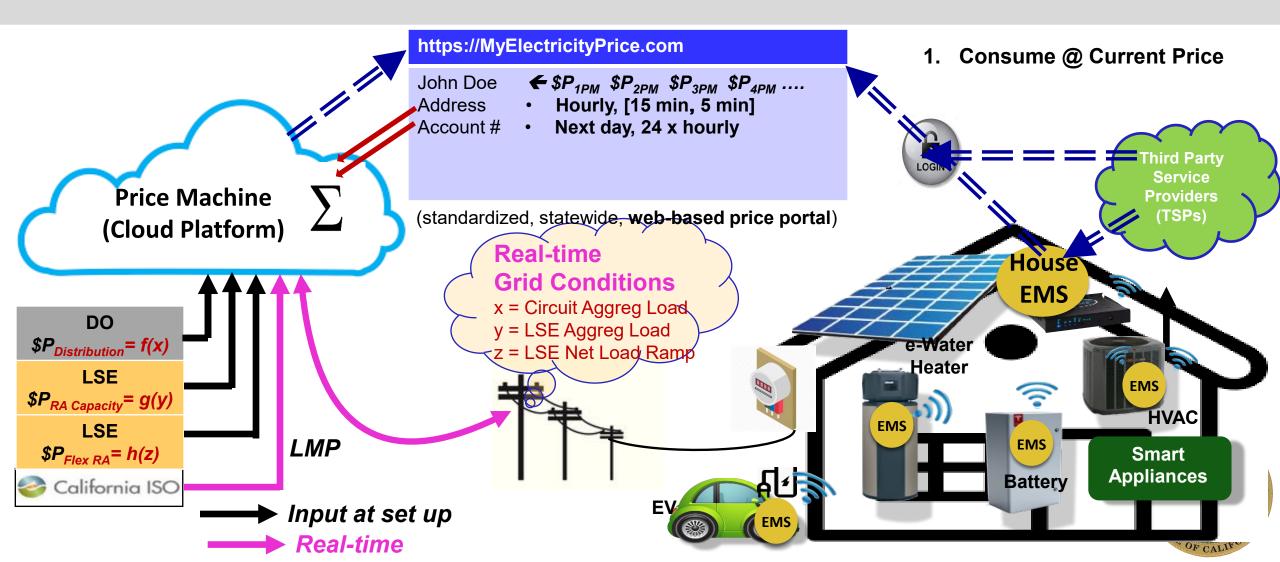


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Step 3: Modulate Electricity Price Per Local Grid Conditions

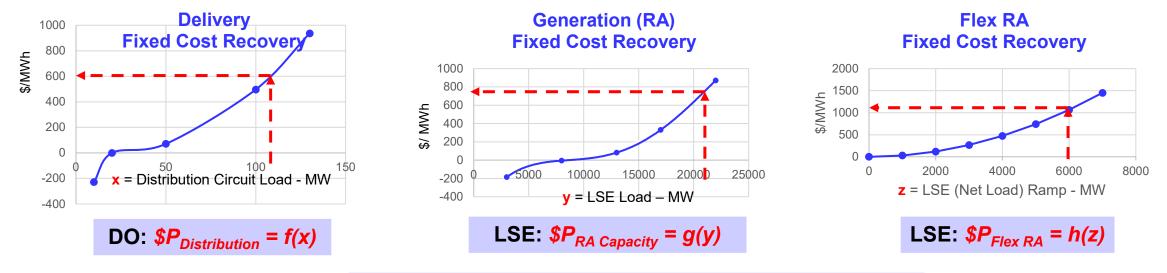


Developing a Composite Economic Signal based on Grid Utilization*

• Scarcity pricing functions & grid conditions determine Delivery, Generation and Flex prices:

- Based on long-run marginal cost of adding new capacity
- Designed to recover the required annual revenue in the target year

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CAISO: Real-time Locational Marginal Price (\$LMP)

- Price Machine computes composite spot price = \$P_{Distribution} + \$P_{RA Capacity} + \$P_{Flex RA} + \$LMP
- Other fixed costs (metering, billing, etc.) included in "base" price

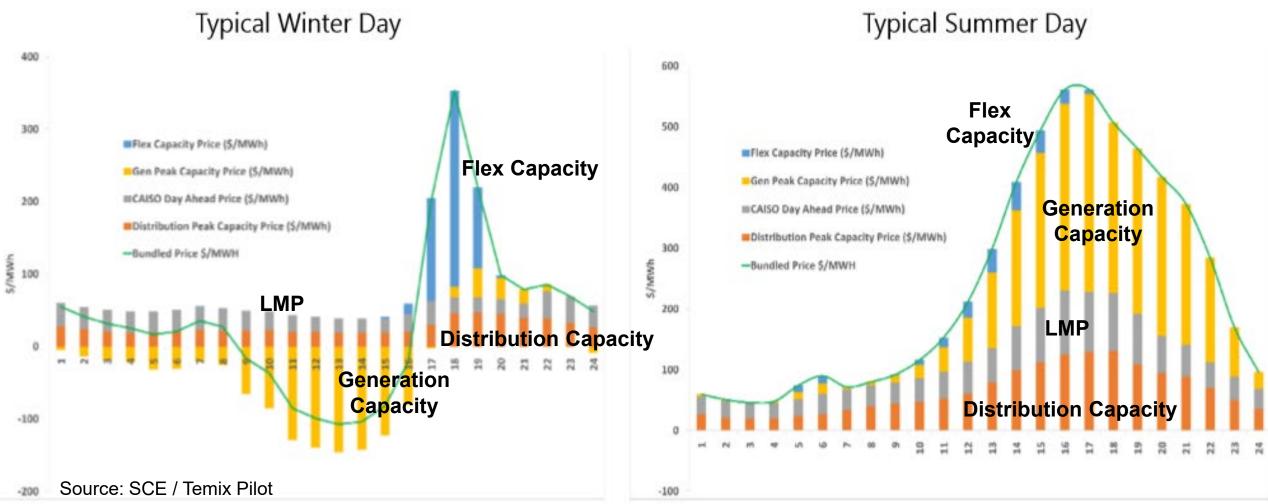
*Based on design used in SCE/TEMIX EPIC Pilot (2016-2019)





EPIC Pilot: Composite Hourly Prices

(based on Hourly Capacity Utilization & CAISO LMP)







Alternate Example: SDG&E "Power Your Drive" Rate

	Illustrative Hourly Dynamic Rate	riours for the recovery of	System-level CPP - an energy rate option that provides a "capacity" price signal
	Circuit-CPP Adder applied to the top 200 Circuit Load Hours for the recovery of distribution circuit peak capacity costs	generation capacity costs to serve system peak load	
	CAISO Day-Ahead Hourly LMP to approximate real-time cost of electricity		Circuit-level CPP
Flat base energy rate for the recovery of all other utility costs			provides a locational price signal while preserving customer equity by still charging all
			customers the same price
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Step 3: Rate Reform Objectives via Hourly Capacity Charge

- 1. Encourage load shift / increase complementary to grid-based economics avoid uneconomical arbitrage
- 2. Shift fixed cost recovery burden onto load driving high system utilization and capacity upgrades
- **3.** Ensure full recovery of revenue requirements
- 4. Minimize long-term infrastructure upgrades & investment with electrification and related cost of service
- 5. Allow flexible rate design options to reflect policy choices and accommodate:
 - Different decisions by different regulatory entities
 - Different cost allocations and recovery by customer class
 - More frequent and granular updates to maintain revenue collection on target





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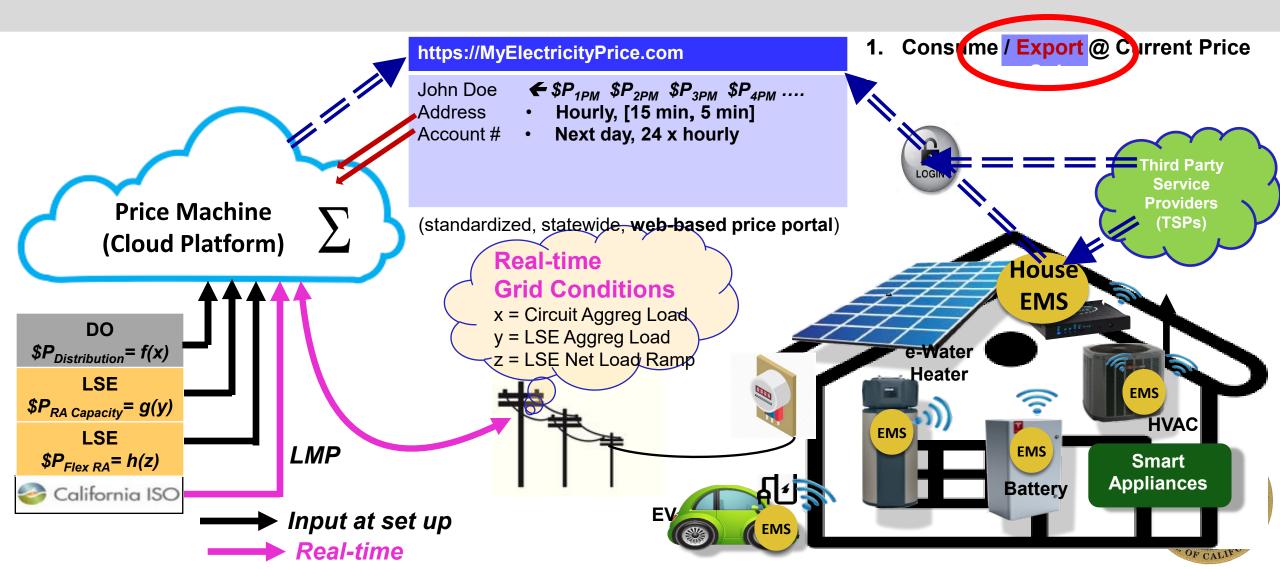
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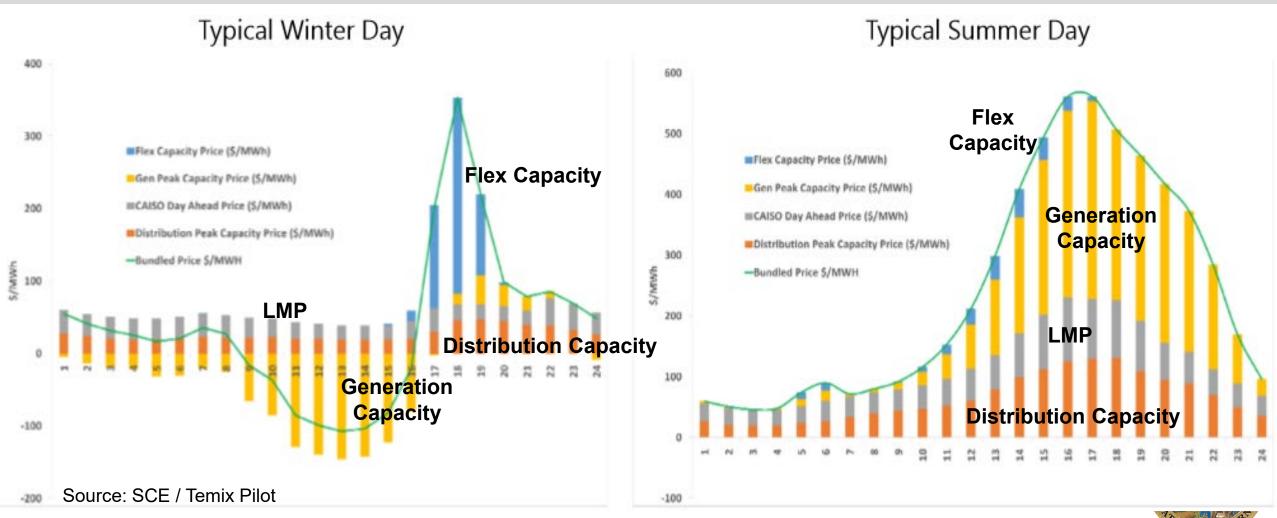
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2. Full monetization of DER services to the grid (locational, temporal), including exports to the distribution grid (embedded capacity value)

3. Distributed, economically driven, coordinated, self-dispatch of DERs

4. Enables contracts between DER service providers and LSE or Distribution Operator (based on the embedded capacity value), with dispatch driven by UNIDE





Step 4: Avoided Complexities

- 1. Avoids complexity and constraints of CAISO market integration
- 2. Avoids distribution level "command & control" of DER operations
- 3. Avoids one-off, DER-specific point solutions
- 4. Avoids counterfactual Measurement requirements (direct metering data)
- 5. Avoids reliance on Avoided Cost framework for valuation
- 6. Straightforward integration into the planning & forecast framework
- To do: Streamline, standardize, simplify the Rule 21 export permit process





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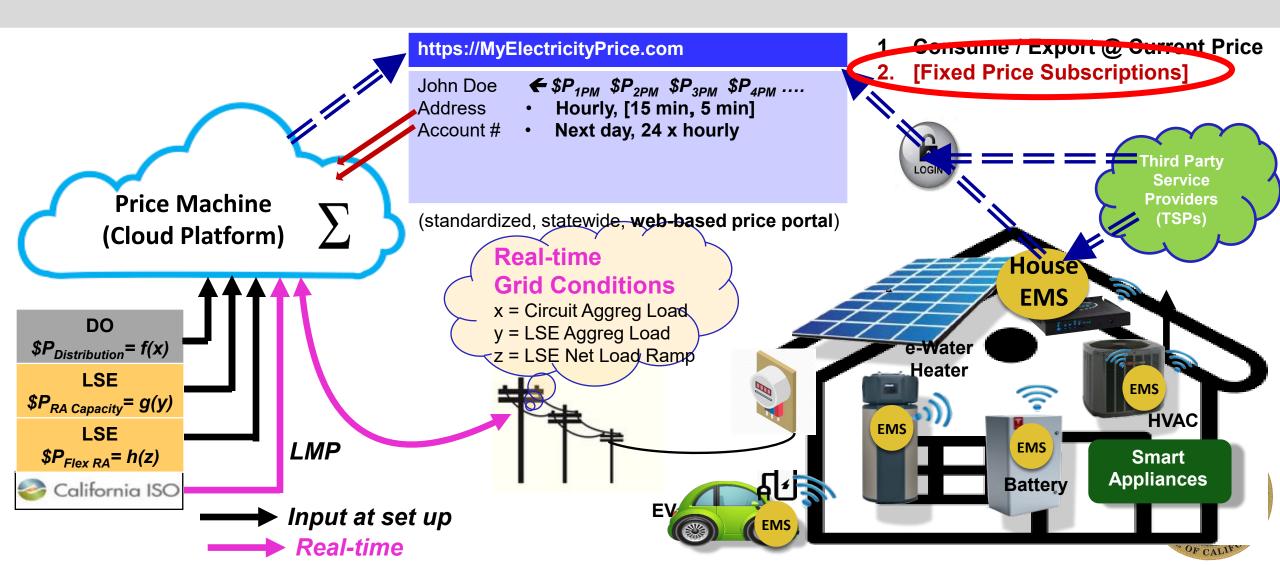
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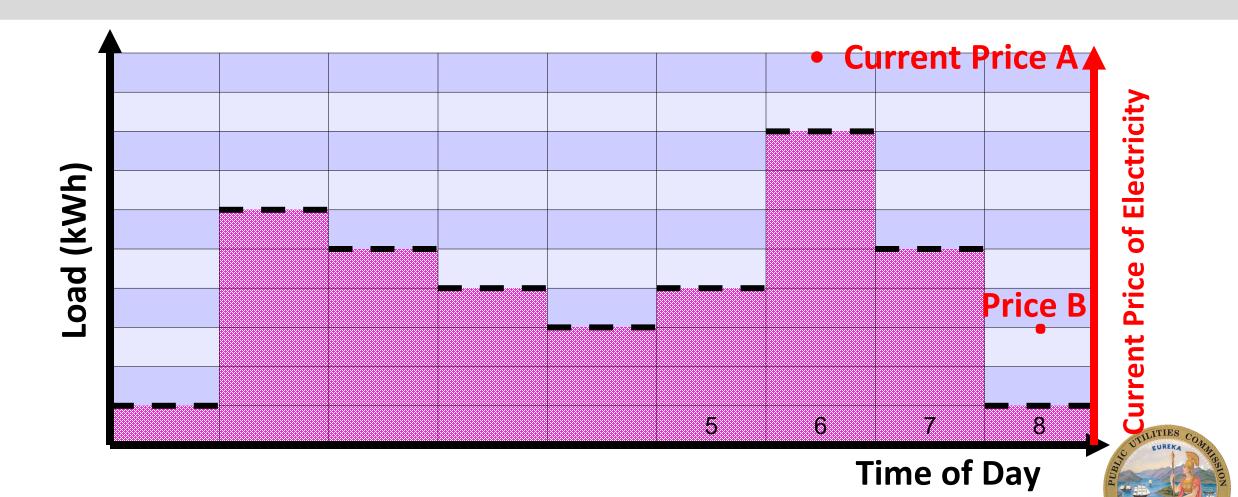


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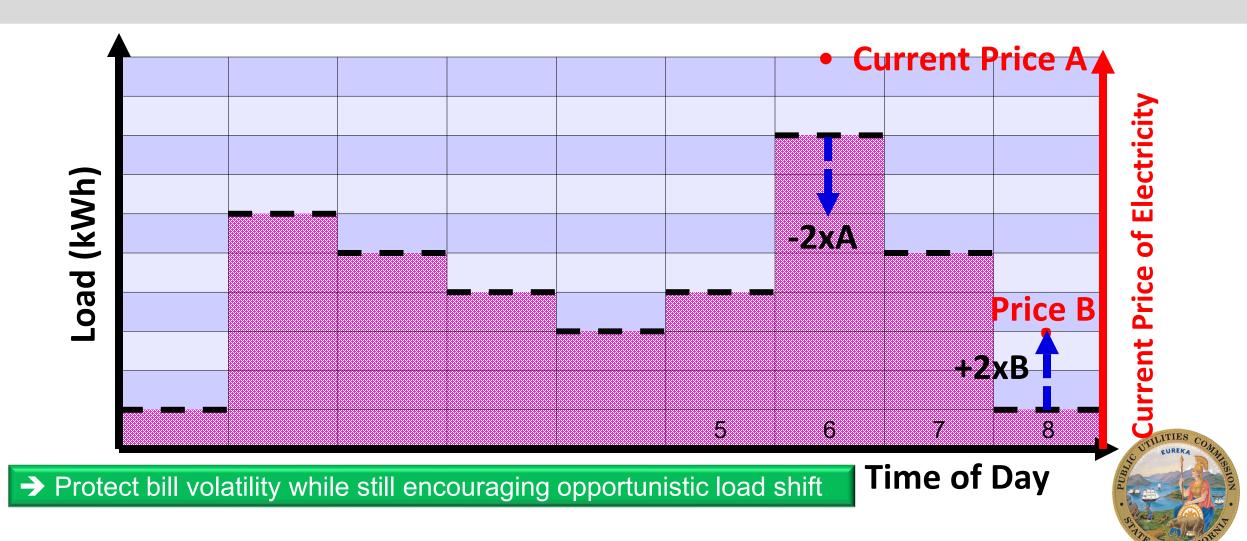
Step 5: Purchase Average Load Shape & Energy Quantity @ Fixed Monthly Price



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Benefits of "Shaped Subscription"

Protection

- Protect customers against bill volatility
- Ease customers transition

Flexibility

- Accommodate changed home conditions
- Encourage opportunistic load shift

Predictability

 Stabilize revenue recovery for distribution operators, LSEs





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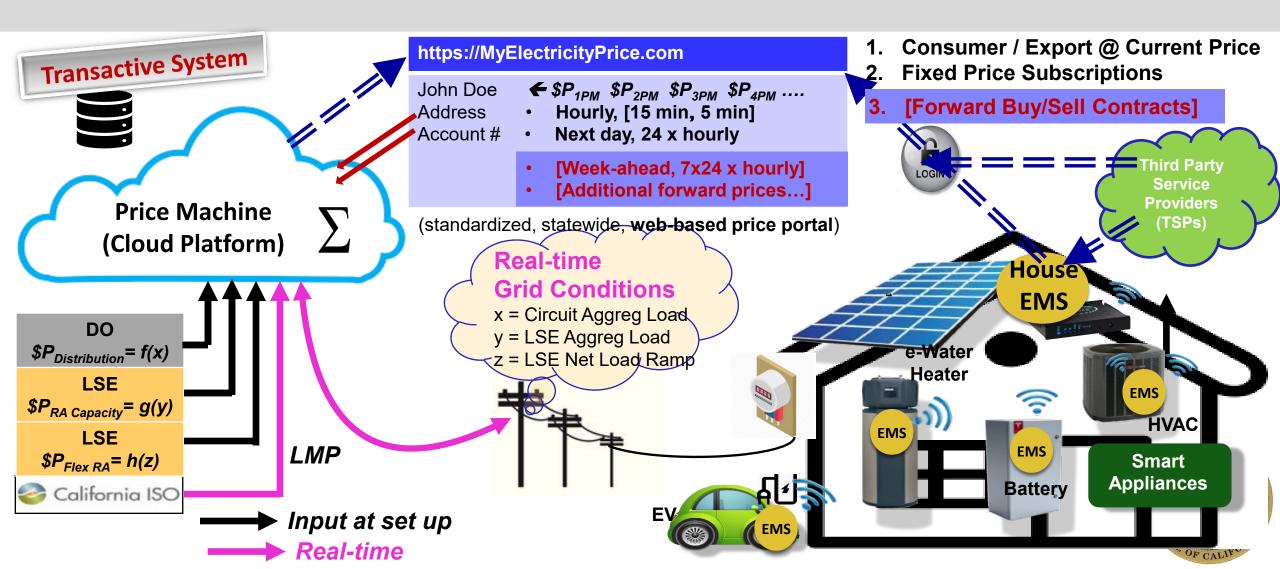
Step 6: Introduce transactive features (ability to lock in price in advance)

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Step 6: Introduce Transactive Features





Transactive Features are NOT About...

- Peer to pear trading
- DSO market
- Forcing customers to become market traders
- Forcing customers to deal with price variability
- Blockchain
- Eliminating RA capacity markets
- Obsoleting IOUs or LSEs





Benefits of Transactive System

LSEs &
Distribution
OperatorsCAISOCustomers• Improves visibility,
planning, operations• More visibility, reduce
load forecast error• Advanced energy
management tools,
optimize cost...





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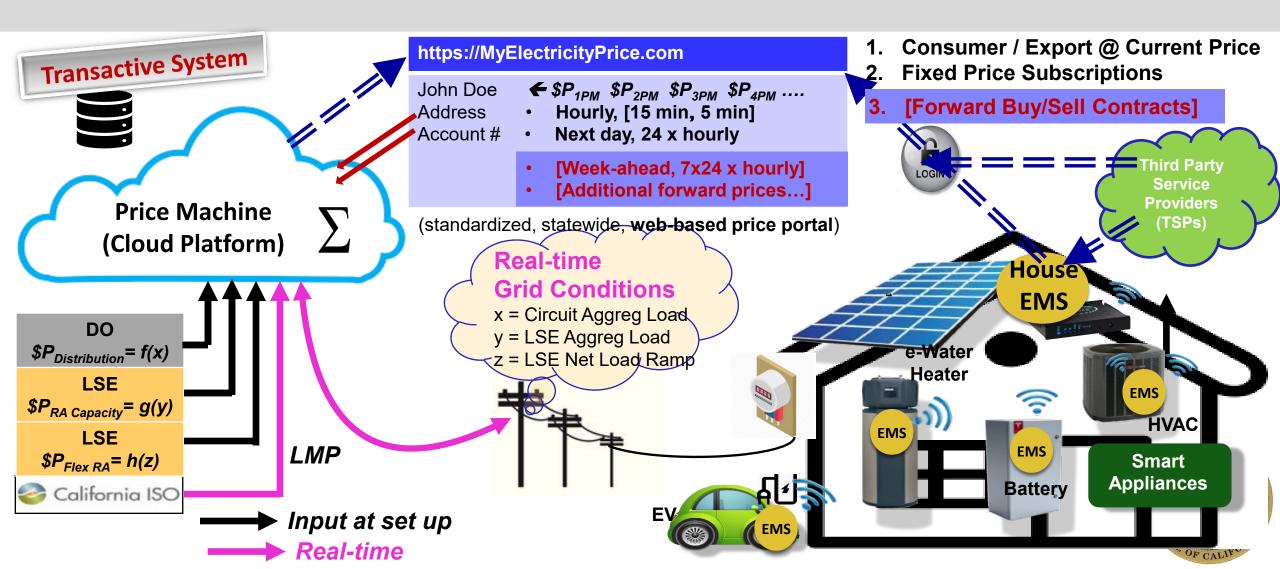
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Q & A





Discussion / Feedback

- 1. Consumer Advocates: CalPA, TURN, CLECA...
- 2. CCAs, NGOs
- 3. Utilities

4. DER Industry

- a. CESA, CALSSA, CEDMC, CalSEIA
- b. DR/DER Service Providers
- c. Transportation
- d. Building Decarb
- 5. Consultants / Independents
- 6. Government, Research





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