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ABSTRACT

These electricity demand forms and instructions direct load-serving entities in California to provide information to the California Energy Commission. The information relates to electricity demand forecasts, demand-side management and energy efficiency impacts, private supply impacts, and related information for 2015 through 2026 and historical years 2013 and 2014.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report describes information that is needed by the California Energy Commission to prepare its *2015 Integrated Energy Policy Report*. This report also provides forms with instructions that define the electricity demand forecast information that must be submitted by load-serving entities with annual peak demand greater than 200 megawatts.

The Energy Commission is directed by Public Resources Code Sections 25300-25323 to regularly assess all aspects of energy demand and supply. These assessments will be included in the *2015 Integrated Energy Policy Report* or in supporting reports. These assessments provide a foundation for policy recommendations to the Governor, Legislature, and other agencies. The broad strategic purpose of these policies is to conserve resources, protect the environment, ensure energy reliability, enhance the state's economy, and protect public health and safety. The forms and instructions described in this report are scheduled for adoption by the Energy Commission in December 2014.

To carry out these energy assessments, the Energy Commission is authorized to require California market participants to submit historical data, forecast data, and assessments. Public Resources Code Sections 25216 and 25216.5 provide broad authority for the Energy Commission to collect data and information “on all forms of energy supply, demand, conservation, public safety, research, and related subjects.”

The information collected according to the instructions described in this report will provide a foundation for the analysis and recommendations of the *2015 Integrated Energy Policy Report*, including resource assessment and analysis of progress toward energy efficiency, demand response, and renewable energy goals. Energy Commission forecasts are used by the California Public Utilities Commission in long-term procurement and resource adequacy proceedings and by the California Independent System Operator in transmission planning and grid reliability studies.

General Instructions for Demand Forecast Submittals

Introduction

To develop energy policies that conserve resources, protect the environment, ensure energy reliability, enhance the state's economy, and protect public health and safety, the California Energy Commission is directed by Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 25301 to conduct regular assessments of all aspects of energy demand and supply. These assessments serve as the foundation for analysis and policy recommendations to the Governor, Legislature, and other agencies in the *Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR)*. To carry out these assessments, “the Energy Commission may require submission of demand forecasts, resource plans, market assessments, and related outlooks from electric and natural gas utilities, transportation fuel and technology suppliers, and other market participant” (PRC Section 25301[a]). The Energy Commission’s data collection regulations authorize these forms and instructions to collect data identified in CCR, Title 20, §1345.

The Energy Commission is preparing to undertake assessments for the 2015 *IEPR*. The adopted forecast, or range of forecasts, will provide a foundation for the analysis and recommendations of the 2015 *IEPR*, including resource assessment and analysis of progress toward energy efficiency, demand response, and renewable energy goals. Energy Commission forecasts are used by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in long-term procurement and resource adequacy proceedings and by the California Independent System Operator (California ISO) in transmission planning and grid reliability studies.

To provide the Energy Commission and the public with the opportunity to consider a range of perspectives on demand trends, the Energy Commission is requesting electricity demand forecasts, along with demand-side management (DSM), energy efficiency, and private supply impacts from new or expanded programs to achieve broad goals established by regulatory agencies, and related information from all load-serving entities (LSEs) with annual peak demand greater than 200 megawatts (MW). These submittals are to be prepared and documented according to the attached instructions.

Separate documents will direct the contents and format of resource planning information. Each LSE should take care that the assessments submitted on the resource plan forms are consistent with the submitted demand forecast.

Definitions of terms used in these forms and instructions are found at the end of this document.

Questions relating to these forms and instructions should be directed to Nick Fugate of the Demand Analysis Office at (916) 654-4219 or by email at nicholas.fugate@energy.ca.gov.

Who Must File

Data are requested from all LSEs whose annual peak demand in the last two years exceeded 200 MW.

Statutes found in the Public Resources Code and supporting regulations give the Energy Commission authority to require forecast submittals from all entities engaged in generating, transmitting, or distributing electric power by any facilities. This includes utility distribution companies (UDCs), energy service providers (ESPs), community choice aggregators (CCAs) permitted to operate under Assembly Bill 117 (Migden, Chapter 838, Statutes of 2002), and all other entities that serve end-use loads, collectively referred to as LSEs. However, according to existing regulations, small LSEs¹ need not comply with the complete reporting requirements but may be required to submit demand forecasts in an alternative abbreviated format established by the Energy Commission. For this specific *IEPR* proceeding, the Energy Commission is not requesting long-term forecast data using these forms from any UDC with peak demand less than 200 MW.

Summary of Requested Data

UDCs are to submit Forms 1 through 6 and 8. ESPs are to submit Forms 7 and 8. A table indicating which forms are to be filled out by various participants is presented in the beginning of the accompanying electronic Forms template.

- Form 1. Historical and Forecast Electricity Demand – annual sales and peak demand, private supply, and hourly loads
- Form 2. Forecast Input Assumptions – economic and demographic assumptions and electricity rate forecasts
- Form 3. Incremental Demand Side Management (DSM) Program Impacts, including energy efficiency, demand response and distributed generation program impacts
- Form 4. Forecast Methodology Documentation
- Form 5. (This form has been removed)
- Form 6. DSM Methodology Documentation
- Form 7. CCA and ESP Load Forecasts
- Form 8. Price and Rate Forms

¹ A *small LSE* is one that has experienced a peak demand of 200 megawatts or less per year in both of the two calendar years preceding the required data filing date and is owned or operated by a public government entity or regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission.

Changes From Previous IEPR

This data request is largely the same as the 2013 IEPR demand forecast data request, save for the following notable changes:

- Due dates have been altered slightly. Historical sales information reported through Form 1.1a is now due February 18, 2015. The remaining portions of Forms 1 through 7 and 8.2 are now due April 13, 2015. Form 8.1 is due June 1, 2015.
- Historical data is now requested for years 2013-2014. Forecast data are requested through 2026. Many of the forms presented in this request allow for the reporting of historical data beginning in 2000. This is for convenience in the event that LSEs wish to correct previously submitted data.
- Since historical impacts from existing utility DSM programs are well documented and publicly available, these impacts are no longer being requested. Form 3 is reserved for the reporting of DSM impacts from potential efforts incremental to those considered in the LSE's unmanaged demand forecast. Reported savings should include those that are expected to be achieved in pursuit of goals established by regulatory agencies, but that have not yet been funded or for which final program design details have not yet been established.
- Form 1.7d has been removed. Incremental impacts to demand resulting from the implementation of new self-generation should be reported through Form 3.3.
- The Form 5 narrative request has been removed.
- A new Form 1.6c has been added for the reporting of average residential load shapes by hour, baseline zone, housing type, and space-heating fuel.
- A new Form 1.8 has been added for the reporting of monthly PV interconnection data aggregated by zip code and customer class.
- Submission protocols have been modified. The Energy Commission now encourages electronic submittal for all filings that do not contain confidential material. Also, the structure of the docket number has changed for this reporting cycle. Demand forecast data should be submitted to "Docket #15-IEPR-03 Demand Forecast."

Due Date

Historical sales information (Form 1.1a for years 2013-2014) must be submitted to the Energy Commission on or before Monday, February 18, 2015.

Forms 1 through 7 (in all parts) and Form 8.2 must be submitted to the Energy Commission on or before Monday, April 13, 2015.

Forms 8.1a and 8.1b must be submitted on or before Monday, June 1, 2015.

LSEs that require additional time may request an extension by submitting a written request to the Executive Director, as described in California Code of Regulations, Title 20, Article 2, Section 1342. The data do not have to be distributed to the IEPR service list.

Submittal Format

For all filings, parties are required to submit a brief cover letter or transmittal e-mail. The Energy Commission encourages data filing by e-mail attachment. When naming an attached file of 4 megabytes or less, please include the contact's name or the organization's name. Submittals that do not have a request for confidentiality may be sent by electronic mail to:

- Docket@energy.ca.gov

In the subject line, please include "Docket #15-IEPR-03 [LSE Name] Demand Forecast."

If requesting confidentiality for any part of the submittal, please read and carefully follow the instructions in the Appendix "How to Request Confidentiality." Yellow fill should be used to highlight all cells for which the LSE is requesting confidentiality. Energy Commission staff will use color coding to track these requests and to protect data determined to be confidential.

Electronic information files are required in these formats:

- Data on specified forms using Microsoft Excel®
- Reports, narratives, and cover letters in Microsoft Word® or Adobe Acrobat®

An Excel® template with data forms is available on the Energy Commission website at http://www.energy.ca.gov/2015_energy_policy/ and by request. While it is preferred that filers use this template, participants may provide these results in their own format so long as the equivalent information is provided and clearly labeled.

Protocols for Submitted Demand Forecasts

In general, the demand forecast submitted should be the most likely to occur projection of unmanaged total consumption. *Unmanaged consumption* means that the forecast should include impacts from DSM activities that have been approved and funded, and that have a detailed implementation plan but should not include impacts from programs or policies that have yet to be finalized. *Total consumption* means that the forecast should include total electricity usage irrespective of the type of LSE, although locally supplied energy is reported separately from sales. Because one use of these forecasts will be to provide a basis for resource assessments, total consumption at the end-user level must be adjusted by losses to reflect total usage at the

generation level. Since local private supply reduces system requirements and losses, forecasts of local private supply are also required from distribution utilities.

The primary purpose of the data requested is for each UDC to provide its view of demand trends and document the methods and data it uses to develop its forecast. Some data may also be used for developing the staff forecast. The Energy Commission is not requiring the use of specific forecasting methods.

General instructions on how the forecast is to be submitted:

- UDC forecasts are to project expected electricity demand for 2015-2026. Data for 2013 and 2014 should represent actual amounts or the UDC's best estimate available at the time of filing. ESPs should provide projections for the period through which they have contracted load.
- UDCs are to provide forecasts for both their expected "bundled" customers (customers to whom they provide both generation and distribution services) and for all customers to whom they provide distribution services, including direct access, CCA load, and any other form of LSE providing generation services to end users. Bundled load is reported on Forms 1.1 and 1.3 and total load on Forms 1.2 and 1.4.
- UDCs are to prepare demand forecasts using either:
 - (A) Franchise service area defined by applicable state law or regulatory decisions lawfully determined by the CPUC, or (B) A definition of distribution utility service area that has been mutually agreed upon by the distribution utility and Energy Commission staff.
- The demand forecast and aggregate forecasts of incremental demand response and DSM impacts reported in these forms should be consistent with data submitted in accordance with the *2015 Forms and Instructions for Submitting Electricity Resource Plans*.

Specific Instructions

UDCs are to complete Forms 1 through 6 and 8 only. ESPs complete Forms 7 and 8 only. CCAs complete form 7 only.

Form 1 Historical and Forecast Electricity Demand

Several forms request data by sector. Definitions of the sectors used in the Energy Commission forecast models are listed in the Definitions section at the end of this document. However, UDCs that use other sectors or customer classes to develop their forecast should modify forms as needed to report the forecast using their own categories and document their sector or customer class definitions.

Form 1.1 Retail Sales of Electricity by Class or Sector

Form 1.1a is for the entry of total retail sales of electricity to bundled and direct access customers, measured on the customer side of the meter in gigawatt hours (GWh). Each UDC should modify the sectors listed on Form 1.1 template to reflect the sectors or classes by which they forecast. The historical series (2000-2014) submitted through Form 1.1a should be consistent with the data used by that UDC in developing its sales forecast.

Form 1.1b is for the entry of total retail sales of electricity to bundled customers only. The distinction between forms 1.1a and 1.1b is meant to streamline potential confidentiality requests for retail sales to bundled customers.

These forms also ask for documentation of the amount of load assumed to be migrating to or from the UDC and load growth associated with previously unserved areas. If the forecast of departing load is based on historical trends, this form should report those historical data.

Form 1.2 Distribution Area Net Electricity or Generation Load

Form 1.2 is for the entry of electricity deliveries in GWh by type of customer and the addition of losses to calculate utility system energy requirements. Each UDC should report deliveries for the following categories, as applicable:

- Sales to bundled customers (from Form 1.1b)
- Deliveries to direct access customers
- Deliveries to customers of CCAs
- Deliveries to customers of other publicly owned departed or departing load (such as irrigation districts) in the UDC's distribution area

Losses are to be calculated at generation busbar and should represent total transmission and distribution losses, as well as any other unaccounted-for losses in the system.

Form 1.3 Peak Demand by Sector (Bundled Customers)

Form 1.3 accounts for coincident peak demand by sector as well as for losses. The coincident peak is the sector peak at the time of the distribution area peak. Reported losses should be calculated at the generation busbar and include distribution, transmission, and unaccounted-for energy. Peak demand for residential and commercial sectors should, if possible, be separated into base load or weather-sensitive peak demand.

UDCs should also show the amount of migrating load assumed in the forecast. IOUs should use this form to show the amount of load expected to be gained in newly developed areas, or lost to municipalized load or community choice aggregation. Publicly owned utilities (POUs) should identify expected load growth or loss from migrating load or newly developed areas included in their base forecast.

Form 1.4 Distribution Area Peak Demand

Form 1.4 is for the entry of peak demand and losses at the time of the distribution system peak by type of customer, where the categories provided are:

- Coincident peak demand and losses of bundled customers (from Form 1.3).
- Coincident peak demand and losses of direct access customers.
- Coincident peak demand and losses of CCA entities.
- Coincident peak demand and losses of other publicly owned departing or departed load (such as irrigation districts) that are still in the distribution area.

Losses entered should represent total transmission and distribution losses at generation, as well as any other unaccounted-for losses in the system.

Form 1.5 Peak Demand Weather Scenarios

This form records distribution area peak demand forecasts under high-temperature conditions. The cases, referred to as 1-in-5, 1-in-10, 1-in-20, and 1-in-40, refer to peak demand under temperature conditions that have a 20 percent, 10 percent, 5 percent, and 2.5 percent chance of being met or exceeded, respectively. These conditions should be contrasted with the 1-in-2 baseline temperature condition that has a 50 percent chance of being met or exceeded.

Form 1.6a-1.6b System Hourly Loads

Form 1.6a reports actual system hourly loads and losses for 2013 and 2014 and forecasted hourly loads for 2015. If complete loads for 2014 are not yet available, filers are asked to submit at least through September 15, 2014. UDCs who have already submitted 2013 or 2014 loads to the Energy Commission through other data requests need not resubmit them.

MW in each hour reflects integrated end-user load and effects of demand-side programs and excludes private supply. IOUs are asked to report bundled and unbundled loads and losses separately. For historical years only, also provide the estimated amount of curtailed load resulting from triggering of demand response and interruptible programs. Finally, UDCs are

asked for estimates of actual outages by hour. Outage estimates are of the most importance for summer peak periods.

UDCs are to report separate hourly loads for each distinct geographic footprint (distribution service area, transmission planning area, control area, where applicable).

Form 1.6b is for reporting hourly loads for the same years as Form 1.6a but at a more disaggregate level of geography. The zones used should be climate zones or other geographic subareas used for transmission planning studies or rate making (if applicable to the respondent).

The template illustrates a preferred data layout; UDCs may submit equivalent data in other text, spreadsheet, or database formats (such as Access).

Form 1.6c Residential Load Shapes

The passage of Assembly Bill 327 (Perea, Chapter 611, Statutes of 2013) has significant implications for residential retail rates and for rules governing net energy metering. Further, the Energy Commission continues to refine its method for modeling retail rates and adoption of PV systems. To continue this effort and to analyze the possible impacts of AB 327, the Energy Commission requires hourly load shape data for residential customers.

Form 1.6c is for reporting average electric demand for each hour for retail residential customers classified by the following variables: baseline zone, housing type, and space-heating fuel. Baseline zones should be consistent with those used by the UDC to assign baseline quantities for billing purposes. Housing types should be limited to single- and multifamily units, while space heating should be limited to either electric or gas. Loads reported on this form should reflect the demand at each hour of a year, averaged over all accounts for each combination of baseline zone, housing type, and space-heating fuel. For each combination of these variables, please also include the total number of associated accounts averaged over the year.

Forms 1.7a–1.7c Private Supply Annual Peak and Energy

Forms 1.7a-1.7c allow for the reporting of local private supply by sector or customer class and technology type. Form 1.7a focuses on annual energy, Form 1.7b on annual peak demand coincident with the distribution area peak, and Form 1.7c on cumulative installed capacity. Policy decisions to pursue large goals of rooftop photovoltaic or other distributed generation on the customer side of the meter, such as combined heat and power (CHP) or cogeneration, implies the need for documentation of these influences on the IEPR demand forecast. Private supply includes self-generation, distributed generation on the customer side of the meter, "over-the-fence" sales from a CHP facility, or wheeling from a CHP facility to a final user.

Given the wide range of differences in technology, cost, market maturity, and operating mode, Forms 1.7a-1.7c require an explicit breakout by technology type. In addition to photovoltaic technology, other technologies that could be used to meet a portion or all of onsite electricity demand include microturbine, fuel cell, combustion turbine, and internal combustion engine. Each technology, in turn, can be differentiated by the use of renewable or nonrenewable fuel.

CHP is traditionally thought of as the simultaneous production of mechanical energy, which may be used to generate electricity and useful heat. Settings where the self-generator does not make productive use of the recovered waste heat but only uses the technology to generate electricity may be considered as falling under the broader scope of distributed generation. To properly capture such variation in technology use, Forms 1.7a-1.7c require explicit accounting of impacts by technology type. Each form has a section for photovoltaics, CHP for each technology type, and an “other” section for technologies that are not a photovoltaic system or operating as a CHP plant, such as wind turbines. Form filers should create a copy of the “CHP” and “Other” section in Forms 1.7a-1.7c for each technology being reported. Please indicate whether the installed capacity reported on these forms reflects nameplate rating or some other rating scheme.

Energy and peak load estimates should reflect how facilities are expected to operate, not simply installed capacity or potential energy. These forms represent the UDC’s estimate of total private supply in the distribution area.

LSEs may provide additional forms if they wish to show other categories (for example, fuel type and consumption) of energy, peak demand, or installed capacity in their filing.

Form 1.8 PV Interconnection Data

California Energy Commission staff relies on program data, such as the California Solar Initiative (CSI), to track behind-the-meter customer-owned PV. These data are used to quantify PV generation and peak demand impacts for the IEPR demand forecast. Given the rapid decline in PV installed costs and the introduction of innovative financing methods, the rate of PV installations has grown significantly since the introduction of the CSI program. Recently, the CSI rebates have either expired or have been reduced to the extent that customers install systems without participating in an incentive program. As a consequence, the CSI program data are no longer a comprehensive source for tracking PV installations. For this reason, Energy Commission staff requests utility interconnection data. Specifically, UDCs are required to report the total number and total capacity of customer-owned, behind-the-meter, interconnected PV systems, aggregated by zip code, interconnection date, and customer class. This data is requested for 2012 through 2014.

Specific variables to be reported include:

- Five-digit zip code in which systems were interconnected.
- Year and month in which projects received approval to interconnect.
- Total number of systems interconnected.
- Total capacity of interconnected systems in kW (based on CEC AC ratings).
- Customer sector installing systems.

Form 2 Electricity Forecast Input Assumptions

Electricity demand forecasts are based in part on projections of economic and demographic variables. Document these projections on Forms 2.1 through 2.4. UDCs may provide these variables in their own format as long as the equivalent information is provided and the variables are clearly labeled. The deflator series used to convert variables from nominal to real values should be provided in these forms. If different deflators are used for different variables, each deflator series should be provided.

UDCs should document the methods used to develop the economic and demographic projections, including historical data sources, projected data sources, appropriateness of source for forecast and a discussion of the plausibility of those projections in the Form 4 methodology report.

Form 2.1 Economic and Demographic Variables

Form 2.1 documents economic and demographic variables that are used directly in an LSE's energy demand forecast models. Examples include employment and output by industry, local population, and population by age groups, households and/or housing by type, and taxable sales.

Only those variables actually used to develop the forecast need be reported. UDCs, particularly those with large geographic planning/service areas, should provide any subutility regional breakdowns of population and income projections used in the development of the economic, demographic, or energy forecasts. Subutility regions may be individual counties, groups of counties, and/or weather zones.

It must be emphasized that variables need to be precisely defined. For example, population estimates should be accompanied by an identification of the source of the estimates and whether the estimates are midyear or end of year and whether the estimates are for total population, civilian population, household population, or other subgroups.

Form 2.2 Electricity Rate Forecast

Form 2.2 allows for the reporting of projected electricity prices for the sectors or classes used to develop the forecast. The price forecasts should be reported using the same customer sectors or classes as Form 1.1. Prices should not include city taxes. Electricity prices are to be presented in 2013 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh). Provide the deflator series used to convert nominal to real prices or real to nominal prices. Where the electricity price projections are derived from a specific resource supply plan, those plans should be documented or referenced.

Form 2.3 Customer Counts and Other Inputs

Form 2.3 provides recorded and projected customer counts by major customer sector as used to develop the forecast. These customer counts should reflect end users with whom the UDC has a generation services relationship. For example, an IOU should not report all customers in its service area, but only the bundled service customers. The most convenient and consistent series is acceptable, but a narrative should explain the units reported (for example, number of

customers or number of accounts) and whether the annual values are derived from a specific point in time, a specific month, an average of months across the year, or another method.

Load Migration Drivers and Other Assumptions

Economic, demographic, and energy price projections may not exhaust all variables used by the participant to "drive" the energy demand forecast model(s). In particular, UDCs should identify the data used to project expected load migration. Some utilities may evaluate such factors as the amount and zoning of undeveloped land within the boundaries of the utility district; local residential, commercial, and industrial development policies; local population and income trends; annexation policies; and the general plan of the municipality. If other input assumptions affect the forecast, it is critical that they be documented. Provide narrative and spreadsheets as appropriate.

Form 3 Demand Side Management Program Impacts

This section of the forms and instructions summarizes the format requirements for reporting energy and coincident peak impacts of conservation, load shifting, demand response, and distributed generation and renewable programs that are expected to be achieved by the reporting UDC. The impacts reported on this form should be incremental to DSM considerations embedded in the UDCs unmanaged demand forecast described by Forms 1.1 through 1.5.

Peak impacts should represent the expected impact at the time of distribution area peak. Alternatively, UDCs may report average impacts during their peak period. Each UDC should document what the peak impacts represent and which hours it considers its peak period.

These forms request data by market sector, such as residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural. UDCs may modify the sectors used as needed to be consistent with the UDC analysis and forecasting methods.

Documentation of the method used to estimate impacts for each program should accompany these and are to be presented in Form 6.

Form 3.2 Incremental Energy Efficiency Impacts

Form 3.2 reports the estimated cumulative impacts resulting from programs or policies that are incremental to those considered in the unmanaged demand forecast, but that may still be considered reasonably likely to occur, particularly in pursuit of goals established by regulatory agencies. The combined impacts reported on this form should be consistent with those reported in compliance with the *2015 Forms and Instructions for Submitting Electricity Resource Plans*.

Form 3.3 Incremental Distributed Generation Impacts

Form 3.3 reports the expected energy and coincident peak impacts of customer-side-of-the-meter renewable and distributed generation programs, including cogeneration through the use of technologies such as an internal combustion engine, turbine, microturbine, photovoltaic, wind, and fuel cell. This should include any program that results in displaced utility sales to the

end user through self-generation or distributed generation, but not all distributed generation. Self-generation that adds power to the grid should be reported in resource plans.

In particular, IOUs should report projected impacts of the Self-Generation Incentive Program and the California Solar Initiative. Public utilities should include impacts of current solar and other renewable programs and planned programs to comply with Senate Bill 1 (Murray, 2006, Chapter 132, Statutes of 2006). Public utilities should also include impacts of current and planned programs to promote renewable and nonrenewable self-generation, including cogeneration.

Energy and peak impacts should be reported as distributed generation facilities that are expected to operate, not based on installed capacity or potential energy. Thus, there is an interaction with retail electricity rates, fuel prices, and how end users choose to operate these facilities.

Form 3.4 Incremental Demand Response Impacts

The term “demand response” encompasses a variety of programs, including traditional direct control (interruptible) programs and new price-responsive demand programs. For this filing, a key distinction is whether the program is dispatchable. *Dispatchable programs* are defined here as programs with triggering conditions that the customer does not control and cannot anticipate, such as direct control, interruptible tariffs, or demand bidding programs. Programs with triggering conditions are dispatchable whether they are a day-of or day-ahead trigger, and whether the trigger is economic or physical. LSEs should treat energy or peak load saved from dispatchable programs as a resource and not a reduction to the demand forecast.

Nondispatchable programs are not activated using a predetermined threshold condition but allow the customer to make the economic choice whether to modify usage in response to ongoing price signals. Impacts from *nondispatchable* programs should be included in the demand forecast, for example, load reductions at on-peak hours subtracted from the “base” forecast and load building or load shifting in off-peak hours added to the “base” forecast.

Form 3.4 should report expected coincident peak impacts for each demand response and interruptible program. Programs should be identified as dispatchable or nondispatchable.

Form 4 Demand Forecast Methods and Models

Each LSE shall document the electricity demand forecast methods and models used to develop the submitted forecast and shall include a discussion of the following topics.

Demand Forecast Methods

Explain the conceptual basis of the forecast:

- Energy and peak modeling approaches
- Definition of customer classes, including which rate classes are included in the categories for which forecasts are submitted

- Economic and demographic data
- Data sources

Define the area for which the forecast is developed. Identify isolated loads and resale customers and describe how they are included or excluded.

Describe model capabilities in forecasting electricity demand components (such as end uses, fuel types, or structure types) and key forecast model structural equations (econometric relations, other behavioral equations, and identities). Algebraic variables and computer mnemonics should be defined. For sector models developed using aggregate econometric methods, provide data for the independent and all dependent variables for the entire estimation period. Report all standard statistical parameters for econometric models. LSEs may include existing forecast model reports as an appendix to this form if this report includes a brief summary.

The methodology section should explicitly discuss how energy efficiency and other demand-side impacts are incorporated into the final forecast for each sector. Methods might include:

- Direct inclusion of use of end-use models and appropriate inputs characterizing the impacts of standards or programs.
- Calculation of the difference from an unmitigated forecast without program savings in the historical or forecast period and a forecast with both historical and forecast program savings included.
- Separately computed savings for programs from other analytic techniques with some or all of these savings subtracted from a “raw model output” to produce the final forecast.
- Other techniques.

The description of how this is accomplished should be explicit for each sectoral energy model and for peak demand.

Discuss how the submitted forecast is reasonable in light of economic, demographic, price, demand-side management, state policy trends, and climate change considerations. Discuss the reasonableness of differences between historical and forecasted growth patterns.

Describe the methods and data used to develop the historical and projected peak loads of sectors or customer classes reported in Form 1.3.

Historical Forecast Performance

Report and discuss the past performance of the forecasting method, including comparison of previous forecasts to actual annual weather-adjusted peak and energy demand.

Estimates of Direct Access, Community Choice Aggregation, and Other Departed Load
Distribution utilities should describe the methods, assumptions, and data used to forecast direct access, community choice aggregation, and other departed load reported in Forms 1.2 and 1.4. These should include a list of current and projected ESP and CCA entities in the distribution utility's planning area.

POUs that anticipate load growth from newly acquired load should identify the areas in which they are acquiring load and describe the data sources used to account for that load growth. IOUs should describe the methods and data used to account for expected migrating municipal load in their forecasts. Data used to account for migrating or newly departed municipal load should be reported in Form 1 or 2, as appropriate.

Local Private Supply Estimates

Describe fully the methods, assumptions, and data sources used to develop the estimates provided in Forms 1.7a - 1.7c. Because these are expected energy and on-peak effects, they require estimates of how facilities will actually be operated. Indicate the degree to which conservation efforts, financial incentives, and interruptible programs and negotiated rates have been incorporated into the self-generation forecast. Separate reports may be attached as long as these demand forms include a summary.

Weather Adjustment Procedures

Describe the meteorological parameters used for adjusting the forecast to normal weather conditions and the sources of the meteorological data, including:

- Names and locations of the weather stations used.
- Weights used for each weather station.
- Temperature variables used, such as daily maximum, heating and cooling degree days, or apparent temperature values used.
- Base values of the temperature variables used and annual data used in the adjustment process.

UDCs should also describe the methods and assumptions used to develop the high-temperature cases (1-in-5, 1-in-10, 1-in-20, and 1-in-40) reported in Form 1.5. Provide a narrative discussion of the baseline peak temperature assumptions, how the high-temperature scenarios were developed, sources for the weather data, and the methods used to develop the temperature probability distributions. Include in the discussion any climate change considerations used to adjust the expected relationship between these scenarios.

Forecast Calibration Procedures

Most forecasts are calibrated to historical energy consumption and peak demand. Provide a comprehensive description of the method of forecast calibration.

Energy and Peak Loss Estimates

Forms 1.2, 1.3, and 1.4 include estimates of losses. Describe fully the method and data sources used to develop historical and forecast energy and peak losses. If the method uses a loss factor, specify what that factor is and discuss if that factor varies by year or by customer sector.

Hourly Loads by Subarea

Provide definitions of the subareas for which hourly loads in Form 1.6b are provided. Attach a file with geographic identifiers, such as zip codes, that define the region covered by each zone. Also, describe the source of the data, if from metered load, or the methods used to develop the subarea loads, as applicable.

Economic and Demographic Projections

UDCs are required to provide documentation of the methods used to develop the economic and demographic projections reported in Form 2 and a discussion of the plausibility of those projections. They may include an economic and demographic methodology report as an appendix to this form. Documentation should include historical data sources, projected data sources, and appropriateness of source for forecast.

Climate Change and Electrification

Previous *IEPRs* have examined potential impacts of climate change and electrification that may cause forecasted demand to deviate from historical trends. This work will continue during the 2015 *IEPR* cycle. UDCs are required to document any such considerations embedded within their own demand forecast, including references to studies, plans, and other sources that support their assumptions.

Form 5 Committed Demand-Side Program Methodology

The Form 5 narrative is no longer requested.

Form 6 Incremental Demand-Side Program Methodology

Efficiency Program Impacts

Work papers should be provided to document the estimated incremental load impacts reported in Form 3.2. List any studies or sources used to support these assumptions. Describe the method by which potential load impacts are reconciled with the UDC's demand forecast as reported in Form 1.

Demand Response Program Impacts

Discuss how the estimates of peak impacts for each program were derived. Describe assumptions about eligible population, participation rates, price elasticities, wholesale market conditions, and prices used to develop the projections. Describe the method used to develop estimates of nondispatchable program impacts and the extent to which the forecast is consistent with recent program performance. For dispatchable programs, describe what criteria will be

used in deciding whether to dispatch and how they will be operated to reduce the peak. For example, will the dispatch signal be sent each year to all or most customers, or only during emergencies, or on days when peak load passes a critical value?

Renewable and Distributed Generation Program Impacts

Discuss how the estimates of energy and peak impacts for each program were derived. In particular, detail the method and data used to project impacts of solar programs. Describe assumptions about eligible population, participation rates, price elasticities, fuel prices, wholesale market conditions, and prices used to develop the projections. Describe what criteria are used in deciding how to model customer decisions to use these facilities in peak shaving or baseload modes.

Form 7 ESP and CCA Demand Forecasts

Form 7.1 ESP Loads and Resources Under Contract

For each utility distribution area in which it serves load, each ESP should provide a projection of annual sales and peak demand for load currently under contract, for as many years as they have any contracted load. The variables to be reported, by utility distribution area, are:

- Annual Metered Sales. Projected annual sales for customers under contract, before any losses, in megawatt-hours (MWh).
- Annual Peak Demand in MW. This should include distribution losses, comparable to settlement data.
- Customer Counts – Residential and Nonresidential. Note whether the units reported are number of customers or number of accounts, and whether the annual values represent a specific point in time, a specific month, or an average of months across the year.

The submitted load forecast should correspond to the loads the ESP will report on the forthcoming resource plan data request. ESPs may also choose, but are not required to provide, a forecast of expected load if that approach will be more consistent with the submitted resource information. Forecasts should not include reserve margins.

Form 7.2 CCA Load Forecast

Each CCA should provide projections of annual sales, peak demand, and customer counts for each community in which it offers generation services. Reported variables should be provided by customer class. For each community, also identify the UDC providing distribution services.

Form 8 Retail Price and Rate Forms

These forms gather financial data on electric costs, revenue requirements, and cost allocation.

General Instructions

- Provide all financial data in nominal (current-year) dollars through 2026.
- Round off all financial data to the nearest thousands of dollars. For example, \$15,000,000 would be reported as \$15,000.
- Each utility or ESP may use either fiscal year or calendar year data to report (or project) annual data. For utilities or ESPs that report based on a fiscal year, the “year” is the starting year of the fiscal year.

Form 8.1a Revenue Requirements by Major Cost Categories/Unbundled Rate Component

Form 8.1a contains three separate forms—Form 8.1a (IOU), Form 8.1a (POU), and Form 8.1a (ESP). Investor-owned utilities are to complete Form 8.1a (IOU), publicly owned utilities are to complete Form 8.1a (POU), and energy service providers are to complete Form 8.1a (ESP).

Form 8.1a (IOU)

This form provides each IOU’s major costs in the recent past and estimates of major costs over the next 10 years. For 2012 through 2014, IOUs are requested to report their CPUC-authorized revenue requirements, not actual costs.

Form 8.1a (IOU) identifies 10 major revenue-requirement categories, most of which are based on the rate components displayed in IOUs’ electricity bills for retail customers. These categories are Generation, Transmission, Distribution, Nuclear Decommissioning, Public Purpose Programs, Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bond Charge, Ongoing Competitive Transition Charge, Regulatory Asset for Energy Recovery Bond (PG&E Only), Taxes and Franchise Fees, and Other Costs Not Already Reported.

The following instructions explain which financial information to report or project under these categories.

Generation Revenue Requirements

The IOUs must base their generation revenue requirements upon the same quantities and types of electricity supply that they reported to the Energy Commission in their electricity-resource-plan submittals. The generation section of Form 8.1a (IOU), therefore, does not ask the IOUs how much electricity they expect to generate or purchase each year.

Revenue requirements include utility-owned/retained generation and five types of purchased power.

Utility-owned/retained generation means generation built or acquired by the IOU that is either placed in the rate base or treated as a cost-based asset for rate recovery purposes. The utility-owned/retained generation section is further subdivided into six types of power plants:

- Nuclear
- Conventional Hydroelectric

- Hydroelectric Pumped Storage
- Natural Gas-Fired Generation
- Coal
- Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) “Eligible” Renewables

Conventional hydroelectric generators and hydroelectric pumped storage facilities are defined here as facilities that do not qualify as eligible for California’s RPS. This definition avoids double-counting costs for electricity-generating facilities that are both hydroelectric and “RPS ‘Eligible’ Renewables.” Natural gas-fired generation includes all utility-owned/retained steam generation units, combined-cycle power plants, combustion turbines, and distributed generation facilities.

For conventional hydroelectric generation, projected “fuel” costs are for water rights. “Fuel” costs for hydroelectric pumped storage are the energy costs associated with off-peak pumping.

For utility-owned/retained generation that is natural gas-fired or coal-fired, please provide the average annual fuel price that was used to report and forecast generation-fuel revenue requirements. Report both of these fuel-price data series in dollars per million British thermal units.

Form 8.1a distinguishes between fuel and non-fuel revenue requirements. Fuel-related revenue requirements are the sum of natural gas purchases, gas pipeline transportation, and gas storage. Non-Fuel revenue requirements are the sum of operations and maintenance expenses, depreciation, return on investment, and all other costs.

RPS “Eligible” Renewables are electricity-generating facilities that use one or more types of renewable energy resources or fuels to operate and that meet the RPS eligibility criteria. IOUs can aggregate revenue requirement dollar amounts for all types of renewable energy facilities.

The Energy Commission-provided Excel worksheet will subtotal each year’s projected costs for each type of utility-owned generation. In addition, it will subtotal the revenue requirement amounts for all types of utility-owned generation.

Form 8.1a (IOU) next asks each IOU to provide financial data on historical, authorized revenue requirements and projected expenses for four categories of purchased power:

- California Department of Water Resources (DWR) contracts: report total of all existing DWR contracts.
- Qualifying facilities (QFs), excluding QF contract expenses that are recovered through the Ongoing Competitive Transition Charge (CTC). These are reported in “Ongoing CTC” costs.
- Non-QF renewables

- All other bilateral contracts, report any other contracts for forward energy, capacity, call or put options, and so forth. Residual Market Transactions (that is, short-term and spot market purchases). Under “Residual Market Transactions,” the Energy Commission staff requests that IOUs report their authorized revenue requirements and projected expenses for electricity supplies purchased through both short-term contracts (less than three months) and spot-market purchases (for example, forward spot).

Regarding payments made to the California ISO for market charges, please report authorized revenue requirements and projected expenses for the following:

- Ancillary services, including spinning reserves, nonspinning reserves, replacement reserves, regulation up, and regulation down
- Market uplifts, including emissions cost recovery, start up cost recovery
- Energy, including day-ahead, hour-ahead, and real-time

Under “Other Resources,” please provide cost projections for future power supplies not already reported in Form 8.1a as "Utility-Owned Generation" or as a type of "Purchased Power" because the ownership of these supplies is unknown by the IOU at this time.

Transmission Revenue Requirements

This section of Form 8.1a (IOU) is for collecting financial data regarding each IOU’s Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)-jurisdictional transmission assets. Energy Commission staff requests annual transmission-related authorized revenue requirements and cost estimates using the following categories that are based on four FERC-approved rates:

- Base Transmission Revenue Requirement
- Transmission Revenue Balancing Account Adjustment
- Transmission Access Charge Balancing Account
- Reliability Services

“Base Transmission Revenue Requirement” includes transmission system operations and maintenance, depreciation, and return on investment. “Transmission Revenue Balancing Account Adjustment” is an income credit for the California ISO’s transmission line operations and includes wheeling, firm transmission rights, and congestion management charge revenues. The “Transmission Access Charge Balancing Account” enables IOUs to collect revenues to recover costs for using others’ transmission systems. And the “Reliability Services” rate compensates IOUs for costs to operate reliability must-run generators for local voltage support.

To complete the “Base Transmission Revenue Requirement” row of this form, the IOUs are requested to provide authorized revenue requirements and projected expenses for network improvements (for example, line extensions and reliability upgrades) and large transmission projects it has identified in its five-year transmission plan with the California ISO. Beyond the term of their five-year plan, the IOUs are requested to provide cost estimates only for transmission network improvements.

Distribution Revenue Requirements

This section of Form 8.1a (IOU) reports authorized revenue requirements and projecting expenses for each IOU’s CPUC-jurisdictional distribution assets.

Energy Commission staff requests data on the following expense categories be aggregated and reported in the row labeled “base distribution revenue requirement”:

- Operations and maintenance
- Depreciation and amortization
- Return on investment
- All other costs

“Operations and maintenance” expenses include supervision and engineering labor; load dispatching; substation, transformer, and overhead and underground line operations; streetlight and signal operations; customer installation; and miscellaneous expenses.

In addition, the Energy Commission staff requests that IOUs provide information about authorized revenue requirements and projected costs to implement each of the following programs:

- Self-Generation Incentive Program
- Demand Response Program
- Advanced Metering Infrastructure
- California Solar Initiative

Nuclear Decommissioning

IOUs with cost responsibility for decommissioning a nuclear power plant are requested to report authorized revenue requirements and estimated future costs in this section of Form 8.1a (IOU).

Public Purpose Programs

This section of Form 8.1a (IOU) collects annual cost projections for implementing each of the

following public purpose programs:

- Low-income programs (including subsidies for medical/life-support equipment users)
- Energy efficiency
- Public interest energy research and development
- Renewable energy

The Energy Commission staff seeks annual cost estimates only for those public purpose programs that are funded by ratepayers through the electricity Public Goods Charge or Public Purpose Program Charge.

Although cost recovery for “procurement energy efficiency” is through a “Procurement Energy Efficiency Balancing Account” (PEEBA) surcharge, IOUs include the revenue requirement for PEEBA in their Public Purpose Program revenue requirement. Authorized revenue requirements and projected expenses for “energy efficiency” programs, therefore, should include both categories of ratepayer-funded energy efficiency programs.

DWR Bond Charge

The Energy Commission staff requests each IOU to provide its forecast of annual costs for DWR revenue bond charges.

Ongoing Competitive Transition Charge

Each IOU is requested to project total annual costs to be collected through the ongoing competitive transition charge. Energy Commission staff is not requesting a detailed breakout between generation (for example, CTC-eligible QF costs) and other costs included in this charge.

Regulatory Asset for Energy Cost Recovery Bond (PG&E Only)

Energy Commission staff requests that PG&E staff provide data on recent authorized revenue requirements and projected expenses for its energy cost recovery bonds.

Taxes and Franchise Fees

Please provide an annual estimate of future revenue requirements for taxes and franchise fees. Taxes may include federal income, state corporation franchise, property, payroll, business, and Superfund taxes. Franchise fees are those levied by city and county governments.

If an IOU’s revenue requirement for “Taxes and Franchise Fees” is collected in another rate component (for example, Distribution) and the dollar amount has been included already in Form 8.1a (IOU) within that rate component, then the IOU should explain which rate component includes the “Taxes and Franchise Fees” expense.

Other Costs Not Already Reported

Although the Energy Commission staff attempted to identify all major revenue requirement categories in Form 8.1a (IOU), the IOUs are requested to include a forecast of any other costs not already reported. These “other” costs need not be named.

Total Revenue Requirements

The Excel worksheet will add all of the separate costs to produce total revenue requirements. The worksheet also duplicates the annual values for total revenue requirements onto the top rows of Form 8.1b (Bundled) and Form 8.1b (DA).

Form 8.1a (POU) Budget Appropriations or Actual Costs and Cost Projections by Major Expense Categories

Through this form, Energy Commission staff seeks to learn each POU’s recent historical and projected annual revenue requirements. The form identifies three major cost categories: operating expenses, capital outlay, and debt service, plus appropriations from POU revenues into reserve funds, city general funds, or other municipal accounts.

The following instructions define what financial information to report or project under each cost category. For 2010 through 2014, POUs are requested to report their approved budget appropriations or actual costs, whichever data are more readily available to the POU.

Operations Expenses

A POU’s operating expenses are its costs to operate and maintain its power generation, transmission, and distribution systems and to provide billing and information services to its customers and others. POUs’ governing boards or city councils adopt annual or biennial “operating expense” budgets that appropriate electricity sales revenues (and other income) to pay these expenses. The same costs identified in POUs’ operating-expense budgets will be reported and projected in this section of the form.

Form 8.1a (POU) organizes operating expenses into two broad categories: operations and maintenance of power production, transmission, and distribution assets; and customer-related expenses.

Power Production

POUs’ power production expenses include costs for labor, materials, fuel, supplies, and services of operating and maintaining utility-owned power plants; and for power purchases. Form 8.1a (POU) divides power-production expenses into two categories:

- Utility-owned generation
- Power purchases

Utility-Owned Generation

Utility-owned generation expenses are costs for operating and maintaining electric generating facilities that were built or acquired by the POU. Power plants built and jointly owned by

multiple POUs through joint powers agencies (JPAs) are not included in this section of Form 8.1a (POU). Similarly, if the POU financed power plant construction through a subsidiary financing authority at that financing authority now has a power purchase agreement with the POU, that power plant is not “utility-owned generation.”

Through Form 8.1a (POU), the Energy Commission staff requests data on operating and maintenance expenses for utility-owned generation by the following types of fuel or resource:

- Nuclear
- Conventional hydroelectric
- Hydroelectric pumped storage
- Natural gas-fired generation
- Coal
- Generation from renewable resources

POUs may leave blank those rows in Form 8.1a (POU) for which they do not own a specific type of generating facility.

Costs are divided into two subcategories:

- Fuel expenses
- Other operations and maintenance expenses

In addition to the fuel commodity (for example, natural gas), fuel expenses include labor for purchasing and handling fuel, payments for natural gas pipeline use or coal transportation services, payments for fuel-storage facilities, insurance, sales commissions, and residual disposal expenses. For hydroelectric facilities, fuel expenses include water purchases, payments for licenses or permits for water rights, and payments for riparian rights. For hydroelectric pumped storage facilities, fuel expenses include electricity costs for off-peak pumping.

For both natural gas-fired and coal-fired power plants, the Energy Commission staff also requests each POU to provide its fuel price forecasts in dollars per million British thermal units.

“Other Operations and Maintenance” expenses include labor costs for operating and maintaining the structures and equipment used for electricity generation, and for supplies and operating permits.

Power Purchases

Power-purchase expenses are costs to the utility for electricity purchased for resale. They include net settlements for exchanges of electricity or power, such as economy energy, and for transactions under pooling or interconnection agreements.

Form 8.1a (POU) requests historical and projected cost details for the following categories of purchased power:

- Federal power
- Contracts with JPAs
- Contracts with POU's subsidiaries
- Bilateral contracts

Energy Commission staff did not ask for cost information about short-term and spot-market power purchases because these purchases are assumed to be a small share of the POU's supply portfolio and the costs associated with these purchases are unpredictable.

Federal Power

POUs are requested to provide cost information for power purchased and to be purchased from the Western Area Power Administration (Western). If a POU also has a contract with the Bonneville Power Administration, those power-purchase costs should be added to its Western supply costs and report as one annual total.

Contracts With Joint Power Agencies

California's POU's have cofunded many power plant (and transmission line) projects through many JPAs, including the Northern California Power Agency and the Southern California Public Power Authority. JPAs own these electricity generating facilities, but the participating POU's are obligated to help pay for the capital and operating costs and debt service of a project through contracts (that is, power purchase agreements).

Because POU's may have many power purchase agreements with different JPAs, Form 8.1a (POU) asks for power-purchase costs by type of generating facility. The types of generating facilities listed in the form are:

- Nuclear
- Coal
- Conventional Hydroelectric
- Natural Gas-Fired
- Renewable Resources

Contracts With POU Subsidiaries

POUs may have financed power plant construction through subsidiaries (for example, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District [SMUD] Financing Authority) rather than the POU itself issuing a revenue bond or another type of debt instrument. The POU subsidiary owns the

electricity generating facility, but the “parent” POU is obligated to help pay the capital and operating costs and debt service for a project through a contract (that is, a power purchase agreement).

In Form 8.1a (POU), please provide annual costs for purchased power from these subsidiaries. If more than one power purchase agreement exists, please report an aggregated total.

Bilateral Contracts

Bilateral contracts are legally enforceable agreements between a POU and a supplier (for example, a broker or power plant owner) for electricity deliveries in the future. The terms and conditions of these contracts are set by the two contracting parties but include the timing and delivery point of specific amounts of energy or capacity and the price (or a price-determining formula). Examples of bilateral contracts to include are forward energy, capacity, and tolling agreements.

In Form 8.1a (POU), please divide the sum of all bilateral contracts for power supplies into the following subcategories:

- Renewable resource contracts
- All other bilateral contracts

Other Resources

Under “Other Resources,” please provide cost projections for future power supplies not already reported in Form 8.1a as “Utility-Owned Generation” or as a type of “Purchased Power” because the ownership of these supplies is unknown by the POU at this time.

Transmission Expenses

Form 8.1a (POU) provides three subcategories for reporting transmission expenses:

- Operations and maintenance of utility-owned transmission system
- Payments JPAs for transmission investments/services
- Other transmission-related expenses

Operations and maintenance expenses of the utility-owned transmission system include the POU’s cost of labor, materials, and other supplies and services for operating (for example, load dispatching) and maintaining utility-owned transmission facilities. Transmission facilities include substations, switching stations, towers, poles, and overhead and underground lines.

California’s POUs have cofunded transmission line projects through JPAs, including the Transmission Agency of Northern California and the Southern California Public Power Authority. JPAs own these transmission facilities, but the participating POUs are obligated to help pay for capital and operating costs and debt service of a project through service

agreements. POU's are requested to report their annual payments to JPAs for these transmission investments/services. These expenses represent a POU's share of operating expenses, capital costs, and long-term debt service for JPA-owned transmission projects, as well as other services.

POUs may use "other transmission-related expenses" to document costs for transmitting POU electricity over transmission facilities owned by others, such as the Western Area Power Administration, IOUs, and other private-sector owners.

Distribution Expenses

POUs' distribution expenses include the cost of labor, materials, and other supplies and services for operating and maintaining utility-owned distribution facilities. Distribution facilities include substations, line transformers, voltage regulators, poles, overhead and underground lines, utility-owned streetlights and signals, and meters.

Each POU is requested to provide an aggregate of all its distribution-related operations and maintenance expenses (recent historical and projected) in this line of Form 8.1a (POU).

Customer-Related Expenses

POUs' customer-related expenses include the cost of labor, materials, and other supplies and services for the following activities:

- Meter reading
- Billing and collection
- Service connections and disconnections
- Advertising

In Form 8.1a (POU), please provide an annual sum for all customer-related service expenses. Do not include customer service and information expenses incurred to implement the POU's public benefit programs.

General and Administrative Expenses

Form 8.1a (POU) requests recent historical and forecasted financial data regarding each POU's general and administrative expenses. General and administrative expenses include salaries and wages for POU officers and employees who provide services not assignable to a specific utility function (for example, generation, transmission, distribution, and customer service). Other general and administrative expenses include property and injury-related liability insurance, employee pensions and benefits, and regulatory commission expenses.

For POU's that are electric departments, general and administrative expenses also include fund transfers for services provided to the electric department by other city departments, such as Finance, Human Resources, Mayor, City Manager, City Council, City Clerk, Administrative Services, Planning and Building Services, and Information Technology.

Public Benefit Programs

Form 8.1a (POU) requests each POU to provide recent historical data and a forecast of its operating expenses to implement the following categories of public benefit programs:

- Low-income rate discounts and energy efficiency services
- Energy efficiency programs (excluding procurement)
- California Solar Initiative
- All other public benefit programs

Energy Efficiency Expenses From Procurement Budget

Expenses for energy efficiency programs paid from the generation or procurement budgets should be reported here.

Operating Expenses Not Already Reported

Form 8.1a (POU) includes this row for POUs to report and forecast all other operating expenses, if any.

Capital Improvement Plan Projects

All POUs have long-range plans, usually four to six years, that identify capital projects and equipment purchases. Some capital projects are financed by issuing debt instruments, while others are financed from the POU's annual revenues. A POU's governing board or city council appropriates utility revenues for selected projects through a capital improvement budget.

Form 8.1a (POU) requests annual financial data for capital project expenditures funded by utility revenues rather than debt instruments. Capital project expenditures are divided into the following project categories:

- Generation
- Transmission System
- Distribution System
- Other

Generation

Capital expenditures for utility-owned generation include the cost for land and land rights, structures and improvements, the installed cost of all power plant equipment, and asset retirement costs. Hydroelectric capital expenditures also include the cost of dams, reservoirs, and waterways.

Transmission

Capital expenditures for the utility-owned transmission system include land and land rights, structures and improvements, and the installed cost of station equipment, towers and fixtures,

poles and fixtures, overhead conductors and devices, underground conduit, underground conductors and devices, roads and trails, and asset retirement costs.

Distribution

Capital expenditures for the utility-owned distribution system include land and land rights, structures and improvements, and the installed cost of station equipment, poles, towers and fixtures, overhead conductors and devices, underground conduit, underground conductors and devices, line transformers, meters, street lighting and signal systems, and asset retirement costs.

Form 8.1a (POU) requests financial data on all distribution system capital improvement projects, except deployment of advanced metering systems.

Distribution Cost Detail on Advanced Metering System Projects

Form 8.1a (POU) requests a breakout of recent and projected capital expenses to deploy advanced metering systems. POUs would install advanced meters to accomplish one or more of the following objectives:

- Reduce the cost to serve customers (that is, reduce labor costs for on-site meter reading and “back office” customer service).
- Offer time-based electricity pricing and incentives.
- Develop demand-response capability.
- Conduct load research (for example, gather information on time of use and peak load-shed opportunities).
- Enhance customer-communication capability.

All Other Capital Improvement Projects

Please report the sum of all other types of capital improvement project expenditures in this section of Form 8.1a. Examples of other capital improvement projects include:

- Office furniture and equipment.
- Transportation and power-operated equipment.
- Stores equipment (that is, equipment used for receiving, shipping, handling and storing materials and supplies).
- Tools, shop, and garage equipment.
- Communication equipment.

POUs should also use this section of Form 8.1a (POU) to report capital improvement expenses associated with their public benefit programs, if applicable. Please add a footnote at the bottom

of this form that explains that the reported amount includes capital costs for public benefit-related projects.

Debt Service

Debt service is the sum of a POU's repayments of principal and interest due each year on its outstanding long-term debt (for example, revenue bonds) and commercial paper notes, and trustee fees and debt issuance costs.

Reserve Fund Contributions

POUs make annual contributions to various reserve funds, such as rate stabilization funds, insurance and accident reserve funds, bond payment reserve funds, and credit support collateral reserve funds.

Please provide a total of all contributions to the POU's various reserve funds.

Transfers to City General Fund, Payments in Lieu of Taxes, and Other Fees

When a POU is an enterprise business within a municipal governmental, the city charter may direct the electric utility department to make annual contributions to the city's general fund. Such contributions may also be referred to as "Payments in Lieu of Taxes." POUs may also pay other municipal fees, such as "right-of-way" fees.

Please provide recent historical and an annual forecast of annual payments to the city general fund and other municipal fees.

For POUs that are electric departments, do not include in this portion of the form fund transfers to other city departments for general and administrative services. Please include such transfers in the general and administrative line of the Operating Expenses section.

Form 8.1a (ESP)

The Energy Commission staff requests each ESP to provide data on its historical and future power-supply costs to serve existing direct access customers. Two power-supply cost categories are provided:

- Bilateral contracts
- Residual market transactions

The Energy Commission staff requests an annual estimate of historical and future costs for all supply contracts, regardless of resource type or ESP-ownership interest. Supply contracts defined as bilateral contracts are contracts for energy and/or capacity entered into before the delivery time. Bilateral contracts include capacity-only contracts to meet resource adequacy requirements.

Residual market transactions are short-term (less than three months) or spot-market purchases of electricity from suppliers other than the California ISO. The Energy Commission staff is not requesting an ESP cost forecast of payments to the California ISO for market charges.

Form 8.1b (Bundled)

Form 8.1b (Bundled) determines how each respondent will allocate its revenue requirements among its bundled-customer classes.

Form 8.1b (Bundled) focuses on the rate components through which the respondent collects the majority of its revenue requirements: the generation component and the distribution component. Energy Commission staff requests that each respondent provide a detailed breakout of its total forecasted revenue requirements for the generation and distribution rate components.

All other revenue requirement categories (for example, transmission, public purpose programs, and so forth) should be aggregated. Please combine all other revenue requirement categories (for example, transmission, nuclear decommissioning, public purpose programs, DWR bond charge, rate reduction bond charge, ongoing CTC charge) in “All Other Revenue Requirements” section of Form 8.1b (Bundled). Each respondent must sum annual revenue requirements for all of these other categories and then show on Form 8.1b (Bundled) how much of this sum of “other revenue requirements” will be collected annually from each class of bundled customer, as defined below.

Form 8.1b (Bundled) identifies five classes of bundled customers:

- Residential/Domestic
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Agricultural
- All other customer classes (for example, street lighting)

The customer classes listed above match those used by Energy Commission staff to forecast electrical demand; however, they may not match how some utilities define their commercial and industrial customer classes. Some respondents define their commercial and industrial customers by size only (for example, “small,” medium,” and “large”), based on average monthly consumption and have rate schedules for similar-sized commercial and industrial customers. For example, small commercial and small industrial customers can be on the same rate schedule.

Thus, completing Form 8.1b (Bundled) may be a challenge for respondents with size-based systems for classifying commercial and industrial customers because rate schedules (and forecasted sales revenue) are not linked directly to discrete classes of “commercial” and “industrial” customers.

The Energy Commission staff recognizes this problem and recommends the following temporary solution. To overcome potential differences in how the Energy Commission and respondents define “commercial” and “industrial” classes, the Energy Commission staff

requests that those respondents with size-based rate schedules use the following approach to assign rate schedules to either the commercial or industrial classes:

- Use rate schedules for small and medium-sized customers as the proxy for all “commercial” customers.
- Use rate schedules for large customers as the proxy for “industrial” customers.

Form 8.1b (Direct Access)

Respondents are requested to complete Form 8.1b (Direct Access) by projecting the annual total of revenue requirements they intend to collect from direct access customers, if applicable. Respondents that do not have direct access customers need not fill out this form. Energy Commission staff is not requesting a detailed breakout of projected costs by revenue-requirement category for this type of electricity customer. For example, the Energy Commission staff is not asking for a separate revenue-requirements forecast for the Direct Access Cost Responsibility Surcharge.

It does, however, request that each respondent separate and report the portion of its annual revenue requirements it intends to collect from the two types of direct access customer: residential and nonresidential (all types, that is, of nonresidential customer).

Form 8.2 Utility Residential Electricity Sales by Baseline Percentages

Residential customers from some California utilities buy electricity under a tiered pricing structure. Tiers are defined as percentages of a daily baseline amount, which may vary by geographic region (baseline territory). Respondents whose residential customers do not face a tiered rate structure need not fill out Form 8.2.

Data provided under Form 8.2 will enable Energy Commission staff to study the distribution of electricity-sales by residential customers. Form 8.2 is not intended to determine how many kWh are sold at each tier level.

These data are to be provided for both “all-electric” and “basic-use” customers separately. The Energy Commission staff requests that each respondent complete both versions of Form 8.2 by providing the number of residential customers and their corresponding electricity sales data for 2013 and 2014 in 10 percent increments of baseline quantity up to 300 percent and 50 percent increments beyond 300 percent by month for each baseline territory. To illustrate, the number of customers in the 60 through 70 percent baseline cell should include only those customers with monthly use greater than 60 percent but not exceeding 70 percent of the allocated baseline quantity. The corresponding kWh figure reported in this category should represent the total energy used by those customers.

Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
AC	Alternating current
CCA	Community choice aggregator
CHP	Combined heat and power
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission
CTC	Ongoing Competitive Transition Charge
DA	Direct access
DSM	Demand-side management
DWR	California Department of Water Resources
ESP	Energy service provider
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
GWh	Gigawatt-hour
IEPR	Integrated Energy Policy Report
IOU	Investor-owned utility
ISO	California Independent System Operator
JPA	Joint power agencies
LSE	Load-serving entity
MW	Megawatt
MWh	Megawatt-hour
PEEBA	Procurement Energy Efficiency Balancing Account
PG&E	Pacific Gas and Electric
POU	Publicly owned utility
PRC	Public Resources Code
QF	Qualifying facility
QFER	Quarterly Fuel and Energy Report
RPS	Renewables Portfolio Standard
SCE	Southern California Edison
SDG&E	San Diego Gas & Electric
UDC	Utility distribution company

Definitions

Bundled Customers: Customers who receive both distribution and generation services from the same LSE.

Cogeneration: An arrangement whereby a utility or customer-owned facility sequentially produces thermal energy for process heat or space conditioning use and electrical energy for private use, or for sale to an electric utility, or some combination thereof.

Customer Sectors: Customer sectors used by the Energy Commission are defined using the following North American Industrial Classification (NAICS) categories.

	NAICS
Residential: private households, including single and multiple family dwellings.	RE00-RE39, 001-003, and 814
Commercial	115, 326212, 42, 44-45, 48841, 493, 512, 514, 518-519, 52-55 (excluding 5324), 561, 61, 62, 71, 72, 81 (excluding 814), and 92 (excluding 92811)
Industrial	11331, 21 and 23 (excluding 22131); 31-33, and 511
Agricultural	111, 112, 113, and 114
Water Pumping	22131
Transportation, Communication, Utility (TCU)	221, 48, 49 (excluding 493), 513, 517, 5324, 562, and 92811
Street Lighting	9225, 9226, and 925190

Dollar Denomination: Unless otherwise specified, any dollar denominated variable is to be measured in 2011 dollars.

Distributed Generation: Electricity production that is on-site or close to the load center and is interconnected to the utility distribution system. Large generation facilities (such as qualifying facilities) that interconnect to the utility at transmission voltages would not be considered distributed generation.

Electricity Consumption: The amount of electricity used to provide energy services through both utility sales and local private supply of electricity.

Load-Serving Entity (LSE): An umbrella term encompassing all entities that provide generation services to end-use customers, whether or not it owns or operates a distribution system. Examples are traditional investor-owned utilities, municipal utilities, energy service providers permitted to operate under applicable law, community choice aggregators permitted to operate under AB 117, and all other entities that serve end-use loads.

Local Private Supply: Local private supply is supply from self-generation, customer-owned distributed generation, private sales "over-the-fence" from a cogeneration facility, or wheeling from a cogeneration facility to a final user.

Self-Generation: Any generation of electricity by a final user for his own use, regardless of the technology used. The portion of cogeneration retained for the customer's own use is self-generation even if this is a small portion of overall facility output.

Utility Distribution Company (UDC): A utility that owns and/or operates an electricity distribution system that interconnects end user loads with a generator serving more than one end user load or the interconnected transmission grid.

APPENDIX A:

Confidentiality Applications

How to Request Confidentiality

The Executive Director of the Energy Commission has responsibility for determining what information submitted with an application for confidentiality will be deemed confidential. Parties who seek such a designation for data they submit must make a separate, written request that identifies the specific information and provides a discussion of why the information should be protected from release, the length of time such protection is sought, and whether the information can be released in aggregated form.

Certain categories of data provided to the Energy Commission, when submitted with a request for confidentiality, will be automatically designated as confidential and do not require an application. The types of data that are eligible and the process for obtaining this confidential designation are specified in California Code of Regulations, Title 20, Section 2505(a)(5). The Energy Commission has its own regulations distinct from those governing the CPUC, and CPUC determinations on confidentiality are not applicable to data submitted to the Energy Commission.

Parties should be aware that some confidential data may be disclosed after aggregation according to CCR, Title 20, 2507(d) or (e). Both historical and forecast energy sales data may be disclosed if reported at the following levels:

- For individual ESPs, data may be aggregated at the statewide level by major customer sector.
- For the sum of all ESPs, data may be aggregated at the service area, planning area, or statewide levels by major customer sector.
- For the total sales of the sum of all electric retailers, data may be aggregated at the county level by major generator, utility, and ESP groups as these groups are defined by the U.S. Census Bureau in their North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) tables.

Data that are not included in these categories, but that the filer believes are entitled to confidential treatment, should be submitted when due along with an application for confidential designation so that the Executive Director can review the information and make a determination about its confidential status. To do this, please carefully read and follow the instructions.

What a Confidentiality Application Must Have

An application to keep a record confidential should be submitted directly to the Docket Unit in paper form or on electronic media, but not by email.

Docket Unit
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-4
Sacramento, CA 95814-5504

A hard copy of the record for which confidentiality is sought must be submitted, on separate electronic media if electronic, each marked with the title of the record and “confidential” (§ 1209.5 subd. (a)(4)). An optional Application for Confidentiality form, which includes all the required elements of the application, can be found at

http://www.energy.ca.gov/commission/chief_counsel/documents/CEC13.pdf.

- The information being provided to the Energy Commission must be submitted electronically in Word®, Excel or Adobe® files and on a common media format such as CD-ROM or DVD-ROM. This information should be marked electronically and externally as Docket #15-IEPR-03. The prospective confidential data categories must be clearly and properly labeled and referenced in the written application. Each IEPR topic area has its own subdocket; demand forecasts are filed in subdocket “03”. (Note in past reporting cycles subdocket “C” was used to file demand forecasts.)

Table A-1: 2015 IEPR Subdockets

15-IEPR-01	General/Scope
15-IEPR-02	Electricity Resource Plans
15-IEPR-03	Electricity and Natural Gas Demand Forecast

Source: California Energy Commission, October 2, 2014.

- A signed “penalty of perjury certification” must be included in the application. Suggested standard language is as follows:

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this application for confidential designation is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that I am authorized to make the application and certification on behalf of (ABC Utility or Corporation).

What Happens if an Application Is Deficient

Applications deemed incomplete may not be docketed by Energy Commission staff and may result in delay in processing until the deficiency can be corrected. The filer will be notified by

mail and e-mail about deficient attributes in the application. The applicant has 14 calendar days to correct defects in the application and return an amended application to the Energy Commission.

After 14 days, all information associated with a still-incomplete application for confidentiality will be deemed publicly disclosable and will be docketed accordingly.

What a Confidentiality Application Must Include

A complete application for confidentiality contains the following information:

- Identification of the information being submitted, including docket number, title, date, and size (for example, pages, sheets, megabytes).
- Description of the data or information for which confidentiality is being requested (for example, particular electricity supply contract categories for particular years).
- On Excel forms submitted with prospectively confidential data, identification of specific cells using yellow fills that are consistent with the confidentiality application.
- A clear description of the period for which confidentiality is being sought for each information category (for example, until December 31, 2017).
- An appropriate justification for each confidential data category request, including applicable provisions of the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.) and/or other laws.
- A statement attesting that a) the specific records to be withheld from public disclosure are exempt under provisions of the Government Code, or b) the public interest in nondisclosure of these particular facts clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

What Happens If an Application Is Incomplete

Applications that have been docketed will be reviewed by Energy Commission staff within 30 calendar days of receipt for clarity, completeness, content, and context. If the application is incomplete or ambiguous in one or more respects, or if the data are incomplete or questionable, staff will contact the filer to resolve these uncertainties or obtain needed information.

Staff may append data and information to the supply forms as requested by the filer. Also, an updated or corrected Excel file may be forwarded by the filer to Energy Commission staff as necessary. Where an application is unclear or incomplete, a filer may submit a corrected replacement application for confidentiality. By arrangement, a corrected application (still including the required three attributes) may be submitted electronically to the Docket Office. Once a docketed application is considered complete, staff prepares a recommendation for determinations by the Executive Director.

Determinations and Additional Information

The Executive Director signs confidentiality determination letters. The applicant has 14 calendar days to appeal this decision.

An applicant can request confidentiality at any time, but once information is publicly released, confidentiality cannot be granted. The Energy Commission strongly encourages filers to provide data and any confidentiality requests concurrently.

More specific questions about confidentiality may be directed to Jared Babula at Jared.Babula@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-3843.