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In discussing value and reliability, what is monetarily encouraging DER owners to maintain their equipment so that it can be reliably dispatched by the CAISO? QF/CHP receive capacity payments to maintain high availability factors, how will DERs be treated here? I am envisioning a tiered structure based on dispatchable MW capacity by each microgrid to qualify for different economic compensation plans (PPAs...etc..). This could likely fall under the creation or aligning of microgrids (based off of MW capacity) to fall under different rate structures.

Also, what is also monetarily encouraging DERs to provide voltage/VAR support? As the grid becomes more decentralized, we need to be including in our DER roadmap that voltage/VAR support is not neglected and awarded via credits, capacity payments, desirable rate structures etc...

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