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Learning to Love Ducks: DR in California

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CA is embracing the "net load" duck with TOU rates. CAISO: 2014 Monthly Load vs. Net Load -- Weekdays



CAISO Proposal: 2021 Monthly Net Load



CAISO Curtailment of Wind and Solar by Month 2015 - 2017



2017 Hourly Curtailment of Solar and Wind Resources

14.0%



Negative Pricing - (2016 - Q1 2017 Monthly)

Figure 1.5

Frequency of negative 5-minute prices by month



Negative Pricing (Q1 2017 Hourly)





Shifting 20% of demand can reduce curtailments from 12% to 2% of capacity



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RERECTED AREA

Planned TOU won't fix curtailment "Nexant

- While the pilot was not designed to compare results across utilities, such comparisons are likely to be made – when doing so, it is important to compare impacts for a common set of hours – 6 to 8 PM are the only hours that are common across IOUs and rates
- PG&E Rate 3 and SDG&E Rates 1 & 2 all have similar peak periods and prices at approximately \$0.57 per kWh
- SCE's highest and most comparable peak price is for Rate 2 at \$0.53 per kWh



CA TOU pilots will be missed opportunities, if we are lucky

- Incomplete pilot objectives
- Poor experimental design
- Insufficient customer segmentation
- Preoccupied w ME&O
- No program coordination

Risk vs Reward with TOU Rates



Do not deny poor homes TOU: it provides least-cost energy each day



EV Pricing App by SDG&E makes it easy to do V1G....what about V2G?



Basic settings – "set & forget"





Advanced settings – choose hourly prices

Synchronize IOU Pilots & Programs





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