

Decision on excess behind the meter production proposal

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Proliferation of rooftop solar has highlighted an inconsistency in reporting load to the ISO.

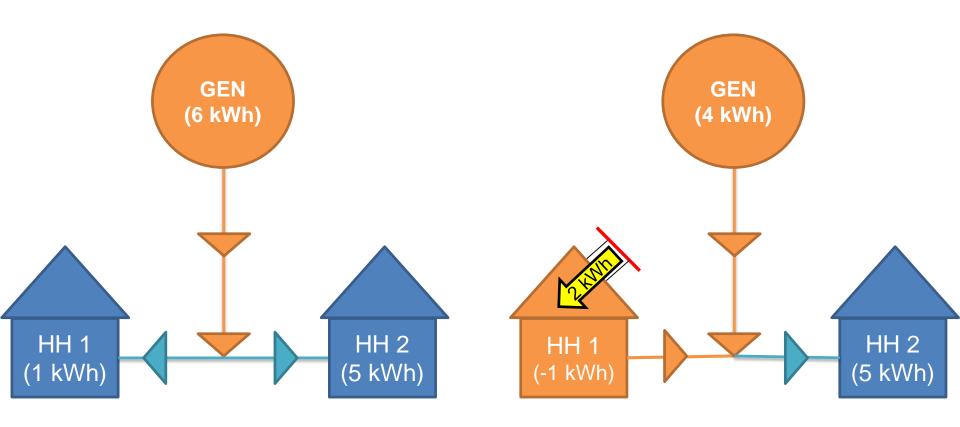
- Behind the meter solar production is rapidly growing in California
- Excess behind the meter production occurs when behind the meter generation exceeds the host load
- Some load serving entities are providing gross load data while other provide load net of excess behind the meter production

Load serving entities must have clear rules for reporting load

Excess behind the meter production occurs when rooftop solar production exceeds a local load.

Without Rooftop Solar

With Rooftop Solar





Management's proposal addresses three primary issues:

- Ensure consistent reporting of "Gross Load" by clarifying its definition in the ISO tariff
 - Gross load is not net of excess behind the meter production
- Creates a new tariff definition for excess behind the meter production
 - The amount of generation that exceeds host consumption
- Specifies how excess behind the meter production must be reported to the ISO and how it is settled
 - Paid the locational marginal price



Proposal also addresses how gross load and excess behind the meter production will be used to allocate costs.

- Gross load will be used to allocate reliability-based charge codes
- The net load will be used to allocate energy-based charge codes
- Excess behind the meter production will receive credit for offsetting distribution losses



Stakeholders are generally supportive of the proposal.

- DMM, PAO, and SCE concerned about exempting some publicly owned utilities and metered subsystems
 - Exemptions are only for entities with grandfathered agreements for reporting load to the ISO and many do not have necessary metering
 - Exempted entities make up 13% of load, the impact on charges allocated by gross load under the proposed rules will likely be small
- PG&E would like more accurate accounting for losses
 - Proposed methodology closely accounts for losses offset by excess BTM production
 - Loss factors may need to be reviewed more holistically in the future as the system continues to evolve
- WPTF requests publication of excess BTM production values
 - Management will post excess behind the meter production values



Management recommends the Board approve the excess behind the meter production proposal.

- Clarifies rules for load serving entities to report load to the ISO
- Provides increased transparency of grid supply and demand
- Provides more accurate accounting for gross load and excess behind the meter production
- Results in equitable allocation of related charges