

## Wind and Solar Curtailment December 21, 2016

This report is produced daily to provide a detailed accounting of the wind and solar renewable generation that was curtailed and the reasons why<sup>1</sup>. This report should be read in the context of the Renewables Watch report for a more complete understanding of both renewable curtailment and generation<sup>2</sup>.

Wind and solar curtailments are grouped into the following categories:

1. Economic - Local: Market dispatch of generators with economic bids to mitigate local congestion<sup>3</sup>.
2. Economic - System: Market dispatch of generators with economic bids to mitigate system-wide oversupply<sup>4</sup>.
3. SelfSchCut - Local: Market dispatch of self-schedules to mitigate local congestion.
4. SelfSchCut - System: Market dispatch of self-schedules to mitigate system-wide oversupply.
5. ExDispatch - Local: Exceptional dispatch to mitigate local congestion.
6. ExDispatch - System: Exceptional dispatch to mitigate system-wide oversupply.

Note: Amounts smaller than 1 MW are filtered out for simplicity. Such small curtailments are occasionally observed when forecasts are lower than Pmin when market will de-commit the unit and send the 0 MW dispatch.

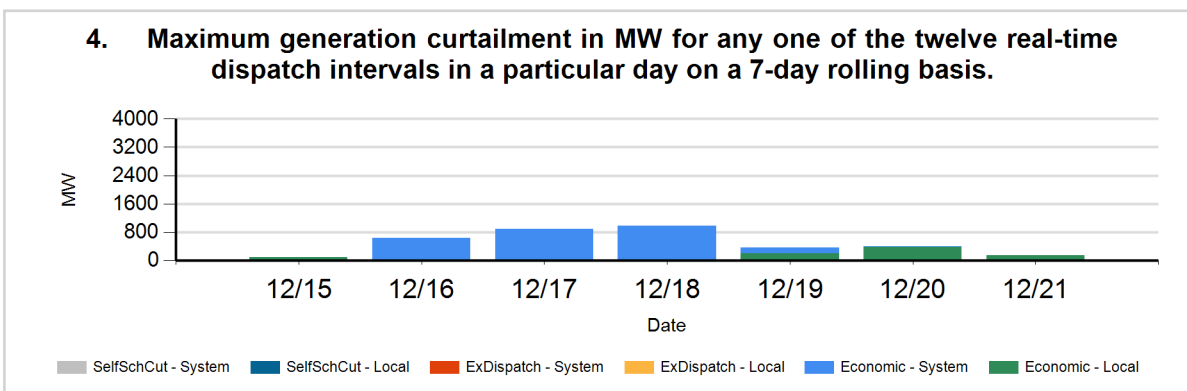
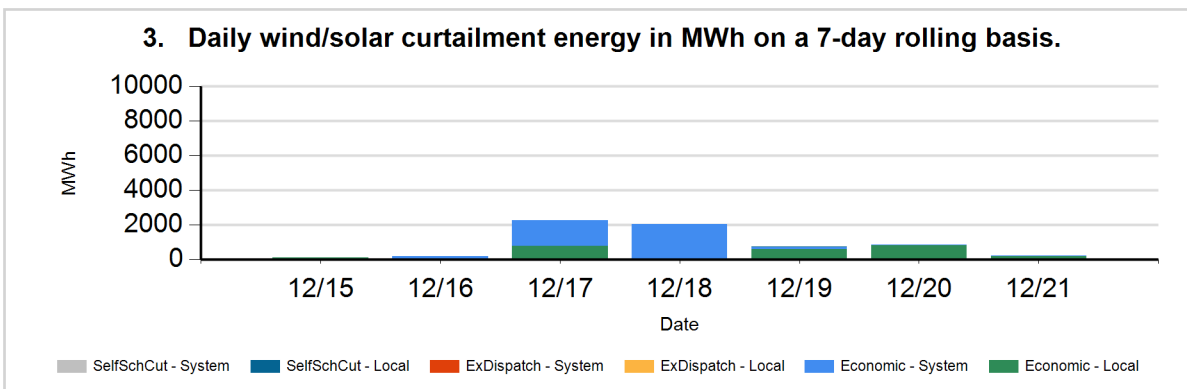
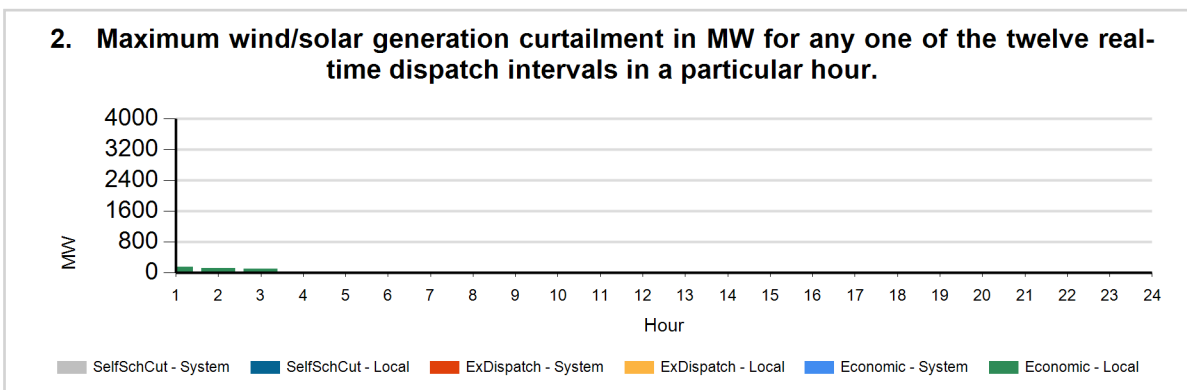
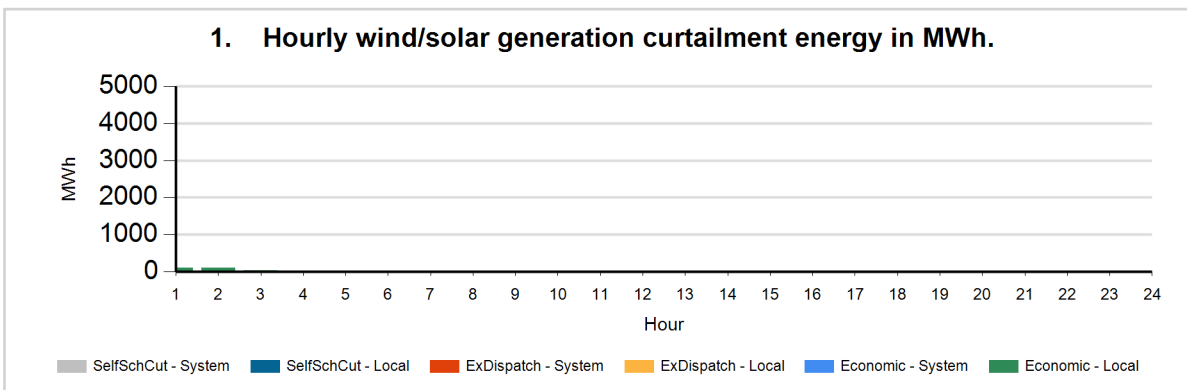
<sup>1</sup>Only wind and solar resources can be reported in this manner because these resources have a forecast. Curtailment is defined as the difference between actual production and the forecast when actual production is less than the forecast.

<sup>2</sup>The Renewables Watch report provides daily actual renewable production within the ISO grid. It is available at: <http://www.caiso.com/green/renewableswatch.html>.

<sup>3</sup>Congestion occurs when available, least-cost energy cannot be delivered to some loads because transmission facilities do not have sufficient capacity to deliver the energy.

<sup>4</sup>For more information on oversupply conditions, please see: [https://www.caiso.com/Documents/FlexibleResourcesHelpRenewables\\_FastFacts.pdf](https://www.caiso.com/Documents/FlexibleResourcesHelpRenewables_FastFacts.pdf)

The following charts show the daily and 7-day rolling wind and solar curtailment by category, if any.



**Data used to produce hourly charts**

| DATE  | HOUR | CURT TYPE | REASON | FUEL TYPE | CURTAILED MWH | CURTAILED MW |
|-------|------|-----------|--------|-----------|---------------|--------------|
| 12/21 | 1    | Economic  | Local  | WIND      | 101           | 143          |
| 12/21 | 2    | Economic  | Local  | WIND      | 99            | 112          |
| 12/21 | 3    | Economic  | Local  | WIND      | 40            | 105          |
| 12/21 | 12   | Economic  | System | SOLR      | 0             | 0            |
| 12/21 | 13   | Economic  | System | SOLR      | 0             | 2            |
| 12/21 | 15   | Economic  | System | SOLR      | 0             | 2            |
| 12/21 | 16   | Economic  | System | SOLR      | 0             | 2            |

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