

Wind and Solar Curtailment January 30, 2017

This report is produced daily to provide a detailed accounting of the wind and solar renewable generation that was curtailed and the reasons why¹. This report should be read in the context of the Renewables Watch report for a more complete understanding of both renewable curtailment and generation².

Wind and solar curtailments are grouped into the following categories:

1. Economic - Local: Market dispatch of generators with economic bids to mitigate local congestion³.
2. Economic - System: Market dispatch of generators with economic bids to mitigate system-wide oversupply⁴.
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.

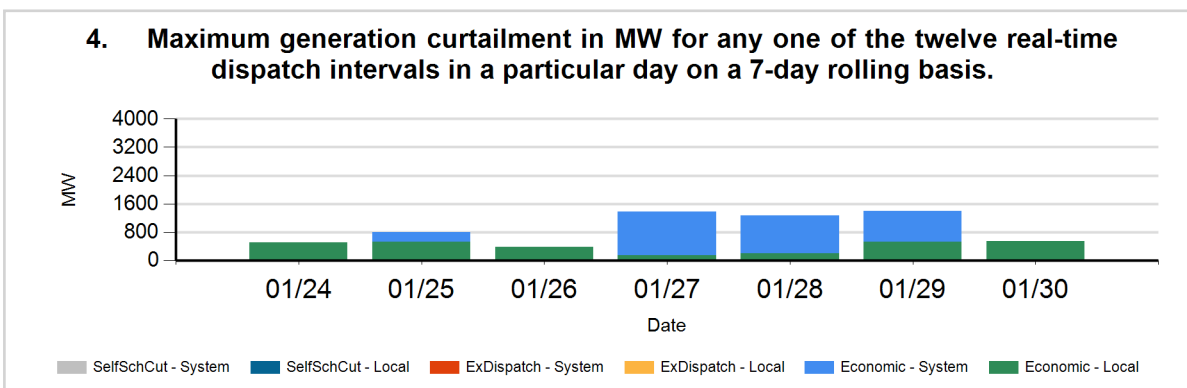
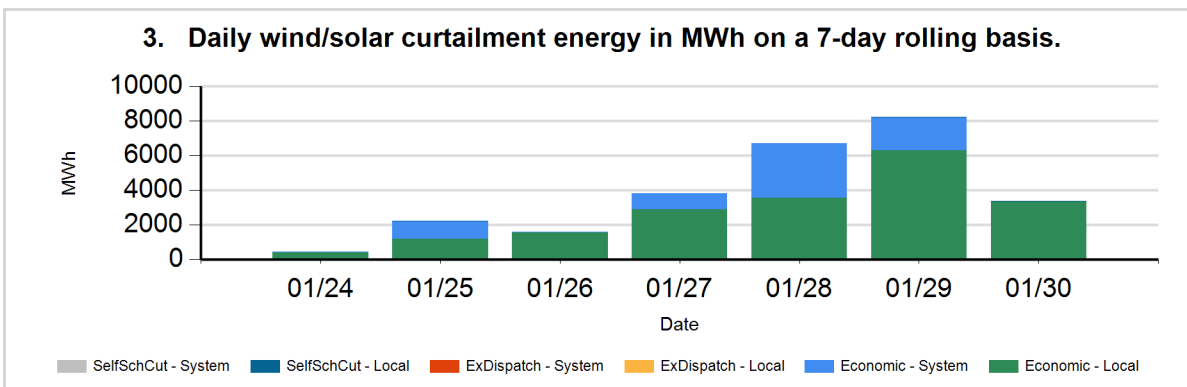
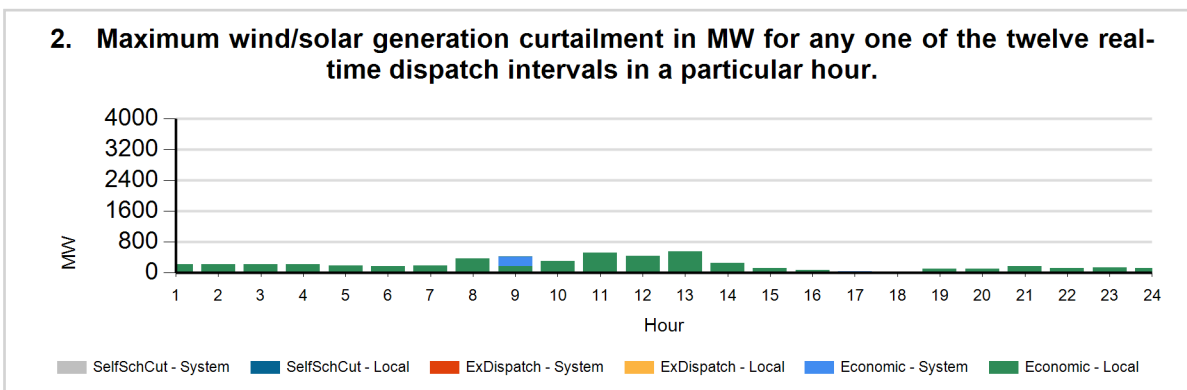
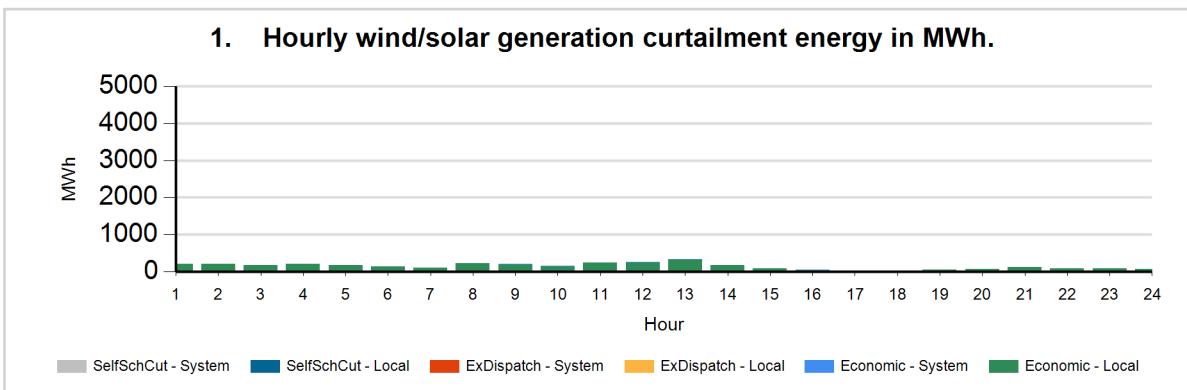
¹Only wind and solar resources can be reported in this manner because these resources have a forecast. Curtailment is defined as the difference between actual production and the forecast when actual production is less than the forecast.

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

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

⁴For more information on oversupply conditions, please see: 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
01/30	1	Economic	Local	WIND	200	223
01/30	2	Economic	Local	WIND	201	219
01/30	3	Economic	Local	WIND	177	216
01/30	4	Economic	Local	WIND	200	215
01/30	5	Economic	Local	WIND	169	180
01/30	6	Economic	Local	WIND	134	165
01/30	7	Economic	Local	WIND	107	180
01/30	8	Economic	Local	WIND	227	364
01/30	9	Economic	Local	SOLR	6	14
01/30	9	Economic	Local	WIND	185	150
01/30	9	Economic	System	SOLR	21	253
01/30	9	Economic	System	WIND	0	2
01/30	9	SelfSchCut	Local	SOLR	0	1
01/30	10	Economic	Local	SOLR	56	215
01/30	10	Economic	Local	WIND	105	91
01/30	10	Economic	System	SOLR	0	
01/30	10	Economic	System	WIND	1	
01/30	11	Economic	Local	SOLR	144	381
01/30	11	Economic	Local	WIND	92	139
01/30	11	SelfSchCut	Local	SOLR	0	
01/30	12	Economic	Local	SOLR	74	147
01/30	12	Economic	Local	WIND	174	287
01/30	12	Economic	System	SOLR	0	
01/30	12	Economic	System	WIND	0	
01/30	13	Economic	Local	SOLR	201	385
01/30	13	Economic	Local	WIND	125	156
01/30	13	SelfSchCut	Local	SOLR	2	
01/30	14	Economic	Local	SOLR	13	2
01/30	14	Economic	Local	WIND	157	243

01/30	14	SelfSchCut	Local	SOLR	0	
01/30	15	Economic	Local	WIND	82	111
01/30	16	Economic	Local	WIND	45	69
01/30	16	Economic	System	SOLR	1	
01/30	17	Economic	Local	WIND	5	25
01/30	17	Economic	System	SOLR	1	2
01/30	19	Economic	Local	WIND	55	96
01/30	20	Economic	Local	WIND	66	98
01/30	21	Economic	Local	WIND	116	161
01/30	22	Economic	Local	WIND	89	117
01/30	23	Economic	Local	WIND	79	131
01/30	24	Economic	Local	WIND	59	108

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