Wind and Solar Curtailment March 20, 2024

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

Wind and solar curtailments are grouped into the following categories:

1. Economic - Local: Market dispatch of generators with economic bids to mitigate local congestion[3].
2. Economic - System: Market dispatch of generators with economic bids to mitigate system-wide oversupply.
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.

[1]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.

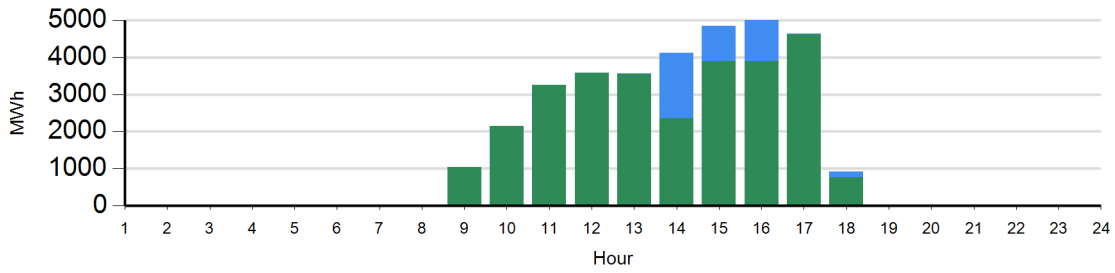
[2]The Renewables Watch report provides daily actual renewable production within the ISO grid. It is available at: http://www.caiso.com/green/renewableswatch.html.

[3]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.

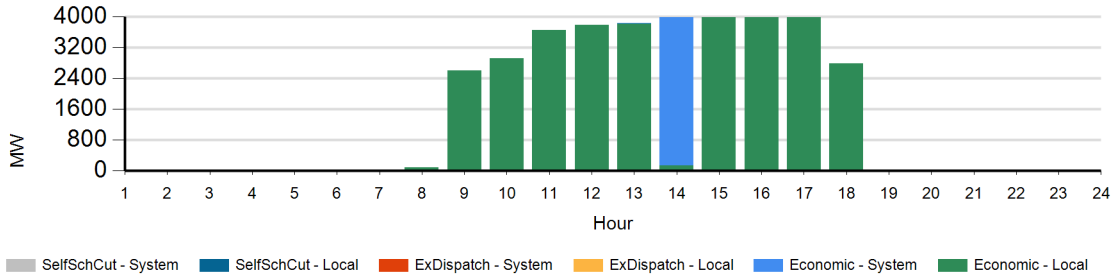
For more information on oversupply conditions, please see: https://www.caiso.com/Documents/FlexibleResourcesHelpRenewables_FastFacts.pdf

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

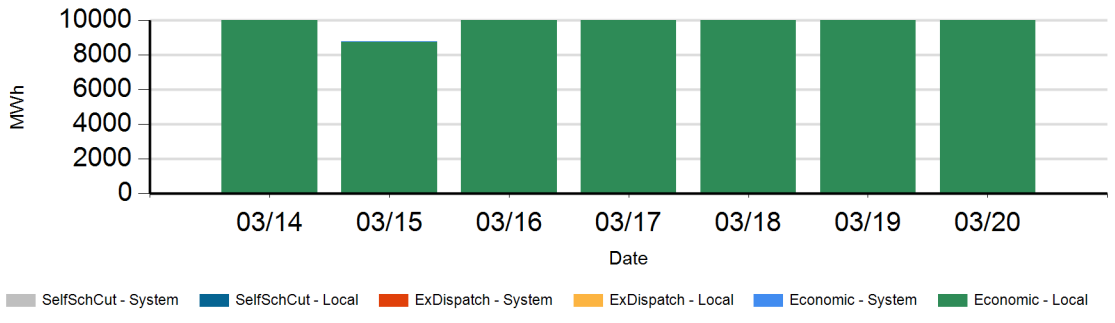
1. Hourly wind/solar generation curtailment energy in MWh.



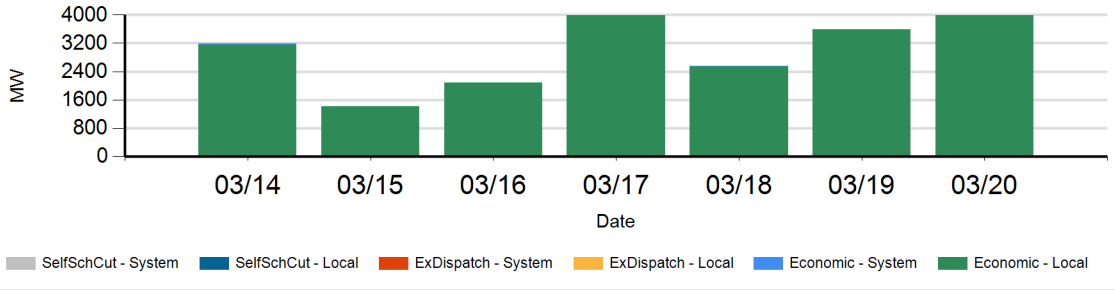
2. Maximum wind/solar generation curtailment in MW for any one of the twelve real-time dispatch intervals in a particular hour.



3. Daily wind/solar curtailment energy in MWh on a 7-day rolling basis.



4. Maximum generation curtailment in MW for any one of the twelve real-time dispatch intervals in a particular day on a 7-day rolling basis.



Data used to produce hourly charts

DATE	HOUR	CURT TYPE	REASON	FUEL TYPE	CURTAILED MWH	CURTAILED MW
03/20	5	Economic	Local	WIND	1	9
03/20	8	Economic	Local	SOLR	8	86
03/20	9	Economic	Local	SOLR	985	2450
03/20	9	Economic	Local	WIND	60	154
03/20	9	Economic	System	SOLR	0	
03/20	10	Economic	Local	SOLR	2106	2915
03/20	10	Economic	Local	WIND	43	9
03/20	11	Economic	Local	SOLR	3143	3470
03/20	11	Economic	Local	WIND	111	187
03/20	12	Economic	Local	SOLR	3455	3659
03/20	12	Economic	Local	WIND	124	122
03/20	12	Economic	System	WIND	0	
03/20	13	Economic	Local	SOLR	3415	3665
03/20	13	Economic	Local	WIND	133	164
03/20	13	Economic	System	WIND	11	10
03/20	14	Economic	Local	SOLR	2259	127
03/20	14	Economic	Local	WIND	98	
03/20	14	Economic	System	SOLR	1575	3881
03/20	14	Economic	System	WIND	180	469
03/20	15	Economic	Local	SOLR	3711	4653
03/20	15	Economic	Local	WIND	186	215
03/20	15	Economic	System	SOLR	729	17
03/20	15	Economic	System	WIND	222	293
03/20	16	Economic	Local	SOLR	3645	5436
03/20	16	Economic	Local	WIND	238	360
03/20	16	Economic	System	SOLR	1092	
03/20	16	Economic	System	WIND	185	
03/20	17	Economic	Local	SOLR	4338	5294
03/20	17	Economic	Local	WIND	297	344

03/20	17	Economic	System	WIND	3	10
03/20	18	Economic	Local	SOLR	698	2502
03/20	18	Economic	Local	WIND	60	278
03/20	18	Economic	System	SOLR	136	
03/20	18	Economic	System	WIND	22	

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