

## Wind and Solar Curtailment December 15, 2020

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.

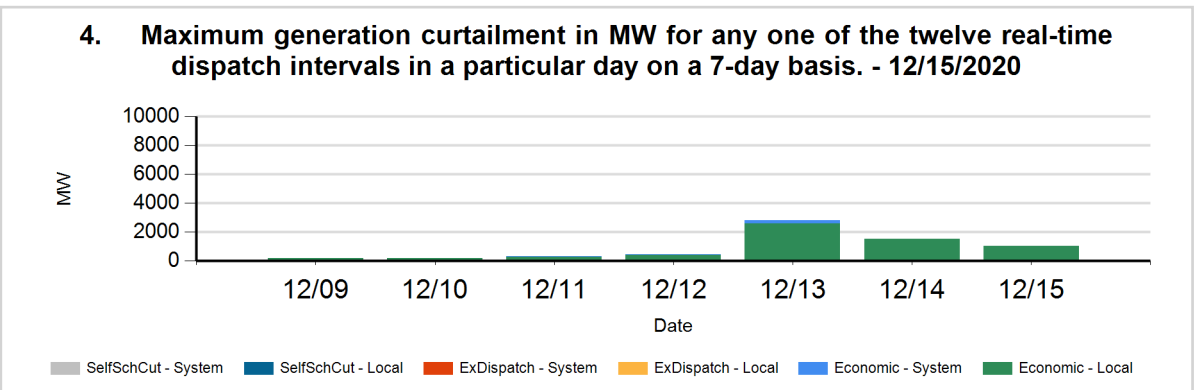
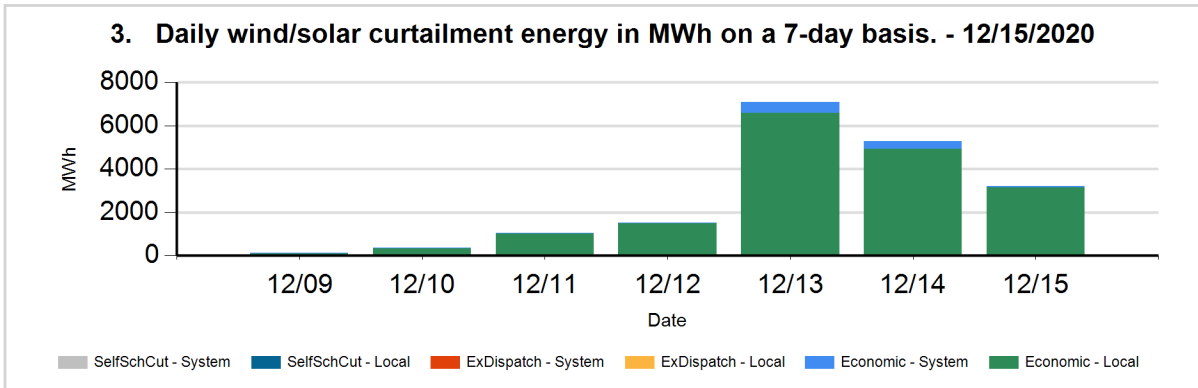
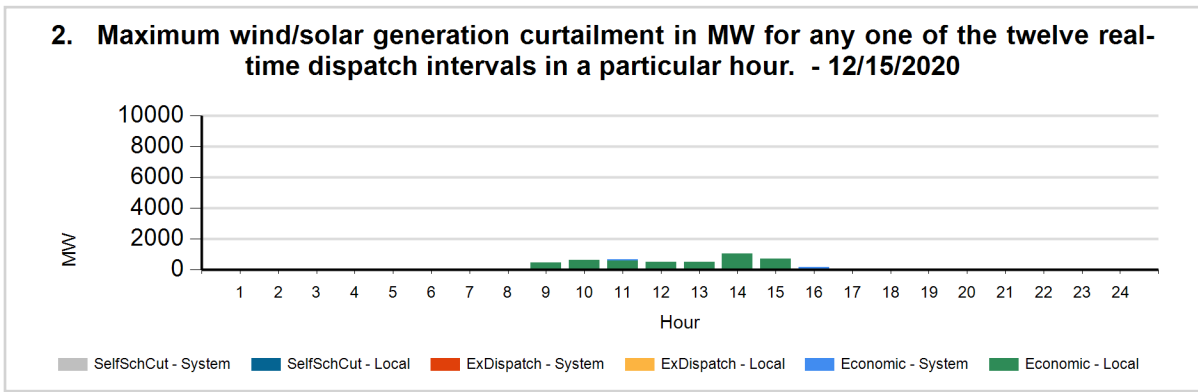
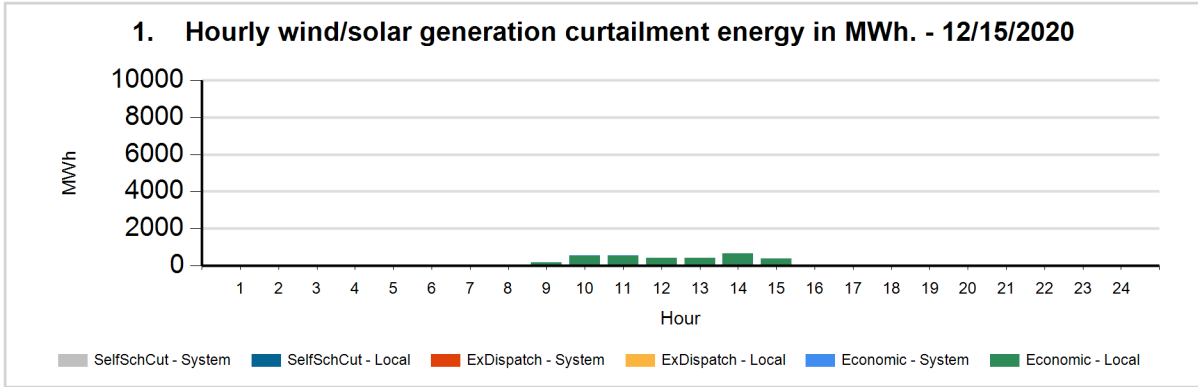
<sup>1</sup>Only wind and solar resources can be reported in this manner because these resources have a forecast. Curtailment is defined as the difference between actual production and the forecast when actual production is less than the forecast.

<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>.

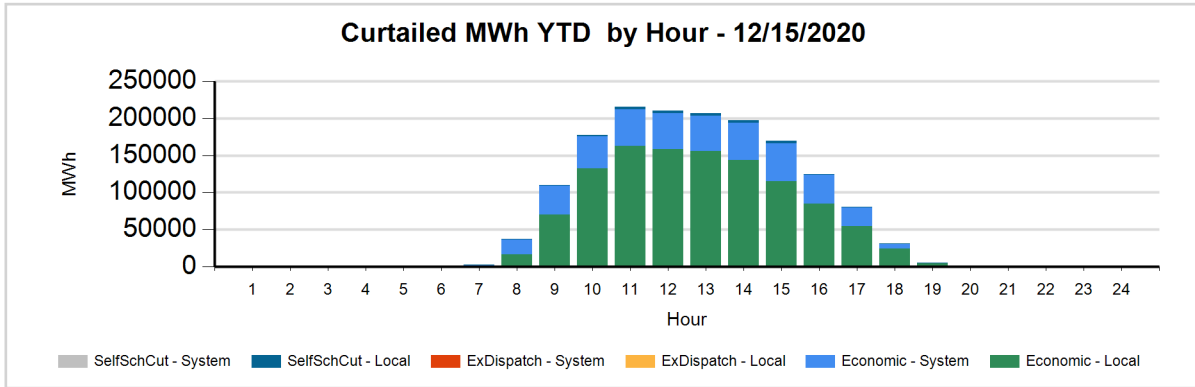
<sup>3</sup>Congestion occurs when available, least-cost energy cannot be delivered to some loads because transmission facilities do not have sufficient capacity to deliver the energy.

<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)

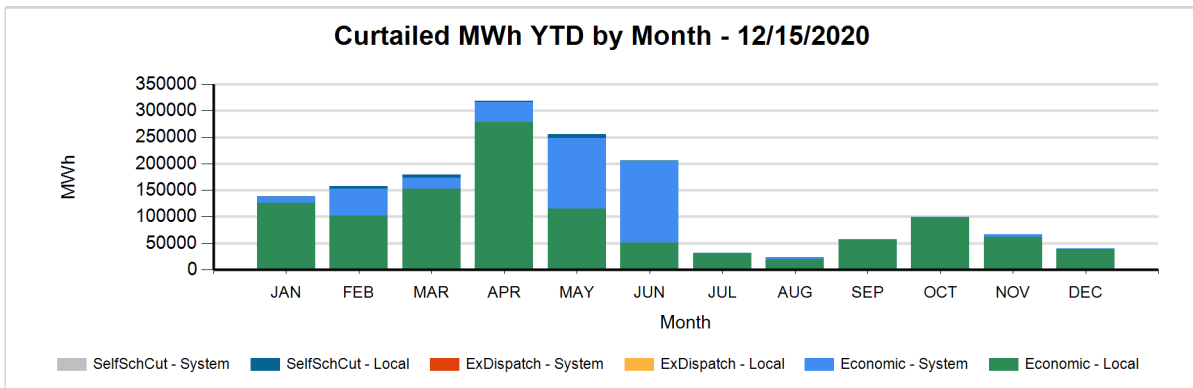
The following charts show the daily and 7-day wind and solar curtailment by category, if any.



The following charts show hourly year to date wind and solar curtailment by category, if any.



The following charts show monthly year to date wind and solar curtailment by category, if any.



TYPE	YTD CURTAILED MWH - 12/15/2020
LocalEconomic	1,125,543
LocalSelfSchCut	20,848
SystemEconomic	424,479
TOTAL	1,570,869

**Data used to produce hourly chart**

DATE	HOUR	CURT TYPE	REASON	FUEL TYPE	CURTAILED MWH	CURTAILED MW
12/15	8	Economic	Local	SOLR	3	42
12/15	9	Economic	Local	SOLR	164	438
12/15	9	Economic	Local	WIND	5	3
12/15	10	Economic	Local	SOLR	534	597
12/15	10	Economic	Local	WIND	8	11
12/15	10	Economic	System	SOLR	4	
12/15	11	Economic	Local	SOLR	526	567
12/15	11	Economic	Local	WIND	10	10
12/15	11	Economic	System	SOLR	8	73
12/15	12	Economic	Local	SOLR	409	495
12/15	12	Economic	Local	WIND	9	6
12/15	13	Economic	Local	SOLR	400	473
12/15	13	Economic	Local	WIND	15	16
12/15	14	Economic	Local	SOLR	636	1000
12/15	14	Economic	Local	WIND	21	17
12/15	15	Economic	Local	SOLR	383	695
12/15	15	Economic	Local	WIND	8	10
12/15	15	Economic	System	WIND	0	
12/15	16	Economic	Local	SOLR	3	
12/15	16	Economic	System	SOLR	42	162
12/15	16	Economic	System	WIND	0	

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