

Wind and Solar Curtailment March 19, 2021

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.

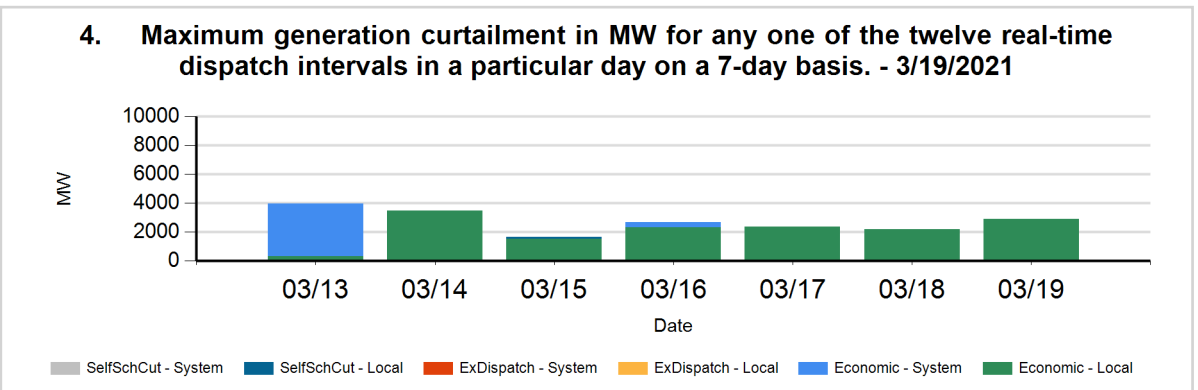
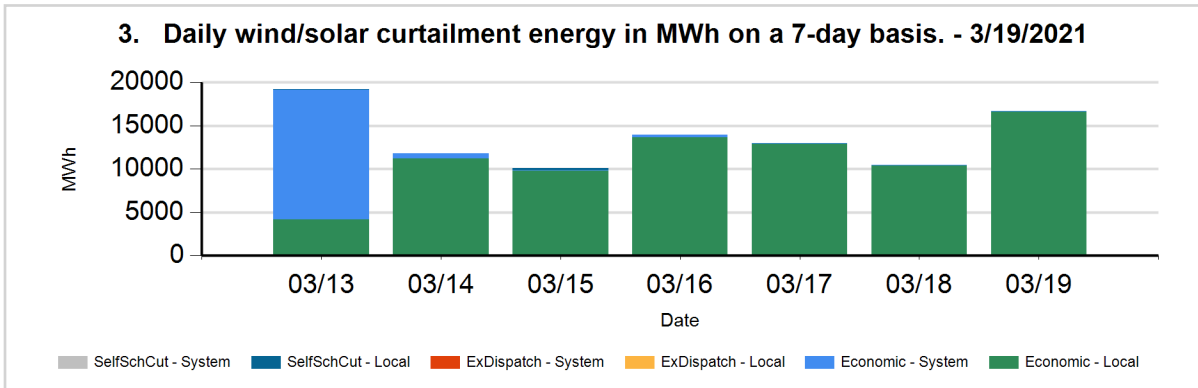
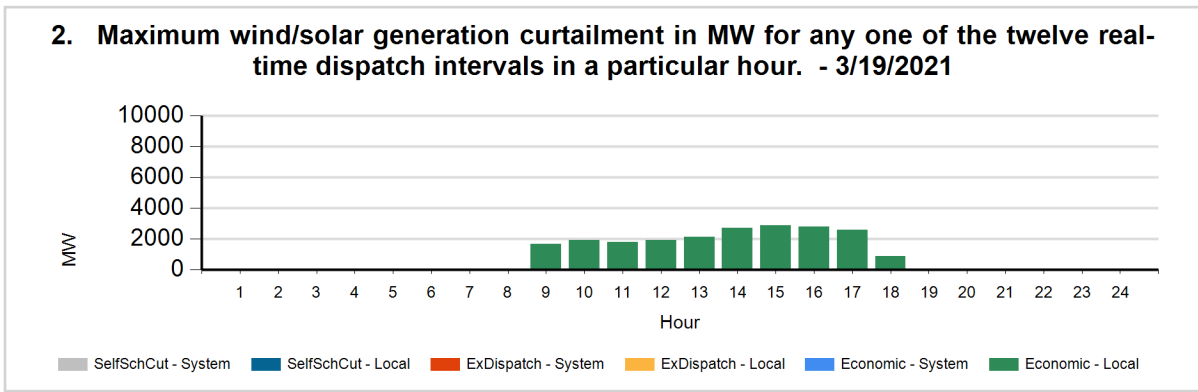
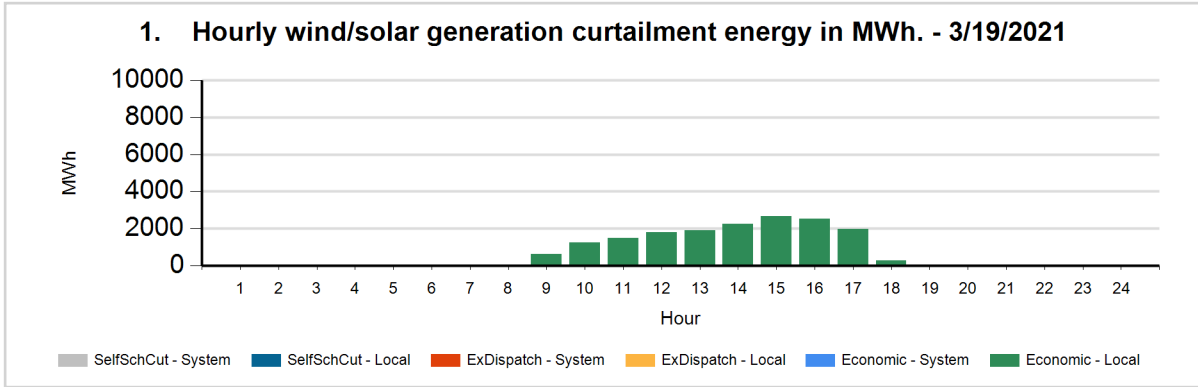
¹Only wind and solar resources can be reported in this manner because these resources have a forecast. Curtailment is defined as the difference between actual production and the forecast when actual production is less than the forecast.

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

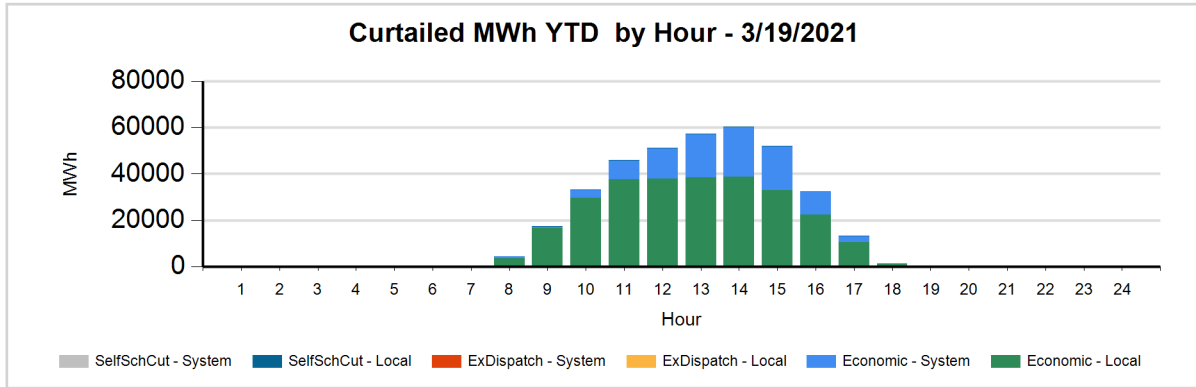
³Congestion occurs when available, least-cost energy cannot be delivered to some loads because transmission facilities do not have sufficient capacity to deliver the energy.

⁴For more information on oversupply conditions, please see: https://www.caiso.com/Documents/FlexibleResourcesHelpRenewables_FastFacts.pdf

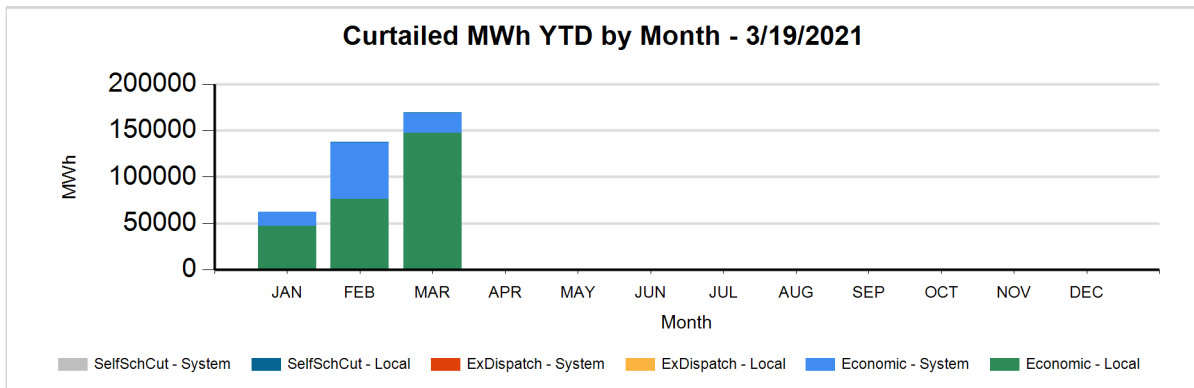
The following charts show the daily and 7-day wind and solar curtailment by category, if any.



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 - 3/19/2021
LocalEconomic	270,191
LocalSelfSchCut	793
SystemEconomic	98,274
TOTAL	369,258

Data used to produce hourly chart

DATE	HOUR	CURT TYPE	REASON	FUEL TYPE	CURTAILED MWH	CURTAILED MW
03/19	7	Economic	Local	WIND	3	29
03/19	8	Economic	Local	SOLR	4	
03/19	8	Economic	System	SOLR	3	35
03/19	9	Economic	Local	SOLR	625	1659
03/19	9	Economic	Local	WIND	7	1
03/19	10	Economic	Local	SOLR	1232	1845
03/19	10	Economic	Local	WIND	10	57
03/19	11	Economic	Local	SOLR	1457	1770
03/19	11	Economic	Local	WIND	12	3
03/19	12	Economic	Local	SOLR	1775	1913
03/19	12	Economic	Local	WIND	12	13
03/19	13	Economic	Local	SOLR	1877	2131
03/19	13	Economic	Local	WIND	11	7
03/19	14	Economic	Local	SOLR	2232	2640
03/19	14	Economic	Local	WIND	20	51
03/19	15	Economic	Local	SOLR	2556	2781
03/19	15	Economic	Local	WIND	93	108
03/19	16	Economic	Local	SOLR	2378	2643
03/19	16	Economic	Local	WIND	129	155
03/19	17	Economic	Local	SOLR	1788	2440
03/19	17	Economic	Local	WIND	190	163
03/19	18	Economic	Local	SOLR	257	715
03/19	18	Economic	Local	WIND	31	164

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