

Wind and Solar Curtailment March 27, 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.

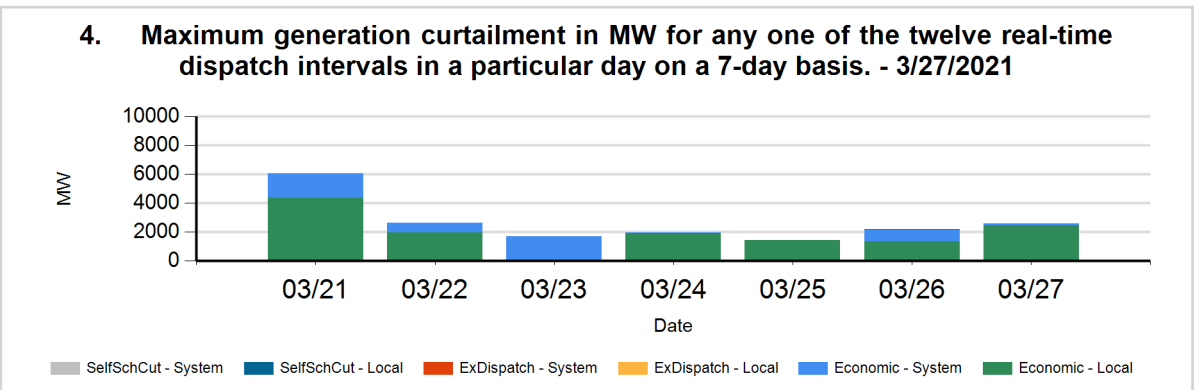
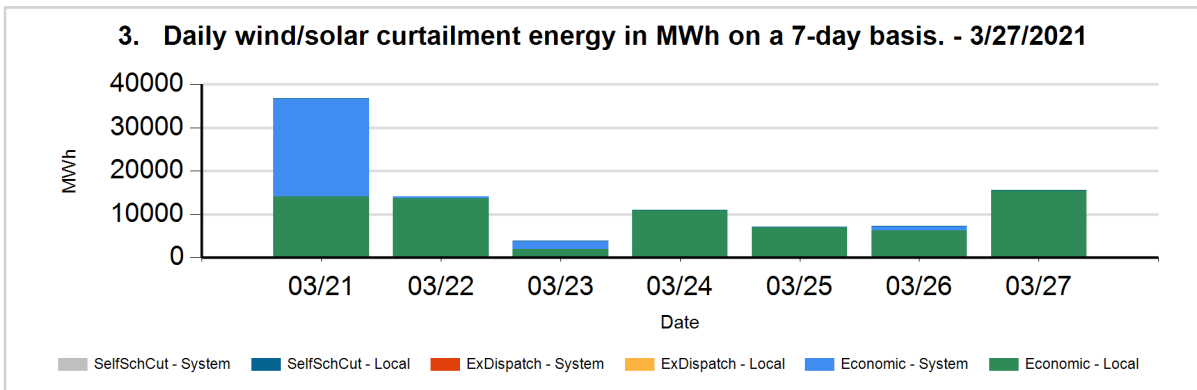
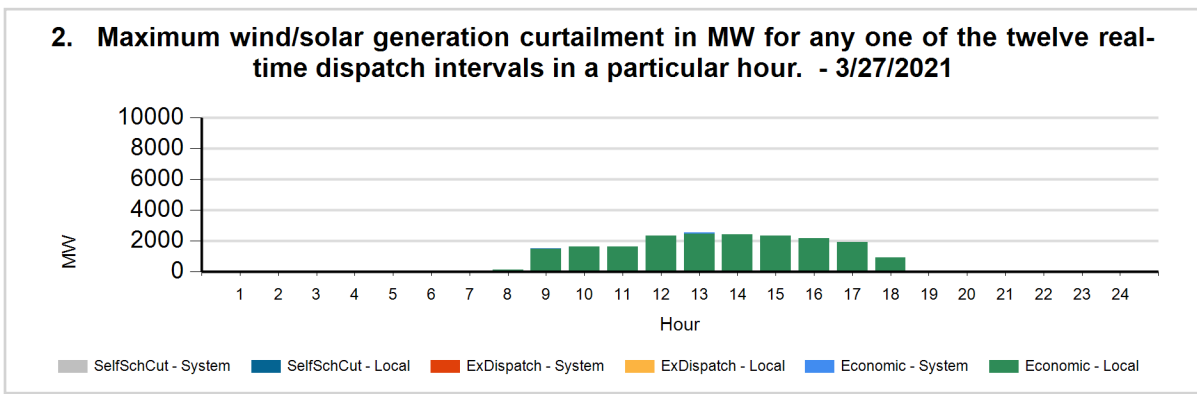
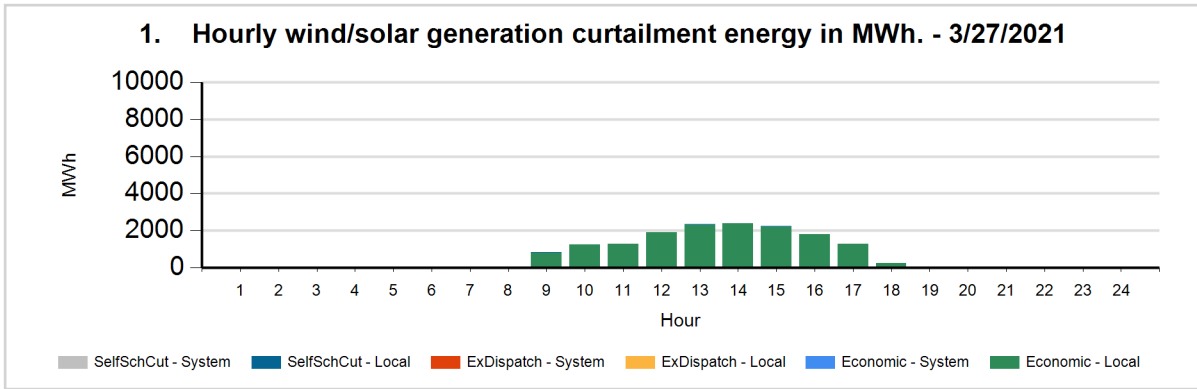
¹Only wind and solar resources can be reported in this manner because these resources have a forecast. Curtailment is defined as the difference between actual production and the forecast when actual production is less than the forecast.

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

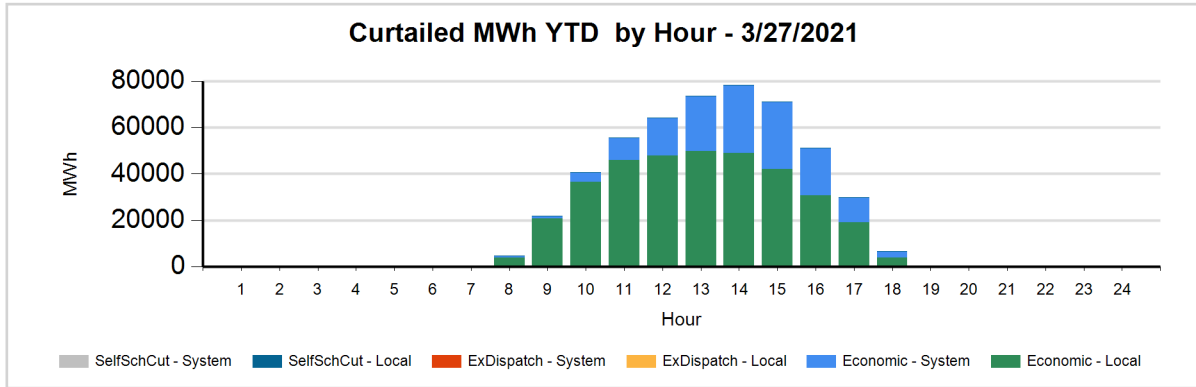
³Congestion occurs when available, least-cost energy cannot be delivered to some loads because transmission facilities do not have sufficient capacity to deliver the energy.

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

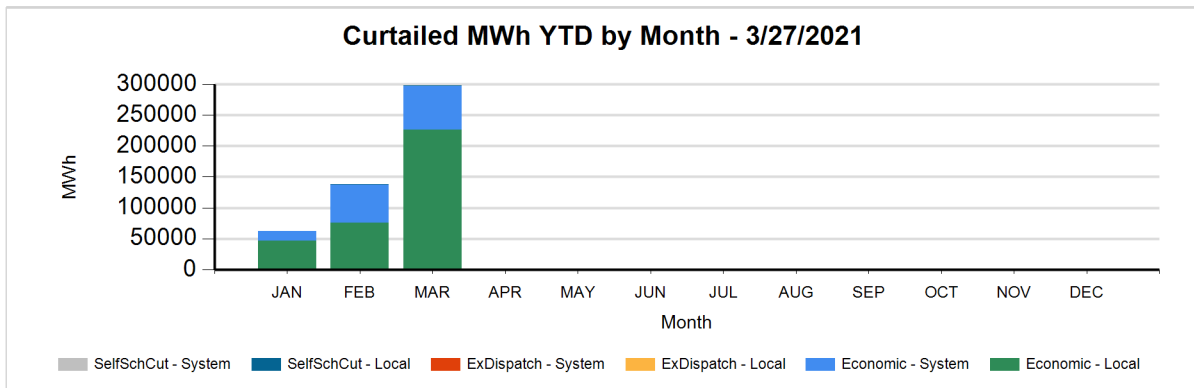
The following charts show the daily and 7-day wind and solar curtailment by category, if any.



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 - 3/27/2021
LocalEconomic	349,600
LocalSelfSchCut	1,621
SystemEconomic	147,253
TOTAL	498,475

Data used to produce hourly chart

DATE	HOUR	CURT TYPE	REASON	FUEL TYPE	CURTAILED MWH	CURTAILED MW
03/27	8	Economic	Local	SOLR	32	108
03/27	9	Economic	Local	SOLR	817	1498
03/27	9	SelfSchCut	Local	SOLR	4	9
03/27	10	Economic	Local	SOLR	1226	1618
03/27	10	Economic	Local	WIND	2	4
03/27	11	Economic	Local	SOLR	1281	1620
03/27	11	Economic	Local	WIND	3	6
03/27	12	Economic	Local	SOLR	1902	2314
03/27	12	Economic	Local	WIND	11	9
03/27	13	Economic	Local	SOLR	2258	2333
03/27	13	Economic	Local	WIND	66	114
03/27	13	Economic	System	SOLR	27	110
03/27	14	Economic	Local	SOLR	2277	2292
03/27	14	Economic	Local	WIND	92	112
03/27	15	Economic	Local	SOLR	2187	2244
03/27	15	Economic	Local	WIND	48	78
03/27	15	Economic	System	SOLR	2	
03/27	16	Economic	Local	SOLR	1806	2183
03/27	16	Economic	Local	WIND	5	2
03/27	17	Economic	Local	SOLR	1282	1847
03/27	17	Economic	Local	WIND	7	47
03/27	18	Economic	Local	SOLR	233	911
03/27	19	Economic	Local	SOLR	2	15

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