

## Wind and Solar Curtailment May 15, 2021

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.

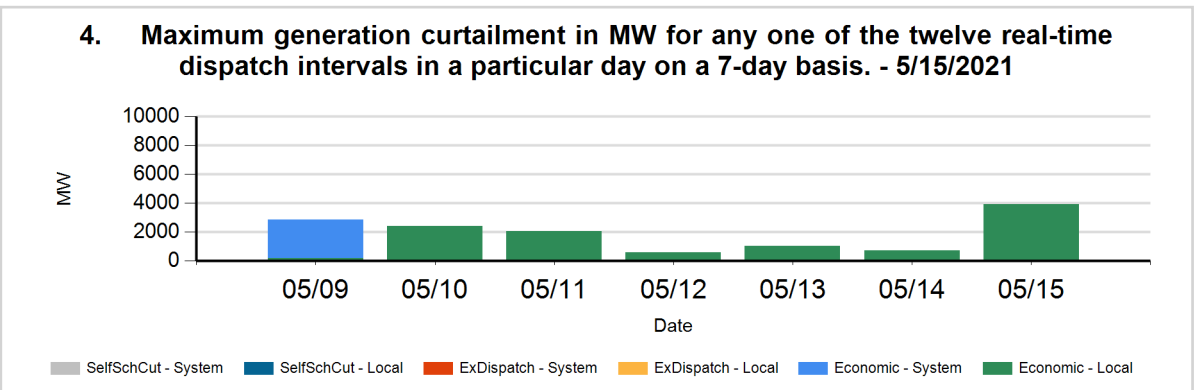
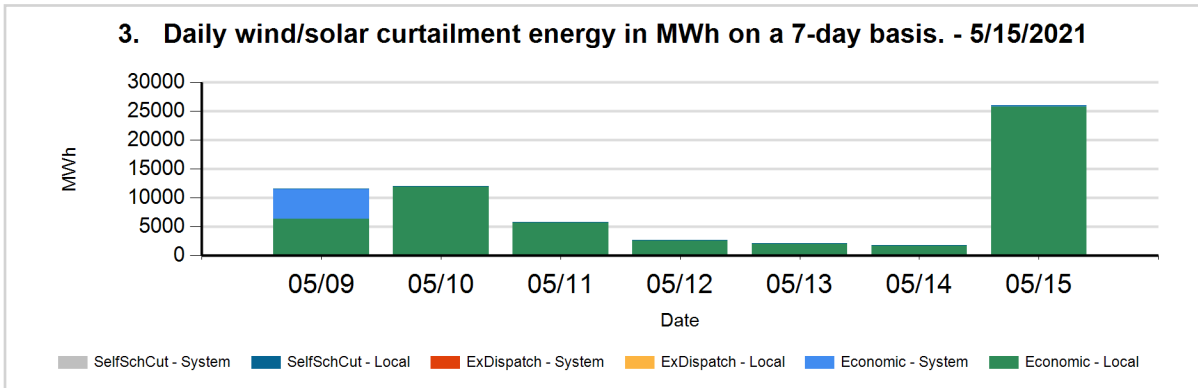
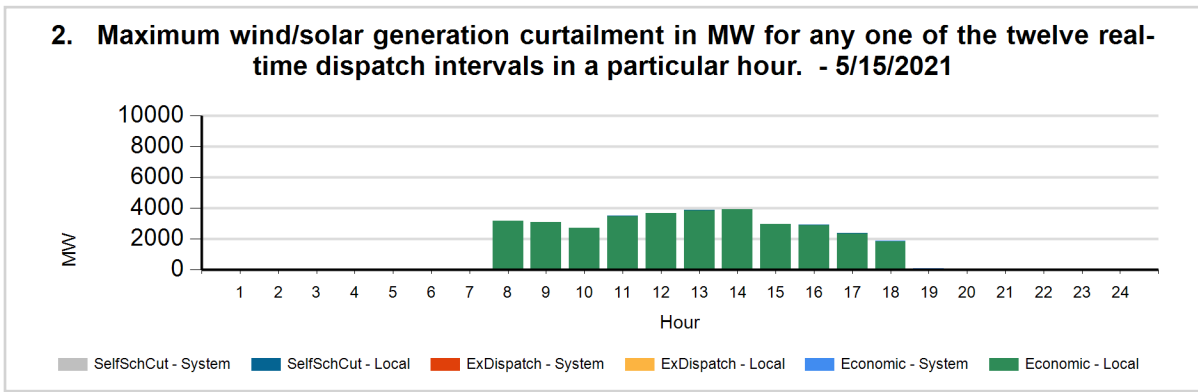
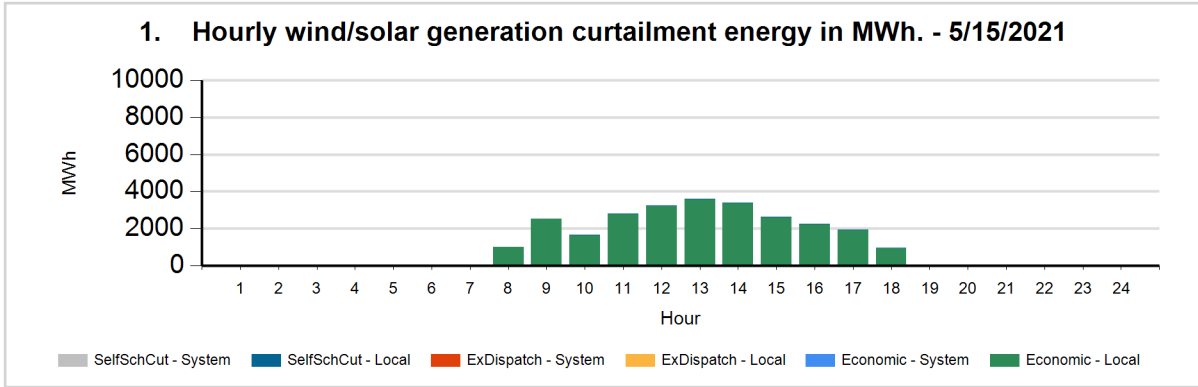
<sup>1</sup>Only wind and solar resources can be reported in this manner because these resources have a forecast. Curtailment is defined as the difference between actual production and the forecast when actual production is less than the forecast.

<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>.

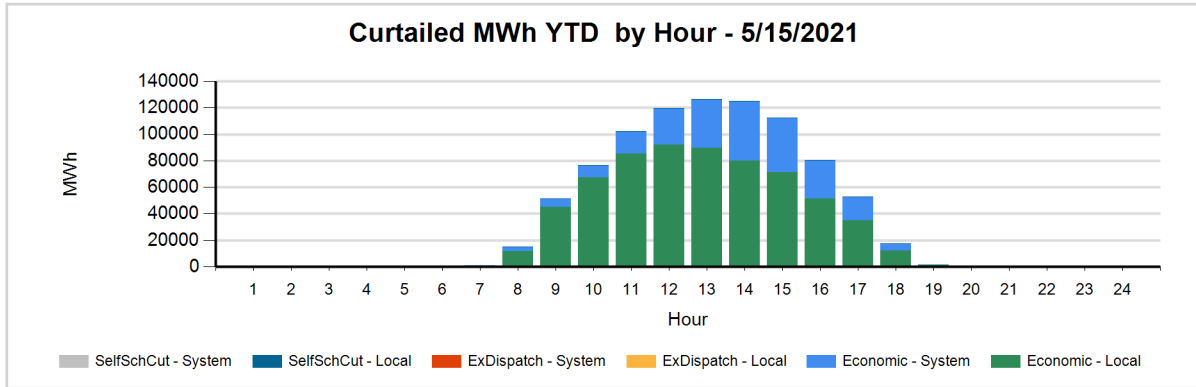
<sup>3</sup>Congestion occurs when available, least-cost energy cannot be delivered to some loads because transmission facilities do not have sufficient capacity to deliver the energy.

<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)

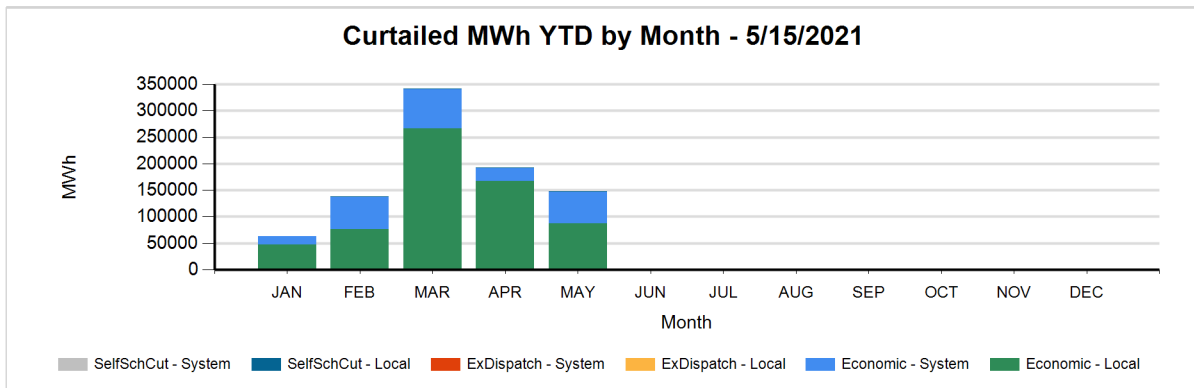
The following charts show the daily and 7-day wind and solar curtailment by category, if any.



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 - 5/15/2021
LocalEconomic	642,908
LocalSelfSchCut	2,680
SystemEconomic	236,169
TOTAL	881,757

Data used to produce hourly chart

DATE	HOUR	CURT TYPE	REASON	FUEL TYPE	CURTAILED MWH	CURTAILED MW
05/15	7	Economic	Local	SOLR	8	22
05/15	8	Economic	Local	SOLR	1001	3133
05/15	8	Economic	Local	WIND	7	18
05/15	9	Economic	Local	SOLR	2483	3048
05/15	9	Economic	Local	WIND	23	24
05/15	10	Economic	Local	SOLR	1623	2700
05/15	10	Economic	Local	WIND	18	26
05/15	10	SelfSchCut	Local	SOLR	1	
05/15	11	Economic	Local	SOLR	2663	3350
05/15	11	Economic	Local	WIND	123	154
05/15	11	Economic	System	SOLR	2	
05/15	11	SelfSchCut	Local	SOLR	3	12
05/15	12	Economic	Local	SOLR	3087	3506
05/15	12	Economic	Local	WIND	140	180
05/15	12	Economic	System	SOLR	9	
05/15	13	Economic	Local	SOLR	3453	3700
05/15	13	Economic	Local	WIND	129	162
05/15	13	SelfSchCut	Local	SOLR	3	13
05/15	14	Economic	Local	SOLR	3300	3877
05/15	14	Economic	Local	WIND	81	32
05/15	14	Economic	System	SOLR	1	
05/15	14	SelfSchCut	Local	SOLR	2	
05/15	15	Economic	Local	SOLR	2606	2940
05/15	15	Economic	Local	WIND	10	17
05/15	15	SelfSchCut	Local	SOLR	3	
05/15	16	Economic	Local	SOLR	2220	2874
05/15	16	Economic	Local	WIND	9	16
05/15	16	SelfSchCut	Local	SOLR	3	13
05/15	17	Economic	Local	SOLR	1894	2228
05/15	17	Economic	Local	WIND	51	150
05/15	17	SelfSchCut	Local	SOLR	1	1

05/15	18	Economic	Local	SOLR	972	1812
05/15	18	Economic	Local	WIND	2	8
05/15	18	Economic	System	SOLR	3	34
05/15	19	Economic	Local	SOLR	15	28
05/15	19	Economic	System	SOLR	4	32
05/15	20	Economic	Local	SOLR	1	5

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