

Wind and Solar Curtailment March 17, 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.

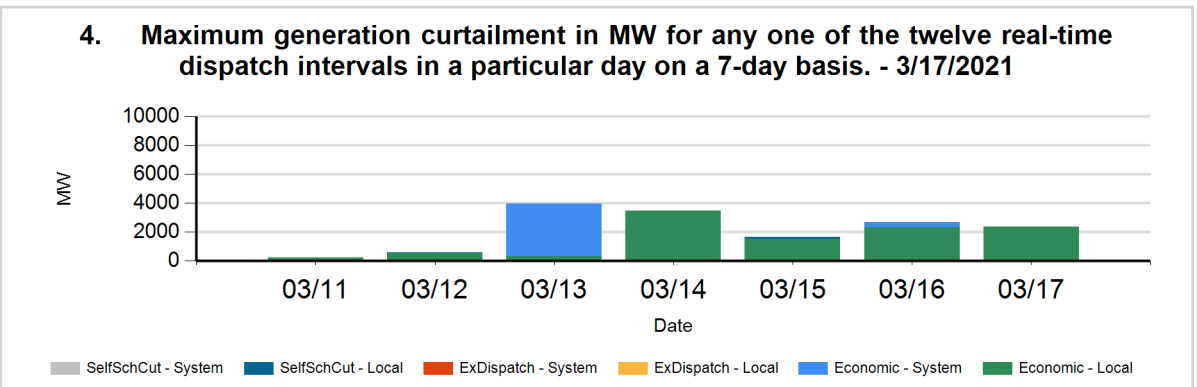
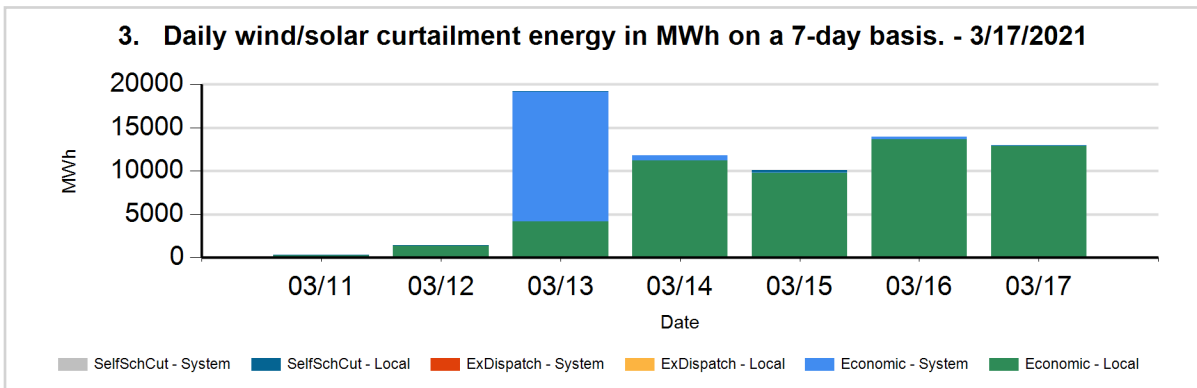
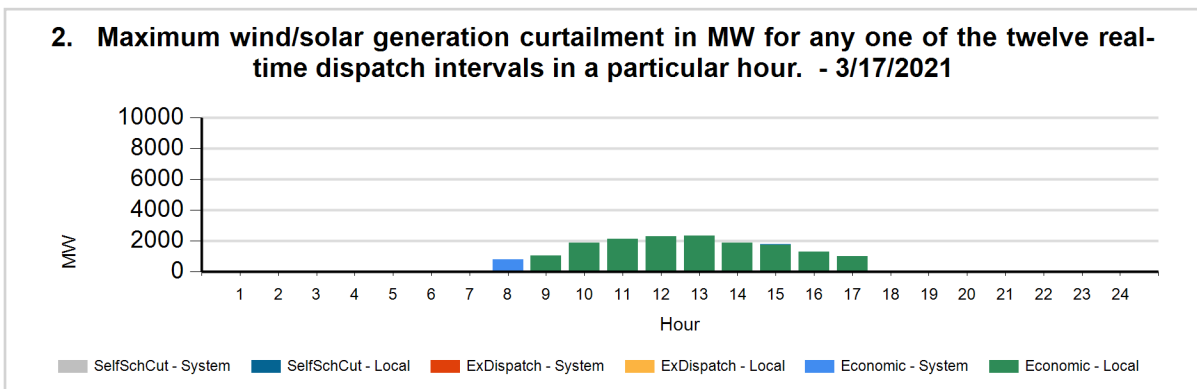
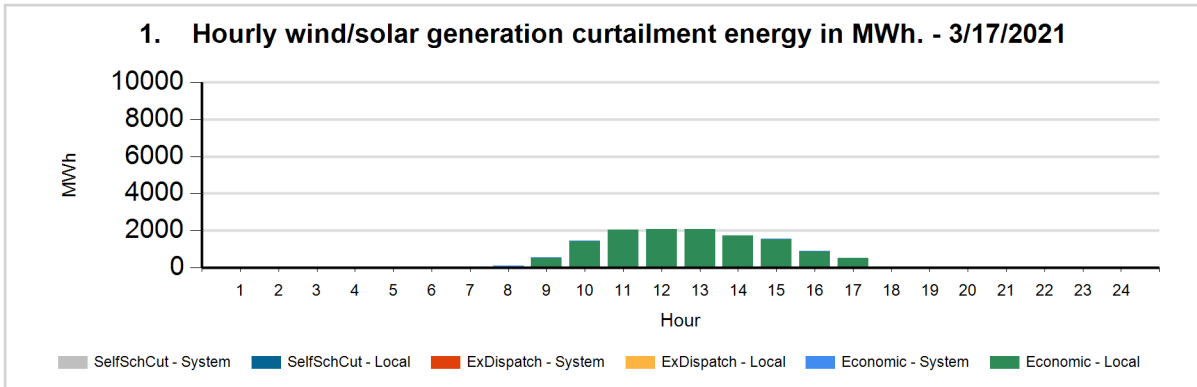
¹Only wind and solar resources can be reported in this manner because these resources have a forecast. Curtailment is defined as the difference between actual production and the forecast when actual production is less than the forecast.

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

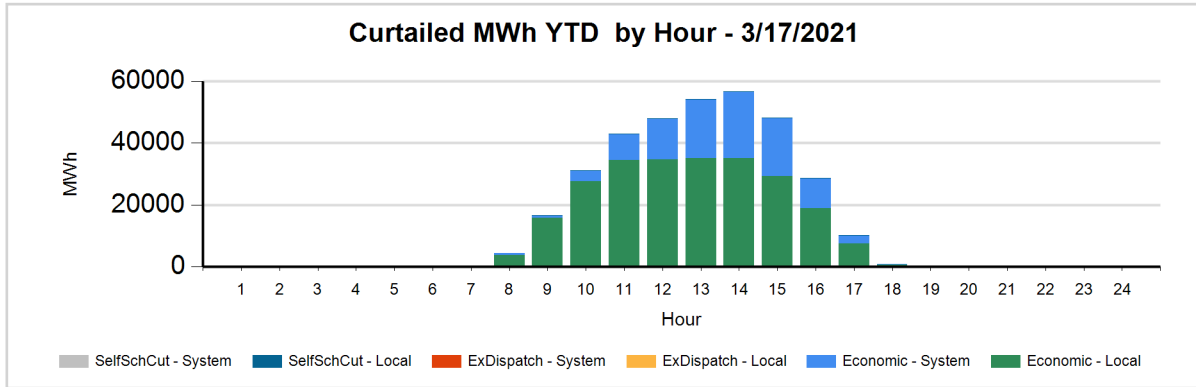
³Congestion occurs when available, least-cost energy cannot be delivered to some loads because transmission facilities do not have sufficient capacity to deliver the energy.

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

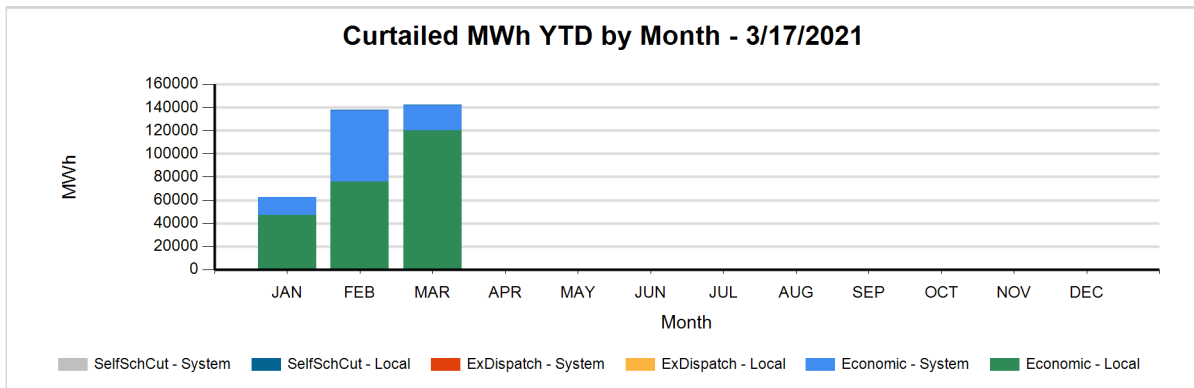
The following charts show the daily and 7-day wind and solar curtailment by category, if any.



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 - 3/17/2021
LocalEconomic	243,034
LocalSelfSchCut	793
SystemEconomic	98,258
TOTAL	342,085

Data used to produce hourly chart

DATE	HOUR	CURT TYPE	REASON	FUEL TYPE	CURTAILED MWH	CURTAILED MW
03/17	8	Economic	System	SOLR	95	778
03/17	9	Economic	Local	SOLR	532	1038
03/17	9	Economic	System	SOLR	11	
03/17	10	Economic	Local	SOLR	1463	1878
03/17	10	Economic	System	SOLR	1	
03/17	11	Economic	Local	SOLR	2033	2130
03/17	12	Economic	Local	SOLR	2073	2300
03/17	13	Economic	Local	SOLR	2088	2347
03/17	14	Economic	Local	SOLR	1719	1890
03/17	14	Economic	Local	WIND	0	
03/17	15	Economic	Local	SOLR	1528	1731
03/17	15	Economic	System	SOLR	26	75
03/17	16	Economic	Local	SOLR	908	1280
03/17	16	Economic	System	SOLR	1	
03/17	17	Economic	Local	SOLR	517	1007
03/17	17	Economic	Local	WIND	0	3
03/17	18	Economic	Local	SOLR	0	1

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