

Wind and Solar Curtailment March 21, 2017

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.

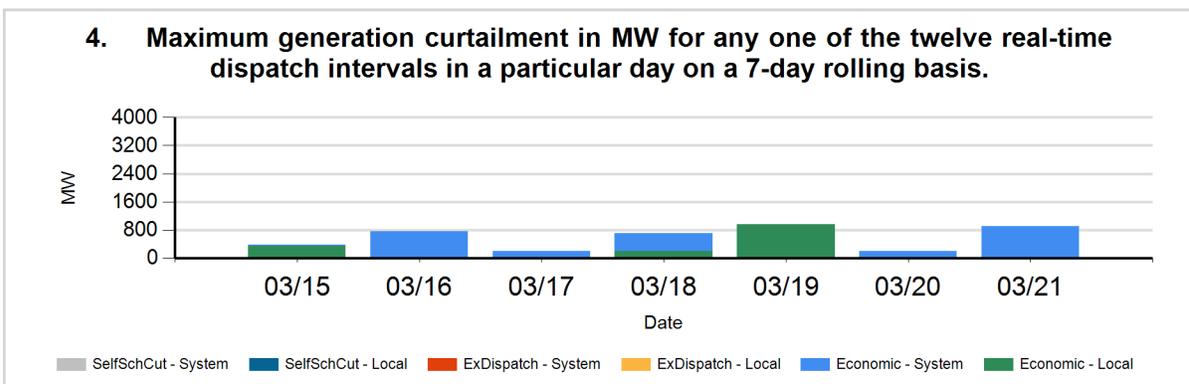
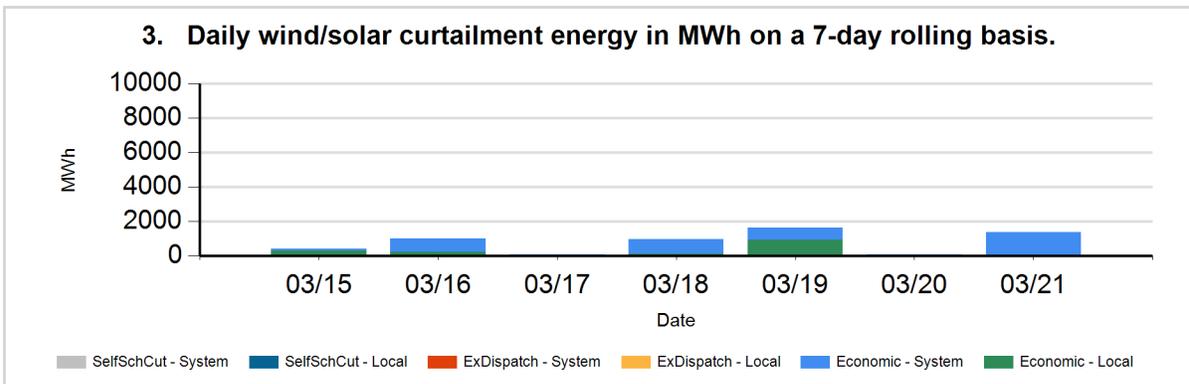
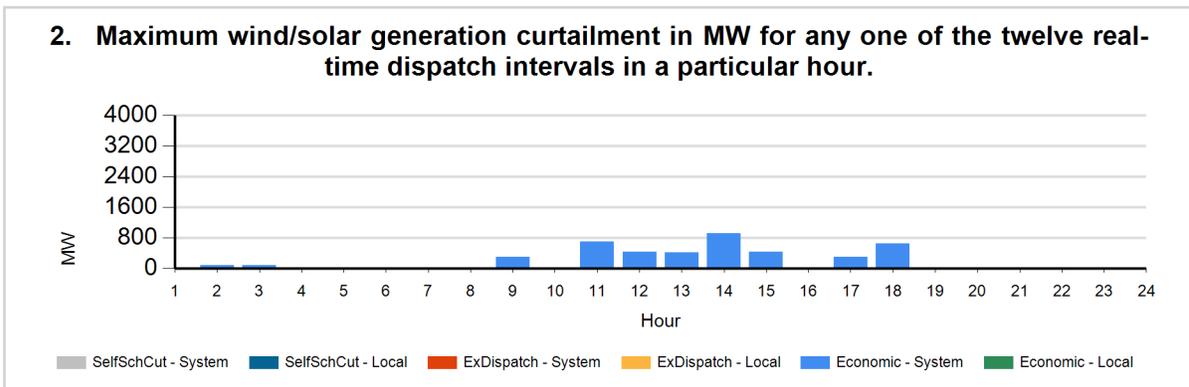
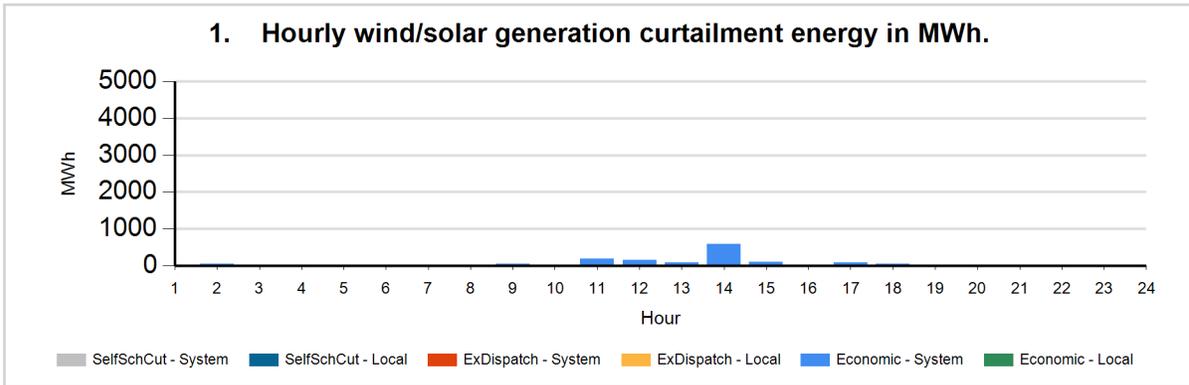
¹Only wind and solar resources can be reported in this manner because these resources have a forecast. Curtailment is defined as the difference between actual production and the forecast when actual production is less than the forecast.

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 rolling wind and solar curtailment by category, if any.



Data used to produce hourly charts

DATE	HOUR	CURT TYPE	REASON	FUEL TYPE	CURTAILED MWH	CURTAILED MW
03/21	2	Economic	System	WIND	51	79
03/21	3	Economic	System	WIND	8	78
03/21	9	Economic	Local	SOLR	1	
03/21	9	Economic	System	SOLR	35	226
03/21	9	Economic	System	WIND	19	74
03/21	10	Economic	System	SOLR	3	9
03/21	11	Economic	System	SOLR	141	572
03/21	11	Economic	System	WIND	48	133
03/21	12	Economic	Local	SOLR	1	
03/21	12	Economic	System	SOLR	71	288
03/21	12	Economic	System	WIND	80	137
03/21	13	Economic	System	SOLR	49	289
03/21	13	Economic	System	WIND	29	123
03/21	14	Economic	System	SOLR	491	822
03/21	14	Economic	System	WIND	103	90
03/21	15	Economic	Local	SOLR	4	
03/21	15	Economic	System	SOLR	72	349
03/21	15	Economic	System	WIND	21	85
03/21	16	Economic	System	SOLR	3	16
03/21	17	Economic	Local	SOLR	1	
03/21	17	Economic	System	SOLR	48	201
03/21	17	Economic	System	WIND	44	102
03/21	18	Economic	Local	SOLR	1	
03/21	18	Economic	System	SOLR	48	537
03/21	18	Economic	System	WIND	10	116
03/21	19	Economic	Local	SOLR	0	
03/21	19	Economic	System	SOLR	0	2

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