

# 2023 Direct Access Lottery Enrollment Report

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**California Public  
Utilities Commission**

# 2023 Energy Division Direct Access Annual Status Report

## SUMMARY

Commission Decision (D.) 12-12-026 directs the Energy Division to prepare an Annual Status Report on the Direct Access (DA) lottery enrollment data of the prior year.

Information required in the report per D.12-12-026 includes the following:

- a. The number of valid Six-Month-Notices submitted to the utility during the Submission Period, excluding duplicate notices;
- b. The amount of Direct Access load (in annual gigawatt hours) available under the Overall DA Load Cap as of the commencement date of the lottery;
- c. The Lottery number assigned to the last customer given an opportunity to switch during the year (assuming the ascending count, i.e., 1, 2, 3...); and
- d. The number of customers and their associated annual gigawatt hours of load that remained on the waiting list as of December 31 of the previous year.

## BACKGROUND

On March 11, 2010, the Commission authorized additional DA transactions within the service territories of California's three largest investor-owned utilities (IOUs), Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison Company (SCE), and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 695 (Kehoe, 2009).

The Commission adopted procedures for phasing in new DA load in D.12-12-026.<sup>1</sup> Beginning with the 2013 DA open enrollment period, the utilities were required to replace the “first-come, first-served” enrollment process with the lottery process to create a more level playing field. Any customer who wished to enroll in Direct Access would file notice of their intent to enroll in DA during the Six-Month Notice Submission Period. The IOUs have 30-business days to review, audit, and confirm the submissions. At this time, the IOU will run the “randomizer” that will assign customers a lottery number, and customers will be notified via email to whether they have been accepted into the DA program to fill available load within the cap. The remaining customers are placed on a waitlist in the order assigned by the randomizer and will be maintained on that waitlist for the following calendar year until the next enrollment period. On the last business day of December their lottery number will be cancelled and suspended. A new waitlist that was

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<sup>1</sup> The randomizer and enrollment process summarized above can be found in entirety in Appendix 1 of [D.12-12-026](#).

created during the Six-Month Notice Submission Period the following year takes effect on the first day of January.

Throughout the year, the IOUs continually evaluate the amount of available capacity under the Overall Load Cap in monthly reporting to the Commission that is posted on the CPUC website. This ongoing assessment allows customers to join DA when capacity becomes available. Pursuant to Paragraph 10 in Appendix 1 of D.12-12-026:

On the last business day of each month, the IOU will determine if there is room under the Overall Load Cap and notify the first customer on the Wait List that there is available space under the Overall Load Cap.

On the second full week of June, the IOUs hold a DA Lottery Enrollment Period where customers may join a randomly assigned waitlist that will go into effect January 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

## 2023 LOTTERY ACTIVITY

In the 2023 Lottery Activity, 1,153 customers were given the opportunity to join Direct Access with an associated customer load of 1,436 GWh, for enrollment on or after January 2024. Additional information about Direct Access customer load is available on the *Direct Access Implementation Activity Reports* webpage.<sup>2</sup>

### 2023 Direct Access Load and Lottery Data

<b>6-Month Notice Submission Period: Starting June 6-10, 2023</b>	<b>SDG&amp;E</b>	<b>SCE</b>	<b>PG&amp;E</b>	<b>Total</b>
Number of valid Six-Month-Notices submitted to the utility during the Submission Period (Duplicates Excluded).	<b>267</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>1,153</b>
Amount of Direct Access load, in annual gigawatt hours, available under the Overall DA Load Cap as of the commencement date of the lottery.	<b>45</b>	<b>1,206</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>1,436</b>

For the 2023 Waitlist, 636 lottery numbers were assigned for customers given the opportunity to switch during that year and as of December 31, 2023, 1,030 customers remained on the waiting list with 4,043 GWh of associated load.

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<sup>2</sup> [Direct Access Implementation - Monthly Summary Reports](#)

<b>2023 Waitlist Activity</b>	<b>SDG&amp;E</b>	<b>SCE</b>	<b>PG&amp;E</b>	<b>Total</b>
Lottery number assigned to the last customer given an opportunity to switch during the year. (Assuming 1, 2, 3....).	<b>89</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>636</b>
Number of customers that remained on the waiting list as of December 31, 2023.	<b>194</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>1,030</b>
Associated annual gigawatt hours of customer loads that remained on the waiting list as of December 31, 2023.	<b>1,020</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,023</b>	<b>4,043</b>

**PG&E**

PG&E reported that it received 560 valid Six-Month-Notices during the June 2023 submission period. 131 customers were given the opportunity to switch during 2023. 836 customers remained on the waitlist with 3,023 GWh of associated load as of December 31, 2023.

**SCE**

SCE reported that it received 326 valid Six-Month Notices during June 2023. As of the lottery commencement date on June 12, 2023, there was 1,206 GWh of load available. 416 customers were given the opportunity to switch during 2023. As of December 31, 2023, 0 customers remained on the 2023 waitlist with 0 associated annual GWh.

**SDG&E**

SDG&E reported that it received 267 valid Six-Month Notices during the June 2023 submission period. 89 customers were given the opportunity to switch during 2023. As of December 31, 2023, a total of 194 customers remained on the DA waitlist with 1,020 GWh of associated load.