Non-Residential Customers, Save Money On Your Electricity Bill While Helping the California Power Grid: Enroll in the Emergency Load Reduction Program

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Save money on your electricity bill while helping California avert the potential need for rotating outages this summer by enrolling in the state's Emergency Load Reduction Program (ELRP) through your utility company. ELRP is a pilot program that compensates you for voluntarily reducing your electricity use when called upon to do so by electric grid operators in the event of a grid emergency. There are no market obligations, pre-commitments, fees, or penalties for program participants. There is no cost for enrolling into the ELRP.



Who Is Eligible to Enroll in the ELRP?

Any Non-residential customer meeting their utility's minimum size requirement* and not participating currently in another demand response program is eligible to participate in the ELRP.

What is the Compensation?

You will get back \$1,000/megawatt-hour for every megawatt-hour of electricity consumption you reduce, or energy you produce, voluntarily during an ELRP event.

When Will You Need to Reduce Consumption?



The ELRP is triggered by the utility as a last resort if other measures will not provide sufficient power to the grid. You would only be asked to reduce your electricity use, for which you will be compensated, following a determination by the CAISO that the power grid is under extreme stress. You may be called to reduce electricity consumption in the day-ahead or day-of an expected electricity supply shortage.

Do You Have to Reduce Your Electricity Use Every Time You Are Asked?

For any ELRP event, you may choose not to participate, as there is no requirement to reduce your use (or "shed load") during these events, although payment is contingent on demonstrated load shed. Once enrolled, if you are unable to participate for any reason, you will not be penalized.

How Do you Enroll in the ELRP?

For more information or to enroll in the ELRP, please contact your utility:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company:	San Diego Gas & Electric:	Southern California Edison:
pge-elrp@olivineinc.com	DRP@SDGE.com	ELRP@sce.com

*Utility specific customer eligibility requirements:

- PG&E: the customer should be able to temporarily reduce load by at least 1 kW during an event.
- SDG&E: the customer should be able to temporarily reduce load by 100 kW during an event.
- SCE: the customer should have a peak demand greater than 200 kW sometime in the past year.

For more information, please visit: www.cpuc.ca.gov/ELRP.



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