

# 2022 Direct Access Lottery Enrollment Report

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**California Public  
Utilities Commission**

# 2022 Energy Division Direct Access Annual Status Report

## SUMMARY

Commission Decision 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:

- 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<sup>1</sup> 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, 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>2</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 wishes to enroll in Direct Access would submit a Six-Month Notice of their intent to enroll in DA during the second full week of June each year. The IOUs have 30-business days to review, audit, and confirm the submissions. By the 30<sup>th</sup> business day of the review period, each IOU will run the “randomizer” that will assign customers a lottery number, and customers will be notified via email 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 subsequent calendar year until the

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<sup>1</sup> Defined in [D.12-12-026](#)

<sup>2</sup> The randomizer and enrollment process summarized above can be found in entirety in Appendix 1 of [D.12-12-026](#).

next enrollment period commences. On the last business day of December their lottery number will be cancelled and suspended. A new waitlist that was 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.

## 2022 LOTTERY ACTIVITY

D.19-05-043 modified the lottery process of the 2019 and 2020 waitlist to comply with Resource Adequacy year ahead filing requirements and to implement the increase in the DA cap as timely as possible, pursuant to SB 237, which increased the DA cap by 4,000 GWh. As of 2022, all 3 IOUs have allocated Direct Access Limited Expansion related loads authorized by SB 237 and their waitlists returned to the standard practice<sup>3</sup> pursuant to section C of the IOUs' Rules 22/25.

In 2022, 1,588 customers were given the opportunity to join Direct Access with an associated customer load of 1,122 GWh, for enrollment on or after January 1, 2023. Additional information about Direct Access customer load is available from the *Direct Access Implementation Activity Reports* webpage.<sup>4</sup>

### 2022 Direct Access Load and Lottery Data

<b>6-Month Notice Submission Period: Starting June 6-10, 2022</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>283</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>1,588</b>

<sup>3</sup> Customers or their agents submit Six-month notices to their incumbent IOU during the 2nd full business week in June, between Monday 9:00 am (PDT) to Friday 5:00 pm (PDT), for load that may become available for Direct Access starting in January the following year.

<sup>4</sup> [Direct Access Implementation - Monthly Summary Reports](#)

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>21</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,122</b>
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For the 2022 Waitlist, 767 lottery numbers were assigned for customers given the opportunity to switch during that year and as of December 31, 2022, 1,482 customers remained on the waiting list with 5,828 GWh of associated load.

<b>2022 Waitlist Activity</b>	<b>SDG&amp;E</b>	<b>SCE</b>	<b>PG&amp;E</b>	<b>Total</b>
The total number of customers that were able to switch in 2022 <sup>5</sup>	<b>21</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>767</b>
Number of customers that remained on the waiting list as of December 31, 2022. <sup>6</sup>	<b>306</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,176</b>	<b>1,482</b>
Associated annual gigawatt hours of customer loads that remained on the waiting list as of December 31, 2022	<b>1,310</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,518</b>	<b>5,828</b>

## **PG&E**

PG&E reported that it received 889 valid six-month notices during the June 2022 lottery but was unable to offer load to participants due to no load coming available from January 1 through December 31, 2022. As a result, recipients who submitted interest during the 2022 Lottery received a waitlist number for the 2023 lottery. PG&E notes that whether or not it has load to offer, it is required to hold and conduct a lottery annually, per PG&E Tariff, Electric Rule No. 22.1 .C.1.<sup>7</sup>

## **SCE**

SCE reported decreased participation and an increase in customers declining the opportunity to switch to Direct Access for its 2022 Lottery in comparison with the 2021 Lottery. As a result, they were able to enroll

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<sup>5</sup> D. 12-12-026 States: "Lottery number assigned to the last customer given an opportunity to switch during the year. (Assuming 1, 2, 3...)."

<sup>6</sup> The waitlist as of Dec 31 each year is cancelled and superseded by the following year's waitlist.

<sup>7</sup> Pacific Gas and Electric: [Direct Access Service Switching Exemption Rules Electric Rule No. 22.1 .C.1](#)

all customers with a lottery number into direct access, and by December 31, 2022, there were no customers remaining on the list.

**SDG&E**

SDG&E enrolled 21 customers from its waitlist in 2022, with 306 customers remaining on the waitlist on December 31, 2022. SDG&E reported that the only item of note for its 2022 Direct Access Lottery is that it was able to allocate (and re-allocate) all loads related to SB 237/Direct Access Limited Expansion by December 31, 2021, with no remaining residual load.