

# 2023 Direct Access Lottery Enrollment Report

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# 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<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 (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>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 a “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 next enrollment period commences. On the last business day of December their lottery number will be

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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](#).

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 available capacity under the overall DA Overall Load Cap in monthly reporting to the Commission and this information is posted on the CPUC website.<sup>3</sup> 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 [DA] Load Cap and notify the first customer on the Wait List that there is available space under the [DA] Overall Load Cap.

On the second full week of June each year, 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

Table 1 summarizes the 2023 Lottery Activity reported to the CPUC as of April 1, 2024. In the 2023 Lottery Activity 1,125 customers entered the 2024 DA Lottery 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>4</sup>

Table 1. 2023 Direct Access Load and Lottery Data

6-Month Notice Submission Period: Starting June 6-10, 2023	SDG&E	SCE	PG&E	Total
Number of valid Six-Month-Notices submitted to the utility during the Submission Period (Duplicates Excluded). (# of Customers)	267	326	532	1,125
Amount of Direct Access load, in annual gigawatt hours, available under the Overall DA Load Cap as of the commencement date of the lottery. (GWh)	45 GWh	1,206 GWh	185 GWh	1,436 GWh

Source: IOU Reports to CPUC, April 1, 2024.

Table 2 presents the DA switching activity from January 1 to December 31, 2023, resulting from the DA lottery that occurred in mid-2022. For the 2023 Waitlist, 630 lottery numbers were assigned for customers given the opportunity to switch during that year and as of December 31, 2023, 958 customers remained on

<sup>3</sup> [Direct Access Implementation Activity Reports](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Direct Access Implementation Activity Reports](#)

the waiting list with 4,043 GWh of associated load.

**Table 2.**

<b>2023 Waitlist Activity</b>	<b>SDG&amp;E</b>	<b>SCE</b>	<b>PG&amp;E</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total number of customers that were able to switch in 2023 <sup>5</sup>	<b>89</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>630</b>
Number of customers that remained on the waiting list as of December 31, 2023 <sup>6</sup>	<b>194</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>958</b>
Associated annual gigawatt hours (GWh) of customer loads that remained on the waiting list as of December 31, 2023.	<b>1,020 GWh</b>	<b>0 GWh</b>	<b>3,023 GWh</b>	<b>4,043 GWh</b>

## **PG&E**

PG&E reported that it received 532 valid Six-Month-Notices during the June 2023 submission period. 125 customers were given the opportunity to switch during 2023. As of December 31, 2023, 764 customers remained on the waitlist with 3,023 associated GWh.

## **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 were 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 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, 194 customers remained on the DA waitlist with 1,020 associated GWh.

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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.