

R.17-07-007 288-Value Limited Generation Profiles

Workshop Presentation

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Rulemaking Context

- The purpose of R.17-07-007 is to streamline interconnection of distributed energy resources (DERs) and improve Rule 21.¹
- The purpose of Limited Generation Profiles (LGPs) is to allow fuller use of the grid without grid upgrades.²
 - This likely entails interconnection of more DERs or larger DERs.

¹ See Order Instituting Rulemaking to Consider Streamlining Interconnection of Distributed Energy Resources and Improvements to Rule 21. June 21, 2017.

² LGP was introduced in response to Issue 9 which asked:" What conditions of operations should the Commission adopt in interconnection applications and agreements to <u>allow distributed energy resources to perform within existing hosting capacity</u> <u>constraints and avoid triggering upgrades</u>?" (Emphasis added). See Rulemaking (R.) 17-07-007. *Scoping Memo of Assigned Commissioner and Administrative Law Judge*, October 02, 2017 at 3. See also R.17-07-007. *Working Group Two Final Report*, The Public Advocates Office The Public Advocates Office

288-Value LGPs - Summary

- In theory, increasing the allowed variation in LGPs increases the energy that can be exported over the course of the year and the power that can be delivered during peak hours (4pm~9pm).
- The following slides quantitatively test this theory for a small sample of feeders.
- The theory holds up: The potential value is large and worth pursuing either through:
 - A. A systematic study of feeder capacity; or,
 - B. Implementation of 288-value LGPs by the Utilities.

LGPs – Circuit Example

- ICA Data (Generation, Static Grid)
- ---- Minimum value (10% buffer)
- Minimum monthly value (10% buffer)
- Minimum hourly value (10% buffer)



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LGPs – Circuit Example

- The existing LGP, wherein the integration capacity is set by the minimum monthly (12-value) static grid value enables more energy and power capacity but is not particularly beneficial during the times of greatest need (4~9pm).
 - Average power from 4-9 pm increases from 1.4 to 1.9 MW with 12-value LGP.
- A monthly-hourly (288-value) profile enables more exports during peak hours: to 2.7 MW.
- Using this capacity could benefit all parties.



LGPs – Circuit Sample

- What is the total energy that 12-value LGP unlocks over the course of a year?
- What is the average power that 12-value LGP unlocks during the 4-9pm window?
- How do these compare to <u>288-value</u> LGP?
- Integration capacity analysis data can answer these questions.
 - Used 40 sections (convenience sample): 20 from SDG&E and 20 from PG&E.
 - For PG&E, these were the highest capacity sections of each of 20 feeders.

Export Constraint	Total Annual Energy Exports Possible (GWh)	Average Power Possible (4-9pm, MW)	Energy Ratio	Power Ratio
Current Limit	1,100	120	100%	100%
12-value LGP	1,700	190	160%	160%
288-value LGP	2,100	240	200%	200%

12-value LGP unlocks significant potential; 288-value LGP unlocks nearly twice as much.