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Instructions for Load Serving Entities and Demand Response Providers on Adding Demand Response Resources to the Year-Ahead and Month-Ahead Showings and to the CAISO Net Qualifying Capacity List

The CAISO Net Qualifying Capacity (NQC) list is intended to reflect actual capacity available to meet resource adequacy (RA) requirements and the state's energy needs. In prior years, the demand response (DR) capacity shown on the list has far exceeded the actual capacity of existing resources. As a result, the CPUC and CAISO adopted a process to ensure that listed DR capacity does not exceed the capacity approved by the CPUC's Load Impact Protocols (LIPs) process.

For DRPs: To add Resource IDs (RIDs) to the CAISO Month-Ahead (MA) NQC list, use the instructions in the attached template to send your request to Werner.Blumer@cpuc.ca.gov, Rebekah.Daniel@cpuc.ca.gov, and Andrew.Magie@cpuc.ca.gov, *no later than the first of the month two months prior to the compliance month (e.g., September NQC request is due July 1)*.¹ CPUC staff will review these requests and submit values to the CAISO upon approval. DRPs do not need to submit any values *unless* they are seeking TAC-related credits on behalf of their respective counterparty LSEs, such as Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs).

For LSEs: Load Serving Entities (LSEs) may add resources to the main tab of the CAISO NQC list ahead of the Year-Ahead (YA) showing, but specific *RIDs must be on the NQC list in advance of all MA RA filings*. For MA showings, LSEs only need to enter DR resources in the LSE Showing tab because DR Resource IDs (RIDs) will be in the Master Resource Database (MRD) for the MA timeframe.

Background and Additional Information

In the year-ahead (YA) timeframe, the CPUC will add LIP-approved RA-eligible DR qualifying capacity (QC) to the "Other" tab of the Master Resources Database (MRD) because DR Resource IDs (RIDs) have not yet been assigned in the YA timeframe. For YA Showings, Load Serving Entities (LSEs) will enter custom RIDs in the "User Defined Resource" tab to show DR resources and enter those custom RIDs in the LSE Showing tab.

Mid-year updates to the LIP-approved values are permitted on a biannual basis to reflect changes in customer enrollments that result in QC values that vary by more than 20% or 10 MW, whichever is greater.² If the CPUC reduces the DRP's total approved capacity, staff will work with the DRP to reduce values on the CPUC NQC list so that the total approved capacity is not exceeded. This may result in a mismatch between the CAISO NQC and CPUC MRD lists.

¹ Ordering Paragraph (OP) 31 of "[Decision \(D.\) 23-06-029 Adopting Local Capacity Obligations for 2021-2023...](#)" at 145.

² OP 15 of "[Decision \(D.\) 20-06-031 Adopting Local Capacity Obligations for 2021-2023...](#)" at 94.