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Household Energy Costs Are Projected to Increasingly Exceed Inflation Over the Next Decade

- An accelerating trend for all three major IOUs.
- Main drivers:
 - kWh sales decline, behindthe-meter resources; load departure.
 - Rate sensitivity to large capital investments due to smaller customer base and lower economies of scale.
- Increased electrification and decreasing natural gas and gasoline will stabilize this trend.

SDG&E – Household Energy Costs, 2020-2030



California's Electric Grid Challenges

System trends through 2030:

- 60% increase in evening ramp
- 15x increase in renewables curtailment

California is facing increasing reliability, stability and resource management challenges that must be addressed if electrification goals are to be achieved.

- Demand Response can be a cost-effective alternative
- <u>But</u> highly scalable, low-cost deployment strategies are needed



Graphic from CAISO "Briefing on Post 2020 Grid Operational Outlook," Mark Rothleder, VP, @ CAISO BOG, December 19, 2019

Objective: Integrated Demand Flexibility Management Framework

<u>Objective</u>: Launch a statewide rulemaking that leverages a consolidated menu of *opt-in and opt-out* advanced rates and DR strategies to effectuate *widespread load management*, improved grid utilization through a more *dynamic*, *transactive DER marketplace*.

1. Support rapid long term electrification.

• Leverage more effective DR and advanced retail rate design strategies.

2. Support and accelerate California's clean energy goals.

• Better address pressing grid issues associated with the growth of renewables, electrification, and DER adoption.

3. Promote fair and secure compensation for DERs.

• Encourage an increasingly transactive bidirectional (import/export) grid through a secure grid supported by greater automation.

Demand Flexibility Management White Paper & Staff Proposal

<u>Problem Statement</u>: Patchwork of Rates and Demand Response Programs Need Integration



- → Complex, inefficient, expensive, confusing
- → Difficult to scale, Limited adoption
- → High cost of controls, automation

- → Reduced complexity, single point focus
- → Highly scalable, widespread adoption
- \rightarrow Reduced cost of controls, automation

Transition to the UNIDE Framework

1: Develop standardized, universal access to current electricity price

2: Introduce dynamic prices based on real-time, wholesale energy cost (opt-in)

3: Modify prices per real-time, localized grid conditions (opt-in)

4: Transition to bi-directional prices (buy & sell)

5: Offer subscription option (average load shape & energy quantity)

6: Introduce transactive features (ability to lock in price in advance)

Unified Universal Dynamic Economic Signal (UNIDE)

Critical Case Study: Edison/TEMix "RATES" Pilot

Composite Hourly Prices based on Hourly Capacity Utilization & CAISO LMP



Vision: Statewide Portal Feeds Real Time Energy and Scarcity Capacity Prices to Devices



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Subscriptions: Load Shape & Energy Quantity at Fixed Monthly Price

Stabilizing Element for Both Consumers and Utilities



Other Customer Protections Contemplated for UNIDE Framework

Income Graduated Fixed Charge

- Multi-tiered (3 layers) income strata to alleviate rate pressures on low-income customers.
- Partially financed / offset vis a vis California climate credit (cap and trade) revenues

Annual Updates to Marginal Generation and Distribution Capacity Costs

- Annual true ups to reset marginal capacity cost assumptions and scaling factors resulting from peak reduction / system efficiency / load utilization improvements.
- Passthrough of incremental cost savings to customers
- Marketing Education & Outreach Programs + Evaluation
 - Statewide and Utility-Specific focus group research, marketing milestones.
 - Tracking surveys for customer acceptance and load shift.

Schematic Look at Fully Realized "End State" Transactive Energy Platform

