

Rates, Incentives and Demand Response

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Integrating Efficiency, Demand Response, and Renewables

Requirements and Objectives – Key Questions

Rates Design	1	Should incentives for efficiency (EE), demand response (DR), and renewables be integrated into the customer rate or administered separately ?	Integrated Efficiency, Demand Response and Renewable Incentives
	2	Should customers be rewarded or penalized based on their actual performance or should customers be paid to participate ?	Performance-Based Incentives
	3	Should retail rates provide capability to integrate and reflect wholesale nodal prices ?	Retail-Wholesale Integration
Operations	4	Should demand response [DR] be automated and dispatchable ? .	Dispatchability
	5 6	 Should DR be available on all circuits throughout the utility system or be dependent upon sporadic and fluctuating participation ? Should DR, like efficiency [EE], be a condition of service for all customers ? 	Ubiquitous Availability, DR Valuation
	7	Who should determine what, when and how to control customer loads, the customer or the utility ?	Customer Choice
Costs	8	Should customers be allowed to maximize the value of their investments in EE, DR and renewables by simultaneously participating in day-ahead economic as well as real-time reliability options ?	Simultaneous Participation in Economic and Reliability Options
	9	Should customers be able to acquire automated systems and DR equipment and services through open market providers or should these devices be provided by the utility ?	Market-based Technology

Rates: Rate Designs to support a Smart Grid



Rate Design Issues			
1.	Rate simplification to improve customer understanding	Most or nearly all rate designs are too complex	
		 Conventional rate designs are oriented toward "monthly or periodic" billing 	
		Rate designs need to consider the need for clear price signals	
		 a) Balance fixed vs. variable charges to provide meaningful price signals 	
		 b) Address social welfare and other subsidies as adjustments to the total bill rather than an element of the rate design. 	
2.	Rate simplification to facilitate Automated	 Dispatchable prices facilitate the automation of demand response. 	
		 Automating demand response increases its value and reduces costs to the customer, utility, and ISO/RTO. 	
	response	Rate designs should provide operational capability to interface with customer energy management systems and control devices.	
3.	Wholesale-retail rate integration	 Rate designs should consider the need to reflect wholesale (e.g.hourly commodity costs)and retail costs into "operational" price signals to customers. 	

Rates: Decision Choice Issues and Implications





Demand Response



