Base Interruptible Program

All Californians are in this together. Help do your part and get paid.

Get paid to reduce your electricity consumption to a predetermined level when energy supplies are short with the Base Interruptible Program (BIP). You receive a monthly incentive based on capacity for helping to promote the reliability of the electric grid.

How it works

To participate, you must designate a Firm Service Level (FSL), which is the maximum allowable demand at which you can operate during a program event. The designated FSL must be no more than 85% of your highest monthly maximum demand during the summer on-peak and winter on-peak periods over the past 12 months, with a minimum load reduction of 100 kW. If you are deemed an essential customer, you may commit no more than 50% of your average peak load. In return, you receive a monthly incentive payment based on your potential load reduction, regardless of whether a curtailment event is called.

BIP operates year-round. Curtailment events are limited to a maximum of one six-hour event per day. The program will not exceed 10 events per month or 180 hours per year. You are notified at least 15 or 30 minutes before demand reduction must begin, depending on your enrollment option.

New for 2024

	30 minute option		15 minute option	
Reduction	Monthly incentive (November-April)	Monthly incentive (May-October)	Monthly incentive (November-April)	Monthly incentive (May-October)
500 kW and below	\$ 9.50 per kW	\$12.50 per kW	\$10.60 per kW	\$13.60 per kW
501 kW to 1,000 kW	\$10.00 per kW	\$13.00 per kW	\$11.20 per kW	\$14.20 per kW
1,001 kW and above	\$10.50 per kW	\$13.50 per kW	\$11.80 per kW	\$14.80 per kW

An excess energy charge of \$6.00 per kilowatt hour (kWh) will be assessed for energy usage over your FSL during an event.

If enrolled by June 30, you agree to participate until the end of the year. If enrolled after July 1, you agree to participate until the end of the following year. You have the opportunity to increase your FSL or discontinue participation during the annual contract review period each November.









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Getting started

To learn more about the BIP or any of PG&E's Demand Response programs and how to enroll, visit pge.com/bip. You can also visit pge.com/mybusiness, contact your PG&E representative or call our Business Customer Service Center at 1-800-468-4743 for more information on comprehensive energy management solutions.

Benefits

- Earn monthly incentives even if there are no curtailments
- Help keep California's energy supply reliable
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect the environment
- Help reduce the need for building new power plants

Eligibility

- You may enroll directly with PG&E or with a demand response aggregator
- Program open to bundled-service, Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) service, or Direct Access (DA) service customers
- You must be billed on a PG&E commercial, industrial or agricultural electric demand time-of-use (TOU) rate schedule
- Full standby rates and schedules AG-R and AG-V are not eligible
- You must have 100 kilowatt (kW) or higher maximum demand during the summer on-peak or winter on-peak for at least one month over the previous 12 months
- Customers participating in other capacity-based demand response programs are not eligible
- You must have a 15-minute interval meter, either MV90 or SmartMeter[™], that can be read remotely by PG&E
- You must have access to the Internet, a valid email and cellular phone capable of receiving text messages
- You will be subject to a pre-enrollment qualification process to demonstrate ability to participate and provide load reduction plan