



PG&E Launches Seasonal Aggregation of Versatile Energy (SAVE) Virtual Power Plant Program

First-of-its-kind, proactive peak load shifting and shaping program will dispatch residential home batteries and leverage smart home electrical panels to enhance local grid reliability

OAKLAND, Calif., March 24, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) today announced the launch of Seasonal Aggregation of Versatile Energy (SAVE), an Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) demonstration and a first-of-its-kind virtual power plant (VPP) that harnesses residential distributed energy resources to reduce local grid constraints.

Sunrun Participation

Sunrun solar-plus-storage systems at customers' homes in Northern and Central California will deliver targeted load relief to neighborhoods identified with highly constrained electric grids.



Working with multiple aggregators and the Demand Side Analytics research team, the demonstration program will include up to 1,500 electric residential customers with battery energy storage systems and up to 400 customers with smart electric panels. The VPP will be dispatched for up to 100 hours from June through October 2025, providing localized support by supplying battery power and load flexibility to selected neighborhoods during local peak demand periods when electric substations and feeder lines approach capacity limits.

"Virtual power plants play a significant role in California's clean energy future and we're proud of our customers who are leading the charge with their clean energy adoption. Every day, we're looking at new and better ways to deliver for our hometowns while ensuring safety, reliability and resiliency for our

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Sunrun said it currently has 107,000 customers nationwide enrolled in a VPP. In 2025, those customers contributed 18 gigawatt-hours of power back to the grid, which is enough to power 15 million homes for one hour. The company paid those customers \$17 million for that energy.

Americans today pay 40% more, on average, for their electricity than they did just six years ago.

Generating their own power makes a big difference for the Wrights and rarely more so than it did this spring, when energy costs soared even higher because of the U.S.-Israel war with

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