

SGIP 2020 General Market Re-Opening FAQ

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Upcoming Opening Dates

Monday, October 5th:

- The General Market Small Residential Storage projects currently on the waitlist will be assigned to Step 6 in the order received.
- Applicants may begin drafting new Small Residential Storage applications for submission on the ‘hard’ opening date, below.
- The General Market Large-Scale Storage Reservation Request Form will be updated with fields to meet the new eligibility requirements. Applications submitted on or after this date will require new requirements be met.
- Database updates necessary to calculate the revised incentives for the General Market Renewable Generation Budget are forthcoming; however, applicants wishing to apply to this budget prior to these updates should contact their program administrator to discuss manual submission adjustments. Applications submitted on or after this date must use a “vented” baseline and will be subject to the new rules and incentive rates.

**Note: per D. 20-01-021 applications for renewable projects using a use/capture/destroy or “flared” baseline are currently paused pending a renewable gas workshop and subsequent CPUC direction.*

Monday, October 12th:

- New Small Residential Storage applications can be submitted into the Small Residential Step 6.

What time will the budgets open?

The portal will open for applicants to begin working on and/or submitting applications at 1:00AM PDT on opening days. Applications can be submitted at any point during that day until 12:00AM that night. In the event of a lottery, the time stamp of application submittal does **not** impact the chances of a project being selected.

What is the General Market Non-Residential Storage Resiliency Adder?

The General Market Non-Residential Storage Resiliency Adder is a \$0.15/Wh incentive adder, in addition to the current step incentive rate. Non-residential General Market customers with critical resiliency needs that provide critical facilities or infrastructure as outlined in section 4.1.1.3 of the SGIP Program Handbook, with the exception of the equity requirement, qualify for this adder.

How do I opt into the General Market Non-Residential Storage Resiliency Adder?

If an application qualifies for the General Market Non-Residential Storage Resiliency Adder, you will have the option to opt into the adder at the RRF stage. Your application will not be automatically assigned the adder unless you opt-in. The following option will appear in the Host Customer Panel and you will need to check the box to opt-in:

“Check this box to opt-into the General Market Non-Residential Storage Resiliency Adder resulting in an increased incentive and a requirement to submit the Customer Resiliency Attestation Form.”

Once you have opted in, the adder will be reflected in the calculated incentive amount on the Incentive Calculation Panel.

To estimate how the adder will affect the application’s incentive amount, please download the Calculators Models incentive estimator spreadsheet on <https://www.selfgenca.com/home/resources/>.

What is the new Storage Duration Incentive Decline and how will it affect my incentive amount?

General Market and Equity Budget storage applications (excluding applications claiming the Non-Residential Resiliency Adder) with greater than 2 hours storage duration will have two options for energy storage incentive duration step-downs, as shown in the table below. Projects claiming resiliency incentives, including adders, are required to comply with the new step-down structure and Customer Resiliency Attestation.

Discharge Duration (hours)	Percent of Base Incentive – Does Not Meet Resiliency Operational Requirements	Percent of Base Incentive – Meets Resiliency Operational Requirements
0 to 2 hours	100	100
Greater than 2 to 4 hours	50	100
Greater than 4 to 6 hours	25	50
Greater than 6 hours	0	0

If an application meets resiliency operational requirements, 100% of the base incentive rate will be incentivized for 0 to 4 hour duration, 50% of the base incentive rate will be incentivized for 4 to 6 hour duration, and 0% of the base incentive rate will be incentivized for storage duration greater than 6 hours. To satisfy resiliency operational requirements, applicants will be required to submit the Customer Resiliency Attestation Form, which can be found on <https://www.selfgenca.com/home/resources/>.

If applicants do not wish to meet resiliency operational requirements, 100% of the base incentive rate will be incentivized for 0 to 2 hour duration, 50% of the base incentive rate will be incentivized for 2 to 4 hour storage duration, 25% of the base incentive rate will be incentivized for 4 to 6 hour duration, and 0% of the base incentive rate will be incentivized for storage duration greater than 6 hours.

General Market and Equity Budget storage applications (excluding applications claiming the Non-Residential Resiliency Adder) with greater than 2 hours storage duration will have the option to opt-out of resiliency operational requirements resulting in a decreased incentive. Applications that opt-out will not be required to submit the Customer Resiliency Attestation Form. The option will appear on the Project Site Panel and you will need to check the box to opt-out:

“Check this box if you are choosing to opt-out of resiliency operational requirements resulting in a decreased incentive.”

Once applicants have opted out, the appropriate energy storage incentive duration step-down will be reflected in the calculated incentive amount on the Incentive Calculation Panel.

To estimate how the incentive duration step-down will affect an application’s incentive amount, please use the Calculators Models incentive estimator spreadsheet, found on <https://www.selfgenca.com/home/resources/>

What is the Residential Storage “Soft Target” and how will it affect my application?

The residential storage soft target is adopted such that at least 50% of the General Market Small Residential incentive budget is reserved for residential customers living in Tier 3 or Tier 2 HFTDs, or whose electricity has been turned off during two or more discrete PSPS events (referred to here as “resiliency” customers).

The soft target only applies to applications under the Small Residential budget category and is tracked by incentive step and by PA. The target is implemented by pausing acceptance of SGIP applications from residential customers who do not live in a Tier 3 or Tier 3 HFTD, or who did not have their electricity turned off in two or more discrete PSPS events prior to applying for SGIP incentives (referred to here as “non-resiliency” customers), once the PA’s have received reservations requests from such non-resiliency customers that have reached 50 percent of that PA’s available funds for each residential incentive step.

If acceptance has been paused for non-resiliency residential budget applications, a warning message will appear on the Project Site Panel. Non-qualifying applications will be rejected, and applicants can reapply if additional funding becomes available.

Applicants can check whether acceptance has been paused for non-resiliency residential applications by navigating to the new Small Residential Storage Soft Target Cap chart, which will be added to selfgenca.com (https://www.selfgenca.com/home/program_metrics/). This chart will display both the allocated incentive amount for both resiliency and non-resiliency applications.

Why don't I see any updates to Generation Budget applications?

The database updates necessary to calculate the revised incentive value of \$2.00/W (with no step-down) for renewable generation projects using a “vented” baseline along with the \$2.50/W incentive adder for projects demonstrating resiliency are forthcoming and should be released in late October. For projects that wish to apply immediately following the October 5th opening of General Market Budgets, please contact your Program Administrator to discuss manual adjustments to your submission prior to the release of the database functionality for these applications.

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