Distributed Generation (DG) in ERCOT*

Other regions may refer to these resources as Distributed Energy Resources (DERs). In some cases, Demand Response (DR) is also included.

	Registration	Compensation	Dispatchable	Unit Size	Technologies	2019 Totals
Unregistered Distributed Generation	Not registered with ERCOT	No (but customers may be compensated by their electric providers)	N/A	 Systems typically less than 1 MW (connected to the grid but may or may not inject into the grid) Systems greater than 1 MW (connected to the grid but do not inject into the grid) 	 Rooftop solar Gas-fired generators Diesel generators 	Estimated at 850 MW; of that, 710 MW is rooftop solar Exact number of projects unknown and some capacity may not be accounted for
Settlement- Only Distributed Generation (SODG)	Registered with ERCOT (systems that are 1 MW or greater and inject into the grid are required to register)	Yes (compensated for energy)	Self-dispatched	Each unit is typically less than 10 MW	 Utility-scale solar Commercial solar Gas-fired generators Diesel generators 	849 MW Representing 236 projects
Distribution Generation Resources (DGR)	Registered with ERCOT	Yes (compensated for energy and/or Ancillary Services)	Dispatched by ERCOT	Each unit is typically less than 10 MW	 Currently all batteries 	2 MW operational; additional 374 MW in interconnection queue Representing 41 projects

*Distribution level is <60 kV

Demand Response (DR) in ERCOT

Load reduction in response to an economic or reliability signal

Operational DR

Paid and dispatched by ERCOT

- Load Resources providing Responsive Reserve Services (RRS)
- Emergency Response Service (ERS)

Economic DR

May be initiated by electricity provider or customer (i.e., smart thermostats under direct load control)



