

2027 Direct Access Lottery Submissions Begin June 8, 2026

Here's What You Need to Know

Updated: May 6, 2026

The California utilities are accepting submissions for the 2027 Direct Access (DA) lottery beginning at **9 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) on June 8, 2026, until 5 p.m. PDT on June 12, 2026**. We're expecting some available load behind SDG&E and PG&E, however the *only way* to ensure you/your customers are positioned to participate in DA behind any of the utilities (should some/more load become available in 2027) is to **complete the submission process in June**.

I'm on the 2026 wait list—do I need to do anything for 2027?
Yes! If you/your customer is currently on the 2026 wait list because you applied for DA in June 2025, **you still need to apply this year** for a chance to get into the lottery/on the wait list for DA in 2027. The wait list expires every year on Dec. 31.

What is Direct Access?

Direct Access ("DA") is a retail electric service option in which customers may purchase electricity from a competitive non-utility entity, such as NRG, called an Energy Service Provider (ESP). DA was originally adopted in 1996 as part of California's energy restructuring initiative. Over the years, however, the option to select an ESP rather than utility default service has changed, leading to the current state, which is **a cap on the amount of load that can participate in DA**.

Why would a business want to apply for DA?
DA (which is like "energy choice" in other states) empowers businesses with energy purchasing choices by giving them the opportunity to take electric service from an ESP, instead of the utility's default "one size fits all" service. By choosing an ESP, a business can access customized pricing and contract terms that the utility cannot offer, providing the opportunity for cost savings and long-term budget predictability.

What is the DA lottery process and why does it exist?

Since there is a limit to the load (up to a cap) that is permitted to participate in DA, within each of the state's utility distribution companies (UDCs), the UDCs conduct an annual lottery submission process in June. Businesses can submit for this lottery for a shot at gaining access to DA starting on Jan. 1, or any time in the following year.

What does my business/customer need to do to submit for the DA lottery?

To submit for the DA lottery for your business/C&I customer, you/your customer will need to complete a Six-Month Notice form and submit it to your local utility within the "submission period" (i.e., **June 8, 2026, beginning at 9 a.m. PDT through 5 p.m. PDT June 12, 2026**). **Important:** Each utility has its own version of the Six-Month Notice form and contact information (i.e. email) for returning the form(s):

UTILITY	CUSTOMER PROCESS AND LINKS	THIRD PARTIES SUBMITTING ON CUSTOMER'S BEHALF
Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) *Resources page*	Submit a Six-Month Notice to Transfer to Direct Access Service form, along with a list of accounts (if submitting multiple accounts) using PG&E's acceptable excel file during the DA submission period. Email forms to DANOI@pge.com.	Third parties (i.e., broker/consultant) that are submitting on behalf of a customer are required to provide written customer authorization using the "Authorization To Receive Customer Information or Act upon a Customer's Behalf" form. Access our pre-populated PGE form, which has the pertinent sections completed.

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Southern California Edison (SCE) *Resources page*	Submit a Six-Month Notice to Transfer to Direct Access Service form, along with a list of accounts (when submitting multiple accounts) using SCE's acceptable excel file during the DA submission period. Email forms to: DANotices@sce.com cc: dasupport@sce.com and ensure your subject line contains: [Customer Name] [# of SA IDs you are sending]	Third parties (i.e., broker/consultant) that are submitting on behalf of a customer are required to provide written customer authorization using the Customer Information Service Request (CISR) form. Access our pre-populated SCE form, which has the pertinent sections completed.
San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) *Resources page*	Submit a Six-Month Notice to Transfer to Direct Access Service form, along a list of accounts (when submitting multiple accounts) using SDG&E's acceptable excel file during the DA submission period. Email forms to: ESPAdmin@sdge.com	Third parties (i.e., broker/consultant) that are submitting on behalf of a customer must provide a Customer Information Service Request (CISR). Access our pre-populated SDGE form, which has the pertinent sections completed. The CISR/LOA must be submitted through the Consent to Share Portal **before** the open enrollment period. They suggest doing this by early May to avoid delays.

Tips for completing the Six-Month Notice

- Only one customer-of-record (the "customer") may be specified per Six-Month notice. The customer-of-record is defined by the Federal Tax ID set up through the utility. All of the account numbers referenced on the form must have one common Federal Tax ID and if they don't, you will need multiple forms per Federal Tax ID. If you are unsure about the Federal Tax IDs for your account numbers, please contact your utility's customer relations department or your designated utility account rep to confirm.
- If the utility finds incorrect information on your form, you will be notified and allowed to correct and **resubmit the form within five business days**. If you don't respond or correct and resend the form within the five days, the utility will void your submission.
- If you have multiple locations under different tax entities, you need a separate six month notice for each.
- The Six-Month Notice is a binding document and you have three business days after submittal to rescind the Six-Month Notice if you change your mind.

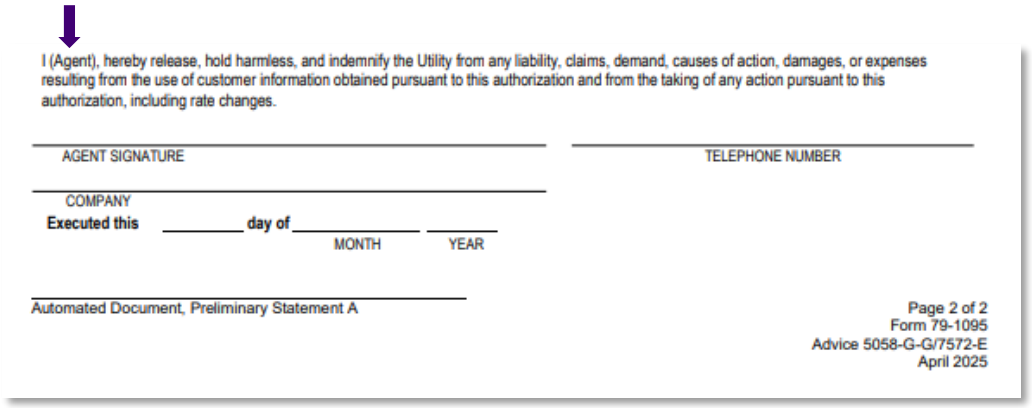
Can NRG/an energy broker submit the form(s) on a customer's behalf?

NRG and/or an energy broker can submit a business's Six-Month Notice on their behalf. To do this we need the following from the business customer:

- Their signed Six-Month Notice form(s) (use utility-specific forms above). If they have multiple Federal Tax IDs (FTIs) associated with their accounts, they will need to provide multiple Six-Month Notice forms.
- A list of their account numbers populated on the appropriate utility excel files listed above.
- A signed Customer Information Service Request (CISR) with the box "Request Rate Changes" initialed (see below for reminder on which section to complete).

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- **Brokers:** if you'd like, we can assist you in reviewing the customer's paperwork before you or we submit it. Send the above information to our DA Sales Support team: KeyAccountsInbox@nrg.com and use the subject line: "**6 MONTH NOTICE: - <<CUSTOMER NAME>> <<BROKERAGE NAME>> <<UTILITY>>**"
  - **If we're submitting for your customer:** Please be sure to include any email addresses/recipients at your brokerage that you want us to add to the submittal so you can stay informed along the way. And, leave the "Agent" section of the CISR form blank—NRG will complete that (see below).
  - **If you are submitting for your customer:** You must complete the "Agent" portion of the CISR before submitting it to us/the utility.



I (Agent), hereby release, hold harmless, and indemnify the Utility from any liability, claims, demand, causes of action, damages, or expenses resulting from the use of customer information obtained pursuant to this authorization and from the taking of any action pursuant to this authorization, including rate changes.

AGENT SIGNATURE _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

COMPANY _____

Executed this _____ **day of** _____ _____
MONTH YEAR

Automated Document, Preliminary Statement A

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Advice 5058-G-G/7572-E
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Can I submit early for my business/my customer to increase the chances of getting accepted?
The timeframe for submitting for the 2027 lottery is June 8, 2026 beginning at 9 a.m. PDT thru 5 p.m. PDT June 12, 2026. **Any submittals before or after this timeframe will be rejected by the utilities**.

Is there any load currently available under the DA cap behind any of the utilities?
It's important to remember that even if load isn't available on Jan. 1 behind a particular utility, submitting a Six-Month Notice is the only way to be considered for DA. If you're accepted and then selected via the randomized lottery, you may have the opportunity to select a supplier starting on Jan. 1, 2027, or you may be placed on a wait list and potentially have the opportunity to select a supplier later/sometime in 2027. See the Appendix for more information on current DA load vs. available DA load by utility.

What happens if/once there is load available and my business/my customer is offered DA?
Generally speaking, the timing and action items are as follows:

- **Utility informs** you/your customer that your accounts have been accepted into DA
- You are/your customer is **given typically 30 days to confirm** they want to proceed with DA. There is no penalty at this point to decline the offer and remain on bundled service but typically at this point a business accepts the offer.
- Within this 30 days, you/your customer will **request pricing/product options** and sign with a supplier.

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- ESPs like NRG, are then required to **submit a Direct Access Service Request (DASR) to the utility** during this timeframe (30-60 days from the utility notifying the customer of their acceptance into DA)

  Note: If a business accepts but does not submit the required DASR by the due date, they will move to utility bundled service for 60 days. If a DASR is still not received by the end of these 60 days, the business's Six-Month Notice will be canceled and the account will not be eligible for Direct Access for 18 Months.

- The **utility starts the enrollment process**, which can take 1 to 2 billing cycles to complete (if a customer is enrolling mid-year). If a customer gains acceptance in August and selects a supplier, their enrollment will begin on or after Jan. 1—but no sooner.

TIMELINE RECAP

EARLY MAY
Deadline for SDG&E CISR: required for suppliers or brokers submitting a Six-Month Notice on behalf of a customer

JUNE 8-12
Lottery submission window: when customers or ESPs/brokers submit Six-Month Notices to utilities

MID-AUGUST
Utilities notify businesses: on acceptance/position on wait list for 2027

JAN. 1, 2027
Earliest day DA can start: for a customer that has been accepted for entry into DA to start service with an ESP

What are the switching rules between suppliers for a business whose accounts are already in DA?

Once you are accepted and your accounts are enrolled in DA, you are free to switch between ESPs however keep in mind that you would want to check your contract terms to determine if switching prior to your contract expiration date would cause you to incur penalties for early termination. Your new service provider will submit a DASR on your behalf so that you can be switched to your new provider on your next meter read date.

In addition, businesses in DA that are receiving their electricity supply from an ESP may also move back to bundled service with the utility. To do this, they must submit a Six-Month Notice to return to bundled portfolio service. If a customer doesn't want to wait for six months to transfer, they can request immediate transfer back to the utility however they will be placed on a transitional bundled service for six months. Businesses that return to service with the utility will have a minimum stay of 18 months and are not eligible to apply for the DA lottery until the 18 months have been fulfilled.

Who can I contact with questions?

If you have any questions on the DA process or the details related to submitting your/your customers' accounts to the DA lottery, or enrolling in service, please contact your NRG Account Executive or one of our Account Executives dedicated to answering DA questions:

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APPENDIX

The following chart compares the "available DA load" statewide and behind each utility distribution company (UDC) to the current load that is enrolled in DA across the UDCs and the state:

UTILITY	DA LOAD CAP	DA LOAD [FEB 2026]	AVAILABLE LOAD [FEB 2026]
Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)	**11,393 GWh** (~11.4 TWh)	**10,923 GWh**	**470 GWh**
Southern California Edison (SCE)	**13,457 GWh** (~13.5 TWh)	**12,219 GWh**	**1,238 GWh**
San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E)	**3,942 GWh** (~3.9 TWh)	**3,984 GWh**	**0 GWh**
Statewide	**~28,800 GWh** (~28.8 TWh)	**27,127 GWh** (65,536 customers)	**~1,600-1,700 GWh**

Source: California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)'s January 2026 statewide market summary report.

The following table summarizes the 2024 lottery activity reported to the CPUC as of April 1, 2025. In 2024, 1,231 customers entered the 2025 DA Lottery with an associated customer load of 1,716 GWh, for enrollment on or after January 2025. This is the most recent report with this detail that is available at this time.

Six-Month Notice Submission Period Starting June 10-14, 2024	SDG&E	SCE	PG&E
Number of valid Six-Month-Notices submitted to the utility during the Submission Period (duplicates excluded). (# of Customers)	**283**	**350**	**598**
Amount of Direct Access load available under the overall DA load cap as of the commencement date of the lottery. (GWh)	**0 GWh**	**1,491 GWh**	**225 GWh**

Source: CPUC 2024 DA Lottery Enrollment Report