

California utilities get 17 percent of power from green sources

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The state's large investor owned utilities now receive 17 percent of their electricity from wind, solar and other green sources, according to a quarterly report by the California Public Utilities Commission.

Under state law, investor-owned utilities such as PG&E Corp. and Southern California Edison are required to obtain 20 percent of their electricity from renewable sources, but the CPUC has provided the utilities with an additional three years to comply with the 20 percent target.

According to the CPUC, Southern California Edison served 19.3 percent of its load from renewable sources whereas PG&E is at 15.9 percent. Nearly 12 percent of San Diego Gas and Electric Co.'s load came from renewable sources.

Several of the state's publicly owned utilities, such as the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, have already exceeded the 20 percent renewable requirement.