



Demand response

Possible 2 points

Intent

To increase participation in demand response technologies and programs that make energy generation and distribution systems more efficient, increase grid reliability, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Requirements

Design building and equipment for participation in demand response programs through load shedding or shifting. On-site electricity generation does not meet the intent of this credit.

Case 1. Demand response program available (2 points)

Participate in an existing demand response (DR) program and complete the following activities.

- Design a system with the capability for real-time, fully-automated DR based on external initiation by a DR Program Provider. Semi-automated DR may be utilized in practice.
- Enroll in a minimum one-year DR participation amount contractual commitment with a qualified DR program provider, with the intention of multiyear renewal, for at least 10% of the estimated peak electricity demand. Peak demand is determined under EA Prerequisite Minimum Energy Performance.
- Develop a comprehensive plan for meeting the contractual commitment during a Demand Response event.
- Include the DR processes in the scope of work for the commissioning authority, including participation in at least one full test of the DR plan.

Case 2. Demand response program not available (1 point)

Provide infrastructure to take advantage of future demand response programs or dynamic, real-time pricing programs and complete the following activities.

- Install interval recording meters with communications and ability for the building automation system to accept an external price or control signal.
- Develop a comprehensive plan for shedding at least 10% of building estimated peak electricity demand. Peak demand is determined under EA Prerequisite Minimum Energy Performance.
- Include the DR processes in the scope of work for the commissioning authority, including participation in at least one full test of the DR plan.
- Contact local utility representatives to discuss participation in future DR programs.