

# Policy restrictions on microgrids



## Overview

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While some regulations prohibit microgrids from operating independently in "island mode," larger microgrids may be allowed to connect to the grid and sell or purchase excess electricity. Microgrids, a type of localized energy system capable of operating independently from the grid. SB 1339, a bill enacted in 2018, directs the California Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the California Energy Commission and California Independent System Operator, to undertake a number of activities to further develop policies related to microgrids. The legislation added Chapter 9.5. A microgrid is a small-scale power generation and distribution system that functions as a single entity. It can connect or disconnect from the grid to operate in grid-tied or islanded mode [3]. They are useful for providing electricity to remote and underserved areas and backup power during grid outages. Currently, many states enable only the most simplistic microgrids to be built. Microgrids allow the three California IOUs to continue delivering electricity when customers would otherwise be de-energized due to severe weather, wildfires, or other grid conditions.

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### Microgrid Regulation Challenges and Opportunities

Microgrids have the potential to improve the resiliency and efficiency of our electrical grid. But the lack of clear regulations can be a barrier to developing projects.

### State Policy , Microgrid Resources

Microgrid policies vary significantly by state. The MRC is focused primarily on those jurisdictions with the most aggressive clean energy policies and resilience mandates. Currently, many states enable only



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By creating a regulatory sandbox for blockchain-enabled microgrids, policymakers could test new models that unlock resilience for disadvantaged and high-risk communities - without waiting

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One of these solutions is microgrids that can disconnect from the grid and offer grid resilience during an outage. While this technology is still finding its footing in the industry, states



### [State Microgrid Policy, Programmatic.](#)



## [and Regulatory Framework](#)

Many State Energy Offices and Public Utility Commissions (PUCs) have been tasked by their governors and legislatures with translating this interest into action by designing programs, policies, rules, and

## **American Microgrid Policy Development**

This article is an update covering microgrid policies and implementation in the United States as of 2023. There has been a substantial evolution in American microgrid development in the early 2020s.



## **Resiliency and Microgrids**

Commissioner Genevieve Shiroma released an Amended Scoping Memo and Ruling for Track 4 Phase 2 and Track 5 of the Proceeding on December 17, 2021, including the Microgrid Incentive Program, a

## [Overcoming Barriers to Microgrid Development: A Review of Policies](#)

The regulatory and policy challenges that impact the development and adoption of microgrids are described, and the roadblocks encountered in the process are listed.

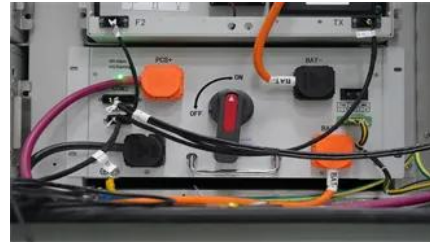


## **Microgrid Incentive Program (MIP) Handbook**

Senate Bill 1339 (enacted in 2018) directed the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in consultation with the California Energy Commission (CEC) and California Independent

## [A Community Guide to Regulatory Barriers Affecting Microgrids](#)

Microgrids, a type of localized energy system capable of operating independently from the main power grid, offer promising solutions to meet this challenge but face a complex landscape of non-technical



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