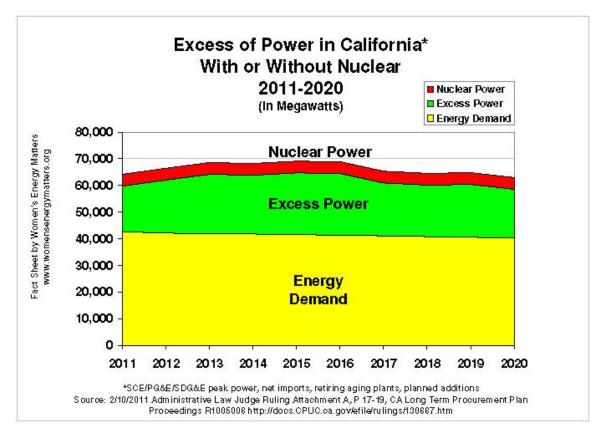
No Rolling Blackouts with San Onofre Shut Down



California has excess power available without California's nuclear power plants. This includes power needed for peak load periods in the summer as well as for grid stability.

The electricity grid operator, California Independent System Operator (ISO), has plans to avoid rolling blackout during the summer with San Onofre shut down. At the 3/22/2012 ISO Board of Governor's meeting presentation on Summer 2012 Operations Preparedness, Neil Millar, Executive Director, Infrastructure Development presented this list of various actions that would mitigate the outage risk:

Under mild conditions, the reserve margin is 107MW. Conservation and demand response will provide additional margin. Activating Huntington Beach [gas] units 3 & 4 also mitigates the Los Angeles area outage risk that arises under heavy load conditions. Without both SONGS [San Onofre reactor] units, the Los Angeles area is short approximately 240 MW [under heavy load conditions]. Huntington Beach units 3 & 4 add 450 MW, thus mitigating the shortage.

These actions mitigate the outage risk.

- Return Huntington Beach [gas plants] 3 & 4 to service
- Accelerate Barre-Ellis transmission upgrade
- Accelerate completion of Sunrise and related outage planning
- Fully fund Flex Alerts and restart CPUC 20/20 program
- Fully utilize available demand response (e.g., as SCE air conditioner cycling)
- Seek additional military and public agency demand response
- Take longer-term steps to increase available demand response system-wide

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