

# **DER** definitions



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- Straw proposal—suggested revisions welcome (offline).

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## Wholesale vs. Non-wholesale

- Wholesale = sells in PJM. Includes Generation and Demand Response.
  - (PJM) Generation: sells injections in PJM markets.
  - PJM Demand Response: does not inject, offsets load, and sells in PJM via PJM Demand Response rules.
- Non-wholesale = not wholesale.



# PHYSICAL DISTINCTION

## ""Injections" vs. "Withdrawal reduction"

#### Physical distinction relative to POI

- Withdrawal reduction: Energy production from a DER that reduces energy drawn out of the grid at a customer point of interconnection.
- **Injection**: Energy production from a DER that flows onto a utility past a point of interconnection.

Classification as "injection" and "withdrawal reduction" depends on the POI—in some cases, one can identify one POI between generator<>EDC, and another POI EDC<>TO. In these cases, one should specify the POI by reference when discussing injections vs. withdrawal reductions



# ACCOUNTING DISTINCTION

"Generation" vs. Load offset"

Accounting distinction relative to metering and data processing configurations

- Load offset: Energy from a DER that reduces billings to load. Includes PJM Demand Response.
- **Generation:** Energy from a DER that results in a PJM payment to a seller.
  - Energy accounted for as Generation does not reduce any load billings, wholesale or retail.

Retail load = end use load. "Retail load offset" reduces billings to retail load (and, by extension, to wholesale load as well). Wholesale load = load for resale, i.e., LSE load. "Wholesale load offset" only reduces billings to wholesale load (not to end-use load). E.g., muni generators, PURPA units on bilateral avoided cost contracts.



# How should we talk about batteries?

#### PHYSICAL

- Discharging: batteries can discharge for either a withdrawal reduction or an injection.
- *Charging (normal)*: batteries can charge for a *withdrawal*.
- *Charging (paired)*: if wired with other generation, discharge can *reduce an injection*.

### ACCOUNTING

- *Discharging*: batteries can discharge to produce either a *load offset* or *generation*.
- Charging (normal): batteries can charge to produce either a load increase or (if applicable) a negative generation credit.
- *Charging (paired)*: if accounted for with other generation, discharge can reduce *generation*.