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Does AEMO want to control people's rooftop solar?

In response to the ABC's reporting of the topic this week, AEMO released a statement in which it said it "does not want to directly control people's rooftop solar". More bluntly, the market operator stressed there was no "big red button" that allowed it to dump people's solar installations from the grid.

Should aemo 'reduce' rooftop solar?

And, for AEMO, that's a worry. The agency fears the amount of conventional generation providing those security and stability services -- and able to step in when the sun stops shining, for example -- is falling to critically low levels. Hence it says powers are needed to "reduce" some of that excess rooftop solar at certain times.

Are 'emergency backstop' powers needed for rooftop solar?

(ABC News: Rhiannon Shine) The Australian Energy Market Operator wants "emergency backstop" powers to switch off or turn down rooftop solar systems in every state. AEMO says the powers are needed by next year for extreme situations as it grapples with ever-increasing amounts of rooftop solar output.

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Does Adelaide have rooftop solar power?

At times, more rooftop solar power is being produced in Adelaide than the city can use. (ABC News: Che Chorley) In South Australia, for example, rooftop solar was periodically supplying more than 100 per cent of the state's demand, with surpluses being exported to other states.

Can rooftop solar systems be throttled back?

One of the levers at their disposal would be the backstop provisions, which would allow rooftop solar systems to be throttled back to stop sending excess energy to the grid, or switched off entirely. AEMO says it would be up to states and network providers to use the emergency powers. (ABC News: Chris Gillette)

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With more than four million solar systems now installed on Australian rooftops, the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) is calling for stronger measures to manage the surge in rooftop solar power, which is pushing the national electricity grid to its limits.

But AEMO said they needed to be extended to all states by next year as the amount of rooftop solar reached ever greater levels and the risks to the security of the grid became critical.

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In its report, AEMO pointed out that remote management of rooftop solar would be used only as a last resort and that it has other operational actions available to maintain system security. These other measures include constraining grid-scale generation, increasing demand by directing large consumers into service, and investment in new assets ...

What does this long history of solar cut-offs tell us? AEMO is acting as judge and jury and having state governments and regulators act as executioner for rooftop solar. The lack of transparency in its technical assessments is a concern.

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