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Representation of Load Variation in MESSAGE

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Load variation in MESSAGE

- MESSAGE generates equations & constraints at the annual basis or multi-year period basis
- Load variations in a year can also be addressed, if needed
 - Variation in electricity or heat demands
 - Supply pattern of solar power plant
- Load variation in MESSAGE: Daily, Weekly, or Seasonal variation in demands during a year
- Load Variation during a year can be represented by Load Regions and Load Curves

Load Regions

- Load Variation during a year can be represented by Load Regions and Load Curves
- Load regions are the time slices of a year corresponding to the various loads.
- Each Year can be divided into several Load Regions in various ways
 - Seasonal,
 - Chronological,
 - Ordered
- Number of Load Regions may vary for different years
- Only one set of load regions can be defined in a year
 - Defined Load regions for demand is to use for generating load curves of supply technologies and constraints





Steps for defining load curves in MESSSAGE

- 1. Define the load regions
- 2. Specify which energy form will have load region in the Energy forms screen
- 3. Define the demands and enter their demand data
- 4. Define load curves in the Demand screen

Defining load regions(1)

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Define the demands & enter demand data

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Define load curves

