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CALIFORNIA ISO MARKS ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

New CEO Terry Winter Gives Operations and State-of-the-Power-Grid Report

Story: The California Independent System Operator (Cal-ISO) celebrates its successful first year of operating the state's open market power grid with a ceremony and tour of its high-tech electricity command center in Folsom. Newly named Chief Executive Officer Terry Winter reports on the health of the country's first fully competitive transmission superhighway and provides a prognosis for the challenging year ahead.

Details:
Date: Wednesday, March 31, 1999
Time: 10:00 a.m. – Noon
Where: 151 Blue Ravine, Folsom *(see map)*

Visuals:
- Anniversary ceremony
- Giant cake-cutting
- Video presentation

Speakers:
Terry Winter
Cal-ISO CEO

Jan Smutny-Jones
Chair, Cal-ISO Board of Governors

Background: The not-for-profit Cal-ISO assumed control of the bulk of California's electric transmission system when the state opened its electricity industry to competition in 1998 and mandated that investor-owned utilities turn their private transmission power lines over to the Cal-ISO's public power grid.

Tele-News Briefing: **For media unable to attend event, please join Mr. Winter and Mr. Smutny-Jones via phone:**

Date: **March 31, 1999**
Time: **9:00 a.m.**
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