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CALIFORNIA ISO TO OFFER CALL-IN OPTION FOR BOARD MEETING LIVE 'LISTEN-ONLY'ACCESS TO OPEN PROCEEDINGS TO WIDER AUDIENCE

(Folsom, CA) At their Board of Governors session this month, the California ISO will offer an additional option of "listen-only" call-in access. This option is being made available to allow interested parties ease of access to status of key ISO issues. By allowing a larger audience to hear discussions and decisions being made, Cal ISO also hopes to raise awareness on matters that effect its control area.

"As electricity restructuring picks up steam across the country, the issues raised by the California ISO become pertinent to a greater national audience," remarked Patrick Dorinson, Director of Communications at California ISO. "With this call-in option the progression of these debates will be instantly available throughout California and the U.S."

For more detailed information and to review the agenda for this month's Board of Governor's meeting, visit the California ISO website at www.caiso.com under Public Info/ Board of Governors/ Meeting Notices and Agendas. This web address lists matters the committees will be discussing and their meeting schedule. By accessing this address, you can choose which parts of the proceedings you wish to hear and know when to call. Please join us by calling on Wednesday, August 25th & Thursday, August 26th.

Dates: Wednesday, August 25th, 1999 Thursday, August 26th, 1999 Times: 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. P.S.T. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. P.S.T.

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Cal-ISO is chartered by the state to manage the flow of electricity along the long-distance, high-voltage power lines that make up the

bulk of California's transmission system. The not-for-profit public benefit corporation assumed this responsibility in March 1998 when

California opened its energy markets to competition and mandated the investor-owned utilities turn their private transmission power

lines over to the Cal ISO's public power grid. The mission of the Cal ISO is to safeguard the reliable delivery of electricity and ensure

equal access to the state's "electron highway", which spans 124,000 miles or three-quarters of the state. The Cal ISO maintains the

second largest control area in the U.S. and the fifth largest in the world.

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