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**CALIFORNIA ISO INVOKES FEDERAL POWER ORDER**  
**Resource and Transmission Problems Prompt Action**

(Folsom, CA) In an unprecedented move today, Tuesday, December 19, 2000 the California Independent System Operator (California ISO) invoked the federal order issued late last week by Energy Secretary Bill Richardson. The order provides the emergency power supply needed to meet the state's energy demand.

Lack of resources in Northern California and the inability to get additional resources from the Pacific Northwest necessitated this action. At the same time, transmission constraints in the middle of the state have limited the ability of the California ISO to get additional power from Southern California up to the northern portion of the state.

The California ISO will hold a media teleconference at 5:00 p.m. today to discuss this situation in more detail (see information provided below).

**CALIFORNIA ISO TELECONFERENCE**

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 19, 2000</b>
<b>PHONE NUMBER:</b>	<b>800/374-1387</b>
<b>TIMES (All PST):</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>PASSCODE:</b>	<b>982640</b>

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