



Energy Conservation Tips for Winter

- **Keep your thermostat at 68°; lower at night and when not at home**
- **Minimize power usage during peak hours of 5-9 a.m. and 4-7 p.m.**
- **Curb hot water usage**
- **Turn off lights, computers, and other electronics when not in use**

STAGE 1

Consumers are urged to reduce their use of electricity voluntarily to avoid more severe conditions.

STAGE 2

Voluntary interruption of service to select customers is required to avoid more severe conditions.

STAGE 3

Consumers are advised that rotating outages are possible.

Power Watch 2000

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CALIFORNIA ISO URGES CONTINUED CONSERVATION Friday is Day 32 of Stage Three Electrical Emergency

(Folsom, CA) The California Independent System Operator (California ISO) has declared tomorrow, **Friday, February 16th** a *Power Watch Day*.

Operating reserves on the state's grid were very narrow on Thursday, but in the end blackouts were avoided. Friday's situation should be somewhat improved with 700 megawatts of generation scheduled back on line coupled with the normal trend for demand to taper off before the weekend.

Conservation is critical in helping to mitigate the state's continuing emergency situation. **Increased conservation efforts during the peak usage hours of 5-9 a.m. and 4-7 p.m. are especially helpful.** Friday's peak demand on the ISO-controlled grid is expected to reach 28,800 megawatts at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Power Watch is a public awareness campaign sponsored by the California ISO to communicate the current electricity resource outlook, in light of the rising demand for power in California. By providing regular updates, the California ISO hopes to convey the importance of using electricity wisely on days when electricity reserves may run low.

Incorporated under California law (AB 1890), the not-for-profit California 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. Following restructuring of the state's electricity industry, the California ISO's mission is to keep the open market power grid in California reliable, safe, competitive and accessible.

Information about the California ISO control area's electricity supply and the current demand is available on the web at www.caiso.com. For questions relating to the electrical distribution systems that carry electricity directly to homes and businesses, please contact your local utility.