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### **Energy Conservation Tips for Winter**

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- **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 and computers when not in use**

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#### **STAGE 1**

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

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#### **STAGE 2**

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

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#### **STAGE 3**

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Consumers are advised that rotating outages are possible.

# **Power Watch 2000**

## **CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR**

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### **CONSERVATION EFFORTS ARE HELPING TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION**

#### **Stage Three Emergency Expected to be Lifted at Midnight**

(Folsom, CA) The California Independent System Operator (California ISO) plans to lift the state's 10-day old Stage Three Electrical Emergency tonight at midnight. While the electricity supply situation is somewhat improved, supplies, particularly in Northern California, remain limited. Consequently, tomorrow, **Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>** has been declared a *Power Watch Day*. At this time, a Stage One Emergency – or a public call for conservation – is expected for Friday.

California's conservation efforts played an important role in the ISO's ability to keep the lights on this week. Approximately 1,000 megawatts of conservation have been observed on the state's electricity grid each day. Californians are urged to continue those efforts, curtailing their use of electricity whenever possible. Increased conservation efforts during the peak usage hours of 6:00-10:00 a.m. and 4:00-8:00 p.m. are especially important.

Friday's peak demand on the ISO-controlled Grid is expected to reach 30,559 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 on system conditions and peak demand forecasts, 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 manages 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](http://www.caiso.com).