



**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 and computers 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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CONSERVATION REMAINS CRITICAL AS STAGE THREE EMERGENCY EXTENDED AGAIN

(Folsom, CA) The California Independent System Operator (California ISO) extended the current Stage Three Electrical Emergency and declared tomorrow **Friday, February 2nd a *Power Watch Day***. Tomorrow's Stage Three Emergency will be in effect through midnight.

Californians are urged to continue their rate of conservation (600 – 1,000 megawatts). **Increased conservation efforts during the peak usage hours of 5:00-9:00 a.m. and 4:00-7:00 p.m. is strongly encouraged.**

With operating reserves low enough to require a Stage Three, the risk of rotating blackouts cannot be ruled out, however no firm load shedding is anticipated tomorrow. Thursday's peak demand on the ISO-controlled Grid is expected to reach 29,594 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 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.