



NEWS RELEASE

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**CONTINUED CONSERVATION URGED AS
ANOTHER STAGE ONE ELECTRICAL EMERGENCY IS DECLARED**

Media Teleconferences Continue through the Week

(Folsom, CA) California residents are urged to continue conservation efforts, as electricity in the state remains in short supply. The California ISO declared a Stage One Emergency at 1:30 a.m. today, Tuesday, December 12, 2000 effective through 10:00 p.m. Today's forecasted peak demand on the Grid is expected to reach 34,225 megawatts at around 6:00 p.m. tonight.

Supply and demand conditions remain about the same: approximately 8,500 megawatts of in-state power generation continues to be off line due to maintenance and imports from the Pacific Northwest are limited by the cold weather and high demand (although this limitation is still not as severe as previously expected). Congestion on the major transmission line between north and south California is expected to be a factor again today.

A schedule of regular media teleconferences introduced yesterday will continue throughout the week in an effort to better accommodate growing media interest. Each teleconference will include an update regarding California ISO operations along with an opportunity for questions and answers.

TELECONFERENCES FOR POWER SITUATION UPDATES

DATE:	Tuesday through Friday, December 12-15, 2000		
PHONE NUMBER:	800/374-1387		
TIMES (All PST):	11:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	6:15 p.m.
PASSCODE:	982640		

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A Stage One Emergency triggers a public request for conservation of electricity. This request is not intended to disrupt employment or curtail industrial production or commerce. However, if the conservation measures are insufficient in lowering the demand for power, load management programs that implement voluntary curtailments of power are probable. A Stage Two is declared when reserves drop below five percent. At this level, large commercial customers that have signed up to voluntarily curtail power during high demand days will be asked to do so.

California ISO is charged with managing 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 the responsibility in March, 1998, when California opened its energy markets to competition and the state’s investor-owned utilities turned their private transmission power lines over to the California ISO to manage. The mission of the California ISO is to safeguard the reliable delivery of electricity, facilitate markets and ensure equal access to a 12,500 circuit mile “electron highway.”

Information about the California ISO control area’s electricity supply and the current demand is available on the web at www.caiso.com.

Other helpful contacts:

Pacific Gas and Electric	415/973-5930
Southern California Edison	626/302-2255
San Diego Gas and Electric	877/866-2066

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