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California ISO extends visitor and meeting restrictions to May 1

Policies in place to lower coronavirus risk; maintain grid reliability

FOLSOM, Calif. – Due to coronavirus concerns, the California Independent System Operator (ISO) is extending temporary restrictions for in-person meetings at its offices and at off-site venues through May 1, or until further notice.

The ISO previously announced these restrictions through April 1 to protect the health of company staff, and prevent possible disruption to critical business operations.

ISO will continue to host its meetings using teleconference or webinars when possible. All tours to ISO facilities, including its main headquarters in Folsom, are cancelled and all non-essential business travel for ISO employees is suspended until May 1.

To maintain reliability of electricity transmission, critical staff essential to the ISO's core business services, such as grid operators, continue to work at the ISO control centers, and the coronavirus developments have had no impact to the system or markets.

"These measures, part of our pandemic response plan, are intended to protect our staff, customers, stakeholders and our community, and to fulfill our critical mission to reliably operate the grid, as important as ever during these trying times," said Steve Berberich, President and CEO of the ISO.

The ISO is responsible for managing the flow of electricity that serves 80 percent of California and a small portion of Nevada. The ISO also manages a real-time energy market for utilities in eight western states and conducts reliability coordinator services to most balancing authorities in the West.

The ISO continues to closely monitor the Coronavirus outbreak, follow state and Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations, and will provide periodic updates to help stakeholders actively participate in meetings.

Visit caiso.com for the latest information regarding meetings and visitor restrictions.

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