



## Media Advisory

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## Sunny California is America's #1 solar producer

### Energy officials mark 1,000 MW solar power milestone at 2012 Stakeholder Symposium

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – In the race to create energy from the sun, California surpassed a major milestone during a recent heat wave that hit the sun-soaked state. More than 1,000 megawatts of solar power generation—equal to the size of two large gas-fired power plants—set new U.S. records twice in recent weeks. California energy officials will celebrate tomorrow in Sacramento to mark the historic solar achievement.

Energy chiefs from the California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO), California Energy Commission (CEC) and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will break from the annual ISO Stakeholder Symposium held September 5 and 6 to meet with reporters to talk about exciting progress in solar power development. They will also update media regarding the state's 33% Renewables Portfolio Standard—considered the most ambitious green power goal in the country.

#### **Media Event Speakers:**

CPUC President Michael R. Peevey  
CEC Chair Robert Weisenmiller

ISO Board of Governors Chair Robert Foster  
ISO President and CEO Stephen Berberich

**Place:** Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J Street, Sacramento

**Date:** Wednesday, September 5, 2012

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. (*sorry, no call-in access available*)

Attended by well over 500 energy leaders and stakeholders, the ISO Stakeholder Symposium is an annual forum for discussing critically important energy and environmental issues.

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