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California ISO issues statewide Flex Alert due to heat wave

The California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO) has issued a statewide Flex Alert that calls for voluntary electricity conservation from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. today, Tuesday, August 29, 2017.

Consumers are urged to conserve electricity especially during the late afternoon when air conditioners typically are at peak use. Consumers can help avoid power interruptions by turning off all unnecessary lights, using major appliances before 2 p.m. and after 9 p.m., and setting air conditioners to 78 degrees or higher.

Persistent hot temperatures and tight supply can strain the power grid, as air conditioner use increases. The forecast peak use today, August 29, is expected to exceed 48,000 megawatts, which if met will be the highest demand on the grid seen so far this year. The ISO's service territory serves about 80 percent of California's electricity consumers.

For more electricity conservation tips, visit the ISO's Flex Alert website at <http://www.flexalert.org/saveenergy>.

Conservation Tips

- Set thermostat at 78° or higher and turn off, if away
- Cool with fans and draw drapes
- Turn off unnecessary lights and appliances
- Use major appliances in morning or late evening

Learn more: <http://www.flexalert.org/> (Available in Spanish and Vietnamese)

Flex Alerts

A Flex Alert is issued by the ISO when the electricity grid is under stress because of generation or transmission outages, or from persistent hot temperatures.

Consumers are urged to voluntarily conserve electricity to help avoid more serious steps to protect the power grid, including local rotating outages. However, take no action that threatens your health and safety.

Click [here](#) to learn more about Flex Alerts and Stage Electrical Emergencies.

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