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Media Availability:

ISO Vice President available at wind farm online ceremony to answer questions about new program that fosters clean energy

- Story:** Power grid makes room for 162 megawatts of new wind power--enough renewable electricity to supply the annual energy needs of 100,000 homes. Florida Power and Light's High Winds Energy Center is the largest wind plant to join the California ISO's Participating Intermittent Resource Program designed to foster renewable energy such as solar and wind power. The program, the first of its kind in the nation, will help the state meet its goal of getting 20 percent of its power from renewable energy by the year 2017.
- Event:** High Winds Project Online Ceremony **Thursday, September 18, 11 a.m.** Mike O'Sullivan, Senior V.P., FP&L; Terry Hudgens, CEO, Pacificorp Power Marketing; Robert Therkelsen, Executive Director, California Energy Commission, and **Randy Abernathy, Vice President, Market Services, California ISO.**
- Location:** Birds Landing Road, Rio Vista. From Sacramento, I-5 South to Highway 12, West through Rio Vista to Birds Landing Road. Turn left, follow the signs. From San Francisco: I-80 East to Fairfield, East on 12 about 20 Miles. Right on Birds Landing Road. Follow the signs.
- Background:** Wind turbine technology has improved dramatically over the last decade, making it a more viable source of electricity. However, the output from wind turbines varies with the wind. The California ISO recently ushered in a new facet of its energy markets called the *Participating Intermittent Resource Program* to make wind power and other intermittent resources more compatible with grid operations. Using the latest forecasting and communications technology, the ISO can now get hourly forecasts from wind farms up and down the state to that are far more accurate than previous day-ahead forecasts. The ISO relaxed some rules, reducing penalties for deviations from expected output.

Interviews with Randy Abernathy available on site at the event along with fact sheets on the ISO Intermittent Resource Program and video b-roll of the ISO control room.

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