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SoCal Fires Trigger Transmission Emergency

California ISO Reports Power Interruption to Customers

(Folsom, CA) The Santiago Fire in Orange County is burning under two high-voltage transmission power lines, which caused them to trip out of service briefly at about 2:00 p.m. today. The California Independent System Operator Corporation (California ISO) ordered Southern California Edison to drop 300 megawatts worth of electrical load, which was restored by 2:25 p.m. San Diego Gas and Electric was asked to shed 200 megawatts worth of electricity, which the ISO gave the okay to restore at 2:30. Media is asked to contact the utilities for information as to how many customers were impacted by the power outage.

The California ISO issued a Transmission Emergency after the Santiago Fire knocked the SONGS Viejo and SONGS Serrano 230 kilovolt transmission lines temporarily out of service. The Pacific DC Intertie has also tripped out of service due to a separate fire. Additionally, the Southwest Powerlink remains de-energized since yesterday due the Acton Fire, which is burning close by. No customers have been impacted by the loss of the DC Intertie or the Southwest Powerlink lines. Yesterday, a Restricted Maintenance Notice was issued and remains in effect due to the fires erupted in the southland. Grid conditions remain dynamic and the California ISO is keeping watchful eye on the situation.

The California ISO is a not-for-profit public benefit corporation charged with managing the flow of electricity along California's open-market wholesale power grid. The mission of the California ISO is to safeguard the reliable delivery of electricity, and ensure equal access to 25,000 circuit miles of "electron highway." As the impartial operator of the wholesale power grid in the state, the California ISO conducts a small portion of the bulk power markets. These markets are used to allocate space on the transmission lines, maintain operating reserves and match supply with demand in real time.

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