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Stage 2 Emergency Declared; power outages possible Consumers are urged to conserve energy to avoid rotating power outages

FOLSOM, Calif. – The California Independent System Operator (ISO) issued a Stage 2 Grid Emergency, due to high temperatures and loads, and fires causing the loss of about 1,600 megawatts (MW) of generation.

Consumers are urged to conserve energy to reduce overall demand on the system to avoid any further emergencies and/or rolling outages.

If a large enough number of consumers conserve even in small ways, they can help grid operators avoid more serious system emergencies. Until 9 p.m. tonight, the ISO is urging consumers to:

- Set air conditioning thermostats to 78 degrees, if health permits.
- Defer use of major appliances.
- Turn off unnecessary lights.
- Unplug unused electrical devices.
- Close blinds and drapes.
- Use fans when possible.
- Limit time the refrigerator door is open.

The ISO also issued a notice earlier today that encouraged energy resources to participate in the ISO market and allowed the grid operator to request utilities implement demand response programs to reduce residential and business electricity use.

For information on Flex Alerts, to get more electricity conservation tips, and to sign up for conservation alerts, visit the ISO's [Flex Alert website](#). Visit the ISO's [News page](#) for more information on the heat wave's impacts on grid operations, and to learn more about alerts, warnings and emergency notices.

For updates on grid operations, follow us on Twitter at @California_ISO or @FlexAlert, or monitor system conditions in real time at ISO's [Today's Outlook](#).

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