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Third Consecutive Day of Record Setting Peak Energy Use for California

(Folsom, CA) For the third day in a row, Californians set a new record peak demand for electricity usage; 44,360 megawatts was set Wednesday at 4:18 p.m. Yesterday's record peak demand was 44,330 megawatts, breaking the previous record of 43,609 megawatts, which was set July 12, 1999.

Despite these record-breaking days, there were no electrical emergencies. The California Independent System Operator (California ISO) did issue a maintenance restriction on power plants. Fires continue to be an issue in the south.

So far, there is enough power this week to meet the high demand and the ISO is not predicting electrical emergencies. However, conservation during the peak hours helps the ISO balance the grid when air-conditioners are in high demand. The forecast calls for hotter than average temperatures in California for the next two weeks or so. It is likely that we will break the record again tomorrow. **The California ISO encourages conservation tomorrow Thursday, July 22, as temperatures soar in Northern California.**

ISO Powerful Habits Conservation Tips:

- Set your thermostat to 78-80 when you're at home, 85 or off when away.
- Turn off unneeded lights, appliances and electronics.
- Avoid using major appliances during peak afternoon hours. 4-6 p.m. are most critical.
- Set pool pumps and automatic sprinklers to run in off peak hours.
- For more conservation tips, visit www.fypower.com.

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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 a 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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