



## **NEWS ADVISORY**

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### **CALIFORNIA ISO TO PROVIDE ACCESS FOR Y2K COVERAGE** *Media Allowed to View Power Grid Operations New Year's Eve*

(Folsom, CA) The California Independent System Operator (California ISO), the not-for-profit controllers of the bulk of the state's transmission power grid, will give media a bird's eye view of its command center during the rollover into the Year 2000. Media will be allowed access to a glass observation area adjacent to the California ISO command center in Folsom. Space is limited, so the ISO is requesting help with the advance planning of this event. Press pool camera/audio patch will be available.

While the California ISO does not anticipate any major power outages during the Y2K transition, it is working to ensure it is ready for the unexpected. An extra 130 personnel will be on hand New Year's Eve. Other contingencies include setting aside surplus power and limiting the amount of electricity flowing over borders with states and other control areas. Electric customers are urged to use electricity normally on New Year's Eve. If customers plan to curtail their use of power or install a back-up generator, they are asked to notify their local utility, which will let the ISO know. California's electric system works best when the flow of electricity is predictable.

To accommodate media better, members of the press covering the ISO are asked to please fill out the following form and fax to (916) 608-7296 by December 27 or call the ISO medialine at 1 888 516-NEWS.

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