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**VOLUNTARY INTERRUPTIBLE ELECTRICAL SERVICE PROGRAM ACTIVATED IN BAY AREA  
PG&E to Request Bay Area Commercial & Industrial Customers to Curtail Usage**

(Folsom, CA) The California Independent System Operator (California ISO) has called upon PG&E to initiate its localized non-firm interruptible program from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. today, June 14. This is in response to continuing hot temperatures in Northern California, particularly in the San Francisco Bay Area, that are breaking 35-year weather records. Additionally, key generating units that serve the local load in the Bay Area are unavailable today.

California ISO is chartered by the state to manage the flow of electricity along the long-distance, high-voltage power lines that make up the bulk of California's transmission system. The not-for-profit public-benefit corporation assumed the responsibility in March 1998 when California opened its energy markets to competition and mandated the investor-owned utilities turn their private transmission power lines over to the Cal-ISO's open-market power grid. The mission of the California ISO is to safeguard the reliable delivery of electricity and ensure equal access to the state's "electron highway", which spans 124,000 miles or three-quarters of the state.

Other helpful contacts (for media only):

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