



Heat Wave Tips

- **Draw drapes**
- **Set thermostat at 78 degrees or higher**
- **Cool with fans**
- **Use appliances in early morning or late at night**

STAGE 1

Consumers are urged to reduce their use of electricity voluntarily to avoid more severe conditions.

STAGE 2

Voluntary interruption of service to select customers is required to avoid more severe conditions.

STAGE 3

Consumers are advised that involuntary interruptions of service have begun and will continue until the emergency has passed.

Power Watch 2000

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WEDNESDAY IS A *POWER WATCH DAY* FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

(Folsom, CA) Southern Californians will be under a *Power Watch Day* tomorrow Wednesday, July 19, 2000. The California Independent System Operator (California ISO) is asking customers in the southern portion of the state to conserve electricity as temperatures increase in the Southland and air conditioning use ramps up.

In addition to the increasing demand on the system due to the hot weather, equipment malfunctions at power plants located in Southern California as well as the Southwest has caused a significant decrease in the generation available for the region. Operating reserves are narrow and Southern Californians are urged to watch their energy consumption, curtailing their use of electricity whenever possible.

The peak demand on the ISO-controlled Grid is expected to reach 40,500 megawatts by Wednesday afternoon. The record peak was 45,884 megawatts on July 12, 1999. Information about the California ISO control area's electricity supply and the current demand is available on the web at www.caiso.com.

Power Watch 2000 is a public awareness campaign sponsored by the California ISO to communicate the current electricity resource outlook, in light of the rising demand for power in California. By providing regular updates on system conditions and peak demand forecasts, the California ISO hopes to convey the importance of using electricity wisely on days when electricity reserves may run low.

Incorporated under California law (AB 1890), the not-for-profit 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. Following restructuring of the state's electricity industry, the California ISO's mission is to keep the open market power grid in California reliable, safe, competitive and accessible. For questions relating to the status of the electrical distribution systems that carry electricity directly to homes and businesses, please contact your local utility.