



NEWS RELEASE

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**STAGE ONE ELECTRICAL EMERGENCY DECLARED,
CONTINUED CONSERVATION ENCOURAGED**

Change in Media Access to California ISO

(Folsom, CA) At 9:30 a.m., the California ISO declared a Stage One Emergency, effective through 10:00 p.m this evening, Monday December 12, 2000. Today's forecasted peak demand on the Grid is expected to reach 33,952 megawatts at around 6:00 p.m. tonight.

In an effort to better accommodate growing media interest, Public Information Staff of the California ISO will provide regular information updates immediately following operations meetings held on days that the statewide Electrical Emergency Plan is activated. News teleconferences will include an opportunity for questions and answers.

TELECONFERENCES FOR POWER SITUATION UPDATES

DATE:	Monday, December 11, 2000		
PHONE NUMBER:	800/374-1387		
TIME (All PST):	11:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	6:15 p.m.
PASSCODES:	982402	982591	982640

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The California ISO would like to encourage state residents to continue their energy conservation efforts. Electricity in the state remains in short supply due to cold temperatures in the Northwest that have limited energy imports and approximately 8,500 megawatts worth of in-state power generation that continues to be off line due to planned and unplanned outages.

A Stage One Emergency triggers a public request for conservation of electricity. This request is not intended to disrupt employment or curtail industrial production or commerce. However, if the conservation measures are insufficient in lowering the demand for power, load management programs that implement voluntary curtailments of power are probable. A Stage Two is declared when reserves drop below five percent. At this level, large commercial customers that have signed up to voluntarily curtail power during high demand days will be asked to do so.

California ISO is charged with managing 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 the state's investor-owned utilities turned their private transmission power lines over to the California ISO to manage. The mission of the California ISO is to safeguard the reliable delivery of electricity, facilitate markets and ensure equal access to a 12,500 circuit mile "electron highway."

Information about the California ISO control area's electricity supply and the current demand is available on the web at www.caiso.com.

Other helpful contacts:

Pacific Gas and Electric	415/973-5930
Southern California Edison	626/302-2255
San Diego Gas and Electric	877/866-2066

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