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California ISO Offers Audio "System Conditions" Line for News Media

(Folsom CA) The California Independent System Operator is now offering a 24-hour hotline with information about the expected system conditions for the day, a look forward into the next day or two, and a conservation tip to help the public use less energy. The recording will be updated by 9:00 a.m. during the workweek or more often if needed. The Friday message will cover the weekend and into Monday. The system is designed to let reporters in the field who may not have access to a computer get a quick look at grid conditions, forecasts and other pertinent information. The recording is "on the record" and broadcast quality so the electronic media can use it on the air.

"This is another way we can make current information available through the news media to the public at large," said ISO Vice President of Corporate and Strategic Development, Elena Schmid. "Even though summer is almost over, the energy supply situation and the dynamic nature of the grid could still result in the need to disseminate information quickly. This new tool will help meet that need and augment the work of our on-call Public Information Officers."

News media can access the line by calling the ISO's regular news line; 888-516-NEWS (6397) and pressing 1 on a touch-tone telephone. The line is not intended for use by the general public.

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