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**CONSERVATION NEEDED, HIGH POWER DEMAND  
EXPECTED AS HEAT WAVE CONTINUES  
California ISO Declares Stage One Electrical Emergency**

(Folsom, CA) The California Independent System Operator Corporation (California ISO) issued a Stage One Emergency today, July 25, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. The forecast peak demand for power today is 50,538 megawatts at around 4:00 p.m. which would be yet another record peak. The California ISO expects to avoid a Stage Two Emergency today but acknowledges it is a possibility if a sudden, unforeseen loss of generation or transmission occurs.

As weather forecasts call for a break in the triple digit heat starting tomorrow, the California ISO continues to deal with record electricity usage, with three new records being set within the last week:

Monday, July 25 with 50,270 megawatts      Friday, July 21 with 49,036 megawatts

Monday, July 17 with 46,561 megawatts

Conservation is making a tremendous difference in the California ISO's ability to keep the lights on and we would like to thank consumers for all their efforts. Continued conservation during this afternoon's peak usage hours, from 2 to 6 p.m. is appreciated. The following conservation measures are suggested:

**Powerful Habits at home:**

- When home set your thermostat at 82 degrees or higher as long as health conditions permit, and turn it off when you're away.
- Avoid using unnecessary lighting and appliances.
- Turn off your pool pump and avoid outdoor watering during peak periods.

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**Powerful Habits at work:**

- Turn off computer monitor when you are away from your desk
- Turn off half the overhead lighting.

Additional conservation tips and continuous system condition updates are available on the web at [www.caiso.com](http://www.caiso.com) and the California Flex Your Power NOW! website at [www.fypower.org](http://www.fypower.org).

The California ISO is a not-for-profit public benefit corporation charged with managing the flow of electricity along California's open-market wholesale power grid. The mission of the California ISO is to safeguard the reliable delivery of electricity, and ensure equal access to 25,000 circuit miles of "electron highway." As the impartial operator of the wholesale power grid in the state, the California ISO conducts a small portion of the bulk power markets. These markets are used to allocate space on the transmission lines, maintain operating reserves and match supply with demand in real time.

**Other helpful contacts:**

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

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