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Flex Your Power NOW! Power Watch Ends Early *Cloud Cover and Conservation Reduce Strain on The Grid*

(Folsom, CA) The Flex Your Power NOW! Power Watch in effect until tonight has been terminated early thanks to reduced demand on the power grid. Crediting a dip in temperatures and significant conservation levels, the California Independent System Operator (California ISO) canceled the Power Watch at 10:30 a.m. this morning.

The California ISO thanks consumers for doing their part to reduce their use of electricity this week. While conservation is always prudent, the ISO reports that operating reserves are more than adequate today and for the rest of the week.

Cloud cover over much of the state, coupled with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's appeal to Californians to conserve and his direction for state buildings to reduce their energy consumption by 25 percent, has lowered the demand for electricity.

New record demand for power was set on Monday, with 46,561 megawatts drawn off the grid by mid-afternoon. Tuesday's peak was 46,373 megawatts. Today's peak is forecast at 46,604 megawatts.

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.

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