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ISO Pilot Program Fosters Alternative Power to Augment Grid Energy Supplies

(Folsom, CA) The California Independent System Operator (ISO) is using the energy challenges of the past year to pave the way for new opportunities to foster alternative energy resources. The grid operator is launching a pilot program that will maximize megawatts by allowing the output from units that generate less than a megawatt of electricity to be aggregated and sold into the market just like any other power source. The ISO's Aggregated Distributed Generation Pilot Program (ADGPP) has the potential of adding a significant number of megawatts to California's resources, while fostering the development of renewable generation and emerging technology.

The program allows Scheduling Coordinators to aggregate the output from these mini-power plants into blocks of megawatts that the ISO's systems can recognize. It is designed to accommodate renewable generation such as wind and solar, and emerging technologies such as fuel cells and micro-turbines.

The ISO is holding a workshop on Friday, March 8 to discuss the program with the public and members of the media are welcome to attend. Interviews will be accommodated. More information is available at <http://www.caiso.com/meetings>.

DATE:	Friday, March 8
TIME (PST):	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
PLACE:	California ISO Board Room 101 Blue Ravine Road, Folsom CA
LISTEN-IN PHONE NUMBER:	877-381-5438 (indicate ADGPP meeting)
VISUALS:	Full-Sized Micro-Turbine on display