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## Seventh Record Set for State's Energy Use

(Folsom, CA) This afternoon, Wednesday, September 8, 2004 California residents set a new record peak demand of 45,597 megawatts of electricity. This tops yesterday's record peak of 45,165 megawatts. Continuing hot temperatures have air conditioners throughout the state working hard, resulting in yet another day of record demand for energy. Power resources were adequate and no electrical emergencies were required.

The California ISO encourages continued conservation tomorrow, September 9<sup>th</sup>. However, temperatures, particularly in Southern California, are expected to moderate and the forecast peak for the day is much lower at 44,127 megawatts. Conservation during the hours of 4:00-7:00 pm is always helpful as the ISO strives to keep the grid balanced over the daily peak.

### ***ISO Powerful Habits Conservation Tips:***

- Set your thermostat to 78-80 when you're at home, 85 or off when away.
- Turn off unneeded lights, appliances and electronics.
- Avoid using major appliances during peak afternoon hours. 4-6 p.m. are most critical.
- Set pool pumps and automatic sprinklers to run in off peak hours.
- For more conservation tips, visit [www.fypower.com](http://www.fypower.com).

Today again was the seventh record setting day this year. Other record-setting days for energy use in 2004 were: July 19 with 44,042 MW; July 20 with 44,330 MW; July 21 with 44,360 MW; August 10 with 44,497 MW; August 11 with 44,872 MW and September 7 with 45,165 MW. The previous energy use record of 43,609 MW, set in July 1999, stood for four years.

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