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Solar power breaks through 2,000 megawatt threshold

FOLSOM, Calif. – Solar power shines, setting a new all-time high output of 2,071 megawatts (MW) at 12:59 p.m. today, June 07, 2013. This amount of energy is enough to power more than 1.5 million homes across sunny California.

“This new record is remarkable considering the amount has more than doubled since last September when solar peaked at 1,000 megawatts,” says Steve Berberich, California ISO President and CEO. “We are excited by this trend and expect to hit more record peaks on a regular basis.”

California is the largest producer of solar power in the nation. Today’s peak demand was about 36,000 megawatts and solar power supplied more than five percent of demand for electricity.

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