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TRANSMISSION EVENT AT SAN ONOFRE NECESSITATES BRIEF POWER OUTAGE IN SAN DIEGO AREA

(Folsom, CA) A transmission event near the San Onofre power plant in southern California required the California Independent System Operator (California ISO) to call for brief power outages in the San Diego area this morning, at 10:48 a.m. February 27, 2002. The electrical system suffered a loss of 1,100 megawatts of generation when San Onofre's unit number three tripped off line because of a problem at the substation.

The ISO ordered 300 megawatts of load shedding to prevent a potential uncontrollable blackout in the San Diego area. The ISO quickly lined up replacement generation to minimize the impact to customers. Service to affected customers of San Diego Gas & Electric was fully restored by 11:35 a.m.

Specific information about the location and timing of the outages must be obtained from San Diego Gas & Electric's media office at 877/866-2066. Power supplies serving the rest of California are unaffected and outages are not expected in other areas of the state.

California ISO is charged with managing the flow of electricity along the long-distance, high-voltage power lines that make up the bulk of California's transmission system. The not-for-profit public-benefit corporation assumed the responsibility in March, 1998, when California opened its energy markets to competition

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and the state's investor-owned utilities turned their private transmission power lines over to the California ISO to manage. The mission of the California ISO is to safeguard the reliable delivery of electricity, facilitate markets and ensure equal access to a 12,500 circuit mile "electron highway."

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