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### Today's Outlook Web Page Out of Service This Week

One of the most frequently visited pages on the California ISO Web Site is going on vacation this week, as a system that provides data for the page gets a major upgrade. For more than three years "Today's Outlook," under the "System Status" page at [www.caiso.com](http://www.caiso.com), has provided near real-time information to the general public about California's energy demand and the supply available to meet it.

Beginning Tuesday, September 14 at about noon, the page will be unavailable until Friday morning, September 17. While Today's Outlook provides valuable information to the public, it is not a critical tool for ISO operators. They have the same data available at their fingertips via other systems.

The ISO is poised to significantly upgrade one of the key computer systems that provides information for Today's Outlook. The system that accepts and logs outage information from generator owners will be out of service for several hours during the upgrade. Once it is back in service, the ISO will need to test the data it provides to Today's Outlook before the page can be replaced on the website.

During its absence, the media can contact an ISO representative at 1 (888) 516-NEWS for information about grid conditions, or hit "1" on your touch-tone phone to access the news hotline. This week appears to be quiet, with cooler temperatures and no major issues expected with either the supply or demand for energy.

Today's Outlook was first developed in early 2001 when the energy crisis made the daily ebb and flow of energy supply and demand a critical piece of information. The page automatically draws data from several ISO systems and synthesizes it into a user-friendly graph and chart depicting how much energy the state is using, the demand forecast over the next several hours and the energy supply available to meet that demand. Many Californians still look at Today's Outlook daily. When energy demand hit record peaks last week the pages were viewed approximately 20,000 times per day.

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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 a 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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