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Transmission Emergency Continues in Southern California
Wildfires Knockout More Transmission Lines Overnight

(Folsom, CA) The Southern California firestorms continue to impact multiple facilities of high-voltage transmission grid throughout the southland, causing the California Independent System Operator Corporation (California ISO) to call a Transmission Emergency for Southern California. The Emergency is in effect from 6:00 a.m. through the end of the day unless conditions change.

While the fires and smoke have caused transmission lines in many locations in Southern California to trip out of service for various lengths of time, the most dramatic impact currently is in San Diego, where multiple lines in the 500, 230 and 138-thousand volt rating are no longer in service.

The situation remains highly dynamic with conditions on the electrical grid changing rapidly. Where possible, without compromising individual health or welfare, voluntary energy conservation in San Diego can help reduce the strain on the transmission lines that remains in service.

The California ISO is working closely with San Diego Gas and Electric, Southern California Edison, various state agencies and other utilities to coordinate and communicate about the changing conditions.

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 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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