



Heat Wave Tips

- **Draw drapes**
- **Set thermostat at 78 degrees or higher**
- **Cool with fans**
- **Use appliances in early morning or late at night**

STAGE 1

Consumers are urged to reduce their use of electricity voluntarily to avoid more severe conditions.

STAGE 2

Voluntary interruption of service to select customers is required to avoid more severe conditions.

STAGE 3

Consumers are advised that involuntary interruptions of service have begun and will continue until the emergency has passed.

Power Watch 2000

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THURSDAY IS A POWER WATCH DAY California ISO Requests Continued Curtailment of Energy Usage

(Folsom, CA) **Thursday, June 29th** has been declared a *Power Watch Day* by the California Independent System Operator (California ISO). A continuing heat wave covering much of the west continues to limit California's ability to import energy from other states.

High temperatures throughout the Western U.S., including the state of California, have necessitated Stage Two Electrical Emergencies for three consecutive days. Reserves are still narrow and Californians are urged to watch their energy consumption, curtailing their use of electricity whenever possible.

The peak demand on the ISO-controlled Grid is expected to reach 42,754 megawatts by Thursday afternoon. The record peak was 45,884 megawatts on July 12, 1999. Information about the California ISO control area's electricity supply and the current demand is available on the web at www.casio.com.

Power Watch 2000 is a public awareness campaign sponsored by the California ISO to communicate the current electricity resource outlook, in light of the rising demand for power in California. By providing regular updates on system conditions and peak demand forecasts, the California ISO hopes to convey the importance of using electricity wisely on days when electricity reserves may run low.

Incorporated under California law (AB 1890), the not-for-profit California ISO is chartered by the state to manage the flow of electricity along the long-distance, high-voltage power lines that make up the bulk of California's transmission system. Following restructuring of the state's electricity industry, the California ISO's mission is to keep the open market power grid in California reliable, safe, competitive and accessible. For questions relating to the status of the electrical distribution systems that carry electricity directly to homes and businesses, please contact your local utility.