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## *Heat Wave Tips*

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

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### **STAGE 1**

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

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### **STAGE 2**

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

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### **STAGE 3**

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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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## **HOT TEMPERATURES AND HIGH DEMAND NARROW ENERGY RESERVES**

### **Californians Urged to Conserve Power on Monday**

(Folsom, CA) The California ISO has declared **Monday, August 14, 2000** a **Power Watch Day**. Increased consumer demand for power is expected on Monday, the third day of hot weather in the state and throughout the Western region. At the same time, the first day of the work-week is routinely a heavy demand day as offices throughout the state “power up” after the weekend.

Californians are urged to watch their energy consumption, curtailing the use of electricity whenever possible. Monday’s peak demand on the ISO-controlled Grid is expected to reach 42,600 megawatts on California’s electrical grid.

**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. Information about the California ISO control area’s electricity supply and the current demand is available on the web at [www.caiso.com](http://www.caiso.com).

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.

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