



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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PUBLIC ENCOURAGED TO CONSERVE ENERGY Tuesday's Power Reserves are Narrow

(Folsom, CA) High temperatures in the Los Angeles Basin and throughout the Central Valley have prompted the California Independent System Operator (California ISO) to declare tomorrow **August 15, 2000** a **Power Watch Day**.

The California ISO is requesting that the state's consumers watch their energy consumption, curtailing the use of electricity whenever possible, especially in the high demand afternoon hours. The peak demand on the ISO-controlled Grid is expected to reach 43,400 megawatts by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. Information about the electricity supply within the California ISO's control area and the current demand on the system is available at www.caiso.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.