



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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WEDNESDAY DECLARED A *POWER WATCHDAY* Continued Energy Conservation Urged

(Folsom, CA) Continuing hot temperatures and corresponding high demand throughout the state have prompted the California Independent System Operator (California ISO) to declare a *Power Watch Day* for **Wednesday, August 16, 2000**. The state's consumers are urged to watch their energy consumption, curtailing the use of electricity whenever possible, especially in the high demand afternoon hours.

The California ISO applauds the conservation efforts of the California Grocers Association and various state government offices that reduced their power usage, making a significant contribution during today's Stage Two Emergency. The grocers alone saved more than 100 megawatts through energy curtailment measures at 2,000 stores statewide.

Wednesday's peak demand on the ISO-controlled grid is expected to reach 43,561 megawatts by late afternoon. 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

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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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