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San Diego Gas & Electric customers without power; restoration expected to take hours

FOLSOM, Calif. –The California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO) issued a transmission emergency after a major system disturbance occurred between Arizona and Southern California and caused all of San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) and a small portion of Southern California Edison customers to lose power.

The outage was triggered after a 500 kilovolt (kV) high-voltage line from Arizona to California tripped out of service. The transmission outage cut the flow of imported power into the most southern portion of California resulting in wide-spread outages in the region.

The ISO is coordinating with SDG&E as well as neighboring utilities including Southern California and utilities in Arizona and Mexico, during restoration of service, which is being managed by SDG&E.

More information will be relayed to media as it becomes available.

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