



**Energy Conservation
Tips for Summer**

- **Keep your thermostat at 78-80°; 85 or off when you are away**
- **Minimize power usage during peak hours of 4-6 p.m.**
- **Turn off lights, computers, and other electronics when not in use**

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 rotating outages are possible.

POWER WATCH

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CALIFORNIA ISO URGES CONTINUED CONSERVATION

(Folsom, CA) The California Independent System Operator (California ISO) declared today, Wednesday, July 10 2002, a *Power Watch Day*. Operating reserves on the state's grid continues to be narrow as the state and most of the West enter day two of an intense heat wave that is expected to last through the week.

Conservation is critical in helping to maintain grid reliability. **Increased conservation efforts during the peak period of 4-6 p.m. are especially helpful.**

Today's peak demand on the ISO-controlled grid is expected to reach 42,760 megawatts at approximately 4:00 p.m.

"Consumers play a very important role on days such as today when electricity demand climbs with the mercury," said California ISO Board of Governors Chair Michael Kahn. "Triple-digit heat will create an increase in air conditioner demand on the system. We ask Californians to think twice, though, before they turn down the thermostat. Flex Your Power by keeping the air conditioner setting at 78 degrees or above."

Power Watch 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, the California ISO hopes to convey the importance of using electricity wisely on days when electricity reserves may run low.

The California ISO is a not-for-profit public benefit corporation charged with managing the flow of electricity along California's wholesale power grid. The mission of the California ISO is to safeguard the reliable delivery of electricity, and ensure equal access to 25,000 circuit miles of "electron highway". As the impartial transmission operator, the California ISO conducts a small portion of the bulk power markets. These markets are used to allocate space on the transmission lines, maintain operating reserves and match supply with demand in real time.

Information about the California ISO control area's electricity supply and the current demand is available on the web at www.caISO.com For questions relating to the electrical distribution systems that carry electricity directly to homes and businesses, please contact your local utility.