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**Energy Conservation  
Tips for Winter**

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- **Keep your thermostat at 68°; lower at night and when not at home**
- **Minimize power usage during peak hours of 5-9 a.m. and 4-7 p.m.**
- **Curb hot water usage**
- **Turn off lights and computers when not in use**

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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 rotating outages are possible.

# **Power Watch 2000**

**CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR**

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## **CONTINUED CONSERVATION EFFORTS URGED Low Operating Reserves Continue this Weekend**

(Folsom, CA) The following three days – **Saturday, Sunday and Monday** – have been declared **Power Watch Days** by the California Independent System Operator (California ISO). Power reserves continue to be very slim with a large amount of the state's generation capacity unavailable due to planned and forced outages.

Blackouts are not expected to be necessary this weekend. However, the California ISO urges continued conservation which helps to ease the demand on the state's transmission system. For the last four days, the state's power grid has been under a Stage Three Electrical Emergency declaration, with rotating customer outages affecting Northern California for two days.

**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 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.

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). 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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