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California ISO to Host Renewables Forum

The renewable energy dream is fast becoming reality in California with more than 3,000 megawatts of installed capacity in renewable resources, most of it wind. Up to 4,500 megawatts of new wind and solar power may come on line in the next five years or so. These new renewable power plants provide clean energy for California, reduce emissions that cause global climate changes and create jobs for a new green economy. But, unless operational issues are taken into account and critical infrastructure is permitted, it will be much harder for California to reach its renewable resource objectives.

Working in collaboration with stakeholders, the California ISO is undertaking a major endeavor to integrate renewable resources into the ISO grid and markets. Significant progress is being made and more remains to be accomplished to achieve the state's goals for renewable energy. To that end, the California ISO is hosting a Renewable Energy Issues Forum to discuss the challenges associated with reliably integrating green power. The forum is an opportunity to identify transmission and technology solutions for addressing the problems associated with intermittency of renewable resources.

The forum will consist of three panel discussions, each comprising a unique set of industry experts: (1) Policy considerations related to a 33% renewables mandate, (2) technology and market solutions for reliable grid operations, and (3) planning opportunities and challenges associated with renewable resources. The half-day forum will include a keynote speech by Mary Nichols, Chair of the California Air Resources Board. A full agenda and other details will soon be posted to the California ISO [calendar listing](#).

Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Place: California ISO, Board Room, 101 Blue Ravine Road, Folsom CA
Teleconference:
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