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California ISO Holds Solar Symposium

Grid Operator Hosts Meeting With Weather, Solar Experts to Maximize Solar Power Viability

(Folsom, CA) In order to stay one step ahead of an expected boom in large-scale solar power projects over the next five to ten years, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (California ISO) is holding a Solar Symposium to bring solar companies and forecasters together with ISO market and operations experts. It's a way to ensure solar technologies are on equal footing with other renewable resources already participating in the ISO's wholesale electricity markets.

The ISO launched its Participating Intermittent Resource Program (PIRP) designed to foster renewable resource development in 2002. That early effort, aimed at wind energy, set up forecasting tools and adjusted market rules to accommodate wind power's fluctuations in output as a result of changing wind speeds. Solar power can also benefit from accurate and timely high-tech forecasting and communication tools as well as industry collaboration.

Meeting Details

Thursday, January 29, 2009
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (PST)

Location

California ISO Offices, 101 Blue
Ravine Road, Folsom, CA 95630

Web Conference Information

<https://www.webmeeting.att.com/>
Meeting Number: 5114682337

Teleconference Information

Call-in Number: (800) 230-1059
International: (612) 288-0340
Pass code: Not required

Additional information can be found at <http://www.caiso.com/1817/181783ae9a90.html>

The California ISO is a not-for-profit public benefit corporation charged with managing the flow of electricity along California's open-market 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 operator of the wholesale power grid in the state, 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.

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