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FIRST MORNING IN 12 DAYS CALIFORNIA ISO STARTS OFF WITHOUT STAGE ONE OR TWO EMERGENCY Potential of Stage One By Afternoon

News Tele-Briefings to Continue in Response to Federal Orders

(Folsom, CA) The California Independent System Operator (California ISO) is pleased to announce its first emergency-free morning today, Friday, December 15, 2000. It is too early to predict whether this afternoon will bring a Stage One Electrical Emergency. The chance of a Stage Two or Stage Three, however, has diminished substantially for the first time in 12 days—California ISO’s longest run of emergency declarations.

Even though operating conditions have improved, the California ISO plans to continue media tele-briefings at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. today due to interest in the ISO’s response to both U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Bill Richardson’s Order issued last night and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC’s) Order expected to be issued early this afternoon.

MEDIA TELECONFERENCE DETAILS

DATE:	Friday, December 15, 2000	
PHONE NUMBER:	800/374-1387	
TIMES (All PST):	11:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m. (NOTE: Time change for afternoon call)
PASSCODE:	982640	

The California ISO does not anticipate holding a 6:15 p.m. “post-peak” media call today.

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