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Greener power grid opens doors to media on Earth Day

Summer electricity forecasts released as wind power sets all-time record high production

FOLSOM, Calif. – Renewable power is taking center stage on Earth Day as one of California’s fastest growing electricity and job generators sets all-time record high energy levels. The California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO) reports wind generation reached 2,432 megawatts of peak production recently, out pacing last summer’s 1,915 megawatts of peak production.

ISO Chief Operating Officer Stephen Berberich and **California Energy Commission (CEC) Chair Robert Weisenmiller** talk about the state’s evolving power mix during an Earth Day media event, Friday, April 22. Renewable integration is playing a larger role in California’s electricity supply forecast. The ISO and the CEC will release their 2011 summer electricity assessments at the event. Demand also continues to be an integral part of the forecast, with the peak appetite for electricity estimated to grow 1.5 percent over last summer, leading both organizations to encourage energy conservation on high demand days.

The Earth Day media event will be held at the ISO’s new Folsom headquarters. The facility exemplifies California’s commitment to the environment by demonstrating energy savings created by a sustainable building design. The soon-to-be LEED-rated campus also houses what is considered the most modern grid control center in North America, equipped with advanced grid tools designed to maintain operational reliability as California integrates the largest portfolio of renewable power in the country—now set at 33% by 2020.

Media Event: California ISO, 250 Outcropping Way, Folsom, CA 95630

Date: Friday, April 22, 2011

Time: 10:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. – Noon

News conference

Control center tours

Teleconference Information

Dial-In Number: (800) 230-1085

Access code not required

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