



Energy Conservation Tips for Winter

- **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**

STAGE 1

Consumers are urged to reduce their use of electricity voluntarily to avoid more severe conditions.

STAGE 2

Voluntary interruption of service to select customers is required to avoid more severe conditions.

STAGE 3

Consumers are advised that rotating outages are possible.

Power Watch 2000

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LOW OPERATING RESERVES EXPECTED THROUGH THE WEEKEND Continued Conservation Efforts are Vital

(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 supplies throughout the Western United States are limited. The state will remain under a Stage Three Electrical Emergency throughout the weekend to ensure that adequate supply remains available. Blackouts are not expected to be necessary.

California's conservation efforts played an important role in the ISO's ability to keep the lights on this week. Approximately 1,000 megawatts of conservation have been observed on the state's electricity grid each day. It is important that Californians continue those efforts, curtailing their use of electricity whenever possible.

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. For questions relating to the status of the electrical distribution systems that carry electricity directly to homes and businesses, please contact your local utility.