



**NEWS RELEASE**

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**POSSIBLE ROTATING BLACKOUTS BEGINNING AT 2:30 P.M. TODAY**

**Outages Required Due to Supply Limitations**

(Folsom, CA) **The California Independent System Operator (California ISO) is notifying the public of the possibility of rotating customer outages beginning around 2:30 p.m. today, Thursday, May 31, 2001.**

*Conservation efforts will help lessen the severity and duration of possible outages.* All Californians are urged to rededicate their efforts to save as much energy as possible during this emergency situation. Please monitor the ISO website at [www.caiso.com](http://www.caiso.com) under System Conditions for updates.

*Specific information about the location and timing of the outages must be obtained from the local utilities.* California ISO anticipates reaching a peak load of 37,882 megawatts at approximately 4:00 p.m. this evening. Stage One and Stage Two Emergencies remain in effect all day, until 12 midnight.

**ISO TELECONFERENCE CALL**

<b>Time:</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>1 800 374-1387</b>
<b>Passcode:</b>	<b>ISO News</b>

Stage Three of the state's Electrical Emergency Plan (EEP) is required when operating reserves fall below one-and-a-half percent. The California ISO's EEP is part of the state's enhanced reliability standards created by landmark

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legislation Assembly Bill 1890, which restructured California’s electricity industry.

California ISO is charged with managing the flow of electricity along the long-distance, high-voltage power lines that make up the bulk of California’s transmission system. The not-for-profit public-benefit corporation assumed the responsibility in March, 1998, when California opened its energy markets to competition and the state’s investor-owned utilities turned their private transmission power lines over to the California ISO to manage. The mission of the California ISO is to safeguard the reliable delivery of electricity, facilitate markets and ensure equal access to a 12,500 circuit mile “electron highway.”

Other helpful contacts:

Pacific Gas and Electric	415/973-5930
Southern California Edison	626/302-2255
San Diego Gas and Electric	877/866-2066

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