



NEWS RELEASE

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**STAGE THREE EMERGENCY
EXTENDED THROUGH MIDNIGHT TUESDAY
New Media Access Information Provided**

(Folsom, CA) The California Independent System Operator (California ISO) plans to extend its longest-running Stage Three Electrical Emergency into a fourth day, Tuesday, January 23, 2001, until midnight. While the total number of power plant units off line due to planned and unplanned outages is down to 7,600 megawatts, much of the generation that is off line is located in the Northern California—leaving that portion of the state vulnerable to the risk of rotating blackouts. **The California ISO does not anticipate initiating rotating blackouts tonight unless there is a major change in conditions.**

To consolidate requests for information from the media, the ISO will hold a telephone-only update tomorrow morning at 7:30 a.m. Formal news teleconference calls will be held this week only if conditions worsen and rotating blackouts are forecasted.

Tuesday ISO Media Update Call

TIME (PST):	7:30 a.m.
PHONE NUMBER:	800/374-1387
PASSCODE:	ISO News

Due to the large number of media requests the ISO's communications staff is attempting to accommodate,

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an on-call shift rotation for evening and weekend hours has been established. Please see our Newsroom site at www.caiso.com and page the Public Information Officer on-call. **A public information officer will be available via phone to answer calls 7 a.m.-10 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. on weekends.** If system conditions warrant and the ISO is either in rotating blackouts or is forecasting rotating blackouts, public information staff will be available round-the-clock.

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