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So Cal Fire Challenges ISO On Record Demand Day

(Folsom, CA) A Southern California wildfire burned through a major transmission corridor Tuesday afternoon, tripping six 220-kilovolt lines out of service, and forcing the California ISO to call on voluntary interruptible customers to ease the burden on other lines that remained in service.

The fire began affecting power lines at about 2:30 p.m. but initially other lines were available to handle the loss. However, at 4:26 p.m., just as California was setting a new record peak demand on the ISO controlled grid, two more lines tripped out of service.

The ISO called on emergency assistance from several utilities and also called for 300-plus megawatts of voluntary load reduction from commercial and industrial energy users. No “firm load” was affected, meaning there were no involuntary load reductions. Continued hot weather is expected this week and fires pose an additional challenge. The ISO is reminding Californians that conservation is especially important under these conditions.

ISO Powerful Habits Conservation Tips:

- Set your thermostat to 78-80 when you're at home, 85 or off when away.
- Turn off unneeded lights, appliances and electronics.
- Avoid using major appliances during peak afternoon hours. 4-6 p.m. are most critical.
- Set pool pumps and automatic sprinklers to run in off peak hours.
- For more conservation tips, visit www.fypower.com.

The California ISO is a not-for-profit public benefit corporation charged with managing the flow of electricity along California's open-market wholesale power grid. The mission of the California ISO is to safeguard the reliable delivery of electricity, and ensure equal access to a 25,000 circuit miles of “electron highway”. As the impartial operator of the wholesale power grid in the state, the California ISO conducts a small portion of the bulk power markets. These markets are used to allocate space on the transmission lines, maintain operating reserves and match supply with demand in real time.