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Southern California Heat Wave Sparks Stage One Emergency

California ISO calls for conservation

(Folsom, CA) Hot temperatures in Southern California are driving the demand for electricity to unusually high levels for this early in the year, necessitating a Stage One Electrical Emergency today at 1:50 p.m. The Stage One gives the ISO additional authority to require power plants and transmission owners to respond to ISO instructions.

“Temperatures are running about 10 degrees above forecast in Southern California,” said Jim Detmers, Vice President for Operations at the California ISO. “We also had 770 megawatts of power plants trip out of service this morning. When outages coincide with high loads, we can quickly run out of options. The Stage One Emergency declaration gives us some more alternatives to draw from.”

The general public can help out by avoiding the use of heavy electrical appliances and keeping the thermostat no lower than 78 degrees between the hours of 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. today.

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 more than 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.

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