



Power Watch

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Powerful Habits

- **Set thermostat at 78 degrees or higher**
- **Cool with fans**
- **Draw the drapes**
- **Turn off unnecessary lights and appliances**
- **Use big appliances in early morning or late at night**



CALIFORNIA ISO

Stage One Emergency

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

Stage Two Emergency

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

Stage Three Emergency

Consumers are advised that involuntary interruptions of service have begun and will continue until the emergency has passed.

Tuesday Sets Yet Another Power Record

For the sixth time this year, Californians set a new record peak demand* for electricity usage at 45,165 megawatts at 4:00 pm, Tuesday, September 7, 2004. Hot temperatures throughout the state increased the strain on air conditioners and resulted in the state's highest demand for energy to date. No electrical emergencies were required.

TOMORROW, Wednesday, September 8, 2004

California ISO Declares a

Flex Your Power Now Power Watch Day

Tomorrow temperatures are forecast to be high, again. While the California ISO believes there will be enough power to meet the demand, conservation during the peak helps the ISO balance the grid. The ISO requests the state's consumers watch their energy consumption, curtailing the use of electricity whenever possible, especially in the high demand afternoon hours between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.

• Forecast peak demand: **45,161 megawatts** between 4-5:00 p.m.

This advisory is based on the best data available at the time of its release. Grid conditions can change rapidly. Information about the electricity supply within the California ISO's control area and the current demand on the system is available at www.caiso.com.

Conservation plays a key role in helping the California ISO balance the demand for energy with the available supply. During electrical emergencies conservation becomes a critical factor in avoiding or reducing the impact of rotating blackouts.

* Other record-setting days for energy use this year were: July 19 with 44,042 MW; July 20 with 44,330 MW; July 21 with 44,360 MW; August 10 with 44,497 MW; and August 11 with 44,872 MW. The previous energy use record of 43,609 MW stood for four years, set in July 1999.