

# FLEX ALERT

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## STAGE 1 EMERGENCY

Concern about sustaining required operating reserves between 6% and 7%. Stronger request for conservation.

## STAGE 2 EMERGENCY

Indicates operating reserves are forecast to be below established criteria (below 5%) and requires ISO intervention in the market.

## STAGE 3 EMERGENCY

Spinning reserve portion of operating reserves forecast to fall below 3%. Potential load interruptions.

## TRANSMISSION EMERGENCIES

Some emergencies are declared as a result of transmission line overloads, losses, or limitations that can sometimes occur as a result of fires.

## 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

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## California ISO Declares Statewide *Flex-Alert*

With the wide-spread electrical power outage impacting most of San Diego and surrounding areas, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO) is declaring a *Flex Alert* for September 9, 2011.

The *Flex Alert* is in effect statewide as conservation in both Southern and Northern California will ease the strain on the power grid. Energy conservation tips can be found on [www.caiso.com](http://www.caiso.com).

Conservation should be practiced all day and not just during the peak hours of 4-7p.m. If you are currently without power, please turn off air conditioning and all major appliances to protect against power surges as power is restored to the region overnight and into tomorrow.

The ISO is coordinating with San Diego Gas and Electric, Southern California Edison and neighboring utilities as power plants and substations return to service. While attention is focused on the San Diego region, the rest of California's high voltage grid remains stable and is not threatened.

A major transmission disturbance that originated in Arizona left more than a million customers without electricity beginning at about 3:30 p.m. today.

The California ISO has coordinated the re-energizing of the 500 kilovolt transmission line that was impacted by the Arizona system disturbance.

Please monitor the California ISO website at [www.caiso.com](http://www.caiso.com) for updated information.

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