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NEED FOR INCREASED CONSERVATION IS CRITICAL Power Reserves Are Dangerously Low Today

(Folsom, CA) According to the California Independent System Operator (California ISO), **there is an increased risk of rotating power outages Tuesday, February 13, 2001 between 5:00-8:00 p.m.** Conservation efforts could assist the ISO with balancing the supply and demand of electricity today. Californians are urged to rededicate their conservation efforts by avoiding use of electrical appliances in the early evening.

A total of 10,000 megawatts are unavailable today with generators reporting to be offline because of planned and forced outages. Today is the 29th consecutive day of a Stage Three declaration which enables the California ISO to receive additional emergency assistance from federal and state agencies.

Media are invited to dial into a teleconference update at 4 p.m. regarding today's very dynamic situation. The call will include a current update along with an opportunity for questions and answers.

This Afternoon's Media Teleconference

TIME:	4:00 p.m. PST
PHONE NUMBER:	800/374-1387
PASSCODE:	ISO News

Today's peak demand on the ISO-controlled Grid is expected to reach 31,340 megawatts at approximately 6:00 p.m.

California ISO is charged with managing the flow of electricity along the long-distance, high-voltage power lines that make up the bulk of California's transmission system. Information about the California ISO control area's electricity supply and the current demand is available on the web at www.caiso.com.

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