



Energy Conservation Tips for Winter

- Keep your thermostat at 68°; lower at night and when not at home
- Minimize power usage during peak hours of 5-9 a.m. and 4-7 p.m.
- Curb hot water usage
- Turn off lights, computers, and other electronics when not in use

STAGE 1

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

STAGE 2

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

STAGE 3

Consumers are advised that rotating outages are possible.

Power Watch 2000

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STAGE THREE EXTENDED FOR DAY 30 Conservation is Crucial as Power Supply Remains Limited

(Folsom, CA) The California Independent System Operator (California ISO) has declared tomorrow, **Wednesday**, **February 14th** a *Power Watch Day*. The state will remain in a Stage Three Electrical Emergency, with operating reserves remaining at or near 1.5%, through midnight Wednesday.

Conservation efforts by the state's residents are critical to the ISO's ability to keep the state's power grid balanced and avoid customer outages. Increased conservation efforts are especially important during the peak usage hours of 5-9 a.m. and 4-7 p.m.

A total of 10,000 megawatts is offline throughout the state due to maintenance issues. Wednesday's peak demand on the ISO-controlled Grid is expected to reach 30,986 megawatts at approximately 6 p.m.

Power Watch is a public awareness campaign sponsored by the California ISO to communicate the current electricity resource outlook, in light of the rising demand for power in California. By providing regular updates on system conditions and peak demand forecasts, the California ISO hopes to convey the importance of using electricity wisely on days when electricity reserves may run low.

Incorporated under California law (AB 1890), the not-for-profit California ISO is chartered by the state to manage the flow of electricity along the long-distance, high-voltage power lines that make up the bulk of California's transmission system. Following restructuring of the state's electricity industry, the California ISO's mission is to keep the open market power grid in California reliable, safe, competitive and accessible.

Information about the California ISO control area's electricity supply and the current demand is available on the web at www.caiso.com. For questions relating to the electrical distribution systems that carry electricity directly to homes and businesses, please contact your local utility.