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Statement by Michael Kahn, Chairman, California ISO Board of Governors in Response to Governor Davis's Blackout Warning Plan

We recognize that Californians want as much notice as possible before they have to cope with rotating outages, and today the Governor has given the ISO a unique and difficult challenge. We applaud his leadership and pledge our full cooperation with him. The ISO is an organization that is used to accepting this kind of task, and meeting or exceeding the expectations. We look forward to working with the Governor's staff and others to provide as much notice as possible about the likelihood of implementing rotating outages on any given day.

Balancing the supply and demand of electricity in California is also a unique and difficult challenge. There may be days that despite our best efforts the dynamic nature of the California grid outpaces our efforts at communication. We will do our best to minimize those days, and we will always strive to keep the power on in California.

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