

Press Release

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SOUTHERN UTAH POWER UTILITIES ASKING CUSTOMERS TO CONSERVE

St. George, UT- The recent fires have increased the need for conservation as structures have been damaged requiring some of the PacifiCorp load to be carried by the City of St. George and UAMPS at times. The cities have noticed the next few days as YELLOW bordering on RED.

Additionally the high temperatures and increased demand have put a strain on the transmission and distribution system. When the system peak begins to get close to 240 MW, voltage problems can be experienced. The City of St. George has been running internal generation to help stabilize voltage. Hurricane has been running internal generation to lower the system load. Running diesel generation is expensive, but during this time of increased demand, necessary to maintain system reliability.

Conservation is an integral part of the effort to reduce the load on the system as a whole and the individual utilities as well.

The power utilities that serve Washington County are asking customers to help reduce the peak demand by conserving during the peak hours of the day. Some easy conservation tips are:

- ✎ Set thermostats on air conditioners at 78 degrees or higher, use a portable fan or ceiling fan to keep the air moving to stay comfortable, (if health permits).
- ✎ Cook in a microwave oven or on an outdoor grill instead of using the electric oven.
- ✎ Turn off all unnecessary lights and electronic equipment
- ✎ Run dishwasher (with the “heat dry” option turned off) and do laundry early morning or after 8 pm. Also, consider line-drying clothing.
- ✎ Use the washer/dryer or dishwasher before noon or after 8:00 pm.

For more information on the Dixie Conservation Alert program please see the City of St. George web site: www.sgcity.org or contact René Fleming, Conservation Coordinator at 435-634-5839 x 111.