



MISO Requests SIPC to Prepare for Possible Power Shortage This Afternoon 7-21-11

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The Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO) has notified its members (Including SIPC) of a forecasted generation shortfall within the MISO footprint between 1200hrs CST thru 1900 hrs CST today. SIPC is requesting **VOLUNTARY** load reduction between these hours.

Currently, the MISO system is experiencing some generation forced outages, above-normal temperatures, and higher than forecasted electric load. While the SIPC system is not experiencing any issues at this time it is interconnected within MISO and is attempting to assist in this warning.

MISO has requested current status of generation units maximum capability in preparation for the event. SIPC's Marion Coal and CT plants have all units currently generating at full load.

The public is advised to voluntarily reduce their electricity use between these hours. The public should consider turning off lights, pulling blinds to reduce sunshine into the house, adjusting the air conditioner so that the house is a degree or two warmer, turning off their 2nd TV and computer for the day. Turning off swimming pool pumps are also a good place to save energy for the 7 hour warning time.

SIPC members: Southern Illinois Electric Co-op, Southeastern Illinois Electric Co-op, Egyptian Electric Co-op Association, Tri-County Electric Co-op, Monroe County Electric Co-op, Clinton County Electric Co-op, Clay Electric Co-op, and the City of McLeansboro will be making public announcements to their members to voluntarily reduce power usage between 12pm to 7pm today 7/21/11

Considering this heat wave is expected to last several days be alert to possible further requests. Updates will be sent as needed.

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