

Monday, August 9, 2004

Enron ex-trader's guilty plea to aid states with energy lawsuits SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A former Enron Corp. rader is obiliged the he admitted manipulating a plea markets during California's power crisis in 2001. John Forney, 42, of Upper Arlington, Ohio, is the third Enron official to plead guity to manipulating electricity prices from Enron's now-defunct trading office in Portland,
Ore. The crisis played a role in Pacific Gas \& Electric Co' Ore. The crisis played a role in Pacific Gas \& Electric Co.'s
bankruptcy and will leave California consumers paying abnormally high electricity prices for years.
With the guilty plea Thursday, Forney is expected to cooperate with the ongoing investigation into Houstonbased Enron, as well as reveal details about how other energy firms may have played a role, U.S. Attorney Kevin
Ryan said. Four employees of Reliant Corp. have already been charged with deliberately shutting down power plants to increase the price of California electricity. "We're interested in sitting down and having a good
conversation with Mr. Forney to see what hemar our body of evidence," said Tom Dresslar, asw
for California Attorney General Bill Lockyer for California Attorney General Bill Lockyer, who
dozens of energy companies seeking billions in Forney, who faces a maximum of five prison, remains free on $\$ 500,000$ bail. No see date has been set.
Commission member belier: Bush will back reforms HOUSTON (AP) - The Sept. 11 Commiss would not support any legislation that didn its recommendations to overhaul the nation ligence apparatus, particularly the creation director with power to control budgets and pess
a member of the investigative group said The But Republican John Lehman said he's $m$ President Bush, who differs with the commis how much power a new intelligence directo have, will change his mind

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