

MID Reduces Electrical Surcharge for Customers

Merced, California. June 16, 2009. The Merced Irrigation Board of Directors voted today to reduce by one-third the surcharge it assessed its electric services customers in September 2008. David Carroll, MID's Assistant General Manager for Business Development and Electric Resources, said that the reduction amounts to .4 cents per kilowatt-hour. "It might appear to be small at first glance but it represents a significant cost savings to our customers."

"We've been able to cut the surcharge because energy prices have dropped from their volatile highs last fall," said Dan Pope, General Manager of MID. It is our hope that we can make further reductions in the future, but it will depend on market conditions in the industry as we go forward," he noted.

In September of 2008 the District adopted a 1.2 cent surcharge across the board for all classes of its electric service customers, which amounted to a 9% annual increase. Mr. Carroll stated that the reduction from 1.2 cents to .8 cents per kilowatt-hour will help many of its electric service customers during this time of economic uncertainty. "Every little bit helps," Mr. Carroll said. "We understand the concerns of our customers and are trying to do our part."

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