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SOLAR PROGRAM CONTINUES WITH ED3

Electrical District No. 3's Board of Directors took action at their April 28, 2010, Regular board meeting to continue their Solar Program, while stretching out funds available to more customers.

The new incentive rate of \$2.15 per installed watt, which is down from the \$3 per installed watt, will allow more customers to receive incentives while controlling costs.

This change in incentives mirrors APS's and SRP's latest changes in their solar incentive programs. The change was necessary due to the District being inundated with more than 46 applications for solar systems since the beginning of the Program.

In efforts to provide more solar funding to residents of the City of Maricopa without increasing ED3's costs to their consumers, the City of Maricopa's Task Force has proposed a partnering with ED3 to offer short-term relief for customers who are awaiting rebates. The City of Maricopa has proposed re-directing \$100,000 in unallocated City American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) energy grant funds to assist in subsidizing pending solar incentive requests.

"This is the first time that I know of, in the history of Arizona, where a City has partnered with an electric utility in an effort to expand a solar program to help consumers" stated Bill Stacy, General Manger of ED3.