ED3 Announces New CEO

ED3 announced a change in leadership naming Brett Benedict as its future CEO and General Manager last month. Mr. Benedict will replace retiring CEO, Bill Stacy, on January 1, 2019.

Mr. Benedict joined ED3 in 2005 as the Controller and advanced to the Director of Financial Services, with responsibilities for all of the District’s Finance, Accounting, Customer Service, and Information Technology Services. He has also served as Interim General Manager.

Mr. Benedict currently serves as the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant General Manager and the CFO for Maricopa-Stanfield Irrigation & Drainage District (MSIDD). The combination of Mr. Benedict’s experience, values, and vision make him the ideal person to manage the District’s next stages of growth.

Rate Decrease of 2.00% Announced for 2019

The Electrical District No. 3 (ED3) Board of Directors approved its 2019 budget and is excited to announce that the **2019 electric rates will go down an average of 2.00%** for residential, commercial, small industrial, large industrial, and agricultural customers.

William Stacy, CEO and General Manager of ED3, said the District has worked diligently to reduce costs and for the **fourth year in a row will provide a rate decrease to its customers effective January 1, 2019.** This is during a time when other utilities and businesses in Arizona and across the nation continue to raise their rates.

Customers may be interested to know that ED3’s residential rates are lower than those of the Phoenix-based electric power provider, Arizona Public Service (APS). On average, ED3’s standard residential rates are 10% lower than APS.
2018 marked the 16th year for ED3’s educational program, Public Power Week!

Since 2003 ED3 has promoted electrical safety to fourth grade students by conducting free educational presentations. This year, ED3 presented to ten elementary schools throughout Maricopa and Stanfield, reaching out to 998 students and 40 teachers over the course of 23 presentations. The elementary schools are always happy to have ED3 present and highly anticipate the “shocking” presentations each year.

ED3 presenters Rich Witt, Lisa Sjoberg and Nathan Yates provide a brief overview of the electric system and relay important safety information through the program. That is then followed by a hands-on demonstration of dangers that could be faced in the real world, such as a downed power line in a monsoon storm or discovering an open transformer. The town model depicts these real life situations and demonstrates the hazards. An intense Q&A session typically follows as we “spark” the interest of the students.

Public Power Week has been and continues to be a great opportunity for ED3 to participate in helping to keep our community safe...AND potentially inspire a few young minds to become interested in a new career path!

ED3 Apprentice Lineman, Peter Shoaf, represented ED3 at the 2018 Grand Canyon State Electric Cooperative Association Line School & Rodeo in October. Peter secured first place as the 2018 Top Hand Apprentice competing in various events such as: pole top rescue, obstacle course, regulator event and written exam. In an interview with Peter, he was asked what his favorite thing about the rodeo was and in response he stated, “I enjoyed the comradery of it all, to see all of the different companies and linemen come together and compete.” Way to go, Peter! ED3’s Team also placed third overall and James Roethle placed third overall as a Journeyman Lineman. Congratulations to our linemen! Thank you for all you do!