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# Hectrical District No. 3

## SPECIAL NEWS RELEASE

### 2017 ELECTRIC RATE DECREASE OF 3.16%

The Electrical District No. 3 (ED3) board of directors approved its 2017 budget and is excited to announce that the 2017 electric rates will go down an average of 3.16% for residential, commercial, small industrial, large industrial, and agriculture.

William Stacy, CEO and General Manager of ED3, said the District has worked diligently to reduce costs and for the second year in a row will provide a rate decrease to its customers effective January 1, 2017. 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 8.8% lower than APS and could be lower depending on the electrical usage. In addition, APS is currently requesting a 7.96% increase in their residential rates.

ED3 began operation in 1926, to provide area farmers with electricity to irrigate their crops and is a non-profit utility currently serving an area of approximately 245,500 acres around Maricopa and Stanfield, Arizona. The District operates 11 distribution level substations, approximately 1,004 miles of 12 kV lines (604 miles of overhead and 400 miles of underground) and 73 miles of 69 kV lines. The District currently serves approximately 24,359 residential, commercial, and irrigation meter connections.

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