

# RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**Thursday, November 9, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Public Utilities Board Room**

**3901 Orange Street (Orange and Ninth Streets), Riverside, CA**

Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) will hold a Public Hearing to discuss the four proposed actions listed below. Customers wishing to comment on the proposed actions should attend this meeting, or forward written comments to the Public Utilities General Manager at 3901 Orange Street, Riverside, CA, 92501, prior to the hearing.

## **Proposed Two-Year Electric Rate Plan**

In order to encourage conservation and enhance reliability, RPU is proposing to expand its tiered rate structure for electrical use with associated changes to existing rates, meaning that a customer's electric rate will be calculated according to the amount of electricity used. High consumers of electricity can reduce their overall increase by implementing conservation measures.

For average residential customers (with monthly usage of 600 kWh or less), the monthly increase will average \$1.69 and \$2.77 each year to reflect an increase in the customer charge. New residential tier 3 (monthly usage between 601 and 1,200 kWh) and tier 4 (monthly usage over 1,200 kWh) are being proposed. Rate impacts to residential customers using excess of 600 kWh per month will vary based upon individual consumption. For small commercial customers, two-year increases will average approximately 10% per year (monthly use of 15,000 kWh or less). Commercial customers using in excess of 15,000 kWh per month will experience higher increases based upon individual consumption in excess of the first tier, with approximate increases of 5% for each year.

Such increases are being proposed to reflect the higher cost of power during peak periods, to encourage conservation and fund system improvement projects, to provide additional reliability, to fund increased operating costs (including natural gas and coal), and increase the ability of RPU to respond to local and regional emergency situations.

## **Proposed Change to Economic Development Rate**

RPU is proposing the following changes to the Economic Development Rate (Schedule ED): (1) to change the approval of qualification for such rate from the Economic Development Corporation to the Board of Public Utilities, accord with rules approved by the City Council; and (2) modify, either by addition or restriction, the types of businesses that could qualify for the rate.

## **Proposed Late Charges for Late Payments of Utility Bills**

Imposition of late payment penalties for utility bills (services including water, electric, trash, and sewer) to ensure more timely collection of Utility revenues, including changes to Water and Electric Rules 5 and 7.

## **Proposed Changes to Electric Rules, Fees and Charges and Rate Schedules**

Changes to existing electric rates, rules, fees, and charges to reflect cost increases and to make clerical corrections.

Information on the proposed changes is available for review at the Public Utilities Department, 3901 Orange Street, Riverside, CA.

