Riverside Public Utilities offers many programs and services to help provide benefits such as low-income bill pay assistance and incentive programs to offset the costs of utility bills. In addition to providing an electric rate freeze for our customers through January 2014, here are just a few ways we gave back to our customers and the community this past year.

**SOLAR INCENTIVES**
Since providing residential solar rebate incentives in 2003 and commercial rebates in 2008, Riverside’s solar footprint has rapidly expanded. Over $1.6 million was provided for solar projects in 2013, and today, nearly 700 projects produce more than 6 megawatts of clean, renewable energy daily throughout the city.

**ENERGY STAR REBATES**
Over $353,975 in rebates were provided to 4,133 RPU customers who chose to replace older, inefficient appliances with high efficiency Energy Star rated ones.

**TREE POWER**
Now in its twelfth year, our Tree Power shade tree planting program continues to grow. This year, a record 13,221 shade trees were planted during the promotional period, which will reduce local energy use by over 2 million kilowatt hours (kWh) each year. Overall, RPU’s program has provided more than 135,000 shade trees to customers in Riverside, that beautify the community while providing over 21.3 million kWh in annual energy savings and offset more than 26.6 million pounds of greenhouse gas emissions each year.

**SMALL BUSINESS DIRECT INSTALL PROGRAM**
We realized that smaller business owners needed some additional assistance during continued tough economic times. To help out, our direct install program provided more than $1.2 million to fund energy conservation measures for 1,368 local businesses that save over 4.7 million kilowatt hours annually.

For additional information on all available residential and commercial public benefits programs, including services like online Energy Audit tools, visit GreenRiverside.com.