

Connections

Save money and save the environment

We all have choices on how we use electricity. As your customer-owned electric utility, SMUD can help you save money on your bill, protect the environment and help the community.

This summer, start by reducing energy use during peak hours from 4 to 7 p.m. That's when energy demand – and energy costs – are both at their highest.

Want to find out more? For simple ideas on how to save on your electric bills, visit www.smud.org/savetoday.

Saving today will keep costs low and help build a cleaner, healthier environment for tomorrow. ■



Community

The more we cut energy use during peak hours, the fewer power plants we'll need to build. And that's good for everyone.



Savings

Set your thermostat to 78 degrees or higher. Save up to 10 percent for every two-degree increase. Use window coverings to block the sun.



Environment

Cut your environmental impact by making your home more energy-efficient. Use SMUD rebates to purchase ENERGY STAR® appliances.



SMUD Board names DiStasio as new GM



John DiStasio, assistant general manager for Energy Delivery & Customer Service, has been named to succeed Jan Schori as SMUD's general manager. The SMUD Board of Directors made the selection after a national search.

DiStasio moves to SMUD's top post after seven years as an assistant general manager and 27 years of

New General Manager John DiStasio is a 27-year veteran of SMUD.

service at SMUD. In his time as assistant general manager, SMUD won a string of customer service honors, including being named by J.D. Power and Associates in February as having the nation's highest satisfaction rating among business customers.

In his new role, DiStasio will build on SMUD's strong history of service, continuing to deliver to the Sacramento area the benefits of a community-owned utility. ■

Contact us:

Customer Services: 1-888-742-SMUD (7683)
Hours: M-F 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Pay online: www.smud.org



Eligibility Guidelines (effective June 1, 2008)

Persons in Household	Monthly Income	Annual Income
1 – 2	\$2,542	\$30,500
3	\$2,983	\$35,800
4	\$3,600	\$43,200
5	\$4,217	\$50,600
6	\$4,833	\$58,000
Additional Members	\$617	\$7,400

SMUD discount helps low-income customers

Low income customers may find relief from the rising cost of living through SMUD's Energy Assistance Program Rate (EAPR). Those who qualify for this special discount save an average of \$280 a year on their SMUD bill.

With summer upon us, now is a great time to find out if you qualify. Just give SMUD a call at **1-888-742-SMUD (7683)**, or download an application at www.smud.org. A family of four with annual income of \$43,200 or less will qualify for the discount. ■

Dave Matthews, SMUD to team for the green

SMUD and the Dave Matthews Band will join to promote environmental stewardship in a concert at Raley Field on Aug. 25.

SMUD will be on hand at the event to let concert-goers know about programs aimed at slowing the causes of climate change.



The Dave Matthews Band, winners of 12 Grammy Awards, gave their first show in 1991 at the Earth Day Festival in Charlottesville, Va. For more than 17 years they have earned a reputation for social responsibility.

For more details, visit www.smud.org/savetoday. ■

Find out where your energy dollars go

Does it seem like your money just goes through the roof? Perhaps it does – and also through windows, doors, air ducts or appliances.

Energy thieves abound, especially in older homes. But SMUD has ways to help you arrest them.

A good first step is to visit www.smud.org and try the free Online Home Energy Analysis. It's an interactive tool that takes you through your home to track your energy usage for things like heating and cooling, water heating, windows, lighting, appliances and more. It compares your home's energy usage to that of similar homes and offers valuable saving tips.

Puzzled by a particular high bill? A personalized bill analysis can help you zero in on the likely factors that caused it to be so high, like the weather, new appliances, or even having extra house guests during that month. You can compare your recent bills to past bills and find practical ways to lower future bills.

For more help, call SMUD at **1-888-742-SMUD (7683)** and request a copy of the free DVD, "The High Bill



Call for a free DVD, "The High Bill Caper."

Caper," an interactive video showing ways to drive energy thieves from your home. ■

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Meetings: Held on every first Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. and every third Thursday of the month at 9 a.m. in the SMUD HQ Auditorium, 6201 S St., Sacramento. NOTE: Meeting times and locations are subject to change.

For the latest information and agenda, visit www.smud.org, or call the Board Office at (916) 732-6155.