



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt resolution authorizing the City Manager to provide funding in the amount of \$75,000 to extend the Public Benefits Program Grant Lodi Air Duct Testing and Attic Insulation Rebate Program

MEETING DATE: November 20, 2002

PREPARED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to extend the *Lodi Air Duct Testing, Attic Insulation & Programmable Thermostats Rebate Program*, and allocate \$75,000 in Public Benefit Program funds to this rebate program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In late 1999, the City of Lodi Electric Utility began the *Lodi Air Duct Testing & Attic Insulation Rebate Program*. To date, over 1000 residential customers have participated in this program, which provides up to \$375 in rebates for increasing attic insulation (to an R-38 energy efficiency standard), and/or repairing leaky air ducts. A new element of this program will be a \$25 rebate towards the purchase and installation of a programmable thermostat (one per customer service address).

The heating and cooling costs account for 40 percent of a residential customer's annual energy bill. By repairing leaks in the air delivery system (air ducts), and/or by adding more attic insulation, a residential customer can trim, on average, 10 percent off their annual energy consumption.

The program specifics are as follows:

- must be a City of Lodi electric utility customer;
- one rebate per customer service address;
- total rebate amounts- up to \$175 for air duct repair, up to \$175 for additional attic insulation, and \$25 for a programmable thermostat (maximum rebate per customer service address is \$375).

By way of this Council action, this highly successful program will be funded at \$75,000, and be extended until these new funds are exhausted. The City of Lodi Electric Utility respectfully recommends approval of this item as a qualifying component of the City of Lodi Public Benefits Program.

FUNDING: 164605 – Public Benefits Program (Category – Demand-side Management)

FUNDING AVAILABLE:

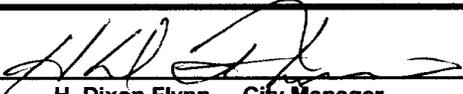

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APPROVED:


H. Dixon Flynn - City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-232

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING
THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC BENEFITS
PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE LODI AIR DUCT TESTING & ATTIC
INSULATION REBATE PROGRAM

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WHEREAS, the state has mandated that beginning January 1, 1998, the City of Lodi is obligated to fund various programs through a Public Benefits Charge (PBC) based on a historical electric revenue requirement; and

WHEREAS, the requirement amounts to approximately \$1M per year that must be dedicated to qualifying programs such as energy efficiency. A further stipulation is that these efforts must be done on the customer's side of the meter in order to qualify; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi's Public Benefits Program is comprised of four segments or customer groups: commercial/industrial, residential, community/non-profit, and municipal; and

WHEREAS, this project is the fourth in a series of projects specifically designed for Lodi residential electric customers. The Lodi Residential Air Duct Testing & Attic Insulation Rebate Project will provide up to \$375.00 in rebates for increasing attic insulation (to an R-38 energy standard), and/or repairing leaky air ducts; and

WHEREAS, a new element of this program will be a \$25.00 rebate towards the purchase and installation of a programmable thermostat (one per customer service address); and

WHEREAS, a residential customer can trim, on average, 10% off their annual energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, other specifics or guidelines of the project include:

- Must be a City of Lodi Electric Utility customer;
- One rebate per customer service address; and
- Total rebate amounts – up to \$175.00 for air duct repair, up to \$175.00 for additional attic insulation, and \$25.00 for a programmable thermostat (maximum rebate per customer service address is \$375.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to provide a Public Benefits Program Grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 to fund the Lodi Residential Air Duct Testing & Attic Insulation Rebate Project, specifically designed for Lodi residential electric customers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this project shall be extended until the funds are exhausted.

Dated: November 20, 2002

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2002-232 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held November 20, 2002 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Howard, Land, Nakanishi, and
Mayor Pennino

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk