

**A. General Statement of Rule**

The MID Community Alternative Rates for Electric Service (MID CARES) program was established by the Board in Resolution 2000-155. The purpose of the MID CARES program is to provide qualifying residential customers and commercial group residences for low-income persons operated by a non-profit agency with reduced electrical bills. Application for the program may be made by individually metered District customers.

Qualified customers for MID CARES shall be placed on MID CARES starting with the next regular meter reading date following certification by the District's certification agent.

**B. Eligibility**

**Residential:** To be eligible to receive MID CARES, the customer must qualify under the eligibility criteria set forth herein and meet the certification requirements thereof to the satisfaction of the District. Individually metered customers may qualify for MID CARES at their primary residence only. Total gross annual income for all persons in the customer's household may not exceed 160% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines effective October 1 of the previous year.

**Commercial:** The MID CARES discount is also applicable to group residences where low-income persons are accommodated without a rental charge by a non-profit agency that receives electric service on the GS-1 or GS-2 commercial rate.

**C. Certification**

Customers must submit an application, with proof of income satisfactory to the District, including Internal Revenue Service Form 4506-T for all adults (18 years of age or greater) living in the residence and listed as an occupant on the MID CARES application form, to the District or its designated certification agent(s). Eligibility will be determined based on this Rule.

Certification of District customers is valid up to three (3) years (subject to Energy Services Supervisor approval), except as provided in Section D.

Customers providing income data that may be subject to change before the three (3) year term will be placed on the program for one (1) year and may recertify annually with updated income information.

Existing customers sixty years old or older will not need to be re-certified after the initial certification.

The certification agent will re-certify the eligibility of customers every three years following enrollment.

Customers suspected of providing incorrect information in their application for MID CARES may be required to re-certify at any time. Further, the District reserves the right to conduct random audits to determine customers' eligibility. Failure by any customer asked to provide proper proof of eligibility will result in disqualification of customer's eligibility to receive MID CARES.

It is the responsibility of the customer to immediately notify the District when there is a change in circumstances or the customer is no longer eligible for the MID CARES program.

**D. Misapplication of MID CARES**

Certification for eligibility for the MID CARES program that is made based upon incorrect information provided by the customer shall constitute misapplication of MID CARES for the period under which the customer received MID CARES. The District will charge the customer the amount of the MID CARES discount inappropriately received. Such billing shall be for a period up to the most recent three (3) years in accordance with Rule No. 10, Section B. However, nothing in this Rule shall be interpreted as limiting the District's rights under any provisions of any applicable law or tariff.