

## **SCE Program Seeks to Cut Golf Course Energy Use by 30%**

A new three-year pilot project in the Southern California Edison (SCE) service territory seeks to encourage golf course operators to replace aging, inefficient irrigation technology with new systems that can cut energy use by 30%. Many golf facilities use pumping system technology that is at least 20 years old. The SCE pilot project couples rebates with a free evaluation of a golf facility's existing energy consumption and equipment to encourage facility operators to upgrade to efficient irrigation technology such as variable frequency drives and Master Control Architecture, a platform for Integrated Water Management. Andrew Staples, a golf course designer and construction expert who is leading the program for SCE, says that a golf course that uses 1 million kilowatt-hours per year could trim its use to 650,000 kilowatt-hours with advanced technology — and receive a check for \$28,000 from SCE to help pay for upgrades. The goal of the program is to upgrade 85 of the 320 golf facilities in the SCE service area by 2008, says Staples.

More Info:

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2006/12/prweb492762.htm>