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**EASTERN SHORE ENERGY TRUST
REDUCES ELECTRIC BILLS BY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS**

Centreville, MD (September 20, 2004). The Eastern Shore of Maryland Educational Consortium (“ESMEC”) Energy Trust continues to place member electricity accounts with competitive electricity suppliers. The most recent bidding of accounts conducted this month yielded an additional **\$483,235** of projected savings, resulting in **\$2,265,000.00** in savings since the start of the program in 2001.

In addition to the nine original founding boards of education, the local governments of Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Somerset and Queen Anne's counties, as well as Chesapeake College and Wor-Wic Community College, joined the energy consortium, increasing the Trust's membership to sixteen tax-supported governmental entities on the Eastern Shore.

Participation in the Energy Trust is open to governmental entities with an interest in the collective procurement of electricity, fuels and related services for their own benefit/use, including boards of education; county and municipal governments; community colleges; other public entities and certain nonprofit or non-stock corporations.

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