

Why does EID GM Abercrombie issue deceptive press releases?

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Note the following EID press release headline dated June 26th...then try to reconcile the headline to what General Manager Jim Abercrombie says later within the release:

DISTRICT RECEIVES UPGRADED CREDIT RATING
SAVING RATEPAYERS A MILLION DOLLARS OVER TIME

“ increasing the present value benefits to our customers to \$1 million, and changes the District’s interest rate from approximately 5 percent to approximately 3.6 percent for the debt in 2017 through 2029. ”

Let’s do a simple logic test of General Manager Abercrombie’s assertion. He wants ratepayers to believe that by paying 1.4% less interest for eight years 2013- 2021 and that paying 3.6% for eight additional years 2022-2029 (i.e., sixteen years in total) will “save ratepayers a million dollars over time”.

Anyone who ever has paid a mortgage or car payment knows this makes no logical sense. Instead, Abercrombie’s magical “present value” qualifier, based on his willfully contorted and unrealistic assumptions, is the way he weasels around the fact that his “kicking the can down the road” debt refinance really will COST ratepayers more than \$10 million over time.

And yet the EID Board does not call out General Manager Abercrombie for making ludicrous and willfully deceptive claims. Instead, the Board majority contemptuously chides their newest Board member and ratepayer advocates that they (the Board majority) “trust Management”.

After tens of millions of dollars of EID fiscal blundering, ratepayers can only wonder why the Board continues to turn a “blind eye” toward scrutinizing EID’s Management judgment and representations.

Let’s see if the Mountain Democrat has more common sense than EID’s Board...or if they blindly print the nonsensical assertions in EID’s June 26th press release.