





# HID Dimmers

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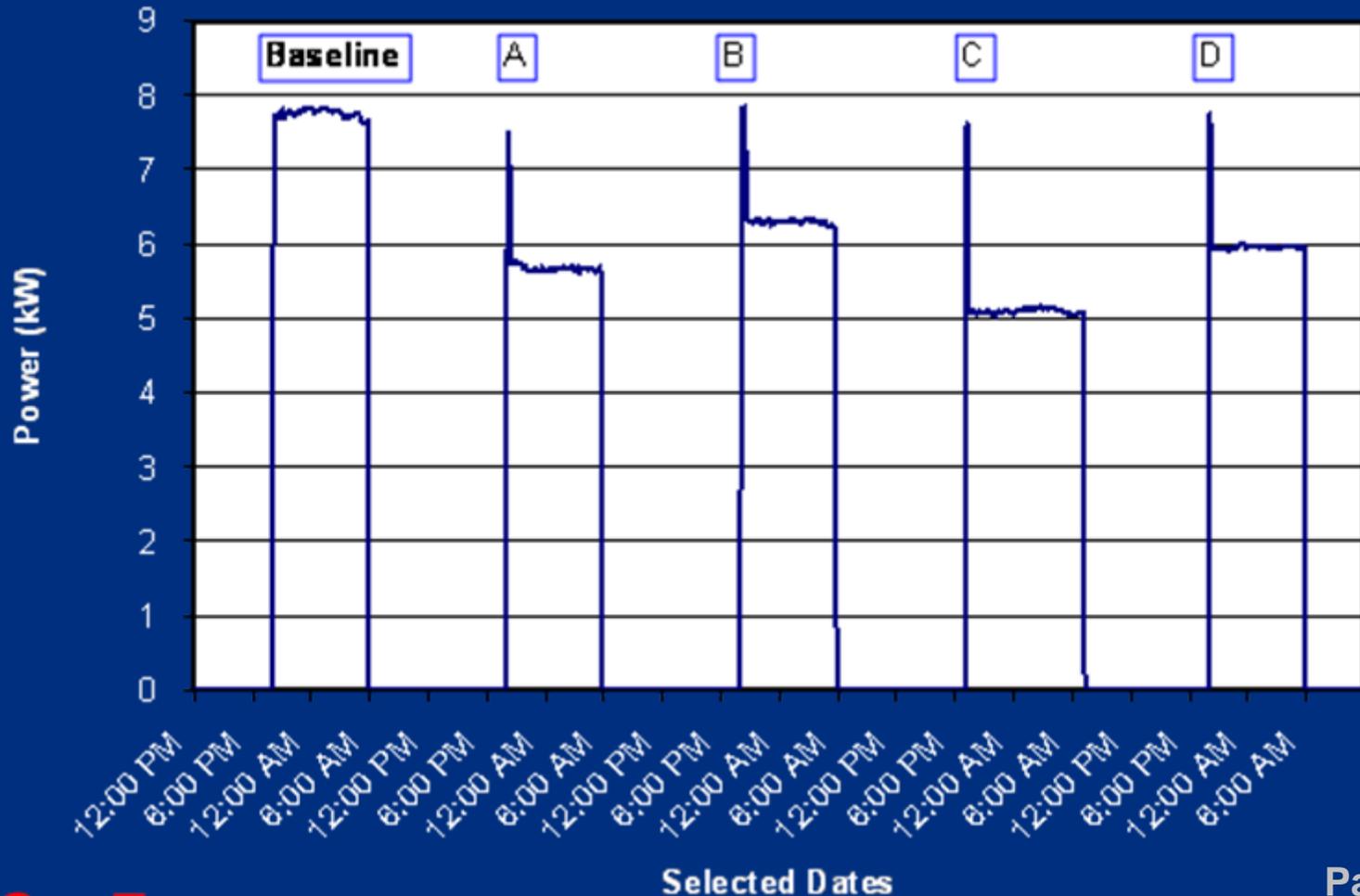
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## HID Dimmer

- What is it, how does it work?
- Data from projects
- Where does it work best?

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## IESNA Recommended Maintained Horizontal Illuminances for Open Parking Facilities

Level of Activity	General Parking and Pedestrian Area	
	Lux (Minimum on pavement)	NEX Parking Lot (Average:LUX)
High	10	14.4
Medium	6	14.4
Low*	2	14.4

\* This recommendation is based on the requirement to maintain security at any time in areas where there is a low level of nighttime activity.

Source: IESNA Lighting Handbook: Reference and Application, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition, figure 24-23.

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NEX Parking Lot Naval Base Ventura County,  
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## Test Setup At NBVC Commissary



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## Average Commissary Parking Light Illumination and Power Measurements

System	Power (kW)	Photopic Illumination (average lux)	Scotopic Illumination (average lux)	Color Temperature (K)
Baseline	7.782	14.4	18.8	2090
A	5.692	11.0	9.4	2060
B	6.274	12.5	10.4	1990
C	5.064	10.0	8.6	2040
D	5.958	12.1	10.0	1980

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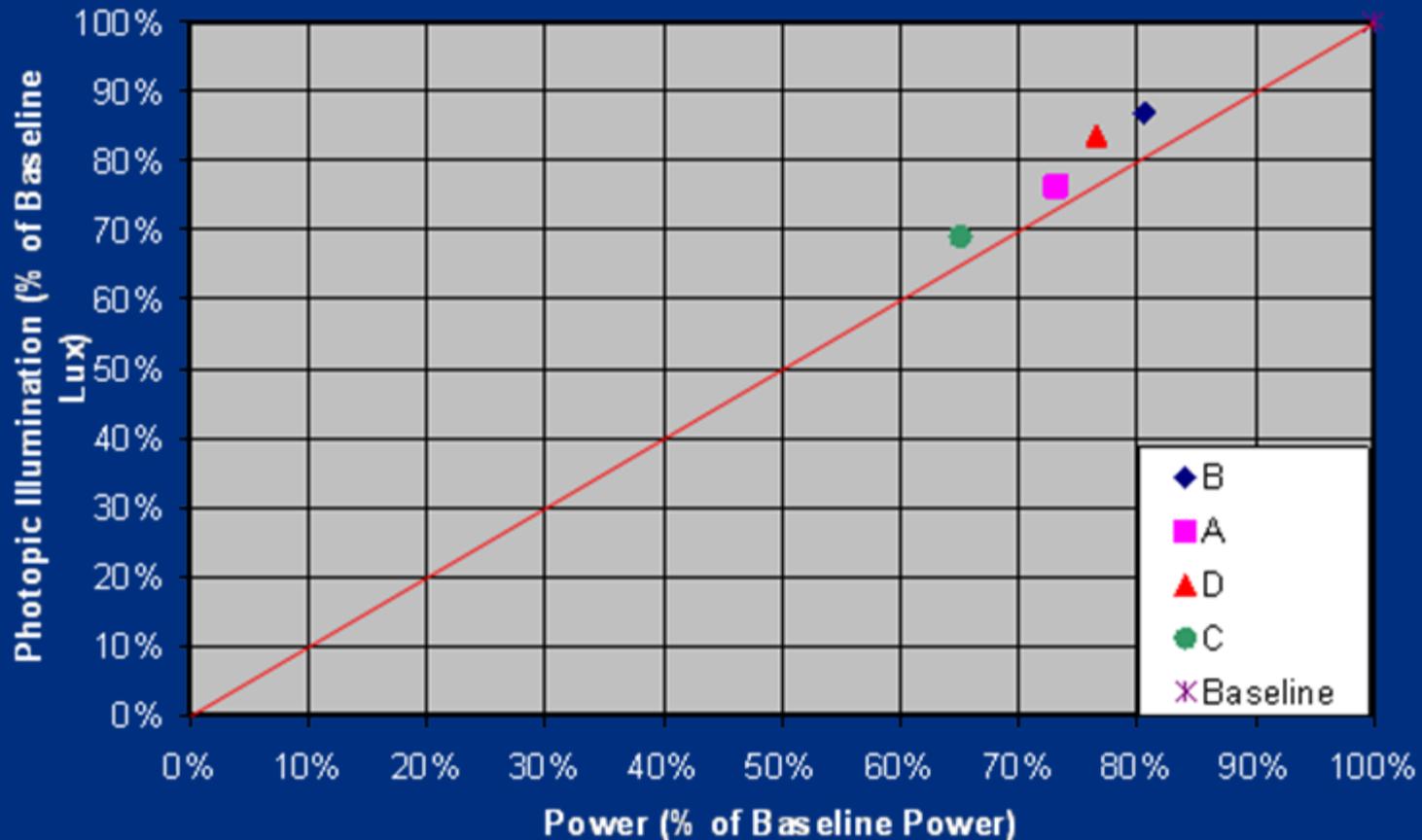
## Relative Illumination and Power at the Commissary Parking Area

System	Power (relative kW)	Photopic Illumination (relative lux)	Scotopic Illumination (relative lux)	Color Temperature (relative)
Baseline	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	baseline
A	73.0%	76.3%	50.0%	-30 K (warmer)
B	81.0%	86.9%	55.4%	-100 K (warmer)
C	67.7%	69.1%	46.0%	-50 K (warmer)
D	76.6%	83.7%	53.2%	-110 K (warmer)

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NEX Commissary East Parking Area Lights



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## Summary of Monitored Energy and Power Results for the Commissary Parking Area Lights

System	Average Power (kW)	Average Energy (kWh/day)	Average kVA	Average Power Factor (%)
Baseline	7.774	84.94	7.83	96.9%
Bypass	7.731	84.87	7.95	96.0%
A	5.678	62.93	5.75	98.4%
B	6.304	69.98	6.46	96.6%
C	5.096	56.56	5.38	94.1%
D	5.854	64.73	5.92	97.1%

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## Commissary Parking Light Power Quality Measurements

System Description	Crest Factor (CF) Current	Crest Factor (CF) Voltage	Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) Current	Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) Voltage
Baseline (taken March 20, 2007)				
Circuit 3	1.4	1.4	9.9 to 10.1%	1.0%
Circuit 4	1.4	1.4	9.4%	1.0%
Circuit 6	1.4	1.4	10.6%	1.0%
Post-Installation (taken August 9 and 10, 2007)				
Bypass Mode				
Circuit 10	1.4	1.4	8.9% to 9.1%	0.9%
Circuit 11	1.4	1.4	7.6 to 7.9%	0.8 to 0.9%
Circuit 12	1.4	1.4	7.9%	0.7%

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Post-Installation (taken August 9 and 10, 2007)				
Bypass Mode				
Circuit 10	1.4	1.4	8.9% to 9.1%	0.9%
Circuit 11	1.4	1.4	7.6 to 7.9%	0.8 to 0.9%
Circuit 12	1.4	1.4	7.9%	0.7%
D-Source Side Measurements				
Circuit 13	1.4	1.4	9.0%	0.8%
Circuit 14	1.4	1.4	9.6%	1.0%
Circuit 15	1.4	1.4	8.7%	0.9%
D-Load Side Measurements				
Circuit 16	1.4	1.4	9.3%	0.9%
Circuit 17	1.4	1.4	8.6%	0.8%
Circuit 18	1.4	1.4	9.0%	0.8%

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Post-Installation (taken August 9 and 10, 2007)				
Bypass Mode				
Circuit 10	1.4	1.4	8.9% to 9.1%	0.9%
Circuit 11	1.4	1.4	7.6 to 7.9%	0.8 to 0.9%
Circuit 12	1.4	1.4	7.9%	0.7%
A-Source Side Measurements				
Circuit 27	1.4	1.4	8.7%	0.8%
A-Load Side Measurements				
Circuit 24	1.4	1.4	8.8%	0.8%

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Post-Installation (taken August 9 and 10, 2007)				
Bypass Mode				
Circuit 10	1.4	1.4	8.9% to 9.1%	0.9%
Circuit 11	1.4	1.4	7.6 to 7.9%	0.8 to 0.9%
Circuit 12	1.4	1.4	7.9%	0.7%
B-Source Side Measurements				
Circuit 26	1.4	1.4	9.7%	1.0%
B-Load Side Measurements				
Circuit 23	1.4	1.4	8.5%	1.0%

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Post-Installation (taken August 9 and 10, 2007)				
Bypass Mode				
Circuit 10	1.4	1.4	8.9% to 9.1%	0.9%
Circuit 11	1.4	1.4	7.6 to 7.9%	0.8 to 0.9%
Circuit 12	1.4	1.4	7.9%	0.7%
C-Source Side Measurements				
Circuit 7	1.6	1.5	8.2%	0.9%
C-Load Side Measurements				
Circuit 9	1.4	1.5	8.2%	4.0%

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## Economic Analysis Summary for the Commissary Parking Area Lights

System	Annual Energy Reduction (kWh/yr)	Annual Energy Cost Reduction (\$/yr)	Total Installed Cost (\$)	Simple Payback (years)	Net Present Value (\$)
A	8,033	\$964.00	\$5,506.30	5.7	\$7,968
B	5,458	\$654.94	\$4,377.50	6.7	\$4,780
C	10,357	\$1,242.90	\$3,725.00	3.0	\$13,649
D	7,375	\$885.04	\$10,700.00	12.1	\$1,672

**Payback if savings fixed at \$885/yr**

A	6.2
B	4.9
C	4.2
D	12.1

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Wharf Lighting at Naval Base Ventura County  
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## Average Wharf Area Illumination and Power Measurements

System	Power (average kW)	Photopic Illumination (average lux)	Scotopic Illumination (average lux)	Color Temperature (K)
Pole 4 Baseline	10.059	135.9	91.5	2130
Pole 4 C	8.504	91.1	58.2	2150
Pole 7 Baseline	9.913	147.8	99.3	2110
Pole 7 D	7.993	103.8	68.6	2130
Pole 8 Baseline	9.953	121.1	81.8	2100
Pole 8 B	8.456	90.5	59.9	2170
Pole 10 Baseline	10.141	118.9	78.8	2110
Pole 10 A*	7.130	71.6	47.8	2140

\* One lamp burned out between the baseline and post-installation measurements

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## Relative Illumination and Power for the Wharf Pole Lights

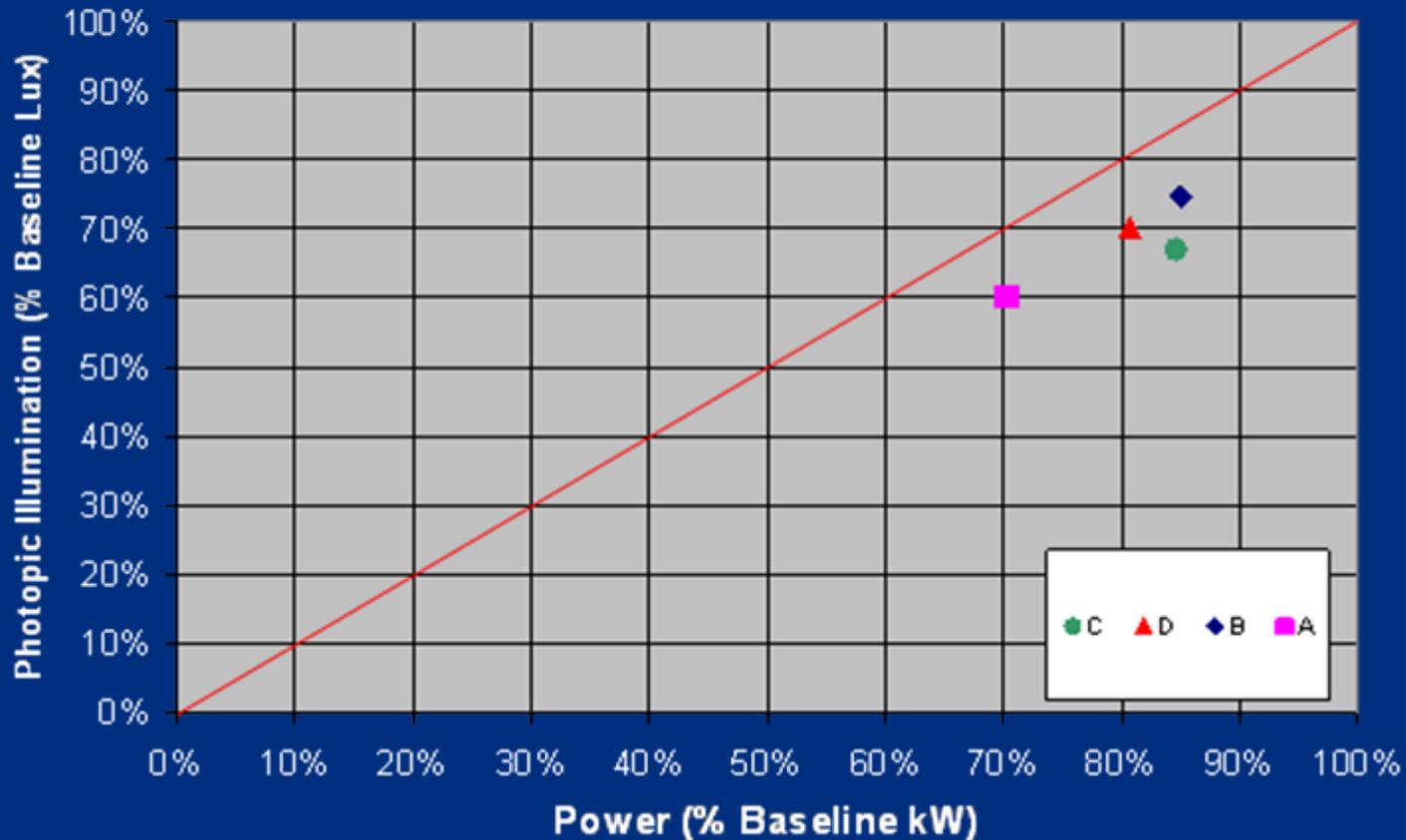
System	Power (relative kW)	Photopic Illumination (relative lux)	Scotopic Illumination (relative lux)	Color Temperature (K)
Pole 4 C	84.1%	67.0%	63.6%	+20 K (cooler)
Pole 7 D	80.3%	70.2%	69.0%	+20 K (cooler)
Pole 8 B	85.0%	74.7%	73.3%	+70 K (cooler)
Pole 10 A*	70.3%	59.1%	60.7%	+30 K (cooler)

\* One lamp burned out between the baseline and post-installation measurements.

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Wharf Pole Lights



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## Summary of Monitored Power Data for the Wharf Pole Lights

System <sup>†</sup>	Average Power (kW)	Average kVA	Average Power Factor (%)
Pole 4 Baseline C	9.995 8.507	10.058 8.565	99.4% 99.3%
Pole 7 Baseline D	9.907 7.982	10.010 8.009	99.0% 99.7%
Pole 8 Baseline B	9.896 8.451	9.946 8.474	99.5% 99.7%
Pole 10 Baseline A	10.070 7.127	10.139 7.159	99.3% 99.6%

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## Wharf Area Light Power Quality Measurements

System Description	Crest Factor (CF) Current	Crest Factor (CF) Voltage	Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) Current	Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) Voltage
<b>Pole 4 Baseline (taken April 17-18, 2007)</b>				
At cut-off switch	1.4	1.4 to 1.5	1.9 to 3.3%	0.8 to 0.9%
<b>Pole 4 with C (taken August 10-11, 2007)</b>				
At cut-off switch	1.4	1.4	2.1 to 3.8%	0.7 to 0.8%
At source-side of dimmer	1.4	1.4	2.4%	0.8%
At load-side of dimmer	1.5 to 1.6	1.5	12.3 to 13.6%	3.3%

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## Wharf Area Light Power Quality Measurements

System Description	Crest Factor (CF) Current	Crest Factor (CF) Voltage	Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) Current	Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) Voltage
Pole 7 Baseline (taken April 17-18, 2007)				
At cut-off switch	1.4	1.4	2.8 to 3.4%	0.8%
Pole 7 with D (taken August 10-11, 2007)				
At cut-off switch	1.4	1.4	1.6 to 4.9%	0.8%
At source-side of dimmer	1.4	1.4	1.8%	0.8%
At load-side of dimmer	1.4	1.4	1.5 to 1.8%	1.2%

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## Wharf Area Light Power Quality Measurements

System Description	Crest Factor (CF) Current	Crest Factor (CF) Voltage	Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) Current	Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) Voltage
<b>Pole 8 Baseline (taken April 17-18, 2007)</b>				
At cut-off switch	1.4	1.4	2.5 to 4.7%	0.8%
<b>Pole 8 with B (taken August 10-11, 2007)</b>				
At cut-off switch	1.4	1.4	2.0 to 6.1%	0.7 to 0.8%
At source-side of dimmer	1.4	1.4	2.1%	0.8%
At load-side of dimmer	1.4	1.4	1.6 to 2.2%	0.8 to 0.9%

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## Wharf Area Light Power Quality Measurements

System Description	Crest Factor (CF) Current	Crest Factor (CF) Voltage	Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) Current	Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) Voltage
Pole 10 Baseline (taken April 17-18, 2007)				
At cut-off switch	1.4	1.4	2.9 to 5.0%	0.7 to 0.9%
Pole 10 with A (taken August 10-11, 2007)				
At cut-off switch	1.4	1.4	1.6 to 6.2%	0.7%
At source-side of dimmer	1.4	1.4	1.6%	0.8%
At load-side of dimmer	1.4	1.4	1.7%	1.0%

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## Economic Analysis Summary for the Wharf Pole Lights

System	Annual Energy Reduction (kWh/yr)	Annual Energy Cost Reduction (\$/yr)	Total Installed Cost (\$)	Simple Payback (years)	Net Present Value (\$)
Pole 4 C	969	116.27	\$7,760.00	66.7	-\$6,134
Pole 7 D	1,244	149.27	\$10,700.00	71.3	-\$8,614
Pole 8 B	936	112.32	\$8,562.50	76.2	-\$6,993
Pole 10 A**	1,410	169.19	\$10,322.90	61.0	-\$7,958

\*\* Numbers corrected to nine dimmed lamps to make results comparable with the other technologies.

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## Where To Install HID Dimmers

- Facilities with high electrical rates ( $> \$0.06/\text{kWh}$ )
- Facilities with large number of HID lights (high load). Try to match load to max load for the unit. Parking lots, hangars, street lights.
- Long hours of use ( $> 8 \text{ hrs/day}$ )
- Facilities that are overlit
- Facilities with differing levels of activity



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