



Energy Efficiency Programs Generate Savings
New 2008 Report Now Available

News Release

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New Britain, Connecticut – March 30, 2009 – The “Report of the Energy Conservation Management Board Year 2008 Programs and Operations” prepared for the Connecticut legislature was issued on March 1. The 36-page booklet details the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund’s (CEEF) 2008 program activities and achievements. CEEF supports a variety of programs that help residents and businesses save energy. These energy savings promote economic development and energy security. The programs have contributed to the growth of a “green jobs” industry in Connecticut. Additionally, efficient use of electricity slows down the need to build more power plants and results in fewer toxins emitted into our atmosphere.

Here is a sampling of the achievement highlights found in the 2008 report:

- In 2008, CEEF programs provided annual electric energy savings of approximately 368 million kilowatt-hours and annual natural gas savings of approximately 977 thousand CCF.
- There were more than 467,000 instances of statewide participation in 2008 CEEF programs.
- 2008 program measures (electric and natural gas) resulted in \$774 million of lifetime savings for Connecticut ratepayers.
- Over the lifetime of the energy efficiency measures completed in 2008, CEEF programs reduced carbon dioxide emissions by 2.4 million tons.
- CEEF programs assisted 11,213 low-income families in 2008, helping them save more than 15 million annual kilowatt-hours and over 248,000 annual CCF, resulting in annual energy savings of more than \$3.1 million.
- Nearly 2,000 small businesses benefited from CEEF programs in 2008, resulting in annual savings of over \$8 million.
- 938 new, energy-efficient homes were built and qualified for CEEF rebates through the Residential New Construction program.
- In 2008, CEEF programs supported approximately 1,500 non-utility jobs in the energy efficiency industry.

“The overall energy savings is impressive,” notes Jeffrey Gaudiosi, Chairman of the Energy Conservation Management Board. “But the impact on individual households and businesses really demonstrates how important these programs are.” The report breaks down energy savings by program and uses case studies to illustrate individual benefits.

Connecticut’s Energy Efficiency Programs are funded by a charge on customer energy bills. Programs are administered by the Connecticut Light and Power Company, the United Illuminating Company, Connecticut Natural Gas, Southern Connecticut Gas, Yankee Gas, and the members of the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative. Complete funding and budget details are included in the report.

The report can be downloaded at www.ctsavesenergy.com. Printed copies are also available by calling 1-877-WISE-USE.

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