

Coastlines

News and information for customers of Central Lincoln People's Utility District

BPA Rate Increase Means a Central Lincoln Rate Increase But we hope to help you use less power, \$aving you money



This fall, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) will unfortunately be raising the rates it charges utilities for electricity, and, as a result, we will be forced to raise our rates as well. Further, the Pacific Northwest has grown so much that the BPA and the Columbia River Power System will no longer be able to meet all of the region's power needs. The BPA has notified Central Lincoln that starting in October 2011 we will receive a set amount of electricity, and, if we need more, we will have to buy it at higher prices, costing our customers more money.

But, if everyone in Central Lincoln's district uses less electricity, we won't have to buy as much of that more expensive power. In the coming years, we hope to help you save electricity, thus \$aving you money through our conservation programs.

If your home's insulation, windows, or major appliances aren't very energy-efficient, Central Lincoln may be able to help—with our rebate program. If you're a Central Lincoln customer heating your home with electricity*, you may qualify for one or more rebates for making it more energy efficient. Our rebates won't pay for all the costs of new insulation, windows, or appliances. But they can offset your costs, and \$ave you money in the long-term.



Central Lincoln offers some rebates, based on the installation of additional insulation, if it is needed. Please see our website at www.clpud.org, and under "Energy Efficiency" click on "Rebate Information" for more details, or stop by the closest Central Lincoln office to pick up rebate forms. You will need to get a cost estimate and submit it for pre-qualification.

Rebates are also available for new energy-efficient windows, IF your current windows are single-paned. But the new windows must have a U-factor of .30 or lower to qualify for Central Lincoln rebates. Again, please visit our website at www.clpud.org, and under "Energy Efficiency," click on "Rebate Information" for more details.

Other Central Lincoln energy efficiency rebate programs include: lighting (for Energy Star light fixtures and Energy Star compact fluorescent light bulbs); water heaters; heat pumps; and appliances, including refrigerators, stand-alone freezers, dishwashers, and clothes washers. Again, all new purchases must qualify for our programs in order for rebates to be approved.

Conservation saves energy, and it can \$ave you money. We hope to help.

For more information about our rebate programs, you can also call 1-888-883-9879.

**If you heat your home with natural gas, visit the Energy Trust of Oregon's website at <http://www.energytrust.org/> or 1-866-368-7878 for more information on its conservation programs.*

How can you find out if your home could be more energy-efficient?

A licensed contractor can determine if the **insulation** in your home is adequate ("up to code"), or if the home is losing large amounts of heat due to a lack of insulation.

What Could You Do With an \$80 Saving?

Save Money, Get Money Back With Those “Twisty” Lightbulbs

Ten percent of the average home electricity bill is spent on lighting.

By installing ENERGY STAR-labeled compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), you could save more than \$80 a year! While early CFLs may have put out weak, strange-colored light, the latest models offer a significant improvement, and buyers can choose “soft” light, or “daytime” quality light.

Central Lincoln offers \$2 per bulb rebates to customers who buy ENERGY STAR light bulbs, for a minimum of five bulbs and a maximum of 20 bulbs, as long as each bulb costs at least \$3 each. (Subject to verification, and program qualifications.)

Please be sure not to install CFLs in any lighting fixture that is recessed, or is enclosed (such as ceiling fixtures that are covered), and to make certain the bulb’s purpose matches the type of use, such as using “outdoor” CFLs for outside lighting. Unless the CFL’s packaging states otherwise, CFLs shouldn’t be used in lights with a dimmer switch, or with “touch” lighting.



Thank you, Gary Cockrum!



Faithful readers of *Coastlines* may have wondered: “Who writes these pithy and informative monthly articles for us?” The writer was our own Communications Manager Gary Cockrum, who just retired after 24 years as Central Lincoln’s author, editor, communicator, and arbiter of quirky comedy. From photo caption contests, to light bulb-shaped Styrofoam antennae covers, Gary was our resident humorist, and he will be much missed. Congratulations on your well-earned retirement, Gary!

Attempting to fill Gary’s comfortable editor’s shoes will be Chris Chandler, our Economic and Community Development Manager. In the communications arena, Chris brings to Central Lincoln experience in print journalism, television news, and newsletter writing and production. You can share ideas for *Coastlines* with Chris at webmaster@cencoast.com

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