

RP&L offers local businesses lighting rebates

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Small commercial businesses and offices in Richmond that upgrade their interior lighting are eligible for a rebate program being offered by Richmond Power & Light.

The “\$1 A Watt” program encourages small businesses to add high-efficiency lighting, eliminating the high-energy-using standard fluorescent or incandescent lighting equipment.

There is a limited amount of money set aside for the program, so the incentives are available on a first-come-first-served basis, RP&L General Manager Randy Baker said.

The rebate will be paid at \$1 per watt saved, up to \$1,500.

For example, if a customer reduces a 120-watt light to 60-watt LED light, the customer would be eligible for a \$60 rebate, Baker said. That rebate would be multiplied by the number of fixtures upgraded. So, if six fixtures were replaced, the rebate would be \$360.

RP&L requires a lighting contractor or professional engineer to oversee the project, Baker said.

The program, in its second year, is designed for internal lighting fixtures, not single-bulb replacements. Outside and dusk-to-dawn lights generally aren't eligible.

Pre-approval is required for all applications, and completion of the application doesn't guarantee the approval of a rebate. Lighting projects must be completed within 90 days of application approval.

Approved program participants aren't eligible for the rebate program again for 12 months.

Baker said the program focuses on small businesses and offices. He said rebate programs for residential and industrial customers are available through the Indiana Municipal Power Agency, of which RP&L is a member.

Through IMPA, rebates for residential customers focus on heating and air conditioning equipment upgrades, such as a heat pump, central air and open- or closed-loop geothermal systems. IMPA rebates available for industrial and commercial customers include energy-efficient lighting, heating and air conditioning, variable frequency drives and refrigeration, food service, and controls. All IMPA projects must receive pre-approval before purchase and installation to be eligible for the incentives.

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