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WOODSTOCK – The Citizens Utility Board will celebrate its 25th anniversary in Woodstock by alerting residents about the latest energy-efficient tips and incentives of as much as \$1,500.

CUB's summer energy series, "Beyond CFLs," will educate consumers about money-saving opportunities, including the benefits of a home energy audit, how to get an efficiency tax credit of up to \$1,500, and how to get paid for having ComEd junk an old refrigerator.

The event will be at 7 p.m. July 30, at the Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St.

CUB also will spread the word on a new state law that allows consumers to buy new energy-efficient appliances with no upfront cost and pay it off on their own utility bills. Attendees also will hear about the latest clean-energy developments in Illinois and changes in the electric and natural gas industries that could have a dramatic impact on consumers' bills.

CUB will serve refreshments, and each participant will receive a free compact fluorescent light bulb, which can cut electric bills by up to \$50 over its lifetime.

CUB also will raffle a "smart" power strip that can cut energy bills by hundreds of dollars a year.

For information about CUB, call the group's consumer hot line at 800-669-5556.

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