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Energy savings program celebrates one year

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The Citizens Utility Board is celebrating the one year anniversary of a program aimed at saving utility customers money.

The CUB Energy Saver program lets utility customers see what their electric usage is compared to other homes in the area by linking their CUB account with their electric provider account. At this time the program is available only for ComEd customers.

In its first year, the 11,682 consumers who signed up for the program saw an average saving of \$55 per year.

Ameren customers have energy saving options as well. Consumers participating in the Act on Energy program receive tips on how to save electricity and are eligible for a number of incentives, including discounts when purchasing compact florescent lights.

Utility companies have been pushing consumers to conserve energy and keep cash in their pockets by addressing “phantom loads” – things like cell phone charges that continue to draw power when plugged in even though your phone isn’t connected.

Easy energy and money saving tips:

-Replace incandescent lights with CFLs – estimated to save \$54 per year.

-Use blinds on summer days – estimated to save \$19 per year.

-Wash larger loads of dishes – estimated to save \$35 per year.

-Use surge protectors with switches to eliminate “phantom loads -estimated to save \$26 per year.

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An orange and white advertisement for Spark Energy. The top half is orange with white text that reads "10% LESS THAN COMED'S RATE" and "SWITCH TO SPARK ENERGY" with a right-pointing arrow. The bottom half is white with the Spark Energy logo, which consists of a stylized 'S' made of four colored shapes (green, orange, blue, yellow) and the text "sparkenergy™".

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