



# Citizens Utility Board

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## **PINGREE GROVE WINS CUB'S 'BRIGHT FUTURE' AWARD, EARNS MONEY-SAVING LIGHT BULBS COURTESY OF THE CONSUMER GROUP**

The Citizens Utility Board (CUB) on Monday will present the Village of Pingree Grove with its "Bright Future" award, giving it 250 money-saving Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs to honor its pledge to become more energy efficient.

Pingree Grove won the bulbs by taking part in CUB's "Get Green" Community Giveaway, where residents pledge to use at least one energy-saving CFL in their home. The village was one of the 10 Illinois communities with the highest percentage of pledges in 2008, earning a share of 10,000 CFLs, courtesy of CUB.

CUB will present the bulbs to the village at its next Board Meeting:

**7 p.m, Monday, April 20**  
Village Hall  
14N042 Reinking Rd.  
Pingree Grove

CFLs use up to 75 percent less energy than ordinary incandescent light bulbs, and each bulb can save up to \$50 over its lifetime, which could be as long as nine years.

"CFLs are great for both your pocketbook and the planet," said Rebecca Devens, CUB's environmental programs coordinator. "We're proud to reward Pingree Grove residents for their commitment to energy efficiency. They've done their part to ensure a brighter future for the state of Illinois."

In 2008, 18,000 people took the pledge by going to CUB's "Get Green" page (at [www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org](http://www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org)), which also has information about how to dispose of CFLs. The pledge campaign continues in 2009. People who take the pledge will qualify for drawings to win

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50 CFLs and a month of free electricity—and they could help win their community up to 10,000 bulbs.

CUB is Illinois' leading nonprofit utility watchdog organization. Created by the Illinois legislature in 1983, CUB opened its doors a year later to represent the interests of residential and small-business utility customers. Now celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, CUB has saved consumers more than \$10 billion by helping to block rate hikes and secure refunds over the years. For more information, call CUB's Consumer Hotline at 1-800-669-5556 or log on to [www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org](http://www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org).

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