



Customer Newsline

May 2011

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The 2010 annual report is now available.

Solar Incentives, Business and Municipal Audits, Rebates

New program will help you \$ave!

The Hudson Municipal Light Board has approved the Department's new Residential and Commercial Renewable Energy & Energy Conservation Incentive (REECI) program that expands upon its existing offerings, an alternative to participation in the State's Renewable Energy Trust Fund.

The Department already offers free residential home energy audits, residential appliance and heat pump rebates, and purchases excess photovoltaic (PV) generation from qualifying solar installations. The new REECI program introduces financial incentives for solar installations, business energy audits, facility lighting and variable frequency drive installations, and is funded through the REECI monthly charge of \$0.0005 per kilowatt-hour.

"The cost to participate in the State Trust Fund and the home-based REECI program is the same," commented Manager Yakov D. Levin. "The big difference is that, unlike the State program, monies funded by Hudson Light customers through the REECI Charge are guaranteed to go back to Hudson Light customers."

The **solar incentive** helps offset the cost to install a photovoltaic (PV) system with grants up to \$5,000 for residents and \$10,000 for municipal customers and businesses. Qualifying customers also may receive a credit based on the monthly Power Adjustment Charge for excess generation.

The Department already encourages energy efficiency with its free Residential Audit program conducted by Energy New England (ENE). The new REECI program helps subsidize the cost of **commercial energy audits** for municipal customers and businesses. Audit costs vary based upon size of the facility. For information on both the Residential and REECI audit, contact ENE at 1-888-772-4242.

Rebates are popular with our residential customers, and now businesses can qualify also. Incentives are available for municipal customers and businesses to replace inefficient lighting and/or across-the-line motor starters with more energy-efficient models.

For information on the new REECI program, visit our website at www.hudsonlight.com or call us at 978-568-8736.

GREEN CORNER

TOTAL ENERGY SUPPLIED:	67,004,748 kWh
GREENHOUSE GAS-FREE ENERGY SUPPLIED:	<u>47,847,157 kWh or 71%</u>

(1/1/2011 TO 2/28/11)

Reduce your carbon footprint - unplug that appliance that is not being used!

A note on post-dated checks and cash payments . . .

The Office has noticed that some customers are leaving cash payments in the drop-off box at 49 Forest Avenue and others are submitting post-dated checks for payment.

For your own protection, never leave cash in the drop-off box - only checks or money orders. If you are unable to wait until the next business day to make a cash payment at the counter, we strongly suggest you turn your cash into a money order.

Customers should also know that the Department does not accept post-dated checks and, with some 13,000 payments processed every month, cannot be responsible if such checks are cashed early. Protect your bank and electric accounts from unnecessary charges resulting from returned checks.

Any customer who is experiencing a payment difficulty and needs a payment extension should not hesitate to contact us at 978-568-8736 to make an arrangement, instead of submitting a post-dated check or placing cash in the drop-off box.



2010 Annual Reports available.

In the interest of saving paper and cutting costs, the Department's annual reports are no longer mailed to every customer. They are available:

- ▶ Online at www.hudsonlight.com;
- ▶ In the Town of Hudson Town Report, available at the annual town meeting Monday, May 2nd;
- ▶ At our main office at 49 Forest Avenue in Hudson MA; and
- ▶ By calling us at 978-568-8736 and requesting one be mailed to you.

Fluorescent Light Bulbs are available for \$1 at our Main Office at 49 Forest Avenue in Hudson!

About us:

Main Office: 49 Forest Avenue in Hudson, Weekdays, 8 am - 4:30 pm. **(978) 568-8736**

Light Board: The Hudson Municipal Light Board's May meeting will be held Thursday, May 26th at our 49 Forest Avenue offices in Hudson. The meetings are open to the public.

Holiday Closings: The main office will be closed on Monday, May 30th, in honor of Memorial Day.

Emergencies: When the main office is closed, for emergencies call our 24-hour hot line at **(978) 562-2368**.

Payment Mailing Address: Our payment mailing address is **PO Box 430, Hudson, MA 01749-0430**. For efficient processing of your payment, please use the enclosed envelope. To avoid faulty delivery, do not use the envelope for other mail. If you pay online, please use the **PO Box 430, Hudson MA 01749-0430** address.