

PPL Electric Utilities' Energy Achievement Program helps schools obtain ENERGY STAR® building label

Forty schools in the PPL Electric Utilities service territory have been recognized for their energy efficiency by the federal government through a program offered by PPL Electric Utilities.

"This year we're celebrating the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, so it's fitting these schools are being recognized by the government's ENERGY STAR program for operating in ways that are good for the environment," said Tom Stathos, director of Customer Programs and Services for PPL Electric Utilities. "We're extremely proud of these facilities and the example they set. This is not just a title. These schools are recognized for having a higher-than-normal standard of energy efficiency."

PPL Electric Utilities will host breakfasts for school officials on Monday (4/19) and Wednesday (4/21) to recognize them for their success through the utility's School Energy Achievement Program. Nearly 190 public schools across PPL Electric Utilities' 29-county Pennsylvania service territory participated in the program's inaugural year last year, and 40 qualified for the ENERGY STAR building label.

Students also are being honored. PPL Electric Utilities will send nearly 15,000 blue spruce seedlings to principals of the ENERGY STAR schools across its service territory who've agreed to distribute them to their young scholars. The seedling distribution reinforces the students' roles in nurturing habits that support the energy efficiency efforts in their schools.

Schools in the Energy Achievement Program have their energy usage data analyzed through the government's ENERGY STAR label program and compared with similar schools across the nation, allowing for weather and other factors. Schools rating 75 or higher on a 100-point scale receive an ENERGY STAR plaque for their building.

Even if schools don't qualify for ENERGY STAR status, the PPL Electric Utilities' program helps them to identify areas where improvements may be needed and allows them to better focus resources.

"ENERGY STAR program officials tell us it costs \$6 billion to pay for the energy to run the nation's primary and secondary schools, more than is spent on books and computers combined. It's easy to see why being energy-efficient is so important," Stathos said.

To help schools, businesses and homes save money and electricity, PPL Electric Utilities has a full menu of E-power programs. For more information on those programs, visit www.pplelectric.com/e-power.

PPL Electric Utilities, a subsidiary of PPL Corporation (NYSE: PPL), provides electric delivery service to 1.4 million customers in 29 counties of eastern and central Pennsylvania and has consistently ranked among the best companies for customer service in the United States. More information is available at www.pplelectric.com.

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