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## News from Director Renfrow

Last month City Water, Light and Power launched a new green energy purchase program, "Renewable Choice". We are pleased to be able to offer this green program to our business and residential customers interested in neutralizing the environmental impact of their monthly electric usage. Through this program, your organization can purchase Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) in 200 kilowatt-hour (kWh) blocks through your monthly CWLP bill. One REC (5 blocks) represents proof that one megawatt hour (MWH) of electricity has been generated from an eligible renewable energy source.

The Energy Services Office has streamlined the enrollment process and made participation in this program easy. We have secured a reasonable price for these RECs of just \$2 per block. As a participant in the program, your organization will receive a fully accredited proof of purchase of the RECs as well as a window decal in recognition of being green. A special plaque is awarded for being 100% green.

Lincoln Home National Historic Site is leading the way as the first enrollee of the program. The national park has signed up to purchase approximately 612 RECs to offset 100% of its annual usage.

There is no minimum purchase requirement, you may purchase as many or as few blocks as you wish. If you choose to be 100% green, our CWLP Energy Experts can assist you in calculating your organization's average monthly usage to determine the amount of RECs you would need to purchase. Call the Energy Experts at 789-2070 or use this link; [Renewable Choice Program](#) for program details.

Sincerely



## Funding Available for Solar Projects



Have you been thinking of how you may be able to help your business' environmental image in these times of greater public awareness, or maybe you just want to do your part. For many businesses these economic times are the wrong time to consider spending tight funds for anything but the basics. However, help is on the way. Wells Fargo and SunPower are joining forces in a joint effort to help finance solar projects for businesses. Read more using the link below.

[SunPower & Wells Fargo Team to Finance \\$100 Million in Solar ...](#)

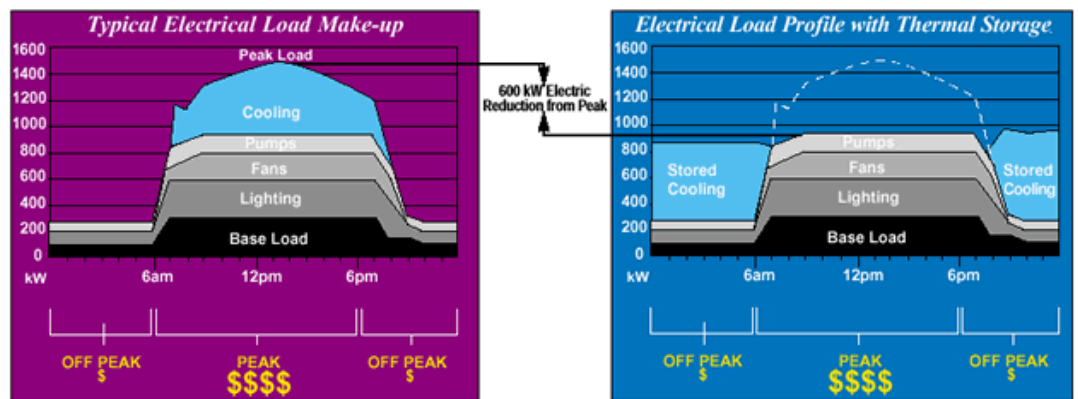


## Thermal Storage

One of the challenges facing utilities in the dog days of summer is being able to provide enough energy on those hot summer afternoons when everyone is running their air conditioning units at maximum capacity. One solution is to shift some of the afternoon A/C load to the middle of the night when demand is much lower.

A developing technology that allows this load shifting to occur is "ice storage" - A/C cooling where the heat exchange is into a stored ice bank that was created the night before versus exchanging the heat with hot, humid summer afternoon air. A very simple explanation of the concept can be found at this link; [Thermal Storage](#)

CWLP would be very interested in discussing options to pilot this concept and how to create a win/win scenario with a few customers seriously considering this technology. For further discussion feel free to call Bill Mills at CWLP's Energy Services Office at 789-2070.



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## Benchmarking - Rating Your Facilities



Before you can start on a project to improve the energy efficiency of a facility, it would be nice to know how your facility rates among other similar facilities in the nation and to have a starting point with which to judge your savings. Well, Energy Star has just the solution; Portfolio Manager. Portfolio Manager allows you to assess and track energy and water consumption across your entire portfolio of buildings.

It is absolutely free to use and CWLP can provide you with your electric and water billing histories you will need to input. To find out more about it, click on the following link; [Energy Star - Portfolio Manager Overview](#)

The following articles describe case studies of companies utilizing Portfolio Manager in the Healthcare, Retail and Educational markets.

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