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CWLP'S REFRIGERATOR ROUNDUP RETIRES 2,000 ENERGY HOGS

1,600 units may still be collected under contract terms.

City Water, Light and Power's Great Refrigerator Round Up will hit the 2,000 mark in retiring and recycling energy-hogging refrigerators and freezers Wednesday. The program, which began in October 2008, will allow for another 1,600 units to be collected and recycled over the contract's total three-year term. CWLP has partnered with the Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc. (ARCA) to provide its customers with a recycling program for refrigerators and freezers manufactured before 1993, which use two to four times the energy of newer ENERGY STAR® models. The program is aimed at helping CWLP residential electric customers reduce their energy usage, while providing free pick up and a \$50 incentive for those customers that have their old, working refrigerator or freezer recycled.

"It's important that we look to help our customers find every kilowatt they can save because not only is it a great bill savings, it's also a great efficiency and environmental benefit for our city," said Mayor Tim Davlin. "We know that there are many more inefficient units in the City of Springfield and we'd like to at least capture 1,600 more units to maximize the benefits of this retirement program."

"We've been able to recycle about 1,000 units per year over the first two years of the program and we've seen that our customers really appreciate the convenience of the program in addition to the \$50 check," said CWLP General Manager Todd Renfrow. "The true payback for customers is that each retired unit yields \$100 to \$175 in annual energy savings."

CWLP's appliance retirement program provides its customers with a \$50 rebate check for each working unit made before 1993. ARCA picks up the refrigerators or freezers and recycles 95% of each unit, preventing the release of ozone-depleting refrigerants and foam blowing agents. Units must be made in 1992 or earlier, owned by a CWLP customer, in working condition and be between 10 and 27 cubic feet. ARCA will also pick up working room A/C units at no cost to the customer as a part of the program when they are on-site collecting an eligible refrigerator or freezer.

The CWLP Energy Experts estimate that each pre-1993 refrigerator or freezer represents an extra 700 to 1,600 kWh to operate and adds \$100 to \$175 per year to each household's utility bill.

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ARCA, which added 13 jobs to the Springfield economy for the administration of this program, is one of the nation's largest recyclers of major household appliances for the energy conservation programs of electric utilities. The company currently provides appliance recycling and replacement services for more than 20 electric utility companies and public power authorities in the United States and Canada.

To participate in this program, contact a customer service representative with ARCA at 1-866-899-9862 or visit www.refrigeratorroundup.com. For questions on other C WLP energy efficiency programs call the C WLP Energy Experts at 789-2070 or visit their website at www.cwlp.com.

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