

UNH Energy Savings Nets Cash from PSNH

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire recently received \$6,570 in rebates from Public Service of New Hampshire for the purchase and installation of energy-efficient lighting equipment, which is expected to reduce the university's use of electricity by more than 57,350 kilowatt hours (KWH) annually.

The improvements include retrofitting 138 incandescent light fixtures in Johnson Theatre with compact fluorescent bulbs and reflectors. In addition, more than 178 new fixtures installed in the recent addition to the Jere Chase Ocean Engineering Laboratory used less electricity than state energy code requirements, which qualified UNH for rebate money.

During the last three years, UNH has received rebates exceeding \$64,400 for energy-efficient lighting, high-efficiency air conditioning, high-efficiency motors and variable-speed drives; this equipment has saved more than 195,000 KWHs of electricity.

Jim Dombrosk, manager of the Campus Energy Office, says, "These types of conservation incentives are very effective at controlling electric transmission and distribution costs in New Hampshire. They have the added benefit of controlling energy costs for students at UNH and improving the quality of our lighting and HVAC systems."

For more UNH energy-savings information, visit the Energy Office Web site: www.energy.unh.edu.

PSNH offers the rebate through its Energy Services Program, which awards cash incentives to encourage commercial and industrial customers to invest in energy-efficient equipment. These improvements enable both PSNH and its customers to reduce their energy costs by better managing energy consumption.

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