

Energy Efficiency Programs for Small Businesses New Hampshire

The Systems Benefits Charge (SBC) was established in 1996 under Chapter 374-F, Electric Utility Restructuring. The purpose of the SBC was to raise funds to provide benefits to all energy consumers. The benefits include programs for low-income customers, support for research and development, and energy efficiency programs. The SBC and its respective programs are overseen by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission.

The SBC appears on customers' utility bills, so whether you are an individual paying for your residential energy usage or small business usage, you are paying the SBC. There are several organizations and companies that assist in the implementation of the energy efficiency programs, including Liberty Utilities (National Grid), New Hampshire Electric Co-op, Public Service of New Hampshire, and Unitil.

Small businesses have the opportunity to take advantage of these great programs by contacting one of the agencies/companies listed below. The program offers business owners an opportunity to upgrade to new, energy efficient equipment at a very reasonable cost. All you have to do is get an energy assessment, and the participating agency/company offers incentives, such as covering up to 50% of the cost of the upgrades and 0% interest financing. The benefits of participating, include lower energy bills, enhanced lighting to showcase your products, improved lighting longevity, and overall improvements to the appearance of your business.

Details on each of the programs are listed below, along with website information.

Liberty Utilities – Small Business Programs

- A free, no obligation energy audit to identify energy efficiency improvements for lighting & controls, thermostats, and refrigeration components.
- Qualified small businesses are those with demand of less than 200 kW.
- Covers up to 50% of the cost of the installation and equipment, and offers 0% interest for up to 24 months.
- For additional information or to schedule an audit, visit http://www.libertyutilities.com/east/electricity/my_business/small_business.html

New Hampshire Electric Co-op – Small Business Energy Solutions

- Qualified small businesses are those with demand of less than 200 kW.
- Incentives available for, but not limited to: lighting technologies, occupancy sensors, refrigeration, and HVAC.
- Covers up to 50% with a cap of \$15,000 per year, per member business.
- For additional information or to schedule an audit, visit http://nhec.coop/energysolutions/smallbusiness_retrofit.php

Public Service of New Hampshire – Small Business Energy Solutions

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- The energy efficient technologies that are available for replacement are: energy efficient lighting fixtures, occupancy sensors, programmable thermostats, and refrigeration components.
- PSNH offers two options for utilizing the rebates through this program:
 - Option 1: PSNH provides a vendor/contractor
 - Covers up to 50% of labor and materials.
 - Option 2: Your preferred contractor provides installation
 - Covers up to 35% of the installed costs or the amount required to achieve a 1-year payback (whichever is less).
- For additional information or to schedule an audit, visit <https://www.psnh.com/SaveEnergyMoney/For-Business/Small-Business-Energy-Solutions.aspx>

Unitil – Small Business Energy Efficiency Services

- Qualified small businesses are those with demand of less than 200 kW.
- Offers a free technical assessment of your facility from one of their energy contractors.
- Incentives that cover a portion of the installed cost are available on lighting, occupancy sensors, electric hot water measures, programmable thermostats, and refrigeration components.
- For additional information, visit <http://www.unitil.com/energy-efficiency/electric-programs-rebates-assistance>

For a complete overview of all the energy efficiency programs available in New Hampshire, visit NH Saves Energy Solutions for New Hampshire at <http://www.nhsaves.com/business/efficiency.html>.