

Easy Upgrades UPDATE

November 2009

1,000th 2009 Incentive Payment Made

More than 1,000 Easy Upgrades incentive payments have been made so far in 2009.

The 1,000th payment was processed in late October. It was for a small lighting retrofit at an auto dealership in Boise. For comparison, last year Easy Upgrades made 680 incentive payments.

In almost three years, more than 1,780 energy-saving projects have received incentive payments. Those projects have an annual energy savings of more than 57 million kilowatt-hours per year. That's enough electricity to fully power nearly 4,370 typical Idaho homes.

If you are planning an energy-saving project and want to learn more about Easy Upgrades, simply send an e-mail to easyupgradesinfo@idahopower.com.

Program to be Unchanged for 2010

There have been many inquiries about program and incentive changes for 2010. Easy Upgrades will continue unchanged into 2010. The incentives available this year also will be offered next year.

To learn more about Easy Upgrades incentives, we have a helpful new resource. Anyone interested in how they could earn incentives for their energy-saving project can now e-mail easyupgradesinfo@idahopower.com for an automated reply.

Test this email address. You'll find that it will provide an instant response with just about everything you need. And, it's available anytime day or night.

New Regulations for Fluorescent Lighting

New national requirements for general purpose fluorescent lamp efficiency were established this summer.

These new standards are more stringent than earlier drafts released a year ago. The new regulations will make most T12 lamps obsolete by the middle of 2012.

You can learn more about these new federal regulations from the latest Lighting Design Lab newsletter. You can see their

article on the topic by clicking on the following link: www.lightingdesignlab.com/fall09news.

Lighting Calculator Updated

Users of Idaho Power's Lighting Savings/Incentive Calculator have made some suggestions to make the tool work better. We have responded by revising the calculator so that it's more accurate, flexible and easier to use.

The new Lighting Calculator now includes a Lighting Worksheet that is created from the data in the Retrofit and Controls tables. This makes the incentive application process even easier.

Version 4.10 of the Lighting Calculator is available online. Anyone interested in assessing lighting retrofit projects should download the newest version. It is available at www.idahopower.com/easyupgrades/lightingcalculator.

Power Quality and Reliability (Rule K)

Have you heard the phrase "Rule K" recently? That rule refers to Idaho Power's tariff related to power quality and reliability. The rule applies to our customers that:

- Install Variable Speed Drives (VSDs) and other equipment that may create problematic harmonics
- Make significant electrical equipment changes
- Use single-phase motors larger than 7½ horsepower

Rule K allows Idaho Power to limit the physical effects of harmonics on our equipment as well as our customers. You can learn about your responsibilities under Rule K or view and print an informational brochure at www.idahopower.com/rulek.

For More Program Information

Do you know of business or industrial facilities that could benefit from updating their lighting, cooling or other electrical systems? If so, we can help.

For a copy of our "Save Energy Dollars" booklet, an incentive program overview or other details about Easy Upgrades, contact Curt Nichols at (208) 388-6484 or easyupgradesinfo@idahopower.com.