

Commercial Conservation Services



PROCESS

Step 1: Benchmarking

You begin the process by signing utility waiver forms (PSE/CNG) & completing a short questionnaire. From that we develop a benchmark for your facility as it relates to the energy usage at similar facilities and set some preliminary goals. Before setting up an appointment for an assessment, a Memorandum of Understanding supplied by Sustainable Connections will detail program guidelines and expectations. We will work through a list of interested participants as they supply the requested forms. Businesses ready to invest in cost-effective energy efficiency measures will be prioritized.

Step 2: The Energy Assessment

Then we conduct a full energy assessment. Our Commercial Conservation Specialist will do a walk-through evaluation and analysis, looking for building systems inefficiencies as well as opportunities for operational changes.

Step 3: Energy Action Plan

The action plan outlines quick fixes, no cost and low cost solutions, as well as long-term investments in efficiency. It also outlines a Resource Conservation Policy for you to customize and adopt at your facility. A week or so after we've sent you a draft of the action plan, we will sit down with you to help prioritize energy efficiency measures and work through the next steps. We will provide technical advice as well as details on all of the financing opportunities available, including both standard tax and rebate incentives and those available exclusively to participants in our program.

Step 4: Continued monitoring and support

After the assessment, we will continue to give you quarterly updates on your facility's energy use as it improves, help you find the right contractor for any larger projects, and continue to be a resource for technical support for any difficulties you may encounter.

Step 5: Recognition for your success!

We want to celebrate your commitment to reducing energy use. As a Community Energy Challenge participant you will receive promotional materials for your business as well as recognition as part of our community-wide energy efficiency campaign.

DELIVERABLES

- Facility Action Plan
- Exclusive financing opportunities (access to enhanced rebates and preferential term loans)
- Continued monitoring and technical support
- On-site publicity and community-wide recognition

COST

1st year of services for only \$65!
(this cost is covered for Sustainable Connections business and affiliate members)

Subsequent years \$250 annual fee**

Businesses making a commitment to invest in *cost-effective* energy efficiency measures if found will be prioritized.

**there is no binding commitment to continue monitoring in subsequent years, however, this fee allows the program to continue to serve community businesses

TIME

3-6 hours of staff time accompanying our Commercial Conservation Specialist during the assessment

A few additional hours reviewing the action plan and meeting to set goals

Staff time required to execute recommended energy efficiency measures will vary

