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## **Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund Offers Home Energy Assessments to Qualified Income Eligible Homeowners**

*Free service for eligible homeowners and renters that provides money-saving weatherization measures*

New Haven, CONN. (March 30, 2011) –[The Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund](#), in partnership with Connecticut Light & Power (CL&P) and The United Illuminating Company (UI), is now offering no-cost home energy assessments to income-eligible customers through the Home Energy Solutions-Income Eligible (HES-IE) program.

“The HES-IE program is a free service for income-eligible residents that provides valuable weatherization measures to help renters and homeowners reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient,” said Richard W. Steeves, Chairperson, Energy Efficiency Board. “Residents who sign up for the service will receive energy efficient assessments that will help get their homes ready for the upcoming cooling season.”

The program also provides the potential for upgrades of inefficient appliances to ENERGY STAR®-qualified replacement appliances based on a review for qualifying households.

Take Bridgeport resident, Karen Barber, who seized this energy efficient opportunity by calling the phone number on a letter she received and completed a HES-IE application over the phone. She was then contacted by a UI weatherization contractor who soon scheduled the service. The contractors set-up a blower door test at Barber’s residence to find any air leakage in the home, and they addressed leaks with caulking around the windows and fixed major air leaks through the front door. Additionally, 16 ENERGY STAR-qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) were installed. Hot water measures included the installation of a low-flow shower head and several faucets aerators in the sinks. With the work completed, it is estimated that Barber will

save an estimated 490 kilowatt-hours (kWh) annually or 2,800 kWh for the lifetime of these measures. This averages out to approximately \$108 savings on the unit's annual electric bill.

“This was a great service. The technicians were very helpful, polite and really provided an understanding to what they were doing,” Barber commented. “Everyone who is eligible should take advantage of this service.”

To determine if you are income-eligible, locate your family size on the table below as well as the dollar amount next to it. If your family's combined Gross Annual Income is this amount or less, you may qualify for the program.

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>Gross Annual Income</b>
1	\$31,712.72
2	\$41,470.48
3	\$51,228.24
4	\$60,986.00
5	\$70,743.76
6	\$80,501.52
7	\$82,331.10
8	\$84,160.68

To sign up for HES-IE service or schedule an appointment, please complete an application online or call 1-877-WISE USE (1-877-947-3873). Tenants and renters must have their landlord complete the Landlord Service Agreement which is included with the application.

Homeowners who are not income-eligible are also encouraged to sign up for the HES program, which provides in-home weatherization services for a modest co-payment.

For more information on the HES-IE or HES programs, please visit [www.CTEnergyInfo.com](http://www.CTEnergyInfo.com).

**About The Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund:**

The Energy Efficiency Fund promotes efficient energy use, helps residents and businesses save on their electric and natural gas bills, advances economic development, reduces electric demand, and helps reduce air pollution. Energy Efficiency Fund programs serve residential customers, including limited-and fixed-income customers, as well as business and municipal customers. Connecticut's energy efficiency programs are funded by a charge on customers' utility bills and administered by the state's electric and gas utilities including: Connecticut Light and Power, United Illuminating, Yankee Gas, Connecticut Natural Gas, and Southern Connecticut Gas. Additional information on Connecticut's energy efficiency programs can be found at [www.ctenergyinfo.com](http://www.ctenergyinfo.com) or by calling 1.877.WISE.USE.

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