



To celebrate Florida's Historic 500th Anniversary year, the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) is introducing the

2013 Energy Saving Challenge

Each month this year, the PSC will announce a consumer tip that can save you energy and money! Participating consumers can save up to 500 kilowatt hours (kWh) or more of energy through December. Practicing conservation can help protect Florida's resources for residents and visitors to enjoy for another 500 years.

January's conservation tip encouraged consumers to change their home's incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL). Changing a typical 60 watt incandescent bulb to a comparable CFL can reduce lighting energy use by 75 percent. The PSC also encouraged consumers to get a free home energy audit, which can identify areas where you can weatherize your home to save energy and money.

February's energy challenge addressed a home's heating and cooling system, comprising about 50 percent of a utility bill. By properly maintaining system equipment, cleaning or replacing filters on furnaces and air conditioners once a month, cleaning air registers to make sure they're not blocked by furniture, carpeting, or drapes, and setting recommended thermostat levels for each season, consumers can significantly cut their heating and cooling energy use—and reduce environmental emissions.

The Energy Saving Challenge is in coordination with the state's *Viva Florida 500*, under the leadership of Governor Rick Scott, to highlight the 500 years of historic people, places, and events in present-day Florida since the arrival of Juan Ponce de León to the land he named La Florida in 1513.

Join the PSC's 2013 Energy Saving Challenge and track your new conservation habits and monthly energy savings. Find more energy saving tips on the PSC's website at

<http://www.floridapsc.com/consumers/tips>.