



## PSC Honors Local Businesses for Conservation Efforts with Triple E Awards

Introduced last year, the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) began recognizing businesses that accomplish cost-effective energy efficiency with its monthly **Triple E Award—for Energy Efficiency Effort**. Each business is recognized for implementing PSC-approved energy efficiency measures by working with its local investor-owned utility to reduce its energy footprint.

This year's Triple E Award recipients are highlighted here to further recognize their accomplishments and to inspire future energy efficiency efforts for your business and home.

*“Even minor energy efficiency improvements can make a big difference to a small business’s bottom line,” said PSC Chairman Art Graham. “Reducing energy costs is important to not only the business, but also to its customers, who ultimately benefit from the savings. PSC-approved programs are making a difference for businesses and customers throughout Florida.”*

Pensacola’s **Carmike Cinema** received the first award in 2015 for upgrading almost 400 incandescent lights to LED in its 18 movie theaters, saving an estimated 300,960 kWh annually.

In February, **Highland Lakes Homeowners Association** was recognized for saving more than 60,000 kWh annually by installing demand control ventilation, energy efficient small heat pumps, and upgraded lighting and ceiling insulation.

The PSC presented its March Triple E Award to **The Power of Faith Ministries** in Miramar for improving ceiling insulation, making an immediate financial impact that allowed the church to add additional services in a cooler, more comfortable setting.

**Guixens Food Group, Inc.** in Tampa was recognized in April for retrofitting energy efficient lighting in its 55,000 square foot warehouse and in its signage that reduced operational costs for immediate customer savings. The entire project yielded 9.16 kW and 28,579 kWh annual reductions, and spurred further energy reduction projects projected to save an additional 2.64 kW and 8,237 kWh annually.

In May, **Pensacola Beach Elementary School** received the Triple E Award for upgrading and replacing its outdated HVAC system with low-maintenance geothermal, perfect for Florida’s coastal climate because all of the equipment is inside.

**Living Well Lodges** assisted living facilities in Central Florida was recognized in June for upgrading lighting and insulation and for using hi-tech Packaged Terminal Heat pumps and efficient unitary HVAC systems.

July’s Triple E Award went to Melbourne’s **Brevard Zoo** for incorporating “green” design into all of its facilities, including solar hot water, a zoned HVAC system, and LED lighting conversion throughout its 75-acres facility. The Zoo also boasts an educational display next to its gift shop to educate its 400,000 annual guests on how to harness the sun to generate electricity.

Last month, students returning to school at **Berkeley Preparatory School** in Tampa were more comfortable due to the facility’s roof upgrade. Not only did the school save 68,253 kWh, or \$6,825.30 in projected annual electric costs, it also received \$6,000 in rebates for participating in its utility’s Commercial Cool Roof Rebate program.

**To begin reaping your energy efficiency savings,  
call your utility provider or visit its website.**

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