

Lighting case study: Athletic clubs

Commercial customers light up from significant savings

There's a universal theme among commercial customers who take advantage of incentives offered through Puget Sound Energy's Business Lighting program. They're thrilled with the results, and often pleasantly surprised by how much! That welcome feeling of surprise is directly tied to the financial boost customers get from their PSE incentives when they pursue lighting upgrades —through small jobs or very large ones.



The Valley Athletic Club

The Valley has been a Thurston County staple for more than 40 years. As the building aged, business owners knew it was important to reinvest in the facility and make efforts to conserve energy. Incentives from PSE encouraged them to pursue a large upgrade to their indoor tennis facility, which has been met with rave reviews from their membership.

Valley employed Sports Interiors, a PSE-approved contractor, to do the project installation. "The fact that we work closely with PSE made the whole incentive application process seamless for them," says Jody Hickey, general manager of The Valley Athletic Club. "It made good environmental and business sense. A win-win!"

Project numbers

298,718: annual kWh savings
\$24,300: annual energy savings
26%: portion of project cost covered by PSE incentive

Cedar Park Christian High School

Upgrading the gymnasium lighting meant an impressive before/after comparison for Cedar Park Christian High School, but there was another benefit for the Bothell-based school, as well. The new lights require almost no maintenance. Before the retrofit project, school facility managers would have to cover the gym floor, bring in a lift to reach the lights and hire additional labor to perform the maintenance work. The school was happy to realize cost savings there, too.

Project numbers

42,501: annual kWh savings
\$4,220: annual energy savings
34%: portion of project cost covered by PSE incentive