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CAPE LIGHT COMPACT PROGRAMS HELP TRANSFORM MEZZA LUNA RESTAURANT INTO A BIG ENERGY SAVER

Landmark Restaurant Recognized for Its Commitment to Achieving Significant Energy Savings

BARNSTABLE, MA, April 14, 2010 – After a devastating fire in 2007, Mezza Luna owner E.J. Cubellis was determined to rebuild a bigger – and highly energy efficient – restaurant on the same site as the original landmark in Buzzard’s Bay, MA.

Cubellis recognized that the costs associated with energy usage comprise a significant percentage of the restaurant's annual expenses, so he contacted Cape Light Compact during the initial design phase to investigate what energy efficient measures and incentives were available to help him boost savings.

Cubellis decided on a series of measures that will **save him over \$11,000 a year on his electric bill**, while reducing the overall electric usage by about 53,000 kWh annually. That’s the equivalent of CO₂ emissions saved from 1,586 propane cylinders used for home barbeques. Cape Light Compact contributed \$7,329 in incentives toward highly efficient lighting, occupancy sensors, premium efficiency motors, economizer and air conditioning unit, and a heat-deflecting white roof.

Energy Efficiency Measures Installed	Annual Energy Savings in kilowatt hours (kWh/yr)	Annual Electric Dollar Savings (\$/yr)	Cape Light Compact Incentive Dollars (\$)
High efficiency lighting and occupancy sensors	17,770	\$3,731.00	\$1,909.00
MotorUp Program: National Electric Manufacturers Association (NEMA) Premium Efficiency Motors	2,510	\$527.00	\$250.00
Cool Choice Program: Rooftop Air Conditioning Unit and Economizer	26,460	\$5,557.00	\$2,137.00
White Roof	6,061	\$1,212.00	\$3,033.00

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“The standout result of the Mezza Luna project is that the customer is totally satisfied,” said Vicki Marchant, a Commercial and Industrial Energy Efficiency Program Analyst at Cape Light Compact.

On March 31, 2010, the Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP) recognized Mezza Luna Restaurant as a ‘Business Leader for Energy Efficiency’ at the Northeast Energy Efficiency Summit in Boston, MA. Nominated by National Grid and Cape Light Compact, the company is being honored for its continued efforts to advance energy efficiency.

“What can one person do?” asked Mezza Luna owner E.J. Cubellis. “In my business, I chose to go green.”

About Cape Light Compact

Cape Light Compact is an inter-municipal organization authorized by the 21 towns and two counties on Cape Cod and Martha’s Vineyard. The Compact’s mission is to serve our 200,000 customers through the delivery of proven energy efficiency programs, effective consumer advocacy, award-winning energy education, and competitive electricity supply and green power options.

From July 2001 through December 2009, Cape Light Compact contributed over \$45 million in energy efficiency services to the residents and business of Cape Cod & Martha’s Vineyard. In 2008, Cape Light Compact’s Energy Efficiency Programs saved enough electricity to power 1,600 homes and remove the greenhouse gas emissions from the equivalent of about 1,000 cars.

For more information on Cape Light Compact’s energy efficiency programs visit www.capelightcompact.org or call 1-800-797-6699.

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