

# e-ENERGY *edge*



An e-newsletter for Alliant Energy  
commercial and industrial customers

## December 2008 Edition

### Holiday Greetings!

The past year has presented all of us with challenges and opportunities. The New Year will undoubtedly do the same.

But through it all, Alliant Energy-Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) has been – and will be – there to keep the lights shining brightly for companies and families throughout our service territory.



We appreciate your business and the opportunity to serve you. We are committed to providing the cost-effective power necessary to run your homes and businesses, to supporting energy efficiency and responsible environmental stewardship.

From all of us at IPL, we send holiday greetings and best wishes for the coming year!



### Luther College's new science building goes "green"

Overall enrollment at Luther College has doubled since Valders Hall of Science opened in 1961 and the number of science graduates has grown six-fold.

To meet the needs of increased enrollment and the changing environment for teaching and learning science, Luther made the decision to construct a new laboratory building adjacent to the existing science facility. The college wanted not only a newer facility, but a "greener" facility.

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## Sustainable energy ethic taught in Albert Lea schools

Albert Lea (Minnesota) Area School District schools teach energy efficiency by example. They have instilled a sustainable energy ethic throughout the district's seven schools. Proof that students and faculty have learned their lessons well, the district has earned the prestigious ENERGY STAR®\* designation for energy efficiency.



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## Deadline extended for increased rebates for flood-affected customers

The increased energy-efficient equipment rebate opportunity announced by Alliant Energy in July has been extended through June 30, 2009.

Rebates are available for Iowa residential, commercial and industrial customers. Commercial and industrial customers directly impacted by the flooding and making energy-efficient improvements should contact their strategic account manager for assistance or call 1-800-373-1303, ext. 786-4320.

In addition to cash rebates, there are additional energy-efficiency opportunities

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## Alliant Energy and Rockwell Collins team to construct LEED certified building

Alliant Energy teamed up with Rockwell Collins and others to help design the first building in Iowa to receive gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED).



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## Dubuque Generating recognized for operating excellence

Dubuque Generating Station has received a 2008 Best Performer Award from the EUCG's Fossil Productivity Committee (FPC). The EUCG, founded in 1973, is an association of utility professionals that provides a forum through which electric utilities can improve their operating, maintenance, and construction performance.

The Dubuque Generating Station received the Best Performer Award in the small (<250 MW) coal-fired plants category for sustained operating excellence over a five-year period. The EUCG identifies best performers based on low cost and high performance. Additionally, the award recognizes the good work of a well-led, dedicated staff that takes pride in their plant's success.

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available. For complete details on rebates available for energy-saving products, call 1-800-723-7635 or go to [www.alliantenergy.com/rebates](http://www.alliantenergy.com/rebates).

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## 2009 Electrical Safety Classes Set

Alliant Energy Power University™ is offering electrical safety training and awareness classes to inform and educate employees on safety rules, safety equipment requirements and prevention strategies.



The next round of classes will begin March 24, 2009, in Burlington, Iowa, with others to follow in Spirit Lake, Newton, Cedar Rapids and Dubuque. Participants will receive four hours of training, a Certificate of Completion and take-home reference materials.

Cost for the class is \$250 per person with payment required at the time of registration. Group discounts are available. A [registration form](#) is available online.

For group discounts or to host a training session at your company, call 1-800-373-1303 ext. 786-4320.

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ASK ENERGY EDGE...

**Q. Alliant Energy encourages its customers to save energy and natural resources. What is Alliant Energy doing to be green?**

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## IPL's Sutherland Generating invests in new emission controls

Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) continues construction on an approximate \$30 million investment in emissions reduction technologies at the Sutherland Generating Station. The Sutherland Generating Station is a 143 megawatt coal-fired facility located in Marshalltown, Iowa. The power plant produces enough energy to power approximately 143,000 homes.

Construction began in August to install an Over Fire Air (OFA), Selective Non-Catalytic Reduction (SNCR) and Rich Reagent Injection (RRI) system. IPL expects the technologies to remove more than 60 percent of the NOx emissions from Sutherland Generating Station Unit 3.

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## IPL wins MEEA Award

Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA) recently announced that Interstate Power and Light Co. (IPL), won its 2009 *Inspiring Efficiency Education Award*.

The award is presented for the development and implementation of a local campaign, program, strategy, or idea to increase knowledge and action on energy efficiency.

This is MEEA's 5th annual competition recognizing leaders who deliver groundbreaking advancements in energy efficiency across five categories: Education, Impact, Marketing, Innovation and Leadership.

**A. Alliant Energy is doing many things to save energy and conserve natural resources.**

For example:

- In addition to our three new wind farms (one built, one under construction and one proposed), we are proud to be one of the first utility companies in the nation to propose to build hybrid coal plants that burn biomass (switchgrass, corn stalks and wood chips).
- We give customers an affordable way to support renewable energy through our Second Nature™ program. Last year, our energy-efficiency programs saved enough energy to environmentally equal the saving of more than 1,300 acres of trees from deforestation or removing more than 35,000 cars from the road.
- As a company, many of our fleet vehicles run on either biodiesel or E-85 gasoline. We are also integrating hybrid vehicles into our fleet.

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### **Look, listen, sniff for gas leaks**

Although natural gas leaks don't occur very often, the best way to protect your employees and business is to know the warning signs. Stay alert; use your eyes, ears and nose and call Alliant Energy if you:

- See unexplained dead grass in an otherwise green area, dirt or debris blowing into the air or water bubbling in a puddle, river, pond or creek
- Hear an unusual hissing or whistling sound
- Smell an odor like rotten eggs

If you notice any of these warning signs, leave the area immediately, don't touch anything that might create a spark and call Alliant Energy or your natural gas provider from a remote location.

For more information on natural gas safety, call 1-800-ALLIANT or visit [alliantenergy.com/pipelinesafety](http://alliantenergy.com/pipelinesafety).

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**For information regarding other Alliant Energy products and services, call Karmen Wilhelm at (319) 786-7788 or e-mail [karmenwilhelm@alliantenergy.com](mailto:karmenwilhelm@alliantenergy.com).**

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