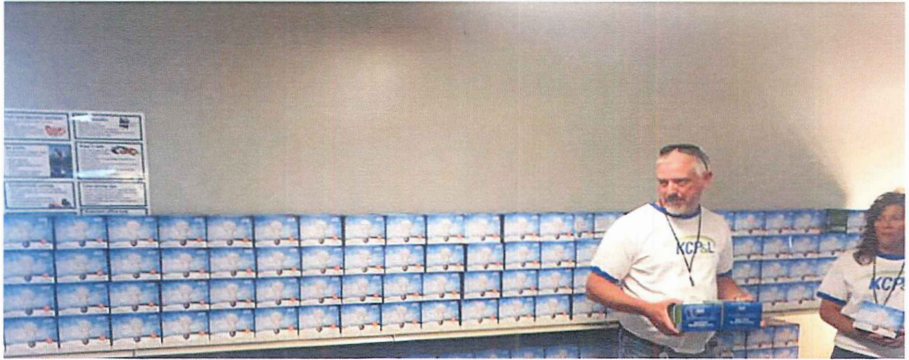


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A local food bank is giving the gift of light.

On Thursday, officials from KCP&L distributed over 17,000 energy-efficient light bulbs to the Second Harvest Community Food Bank.

Chad Higdon, Executive Director of Second Harvest, said the service is more than just handing out free light bulbs.

“One, you get the benefit of the bulbs that were donated, so you’re providing immediate savings to the household,” Higdon said. “But then, information on the savings over the course of that bulb’s life.”

The utility said it is constantly trying to help customers save money while cutting wasteful energy.

“With these bulbs specifically, you can save up to 70 percent of energy compared to the older bulbs,” said Laura Wilfon, spokesperson for KCP&L.

In addition, Wilfon said each bulb can save a customer \$62 over the duration of the newer bulb’s lifespan. The distributed boxes contain six ENERGY STAR-certified Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs.

This is the third time KCP&L has teamed up with Second Harvest for the bulb giveaway.

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