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The Environmental Protection Agency Honors The United Illuminating Company at 2016 Environmental Merit Awards



Pictured from left: Amy Mclean Salls, marketing program administrator, The United Illuminating Company; Pat McDonnell, senior director of load management, The United Illuminating Company and Sheri Borrelli, senior business development professional, The United Illuminating Company

ORANGE, Conn. (May. 23, 2016) – The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) honored The United Illuminating Company (UI) Conservation and Load Management team for its innovative efforts to promote energy efficiency at its [2016 Environmental Merit Awards](#) ceremony May 10, 2016.

Each year, EPA New England recognizes individuals and groups in the six New England states who have worked to protect or improve the region’s environment in distinct ways. UI was among recipients across New England honored for helping to improve New England’s environment. Established in 1970, the Merit Awards, honor individuals and groups who have shown particular ingenuity and commitment in their efforts.

“Congratulations to the team at The United Illuminating Company and their Conservation Team for being awarded the 2016 US EPA Region 1 Environmental Merit Award. This award not only reflects their efforts in energy efficiency but a

strong focus on sustainability for their customers,” said Linda Darveau, environmental scientist, US Environmental Protection Agency Region 1.

The Environmental Merit Awards, are awarded in the categories of individual; business (including professional organizations); local, state or federal government; and environmental, community, academia or nonprofit organization. UI was awarded in the business, industry and trade category. The EPA recognized Pat McDonnell, senior director of load management, Sheri Borrelli, senior business development professional and Amy Mclean Salls, marketing program administrator.

“This was the first time that UI has received this award, and it is an honor to be recognized by partners like the Environmental Protection Agency for the hard work our team does to educate our customers on the ever-evolving options and solutions for efficiency and sustainability in our communities,” said, Pat McDonnell, senior director of conservation and load management, The United Illuminating Company.

UI was recognized for its responsibility to reduce the impact its customers have on the environment through its commitment to the statewide Energize Connecticut initiative. The Conservation Load Management team at UI has developed programs that further helps low income families and Houses of Worship, educate school children, target high-energy-usage sectors such as waste water treatment plants and assist municipalities in saving energy and taxpayer money.

For more information on energy-saving programs and services provided through the Energize Connecticut initiative, call 1-877-WISE-USE or visit [EnergizeCT.com](https://www.energizect.com). Additional information on EPA’s Environmental Merit Awards, including photographs from the award ceremony is available <https://www.epa.gov/environmental-merit-awards-new-england>.

About Energize Connecticut

Energize Connecticut helps you save money and use clean energy. It is an initiative of the Energy Efficiency Fund, the Connecticut Green Bank, the State, and your local electric and gas utilities, with funding from a charge on customer energy bills. Information on energy-saving programs can be found at [EnergizeCT.com](https://www.energizect.com) or by calling 1.877.WISE.USE.

About UI

The United Illuminating Company (UI), established in 1899, is engaged in the purchase, transmission, distribution and sale of electricity and related services to approximately 328,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in the greater New Haven and Bridgeport areas of Connecticut. UI is a subsidiary of AVANGRID, Inc. (NYSE: AGR). For more information, visit www.uinet.com.

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