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Light department celebrating 100 years

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The Sterling Municipal Light Department is celebrating the 100th year anniversary of its formation in 1910 by offering larger rebate amounts and additional incentives for the Energy Star Rebate Program.

The SMLD was formed by the townspeople of Sterling in 1910. Its primary building was originally the 1883 Sterling High School. The department currently has 3,700 commercial, residential, municipal and industrial customers. Customers are fed power through approximately 160 miles of distribution lines.

"The Light Department has evolved with the power industry, except its core values remain to its customers

and community first as from day one. Today's mission statement is to provide smooth, clean, reliable power at a reasonable price while staying abreast of society's technological advances for the benefit of its customers," said General Manager John Kilgo Jr.

Initiatives SMLD will make in the coming year are upgraded rebate programs, continued customer educational forums, supporting all town departments, online bill payments, a more informative Web site, a Smart Meter system, continuing with competitively priced renewable energy purchases, and completing permanent repair work from the December 2008 ice storm.

"The Light Department hopes that all customers will learn more about conserving energy and their individual options to accomplish their goals as well, as we want

to educate them more on coming changes in the power industry and how we are dealing with those changes," Kilgo said.

He noted that the Light Department will offer rebates for insulation projects in existing homes.

"These rebates are the SMLD's way to encourage our customers to conserve energy and maintain heat for a home longer should an emergency disaster hit again," he said.

An annual open house (generally in April) and information seminars at the Sterling Fair in September will round out the 100-year Sterling Municipal Light Department's celebration.

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