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**CPUC Issues Staff Paper on Realizing Lower Bills Through Improved Standards & Technology**

The California Public Utilities Commission's Policy and Planning Division today issued a paper titled, *Realizing Lower Bills Through Improved Standards & Technology*.

The paper discusses two examples of how increases in energy efficiency have benefitted consumer electricity bills: household refrigerators and light bulbs. New refrigerators in 2013 were substantially less expensive to operate and less expensive to buy and own than were similar models in 1980. Similarly, not only the energy bill cost of household lighting but also the total cost of owning a light bulb has declined with the introduction of more efficient compact-fluorescent bulbs and light-emitting diode bulbs even as utility electric rates have risen.

The paper is available at:

[http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/NR/rdonlyres/11B575F0-F4CF-4F98-AEA2-DBDB5FF31CE4/0/PPDEnergyUseTotalCost\\_2.pdf](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/NR/rdonlyres/11B575F0-F4CF-4F98-AEA2-DBDB5FF31CE4/0/PPDEnergyUseTotalCost_2.pdf)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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