



Concord Light

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Welcome to our new members and welcome back to those of you who participated in our Google Group last summer!

We sincerely hope you will elect to join the **Concordians Addressing the Peak** (CAP) Google Group again this summer to help reduce the Town's summer electrical peak and thereby reduce the cost of electricity to all Concordians.

As you will recall, 15% of your electric bill is directly related to the amount of electricity Concord uses for just one hour in the entire year. That one hour, referred to as the **peak demand hour**, will occur some hot weekday afternoon this summer during the months of June - August.

If we could reduce our electric use during the peak demand hour, the entire Town would benefit with lower electric rates plus a cleaner environment as the least efficient electric generating plants operate during peaks.

If you would like to help again this summer, there is nothing further to do but wait for our email notifications of potential peak days and then do what you can to reduce energy consumption during the specified hours. Like last year, we plan to email you during the summer when we think the peak demand hour might be near due to weather conditions, and you could help by deferring the use of electricity during that 3-hour period to help reduce the Town's peak. We will also post a notice to the Town of Concord website and put out sidewalk signs around Town to notify Concordians a peak demand hour is approaching.

As we noted last year, you can help by deferring the use of appliances such as washers and dryers until later in the day, shutting off pool pumps for a few hours, raising the setting on your air conditioning thermostat a few degrees, or anything else that would reduce consumption.

We appreciate your continued participation in the CAP program and if you have any email friends that may be interested in joining please send the below email address along to them.

All they need to do is simply send the email with the Subject and Body blank. Google Groups will automatically send a reply requesting a verification of the request. This has been set up as a one way email system so members can only receive emails from this site.

Cmlp-cap+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Thanks for helping Concord Light help you.

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