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Xcel Energy honors Leprino Foods with environmental leadership award



ROSWELL, N.M. – Xcel Energy has honored Leprino Foods with its 2011 Environmental Leadership Award, recognizing Leprino’s energy efficiency retrofits to lighting and electrical equipment at its Roswell cheese processing facility.

Since 2009, Leprino has submitted six applications for projects that qualified for Xcel Energy’s Lighting Efficiency and Motors & Drives Programs, which are energy efficiency programs designed to help customers maximize the use of electricity and save money. Leprino currently is participating in the second phase of the large commercial and industrial study program, which offers assistance in formulating a long-term energy plan.

Total annual estimated savings from the Leprino efforts are 3.6 million kilowatt-hours, which translates to a cost savings of \$158,834.

“As our region’s power demand grows, one of the best ways to meet that demand is by helping customers reduce their usage and make the most of their energy dollar,” said Riley Hill, president and CEO of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company. “These programs are another way we bring value to our customers, and we encourage others to follow Leprino’s example.”

Information on Xcel Energy’s efficiency programs can be found at xcelenergy.com by clicking on the “save money and energy” tab at the top of the homepage.

Hill presented the leadership award to Pete Mayadag, plant manager, and Toby Mendenhall, plant engineering manager, at a recent customer event in Roswell.

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