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Saving energy and money: Here and Now

Sustainability is part of Allaina Propst's DNA, so when she started turning a vintage building in downtown Honesdale into the Here & Now brewery and restaurant, energy efficiency was important.

"It's just something that makes sense," she said.

After meeting a PPL representative at an energy-efficiency forum in northeast Pennsylvania, Propst learned what kind of rebates would benefit her business. She and her partners took advantage of PPL's energy-efficiency programs and were able to get rebates on equipment like the glycol chiller for beer production, the ice maker and dishwasher.

"They made it very easy for me," she said, adding that rebates helped with the upfront cost of the equipment. Plus, there's the long-term energy savings. "Every penny counts," she said.

Here & Now Brewing Company opened for business in January 2017, and its restaurant debuted in May of last year. During the transformation of the space that would become Here & Now, tin ceilings were



Here & Now partners left to right: Karl Schloesser, Steven Propst and Allaina Propst.

refurbished and reused. The bar was built from refurbished floor joists removed to make room for the brewing equipment. The business composts its food scraps.

In many ways, Propst and her partners are all about reducing their footprint. "Why not?" asked Propst. "It's about doing the right thing."

PPL Key Account Manager Brian Stafford said Here & Now is a great example of how PPL's energy-efficiency programs are working to help small business customers. Are you looking for ways to save here and now? Visit ppllectric.com/businessrebates.

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Q: If my building is mixed-use, can I still qualify for an energy-efficiency rebate?

A: Absolutely. There are many mixed-use buildings out there where the business is on the first floor, with apartments on upper floors. Eligibility for mixed-use buildings depends on the meter setup. Here's an example. If a building with a first-floor commercial retail space has a commercial meter, then the retail space and any common areas would be eligible for program rebates.



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Global caring

PPL engineer volunteers in Sierra Leone

Jose Silverio (third from right in photo) likes to give time to help others when he gets the chance. So much so that, in January, he traveled almost 4,500 miles to lend a hand.

Silverio was one of five engineers from the Lehigh Valley who spent two weeks in the West African town of Mattru, Sierra Leone, as part of an Engineers Without Borders volunteer trip. Engineers Without Borders designs and builds projects to help communities meet basic needs, such as water and reliable energy.

During long days of hands-on work, the engineers built a toilet facility for outpatients at a hospital. They also checked in on an earlier project at a school involving a solar electricity installation, a clean water connection and sanitation facilities.

"When we do something for communities, we want it to be sustainable, so they can maintain whatever we built," said Silverio, a PPL Electric Utilities support engineer. "We wanted to make sure all the facilities were working and they were maintaining them."

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