SMALL BUSINESS SOLUTIONS SUCCESS STORY

THE FEVE



OBERLIN, OHIO Efficient Lighting and Refrigeration Project

The Feve is a two-story restaurant and bar located in Oberlin, Ohio. The restaurant provides a dining experience for any mood, offering table service on its main floor and a more casual environment on the top floor. Since opening in 1992, the Feve has become a popular place in the community to enjoy a meal with friends and family.

PROJECT GOALS:

Reduce the energy consumption and operating expenses of the restaurant.

SOLUTION:

Install efficient refrigeration units and fixtures that use LEDs.

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The Feve utilized Efficiency Smart's Small Business Solutions program to complete an efficient lighting and refrigeration project. Selecting energy-efficient technology recommended through the rebate application, the restaurant replaced its existing incandescent light bulbs with LEDs, and also replaced its walk-in refrigeration unit with three upright reach-in refrigerators.

Efficiency Smart provided a rebate for the project, helping reduce the payback period on the efficient upgrades. The Feve was able to install LED lights that not only saved on electric and maintenance costs, but also accentuated the presentation of its food offerings. In addition, the newly installed refrigeration units met the needs of the restaurant while successfully cutting its expenses.

⁶⁶ Working with Efficiency Smart on our efficient upgrades was easy. The team's advice and communication ensured that we got the most energy savings out of the project, and we received our rebate check in a timely manner. After realizing the benefits of the efficient upgrades at the restaurant, I also took advantage of Efficiency Smart's residential rebates for my home.⁹⁹

Matt Adelman Co-owner, The Feve



PROJECT FACTS AT A GLANCE

Annual kWh Savings: 73,400 Annual Cost Savings: \$6,600 Lifetime Cost Savings: \$27,600 Annual CO₂ Reduction: 142,900 pounds

PROJECT PARTNERS

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