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**Rep. Noujaim, Alliance Energy Solutions, CL&P Help SKYE Cable
XIII Upgrade Its Lighting System**



***Improvements Expected to Help SKYE Cable Reduce Energy Use,
Lower Electricity Bills***

SKYE Cable XIII, the Waterbury studio where most local cable access programs are produced, will improve the visual quality of its programming; reduce its energy consumption by about half; and lower its electricity bills because of improvements financed by funding state Representative Selim G. Noujaim helped obtain for a project to upgrade its lighting system and camera equipment.

The lighting system improvements cost \$4,900, half of which came from the state's Energy Conservation Fund, which is administered by Connecticut Light & Power, and half from a donation from Alliance Energy Solutions of Oxford, which installed the new fixtures. CL&P contributed another \$3,000, which paid for new camera equipment for the studio, said Representative Noujaim, R-Waterbury.

"Representative Noujaim brought SKYE Cable's problems with its lighting system to our attention when Robert Drain, our Western Division director appeared on his program last year," said CL&P Spokesman Mitch Gross. "He got the ball rolling and we were able to get the grant approved. Energy costs are a major issue and we were glad to help SKYE Cable conserve electricity and reduce their energy costs."

"It was a Godsend for us when Selim helped us obtain the funding to help upgrade our lighting system," said SKYE Cable President Stephen Mindera. "Our original lighting system was antiquated. The bulbs burned out quickly, threw out a lot of heat and burned too much electricity. The new lighting is cost effective and generates less heat. It will benefit every cable access user who utilizes our studio. Selim does a lot of things like this for the community. We really appreciate him going out of his way for us. "

"Originally, there were a dozen high intensity discharge fixtures at SKYE that burned excessive amounts of electricity," said Alliance Energy Solutions Energy Consultant Greg Hudson. "By replacing those fixtures with energy conservation units, we will cut their energy use in half and improve the lighting quality in the studio. The new equipment has a longer life cycle and doesn't require as much maintenance, which will significantly reduce their maintenance costs."

Alliance Energy Solutions is an energy services firm that identifies energy savings opportunities for business and government facilities, private and public schools,

hospitals, and non-profit institutions throughout the state and elsewhere in the country, Mr. Hudson said.