

Hecky's Barbecue Case Study

This restaurant discovers the right recipe for energy savings.

Hecky's Barbecue, an Evanston community staple, opened in 1983 with only \$100 in the register. Close to 40 years later, the restaurant continues to thrive at its original location. Hecky's Barbecue is a carry-out restaurant known for its menu of family recipe-based barbecued foods and barbecue sauce, as well as its sponsorship of numerous community groups and organizations.

Owner Cheryl Judice learned about the Illinois Foodservice Equipment Rebates offering through a participating supplier. Working with Judice to understand the restaurant's needs, the participating supplier helped her select key energy-efficient equipment that best served Hecky's needs. "The supplier was exceptional," exclaimed Cheryl.

She was able to easily upgrade her kitchen equipment to ENERGY STAR® certified and otherwise high-efficiency refrigerators and freezers, a convection oven and underfired broiler. As a result, they are projected to achieve energy savings of over 1,500 kWh and 1,000 therms annually, which translates to over \$800 in cost savings per year.



Hecky's equipment costs were supplemented by an instant rebate from a Participating Supplier provided by the northern Illinois electric and natural gas utilities. Hecky's lowered their project cost by over \$2,500 via instant rebates applied at purchase. "Cost was the most important thing," stated Cheryl. "I was able to get the sizes I needed, and the equipment cooks the food evenly."

Let's take a closer look at Hecky's project:

Gas Measures

Equipment	Amount
Estimated annual savings	1,059 therms
Total project cost	\$2,223
Nicor Gas Program incentive	\$2,000
Project cost after incentive	\$223
Estimated annual cost savings	\$667

Electric Measures

Equipment	Amount
Estimated annual savings	1,584 kWh
Total project cost	\$3,927
ComEd Program incentive	\$550
Project cost after incentive	\$3,377
Estimated annual cost savings	\$149

Questions?

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Estimated annual electric and gas cost savings based on 1,584 kWh and 1,059 therms, respectively. Actual savings may vary based on customer's energy usage and rate.

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