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Question:
Refer to page 8 section b. 2025 Proposed Changes. With the increasing lumen requirement set by the Department of Energy decreasing savings, explain why the LED lighting programs are necessary if LED usage becomes the norm technology used with minimal additional energy savings?

Response:
The Company believes that the program is still beneficial to offer to our customers as we are encouraging them to buy LEDs that are above the 45 lumens per watt baseline to help them save energy and money. The program remains cost effective even with the baseline change.

We are also offering discounts on LEDs that do not have the 45 lumens per watt requirement, making this program a more comprehensive offering. Examples of these bulbs are nightlights, linear tubes, and non-general service lamp specialty bulbs.

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