

In an effort to support our electricity provider, Duquesne Light, Robert Morris University is participating in a demand response program, which calls on utility customers to reduce their use of electricity during periods of high demand.

Here's how it works: When extreme weather conditions or other circumstances cause electricity usage to spike, Duquesne Light may notify participating organizations with a request to reduce their consumption of power. At RMU we would likely do this by adjusting air conditioning and common-area lighting in the following buildings: Patrick Henry, Nicholson Center, Sewall Center, Washington Hall and the RMU Island Sports Center. Individuals would assist in this effort by turning off lights and powering down equipment that is not in use.

Our participation in this program does not compel us to comply with each request from Duquesne Light, so we will naturally take into consideration conditions on campus or any circumstances, such as events, that would preclude us from reducing power. And we would never reduce power without notification to the campus community via email or other methods as appropriate.

Duquesne Light has yet to call on participants in the program to reduce power. But we will need to schedule a drill to ensure that, when circumstances warrant, we are able to do so safely and effectively. You will receive timely notice before that occurs.

The demand response program represents RMU's commitment to the sustainable use of natural resources as well as our desire to be a responsible community citizen. Thank you in advance for your participation in this effort. If you have any questions, contact me at ext. 4328 or kirsch@rmu.edu.

Sincerely,

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