CUSTOMER PROFILE: **PCC Natural Markets – Edmonds**

**Cost Savings:** $11,300/yr. (163,000 kWh)

**PCC Natural Markets** began as a food-buying club of 15 families in 1953. Today, it’s the largest consumer-owned natural food retail co-operative in the United States. PCC has nine stores in the Puget Sound region and is owned by nearly 45,000 members who shop in its neighborhood locations.

If you’ve been to Edmonds recently, you may have noticed the newest PCC store, which features a collection of eco-friendly measures that save both energy and water. PCC partnered with the PUD to identify energy-saving opportunities, from the initial design phase through construction.

**Lighting:**
Use of natural light – including 35 skylights and special window glazing – and low-wattage lights and daylight sensors controls have cut lighting expenses by 25% compared to the Washington State Energy Code.

**Heating and Refrigeration:**
The space heating, hot water and refrigeration systems are interconnected so that waste heat from the refrigeration system is used to warm the store and heat water. PCC also maximized its use of ENERGY STAR appliances throughout the store.

“PCC has deliberately incorporated eco-friendly features in all of its remodel, upgrade and construction projects for many years. Conserving natural resources and lowering operating costs are important reasons, of course, but we also believe that our employees and shoppers deserve to work and shop in an environment as supportive of their health as the products we sell.”

Lori Ross, PCC Director of Store Development

**Building Envelope:**
The thermoplastic polyolefin roofing, a continuous membrane of waterproof material heat-welded to the surface, makes the roof naturally resistant to heat and ultraviolet light, lowering cooling costs.

The energy-efficiency measures incorporated into the PCC Edmonds store are expected to reduce energy consumption by 50 percent over industry standards. The store is under review for a Platinum certification from the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program, the highest certification level available.

To find out how PUD energy professionals can assist you in identifying and managing your next energy project, please contact us today.