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Drop in residential electricity use to continue through 2015

Improvements in energy efficiency in lighting and home appliances are expected to continue to push residential electricity use lower over the next two years.

Electricity use by the average residential customer has been trending downward since 2006 and is expected to fall to the lowest level in more than a decade, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration

EIA's new forecast shows household electricity use is expected to drop 1.1 percent this year and then fall almost one-half percent in 2015.

Compact fluorescent and LED lighting use about 75 percent less energy than traditional incandescent bulbs.

Meanwhile, the improving economy is expected to lead to a boost in electricity use by the U.S. industrial sector, which is forecast to consume 2.2 percent more electricity this year and 2.5 percent more in 2015.

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