



Commercial Rebates

COMMERCIAL REBATES OVERVIEW

Why Participate in the Program?

Austin Energy's (AE) Commercial Rebates are designed to help you implement energy efficiency measures that can reduce your electric demand by offering financial incentives to offset your initial investment. AE, as a business resource and energy management partner, can offer unbiased expertise to help you decide how to make the most effective use of your electricity dollars. By investing in your energy savings projects, AE reduces the need to generate additional power; lowers long-term investment costs for electric facilities and enhances the environment. In addition, energy conservation helps reduce your operating expenses.

Rebate Categories

Rebates are offered in the following technology categories; interior or qualifying exterior lighting, building envelope, air conditioning, motors, variable frequency drives and other technologies. Rebates will vary on the quantity of equipment, efficiency ratings and the chosen retrofit or new equipment solution.

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS/GUIDELINES

1. The goal of the rebate program is to reduce the utility's peak demand (kW) during its summer peak period, which occurs between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. weekdays, May 1 through October 31.
2. The daily operating hours for qualifying retrofits or new construction projects must have been and/or will be a minimum of four (4) consecutive hours during the AE's peak demand period as defined above. Off-peak or night-time applications do not qualify.
3. All current commercial and municipal customers with an Austin Energy electric account number are eligible to participate.
4. In general, rebate applications need to be submitted before any new equipment installations have begun. Refer to specific technology guidelines for details.
5. Rebate funding is limited and offered on a first-come, first-serve basis.
6. New construction projects are defined as new buildings and/or major remodels that require compliance to the City of Austin's Energy Code as dictated by the Development, Review & Inspection Department. (Baselines are based on the IECC 2006 Energy Code).
7. All work must be performed in accordance with all applicable federal, state, local and manufacturers' codes and standards.
8. All installed qualifying equipment must be new and any removed equipment cannot be reused within the AE service area.
9. Qualified small business and non profit customers may be eligible to receive an additional 20% bonus rebate (excluding solar photovoltaic) on all qualified energy conservation measures.
10. Rebate applications in the amount of \$50,000 or above may require City Council approval.

SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS

1. The customer will be responsible for insuring that hazardous wastes (i.e., PCB ballasts, fluorescent lamps, etc.) are handled and disposed in strict compliance with all applicable federal, state, local laws, ordinances and regulations.
2. AE may issue a Letter of Intent for approved City Council rebate applications exceeding pre-determined City Council budgetary limits.
3. A small business is defined as a commercial customer that does not exceed an average monthly demand of 100 kilowatts during any summer (May 1 – October 31) monthly billing period. Bonus rebates to qualified small business customers will be limited to a maximum of five (5) separate electric accounts per fiscal year.

Program guidelines and rebate levels are subject to change at any time, without notice.

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COMMERCIAL REBATE – HOW TO PARTICIPATE

STEP 1 - PARTICIPATION REQUEST

1. Complete and submit a *Participation Request* form. The form can be mailed to 811 Barton Springs Rd. (3rd floor), Austin, Texas 78704, by FAX at 505-4026 or by calling 482-5346. Requests can also be emailed to conservation@austinenergy.com.
2. An Austin Energy Representative will contact you to schedule an initial assessment of your facility. Project related documentation, applications and additional energy related energy saving opportunities will be discussed during the initial assessment.
3. After you decide which energy conservation measures to install, the next step is to solicit bids and select the appropriate vendors/contractors. Austin Energy can provide you with a list of vendors/contractors who have participated in our programs.

STEP 2 - REBATE APPLICATION PROCESS & INSTALLATION

(Existing Construction/Retrofits/Renovations)

1. A *Rebate Application* accompanied by all required technical documentation on the proposed equipment must be submitted before any new equipment is installed.
2. Austin Energy must perform a preliminary inspection of your existing equipment (**except on 20 ton and smaller direct expansion air conditioners, motor replacements, and window treatment projects**).
3. After receiving and reviewing your *Rebate Application*, you will receive approval to schedule installation of your equipment. AE may issue a Letter of Intent for approved City Council rebate applications exceeding pre-determined City Council budgetary limits.
4. Upon notification of project completion, an Austin Energy representative will schedule a final inspection to verify equipment installation.
5. Qualified small business customers may be eligible to receive an additional 20% bonus rebate (excluding solar photovoltaic) on all qualified energy conservation measures.

(New Construction)

1. *Rebate Applications* must be submitted **before 50% of the construction phase is completed**. Preferably, rebate applications should be submitted before the new building receives its construction permit through the Development Review and Inspection Department. Even though you may be consulting with other sections of Austin Energy, you still need to submit the appropriate forms to the Power Saver Program. New Construction information can be found in the Commercial New Construction Guidelines. **The IECC 2006 Energy Code** establishes program efficiency baselines for incentive payments. (These code related minimum efficiency levels apply to all applicable technologies.)

STEP 3 - REBATE PAYMENTS

1. If your project passes the final inspection, you will receive your rebate check 4 – 6 weeks after the final inspection.
2. Austin Energy will process your rebate payment based on the installed equipment as documented on your *Rebate Application*.
3. All rebates are made payable to the commercial end-user as specified by the customer.
4. The maximum rebate per customer is \$200,000 per fiscal year (October - September) for each customer facility site. The rebate payment for each energy project cannot exceed 50% of the total job cost, including equipment, installation and tax.
5. The maximum limit of \$200,000 will be offered for each commercial demand side management program, i.e. Commercial Rebates and or Thermal Energy Storage systems.

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