



Commercial Rebates

Commercial New Construction

Program Description

Austin Energy (AE) offers financial incentives to promote the installation of energy efficient technologies in new commercial construction projects.

The AE Commercial New Construction Program offers incentives to commercial construction projects being built within the service area of Austin Energy. These program incentives are intended to reduce the added incremental costs associated with the installation of high efficiency technologies. The most economical time to invest in energy efficiency is during the initial planning and design phase of a new building or of a major remodel of an existing structure.

The building owner, design professional, contractor or other designated agent is eligible to apply to Austin Energy for rebates on Commercial New Construction projects. Commercial New Construction projects are defined as: building shells, complete build-outs, finish-outs, additions and major building remodeling projects. Eligibility for rebates requires projects to exceed the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC 2009) efficiency levels, including City of Austin amendments. Building components that simply meet code, or are required by this code, are not eligible for incentive payments.

The major categories of high efficiency technologies are listed on ATTACHMENT A of the new construction guidelines. An AE representative will be assigned to assist you with the process, help determine eligibility, and make recommendations.

Qualifying equipment is eligible for payment after the components have been installed and have passed all City of Austin building inspections. Multiple applications can be submitted for a single project, for qualifying equipment installed in the new facility. Rebate payments cannot exceed \$200,000 per customer site (per fiscal year).

Rebates under the Commercial New Construction program are not eligible for any added bonuses such as Small Business bonus, Non-Profit bonus, or any other type of bonus.

General Qualifications/Guidelines

Please refer to the General Qualifications/Guidelines information sheet for additional information. Specific requirements that cover each building component rebate may likewise apply.

SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION

1. The application can be invalidated by Austin Energy if the building permit is classified as being 'inactive' by the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department.
2. Rebate Tiers will be used in the Commercial New Construction Rebate Program to designate the different rebate levels available. Each tier represents a segment or phase of the new construction process. Rebates will be paid based on when the customer enters the process by submitting a Customer Information Request form, working drawings, and specifications. The rebate tiers are listed and defined below.

Tier 1 - Planning and Design (Austin Energy requires lighting plans & schedules, electrical riser plan, mechanical schedules and specifications) - One Stop Shop review (Watershed Protection and Development Review Department)

Tier 2 – Post-Building permit - Pre Certificate of Occupancy issuance

Tier 3 – Up to six months post Certificate of Occupancy

- 3) The rebate Levels for the program are identified as a percentage of the total rebates for which the customer qualifies.

Tier 1 –100% of qualifying rebates

Tier 2 – 75% of qualifying rebates

Tier 3 – 50% of qualifying rebates

- 4) **Issuance of a Letter of Intent:** At the customer's request and upon verification of Tier 1 and/or Tier 2 qualified rebates, Austin Energy will execute a Letter of Intent in order to establish the scope and amount of rebates to be issued "bona fide" on the said project. In the event there are changes in project scope, code changes, and/or rebate program changes during the construction of the project, the LOI will be modified (in the customer's favor) to reflect the proper rebated technologies and rebate amounts.

ATTACHMENT A

LIST OF TECHNOLOGIES QUALIFYING FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION REBATES:

1. LIGHTING
2. LIGHTING CONTROLS
3. GUEST ROOM CONTROLLERS
4. HVAC – (CHILLERS, D/X, RTUs and PTAC equipment)
5. HIGH EFFICIENCY NEMA PREMIUM II MOTORS
6. VARIABLE FREQUENCY DRIVES
7. ENERGY RECOVERY VENTILATORS
8. CUSTOM TECHNOLOGY – \$150/kW for Path A (process changes) and \$300/kW for Path B (equipment retrofits or upgrades)
9. THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE
10. TRANSFORMERS
11. No rebates will be paid for the building envelope (ex. Reflective roof, windows & insulation).

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