

Load Cooperative Program

Cash Incentives For Demand-Rate Customers

As a demand-rate customer, you may be eligible to receive cash incentives for participating in Austin Energy's Load Cooperative Program. By curtailing unnecessary load during certain peak demand periods between noon and 8 p.m. June through September, you may see a reduction in your electric bill by the reduced electric usage as well as receive the following cash incentives:

- An annual payment of \$5 per kilowatt (kW) paid monthly at \$1.25/kW for all curtailable load the customer makes available during curtailment periods.
- A payment of 15 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for all energy reduced during load curtailment periods.



Here's How The Program Works

The program is based on a voluntary agreement between Austin Energy and selected customers. In return for the cash incentives, customers agree to turn off unnecessary electric loads for three hours at a time, up to 15 times but no more than three days in a row for a maximum of 45 hours in the noon to 8 p.m. time frame during the peak demand months. After the peak has passed, usually around 7 p.m., the loads may be turned back on by customers.

Which Customers Are Good Candidates?

If your business has 100 kW or more of load that can either be shifted to a later time or curtailed altogether and at least 15 percent of normal summer on-peak bill demand, you are a good candidate for this program. Especially good prospects are industrial, large commercial and institutional customers with loads that can temporarily be moved off peak. Austin Energy's trained energy engineers will help you identify equipment loads that can be safely and effectively curtailed.

When Does The Peak Demand Occur?

Although we don't know ahead of time exactly when a system-wide peak in demand will occur, history has shown that it usually occurs on very hot summer weekday afternoons June through September between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

How Will I Know When To Curtail?

At least 60 minutes in advance of a curtailment, you will receive notification by pager, e-mail or phone alerting you of its starting time. You will respond with a confirmation and begin shutting down your identified equipment.

When Do I Turn Equipment Back On?

After three hours, you may begin turning your equipment back on. During the curtailment period, Austin Energy will read your meter remotely to determine your incentive payment.

Contact

For more information, send an e-mail to conservation@austinenergy.com or call **482-5346**.

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