

Central Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.
POLICY No. 507

Commercial and Industrial Lighting Rebate Program
ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

I. OBJECTIVE

This policy is intended to promote energy efficient lighting applications for Central Valley Electric Cooperative (CVE), commercial and industrial members. According to the United States Energy Information Administration, lighting accounts for more than 20 percent of energy usage in commercial buildings in the U.S.

II. POLICY CONTENT

Energy efficient lighting can help CVE members save money on their energy bills; at the same time it can help the co-op lower wholesale power demands, thereby reducing the need for additional generation. Therefore, commercial and industrial members who upgrade or retrofit their lighting fixtures and bulbs to more energy efficient bulbs and fixtures, in existing facilities/buildings, are eligible for rebates based on kilowatts (kW) reduced. Rebates are also available for energy efficient lighting installations in new construction

III. PROVISIONS

A. Rebates cannot exceed 60 percent of the lighting equipment cost (labor not included). Rebates will be capped at \$50,000.00 for any one member. Members must apply for rebates within 60 days of completed lighting installation. Rebates will be issued within 30 days of approved application.

B. Retrofit Rebate

The rebate on lighting projects is determined by comparing the actual lighting kW usage with the proposed kW lighting usage to be installed for existing buildings. Rebates will be paid at \$450 per kW reduced. Efficient lighting options include but are not limited to; T8 Fluorescent, T5 Fluorescent, Compact Fluorescent Lighting (CFL), Light Emitting Diode (LED), and Plasma Lighting.

C. New Construction Rebate

Members installing Light Emitting Diode (LED), Compact Fluorescent bulbs (CFL) or Plasma lighting will receive a rebate of 40 percent of the equipment cost (labor costs not included).

D. Lighting Quote

CVE members interested in energy efficient lighting and/or this program can use the services of a professional lighting group. A CVE representative will help the member gather basic information (ceiling height, facility size, lighting requirements, etc.) regarding the lighting needs of the facility. The professional lighting group will then take that information and generate a proposal detailing the price, payback, potential energy savings, and any tax credits or rebates available. The member can then order the proposed lighting equipment from this group and make arrangements for installation, or the member can get a proposal for lighting equipment and installation from a business of their choice.

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E. Rebate Qualifications and Eligibility

- A CVE representative must complete a preliminary assessment of the location to verify existing lighting.
- Rebates are offered to all CVE commercial and industrial members who are current in the payment of their electric bill.
- All lighting must be installed in accordance with all applicable local, state and national codes and ordinances.
- All lighting equipment must be installed and operational before a rebate application is submitted to CVE and any rebate paid.
- Members must allow a CVE representative access to records and installation sites for the purpose of inspection and verification.
- Removed lighting systems must be disposed of in an environmentally friendly way that meets or exceeds current Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards.
- All lighting equipment must be new.
- When installation is complete, members must notify CVE. CVE will then conduct a post-installation inspection and verify the actual rebate amount to be issued.
- A signed application and detailed installation invoice(s) must be submitted to CVE within 90 days of the invoice date. Invoice(s) submitted must include itemized quantity, price, manufacturers' make and model numbers, product codes and kW usage for each material item and/or original equipment manufacturer (OEM) specification sheets.

F. Other Rebate Details

- **Outdoor lighting including parking lot lights, outdoor wall packs, etc. are excluded from this rebate.**
- CVE is not liable for any damages caused by the operation or malfunction of the installed equipment.
- CVE does not guarantee that a specific level of energy or cost savings will result from the implementation of energy efficiency measures or the use of products funded under this program.
- Rebates will be issued in the form of checks, not utility bill credits.
- CVE reserves the right to inspect member facility(ies) for installation of lighting equipment listed on the rebate application
- This rebate does not apply to residential members.

G. Program Funding

Funding for this program will be from the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Fund. Should the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation fund become deficient in funds; the Commercial and Industrial lighting program will become inactive until such time funds are available.

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IV. **RESPONSIBILITY**

The General Manager is responsible for the administration of this policy.

Approved: _____


Charles G. Wagner, Jr., President

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