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Energy Efficiency Programs



NYSEG and RG&E are currently operating several energy efficiency programs in accordance with the New York State Public Service Commission's (PSC) Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard initiative. These programs provide cost-savings to residential and nonresidential customers while at the same time supporting the companies' focus on the environment and energy efficiency. These energy efficiency programs are being conducted in accordance with a June 2008 PSC order and subsequent orders and are funded by the System Benefit Charge (SBC) on customers' bills.

OUR ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

Residential Natural Gas Rebate Program. This program offers residential natural gas customers rebates for specific energy efficient equipment. Eligible equipment includes: high efficiency natural gas furnaces, water boilers, steam boilers, boiler reset controls, indirect water heaters and programmable thermostats.

Home Refrigerator and Freezer Recycling Program. Available to electricity customers and includes free removal and recycling of second refrigerators or freezers. Participating customers receive a \$30 rebate and annual electricity savings of up to \$150. Refrigerators and freezers must be in working condition, owned by the resident and must be a minimum of 10 cubic feet in size, using inside measurements.

Multi-Family Program. This program provides equipment replacement and rebates designed to reduce electricity use in apartment and condominium complexes. Free installation of compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) in up to six fixtures in dwelling units. Incentives up to 50% of the cost of common area lighting upgrades. Eligible buildings must have between 5 and 50 units.

Small Business Energy Efficiency Program. This is a direct install program for nonresidential small business electricity customers. The program is designed to identify cost-effective energy efficiency lighting opportunities; each eligible business will receive a free energy assessment to identify lighting upgrades that include installing occupancy sensors; and changing fluorescent fixtures to higher efficiency lamps and ballasts, exit signs to LED lighting, and incandescent bulbs to CFLs. The customer pays 30% and NYSEG or RG&E pays 70% of the total cost of the installed measures.

Commercial and Industrial Rebate Program. Eligible customers include electricity and or natural gas commercial, industrial, municipal and institutional customers. There are prescriptive and custom qualifying electricity and natural gas measures. Prescriptive electric measures include lighting and controls and certain high efficiency HVAC equipment. Prescriptive gas measures include condensing boilers, hydronic boilers, furnaces and steam boilers. Custom electric and custom gas measures are site-specific cost-effective energy savings measures for retrofit opportunities.

Block Bidding Program. NYSEG and RG&E purchase blocks of reduced electricity usage. Similar to an auction, bidders are offered the opportunity to submit proposed energy savings and a bid price to achieve those savings. Bids have to identify specific measures to be implemented. Each company will purchase up to 4,289 megawatt-hours of savings each year through 2015. Participation by eligible nonresidential customers and third-party aggregators working with those customers in the program is limited to open requests for proposals.

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