

Custom Efficiency is...

...an opportunity for large and mid-sized commercial and industrial customers to receive a financial incentive and lower their electrical bills. How? By reducing energy usage through more efficient electrical equipment and processes. Idaho Power will pay qualifying customers an incentive to modify an existing process or install more efficient equipment.

The financial incentive works like this...

...identify an energy-saving project, submit a completed application with supporting documentation and calculations. Idaho Power will determine your financial incentive based upon the least of two calculations:

- a. 12 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) saved per year or
- b. 70 percent of the project cost.

Projects must be completed within one year of signing an agreement with Idaho Power and incentives will be disbursed only as long as funds are available.

You should participate because...

...you can save energy, money and natural resources. Idaho Power is sponsoring this program to encourage energy efficiency, control energy costs, preserve resources and especially to help our customers save on their electrical bills by using less energy. All Schedule 9 and 19 customers are eligible to apply (must be in good standing with accounts current). Other large industrial customers also may qualify.

Answers to Commonly Asked Questions

How is this program funded?

The Custom Efficiency program is one of many Idaho Power efforts to encourage the wise use of resources. The program is funded through the Energy Efficiency Riders, which are included in the Energy Efficiency Services line item on customers' monthly bills, as approved by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission in May 2002 and the Oregon Public Utilities Commission in August 2005.

What process modifications would qualify?

Eligible efficiency projects include modifications to: electrical industrial and commercial processes, motor systems, controls, fans, pumps, compressors, lighting, air conditioning and refrigeration, which use less energy.

When are applications due?

Idaho Power will process completed applications on a first-come, first-served basis. As applications are approved, Idaho Power will set aside incentive funds for the qualified projects. Applications must be submitted with backup documentation and approved by Idaho Power before the associated equipment is ordered to qualify for incentive.

Who makes the decision about what projects qualify for an incentive?

The Idaho Power Representative for your area, in collaboration with engineers at Idaho Power and outside consultants, will evaluate each project's potential energy savings based on generally accepted energy efficiency practices and methodologies. Idaho Power reserves the right to deny an incentive for projects that do not comply with minimum industry standards.

Why is a contract agreement necessary?

Idaho Power is committed to the success of this program. To ensure a mutually beneficial collaboration, you will be asked to sign an agreement with Idaho Power and submit it with your application and backup documentation. As long as the project is completed and operating as proposed within a year of the contract signing date, Idaho Power will fulfill its obligation to provide an incentive check to you.

Here is the process and what you'll need to do...

1. Determine how your electrical process could be more energy efficient. If needed, seek advice from the Idaho Power Representative for your area or an energy efficiency expert for your particular process.
2. Obtain an estimate of the cost to modify or install your more efficient electrical equipment, related materials and outside labor. Idaho Power will contribute only to those projects that go beyond the current building code standards.
3. Complete the Custom Efficiency program application and agreement, and submit these to the Idaho Power Representative for your area or to a Custom Efficiency Program Engineer. Include calculation spreadsheets (MS Excel preferred) and any support documentation requested by Idaho Power. If calculations are complex and require the expertise of a professional engineer, calculations will need the engineer's stamp and signature.
4. Idaho Power, in consultation with industry experts, will review applications on a first-come, first served basis. Once your project is approved, the company will set aside the determined incentive amount.
5. While your project is underway, Idaho Power may request an opportunity to monitor the electrical use and demand of the equipment installed in the energy efficiency project.
6. Once work is complete and project costs have been itemized, contact Idaho Power for a verification inspection. Once your project is verified and program objectives have been met, Idaho Power will provide you with your financial incentive check.

More information...

...the electronic application form and agreement are available on our Website at www.idahopower.com/customefficiency. Also, look for other Idaho Power programs including *Easy Upgrades* for more straightforward retrofit projects and *Building Efficiency* for new building construction projects.