

Fall 2023 Natural Gas Early Completion Bonus

Consumers Energy is excited to offer a special bonus incentive (Fall Bonus) to encourage implementation of new natural gas projects in advance of the heating season. This bonus offer applies to Incentive Applications for recently implemented natural gas projects, for which a Final Application has not yet been submitted. Residential Agricultural projects and Request for Proposal (RFP) projects are not eligible for this bonus offer.

This bonus offer is a 20% bonus incentive applicable to eligible natural gas incentive measures implemented by qualified Consumers Energy natural gas customers, for which incentives are requested on a **complete Final Application submitted between September 1, 2023** (Fall Bonus beginning date) **and October 31, 2023** (Fall Bonus end date).

The sum of the Fall 2023 Natural Gas Early Completion Bonus incentives and the Fall 2023 Electric Projects Early Completion Bonus incentives cannot exceed \$20,000 per project/site, and these bonus incentives are subject to all existing Consumers Energy Business Energy Efficiency Programs incentive caps and limits (i.e., 100% cost cap for prescriptive measures, 50% cost cap for custom measures, annual limits, etc.).

This bonus incentive will automatically be applied to eligible natural gas incentive measures and be paid together with all approved base incentives on a single check to the Customer, or to the third party authorized to receive the incentives by the Customer.

Eligibility

Qualified Consumers Energy customers must submit a complete Final Application requesting incentives for eligible natural gas incentive measures between the Fall Bonus beginning and end dates specified above and comply with all bonus rules specified in this document to receive this bonus incentive. Eligible natural gas incentive measures are as follows:

- Prescriptive and custom natural gas incentive measures implemented between the Fall Bonus beginning and end dates, for which pre-notification is required and a qualified Pre-Notification Application was submitted prior to or between the Fall Bonus beginning date and end date.
- Prescriptive and custom natural gas incentive measures implemented between January 1, 2022, and the Fall Bonus beginning date, for which pre-notification is required and a qualified Pre-Notification Application was submitted prior to the Fall Bonus beginning date.
- Prescriptive and custom natural gas incentive measures implemented between January 1, 2022, and the Fall Bonus end date, for which pre-notification is not required.

Other Bonus Rules

Consumers Energy Business Energy Efficiency Programs is offering a bonus incentive under the Commercial and Industrial Large Business Energy Efficiency Program for eligible incentive measures implemented by their qualified customers for which incentives are requested on a complete Final Application submitted between 12:01 a.m. on the beginning date and 11:59 p.m. on the end date specified for this offer. No exceptions will be granted. This bonus incentive will automatically be applied to eligible incentive measures.

- This bonus incentive can be combined with any other rewards and bonuses offered by Consumers Energy Business Energy Efficiency Programs.
- This bonus incentive is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations and is void where prohibited.
- Applicants must comply with all bonus rules specified in this document, and all Consumers Energy Business Energy Efficiency Programs requirements set forth in the Consumers Energy Business Energy Efficiency Programs Incentive Applications and related program documents, to be eligible for this bonus offer unless an exception is specified in this document or otherwise approved by the Program.
- Final Applications must be submitted between the beginning and end dates specified in this document to be eligible for this bonus offer. No exceptions will be granted.
- Final Applications can be submitted through the Online Incentive Application at ConsumersEnergy.com/easyapp or by fax, mail, or email. Mail to P.O. Box 1040, Okemos, MI 48805, fax to 877-607-0738, or email to ConsumersEnergyBusinessSolutions@cmsenergy.com. Consumers Energy is not responsible for any lost, incomplete, illegible, or late Final Applications; any technical or mechanical malfunctions; or any human-processing errors.
- Bonus Payment
 - This bonus incentive will be calculated based on the total eligible base incentives amount (before any bonus incentives are added) included on the Final Application.
 - This bonus incentive will be combined with all approved base incentives (before any bonus incentives are added) included on the Final Application, including base incentives that are not eligible for this bonus offer, and the total of this bonus incentive and the base incentives will be paid on a single check to the Customer, or to the third party authorized to receive the incentives by the Customer.
 - Consumers Energy, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to disqualify any applicant it determines to be violating any rule(s) specified in this document.
 - A W-9 may be required for payment and may need to be updated if the W-9 on file is older than 24 months, or if the Customer's, or Customer's authorized third-party recipient's, business contact information has changed.

- Inspections
 - Consumers Energy reserves the right to inspect all projects to verify sales transactions, compliance with program rules and accuracy of project documentation.
 - Any failed inspections will result in the applicant being disqualified for this bonus offer.
 - A failed inspection is defined in the Consumers Energy Business Energy Efficiency Programs Policies and Procedures manual.
- Tax Liability
 - Payees are solely responsible for all applicable federal, state and local taxes associated with the payout.
- Disclaimer
 - Consumers Energy reserves the right to modify the rules of this bonus offer for clarification purposes without materially affecting the rules of this bonus offer.
 - Consumers Energy reserves the right to cancel this bonus offer at any time without obligation or prior notice.
 - Consumers Energy reserves the right to discontinue this bonus offer before the dates specified for this bonus offer if/when the program energy savings goals are achieved or allocated funds are fully subscribed or spent, as determined within the sole discretion of Consumers Energy.
 - Consumers Energy reserves the right to cancel, suspend and/or modify this bonus offer if any fraud, technical failures, or any other factor impairs the integrity or proper functioning of this bonus offer, as determined by Consumers Energy in its sole discretion.
 - By participating, each applicant agrees to be bound by the rules specified in this document and the decisions of Consumers Energy, which shall be final.
- Waiver
 - By participating, applicants agree that Consumers Energy and all of its respective officers, directors, employees, shareholders, representatives and agents shall have no liability and will be held harmless for any liability, loss, injury or death to applicant or any other person, including, without limitation, damage to personal or real property, due in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, by reason of the acceptance, possession, use or misuse of the Program.
- Inclusion
 - Only incentive measures included in the Consumers Energy Commercial and Industrial Large Business Energy Efficiency Program can be eligible for this bonus offer; incentive measures for which incentives were previously requested through any other Consumers Energy Business Energy Efficiency Programs program (e.g. Small Business Energy Efficiency Program) are not eligible for this bonus offer.
- Sponsor
 - Consumers Energy Company, One Energy Plaza, Jackson, Michigan 49201.