

Energy Efficiency Alliance

The Energy Efficiency Alliance (EEA) is a collaboration between Rocky Mountain Power and local contractors, distributors and vendors. Advantages to participating include:

- Improved business visibility
- Qualified business leads
- Incentive program training
- Marketing support
- Notifications of program updates

If you are not currently participating in the FinAnswer Express program and are interested in joining the EEA, **contact us today.**

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Incentives for Cool Roofs

Rocky Mountain Power provides incentives for certain types of commercial roofing products that reduce building cooling requirements. Commonly called a "Cool Roof", qualifying materials limit the amount of solar energy absorbed by the building, reducing energy expended on cooling systems and cutting energy costs in warmer months. In cooler months heating costs are likely to increase.

To qualify for an incentive, the roofing product must comply with the EnergyStar Reflective Roofing Products label and be installed on a building that is mechanically cooled. A complete list of qualifying roofing products can be found here on the [EnergyStar web page](#). The submitted incentive application must include dated sales receipts or an invoice, the roofing product warranty statement from the manufacturer, and an estimate of square footage of qualifying product installed (excluding openings and curbs). Applications and additional details are available at rockymountainpower.net/wattsmart.

2010 EEA Results through June

Lighting

Energy Savings: 12,700,553 kWh

Motors, HVAC&R, and other technologies

Energy Savings: 2,137,329 kWh

Frequently Asked Questions

Does this equipment qualify for incentives?

Customers and EEA participants often have questions on what equipment will qualify for incentives. One resource is EEA coordinators, who are available to assist in providing clarification on incentives and equipment qualification. The following resources are also available to help customers and EEA Participants promptly determine whether equipment qualifies.

Incentive eligibility requirements are listed in the current versions of each state's FinAnswer Express brochures and catalogs, and can be found on the web at rockymountainpower.net/wattsmart. Retrofit and New Construction/Major Renovation have separate literature. Keep these resources nearby so they can be referenced frequently. The equipment will be listed under one of the following categories: Lighting, HVAC equipment and controls, Motors, and Other equipment. Qualification for eligible customers is usually based on equipment size and efficiency. Locate the appropriate page in the state-specific literature and compare the equipment size and efficiency to the incentive requirements. Equipment meeting or exceeding the listed threshold will qualify. If the equipment is not listed in the literature, it will not qualify under the prescriptive program, but may be eligible for a custom incentive. If concerns about equipment qualification still exist, contact your EEA coordinator for assistance. As energy codes and incentives change occasionally, be sure your literature is the most current.

Tip of the month

Items to include with your application that will reduce the incentive processing time.

Lighting - Project equipment/labor invoices, manufacturer specifications for custom measures.

HVAC - AHRI certificates for equipment.

Motors - Spec sheet indicating NEMA nominal efficiency, speed, horsepower and enclosure type.

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Upcoming program updates

Rocky Mountain Power is proposing changes to the FinAnswer Express program. The proposed modifications are intended to align the FinAnswer Express program qualifications with changes to federal efficiency standards and add a new part load cooling efficiency metric for commercial HVAC equipment. **These changes are proposed and will not be effective until approved by the Utah Public Service Commission.** The proposed changes were [filed](#) on June 24, 2010 and an approval decision is expected in 30+ days. Further notification will be sent out informing all Energy Efficiency Alliance Participants of the program changes and the effective date. As with any program changes, please keep apprised of the current guidelines for qualifying equipment:

Changes for HVAC Measures:

Four changes are proposed for this equipment category:

- Remove incentives for the existing \$50/ton incentive tier for equipment that is required by federal efficiency standards in 2010.
- Add equipment efficiency tiers for higher efficiency air conditioning and heat pump equipment and provide incentives of \$75 and \$100/ton.
- Add a new size category for split system and single package unitary equipment to align with minimum efficiency requirements for units $\geq 760,000$ btu/hr.
- Add the new Integrated Energy Efficiency Ratio (IEER) metric to the air conditioning equipment minimum efficiency requirements. These values will be an alternative to the current Integrated Part-Load Value (IPLV) values used to determine equipment eligibility for some air conditioners and heat pumps.

For trade allies who work with HVAC Measures:

- Equipment must be purchased and installed to qualify for incentives. Equipment purchased **before** the proposed effective date will be subject to the current eligibility criteria and incentives. Equipment purchased **on or after** the proposed effective date will be subject to the new eligibility criteria and incentives.

Changes for Lighting Measures:

The proposed changes increase the minimum wattage for pulse start metal halide fixtures installed in new construction. This change aligns equipment eligible for incentives with the Energy Security and Independence Act of 2007's mandate for a graduated phase-out on the manufacture and import of metal halide fixtures with ballasts that do not meet minimum ballast efficiency standards (i.e. most magnetic probe start ballasts).

- For pulse-start metal halide fixtures installed in new construction/major renovation projects, the minimum fixture wattage to qualify for incentives will increase from 125 watts to 501 watts.

For trade allies who work with Lighting Measures:

- Incentive qualification will be based on the **invoice date** for the affected pulse-start metal halide fixtures. If the invoice is dated **before** the effective date for program changes, then the old eligibility requirements and incentives will apply. If the invoice date is dated **on or after** the effective date, the new eligibility requirements and incentives will apply.

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Upcoming program updates, cont'd

Changes for Motor Measures:

Three changes are proposed for this equipment category:

- Expand to include premium efficiency motors up to 500 horsepower to align with current NEMA Premium size categories.
- Add a sunset date for incentives for premium efficiency motors effective December 19, 2010 when AC induction motors up to 500 horsepower will be required to meet NEMA Premium efficiency standards by the 2007 Energy Security and Independence Act.
- Add a Green Motor Rewind option, including incentives for customers and motor service centers. A green motor rewind is the process whereby a used motor is rebuilt in a controlled and measured environment which results in the rebuilt motor being as energy efficient as the existing design of the motor allows. It is standard practice for larger motors to be rewound instead of replaced and this program feature is designed to prevent the 1-2% loss that typically occurs during standard practice rewinds. A leading proponent of green motor rewinds is Green Motors Practices Group[™] and additional information including a roster of approved motor service centers can be found at: <http://www.greenmotors.org>.

For trade allies who work with Motor Measures:

- Equipment must be purchased and installed to qualify for incentives. Equipment purchased **before** the proposed effective date will be subject to the current eligibility criteria and incentives. Equipment purchased **on or after** the proposed effective date will be subject to the new eligibility criteria and incentives.

Changes for Other Measures:

Three changes are proposed for this equipment category:

- Remove two programmable thermostat measures due to changes in code requirements and Energy Star standards.
- Remove the first incentive tier (Tier 1) for solid door refrigerators and freezers to align with new federal minimum efficiency standards.
- Modify the minimum efficiency requirement for solid door refrigerators and freezers to state "ENERGY STAR[®]" so the requirements automatically align with Energy Star as it evolves. Expand the cubic volume tiers from three to four to align with the "ENERGY STAR[®]" categories, add an incentive for the new tier and align incentives across all four tiers.

For trade allies who work with Other Measures:

- Equipment must be purchased and installed to qualify for incentives. Equipment purchased **before** the proposed effective date will be subject to the current eligibility criteria and incentives. Equipment purchased **on or after** the proposed effective date will be subject to the new eligibility criteria and incentives.

For complete information on the FinAnswer Express program changes please refer to the program [web page](#).

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