

CONSERVE & \$AVE[®]

2012 SOLAR ELECTRIC REBATE APPLICATION

1. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The CONSERVE & SAVE[®] solar electric rebate for households and businesses provides financial support for the installation of new grid connected solar electric systems. A rebate of \$1 per watt (based on the nameplate module rating) will be available to customers that meet the following criteria:

- Install a new photovoltaic (PV) system that is between .5 kW and 10 kW.
- Customer must sign a utility net-metering/interconnection agreement with Austin, Owatonna, or Rochester Public Utilities.
- System must meet the Minnesota Department of Energy Resources rebate requirements in addition to the utility requirements. (See www.state.mn.us; search "solar electric rebate.")
- Applicants must conduct an energy audit on the proposed installation site and share results with their utility.

Installation Requirements:

- Must comply with all applicable federal, state, local and utility laws and requirements.
- Must comply with all applicable building and zoning codes and obtain all appropriate permits, providing copies of such permits to their utility.
- System must be installed by a licensed electrical contractor or licensed general contractor.
- Applicants must demonstrate that system will not be shaded by buildings, trees, electricity poles, towers, chimneys, by using a shading analysis tool and site photo. Installations should result in energy production equivalent to a minimum net effect of 90% of an ideally sited system.
- System must be installed within 90 days of filing the interconnection documents with the utility.

Equipment Requirements:

- All of the system components must be new.
- PV modules must be certified as meeting the most current edition of Underwriters Laboratory Standard 1703 (UL1703) and must have a 20-year or greater manufacturer's performance warranty.
- Inverters must be certified as meeting the current edition of Underwriters Laboratory Standard 1741 (UL1741) and come with a minimum five-year manufacturer's warranty.

Funding:

- Due to limited funding, this rebate offer can be withdrawn at any time without notice. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Steps to Receiving a Solar Electric Rebate:

1. Customer notifies their utility of plans to install a PV system.
2. Customer has an energy audit conducted on the proposed site. If an audit has been conducted on site in the last three years, this step can be skipped.
3. Customer shares energy audit results with their utility.
4. Customer fills out the Generation Interconnection application.
5. If application is approved, the utility will prepare and mail all interconnection documents and rebate application to customer.
6. Customer fills out all documents and returns them to their utility, along with a detailed copy of paid invoice/receipt and shading analysis.
7. Utility orders meter.
8. Utility and the city building and safety department inspect the installed PV system before issuing a rebate check.

Return the completed application and required documentation to your utility provider:

Austin Utilities

Attn: Rebate Processing
400 - 4th Street NE
Austin, MN 55912-3495
(507) 433-8886
(507) 433-5045 fax
www.austinutilities.com

Owatonna Public Utilities

Attn: Rebate Processing
P.O. Box 800
Owatonna, MN 55060-0800
(507) 451-2480
(507) 451-4940 fax
www.owatonnautilities.com

Rochester Public Utilities

Attn: Rebate Processing
4000 East River Road NE
Rochester, MN 55906-2813
(507) 280-1500
(507) 280-1542 fax
www.rpu.org

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Application Received: _____

Eligible Rebate: Yes No

Eligible Rebate Amount \$ _____

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2. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Utility Account Number: _____
Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Installation Site Address*: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
**if different than mailing address*

3. SOLAR INSTALLER/CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Business Name: _____
Lead Installer Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

The solar installer must be a licensed general contractor or licensed electrical contractor to be eligible to install under this program.

Solar installer is a: Licensed General Contractor License Number: _____
 Licensed Electrical Contractor License Number: _____
Is lead installer NABCEP Solar PV certified? (not required) No Yes If yes, NABCEP Solar PV Number: _____

All electrical work must be performed by a licensed electrician working for a licensed electrical contractor.


Electrician License Number: _____

4. INSTALLATION INFORMATION

Building Permit Number: _____
SOLAR MODULE: Solar Module Manufacturer: _____ Solar Module Model Number: _____
Number of Modules: _____ Nameplate Module Rating (Watts): _____ Module Performance Warranty (years): _____
System Rating – Sum of Solar Panels (kW): _____ Tilt of Panels if Fixed (degrees): _____
Thin Film? Yes No
INVERTER: Inverter Manufacturer: _____ Inverter Model Number: _____
Inverter Rating (kW): _____ Inverter Warranty (years): _____
Azimuth Angle/Orientation (degrees): _____
System Type: Fixed Seasonally Adjusted Single Axis Dual Axis
Location: Roof Ground Pole

ATTENTION! THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT ITEMS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR FULLY-COMPLETED AND SIGNED APPLICATION OR APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED:

- ✓ Interconnection Agreement/Documents
- ✓ Shading Analysis (Pathfinder, SunEye, or similar)
- ✓ Energy Audit Report
- ✓ Invoice

 **SIGNATURES:**
I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to the Terms and Conditions of this rebate application and that: (1) the information provided in this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge; and (2) the installation will meet all CONSERVE & SAVE® Rebate Program requirements. (Allow 6-8 weeks for processing. Missing or incorrect information will increase processing time.)

CUSTOMER SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

SOLAR INSTALLER SIGNATURE _____ Date _____