



New... Renewable Energy Production Incentive Program **For Customers Who Generate Electricity at Their Home or Business**

Seattle City Light customers who generate electricity using solar or other technologies can now receive an annual incentive payment based on the amount of electricity they produce. The baseline incentive rate is 15 cents per kilowatt-hour (\$0.15/kWh) with a maximum annual payment of \$2,000 per owner. Note that this incentive is based on all the power produced by the renewable energy system, not just excess energy fed back into the utility's grid. The program continues through June 30, 2014.

The Renewable Energy Production Incentive Program (Program) was authorized by state legislation in 2005. Final program rules by the Washington State Department of Revenue (DOR) took effect on August 31, 2006. In order to qualify for incentive payments, your renewable energy system must be certified by the DOR. Only solar, wind, and anaerobic digesters qualify.

A new "production meter" in addition to your billing meter is required to measure electricity generated in kilowatt-hours. The production meter will be read by City Light along with your billing meter and used to verify the kilowatt-hours generated and reported each year. The production meter requirement will be implemented by early 2007.

STEPS TO PARTICIPATE

1. Contact Seattle City Light and request a program information packet. Complete the **Interconnection Application** and **Interconnection Agreement**. Seattle City Light's current Interconnection and Net Metering program is being revised and customers will soon be required to meet uniform interconnection standards as adopted by all the major electric utilities in Washington State. A one time \$100 application fee will apply for the new program.
2. Contact your local permitting agency (In Seattle – contact the Seattle Department of Planning and Development) and obtain the necessary **electrical, land use and building permits**.
3. Install your electricity generating system including a meter base for production metering.
4. Request an inspection from your local permitting agency.
5. Request a final inspection from Seattle City Light. When available, we will install your production meter and sign a **Certificate of Completion**. You will then be authorized to commence operation of your renewable energy system.
6. Complete the Department of Revenue (DOR) **Renewable Energy System Certification Form** and submit to DOR.
7. Complete an **Annual Incentive Payment Application** form and submit to Seattle City Light by August 1 of each year. With your initial application, attach photocopies of the DOR certification form and letter approving your renewable energy system. Seattle City Light verifies the kilowatt-hours you report in your application and mails you an incentive check.

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