



ADVANCED METERING Opt-Out Application

Advanced Metering Opt-Out

City Light has changed to a new electrical metering standard which is a digital communicating meter or advanced meter. For an additional charge, residential customers have the option to select a non-standard meter, which is a non-communicating digital meter. Both of these meters are described in more detail below.

Advanced meters will connect to homes and businesses and will collect customer energy-use information. The meters will provide automated wireless communication between the meter and the utility. This means that:

- Advanced meters record customer energy-use information throughout the day.
- Customer energy-use data is sent several times a day to City Light using a radio frequency (RF) wireless network. This is similar to the wireless communications used by cell phones and Wi-Fi. The meters will transmit data for a maximum of 90 seconds per day.
- Once it's within City Light's secure firewall, the energy-use data will be matched up with customer accounts for billing and other customer service activities, similar to traditional metering practices.

Non-communicating digital meters are available to residential customers who choose to opt out of the Advanced Metering program described above.

- This meter does not have an antenna or wireless communication radio. There is no radio frequency (RF) transmission from these meters. As a result, it's not capable of receiving or transmitting customer energy-use data
- The meter will have a digital display and a blue label to clearly designate that it's an opt-out meter.
- Opt-out fees will apply.

Eligibility Guidelines to Opt-Out

- You must be a residential customer.
- Non-property owners who wish to opt out must obtain signed permission from the property owner.
- You are responsible for providing and maintaining access to City Light for purposes of meter installation, maintenance, and reading. Failure to provide and maintain access to City Light may result in termination of your opt-out participation along with the installation of an Advanced Meter.
- Net metering customers are not eligible to opt out.

Comparing City Light Meters

As shown by the following chart, there are additional costs associated with opting out, and there are fewer benefits with a non-communicating digital meter. Fees cover the utility's overhead and costs related to the alternative meter and equipment as well as ongoing maintenance and meter reading.

	Advanced Meter	Opt-out with Non-communicating Digital Meter	Opt-out with Non-communicating Digital Meter if participating in the Utility Discount Program**
View your daily electricity use*	Yes	No	No
Outage detection*	Yes	No	No
Remotely connecting your service*	Yes	No	No
One-time service and administration fee	NO CHARGE	\$124.43	\$49.77
One-time installation fee per meter	NO CHARGE	NO CHARGE with two-week notice prior to scheduled meter installation	NO CHARGE with two-week notice prior to scheduled meter installation
		\$84.21 without two-week notice	\$33.68 without two-week notice
Recurring meter reading fee*	NO CHARGE	\$15.87 per future billing cycle	\$6.35 per future billing cycle

*When advanced meter system is fully automated.

** Income-qualified participants in the Utility Discount Program will receive a 60% discount

Summary of Fees as Presented in the Table Above

- A one-time service and administration fee of \$124.43.
- An ongoing meter reading charge of \$15.87 for each billing cycle will begin after the customer's meter reading route transitions to automated reading.
- Installation fee of \$84.21 may be charged if notice is not received two weeks prior to scheduled installation of advanced meter.
- Installation fee will be waived in instances where City Light replaces meter in field for maintenance purposes.



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Customer Information

Account Number:		Date:
Name on Account:		
Phone Number:	Email:	
Service Address:		
Property Owner (If different than name on account):		
Owner Phone Number:		
Reason for Opt-Out:		

Terms & Conditions

I represent and warrant that I am the named, authorized person on the customer account number provided. I further represent and warrant that I am either the legal owner of the premise* or a tenant at the premise who has obtained permission from the owner as indicated below. By signing this form, I am indicating that I want to opt-out of City Light's Advanced Metering program. By signing this form, I acknowledge that a non-communicating digital meter shall be installed at the premise listed on my account in lieu of an Advanced Meter. I understand that, in accordance with City Light's Opt-Out Policy (DPP III-427), my account will be assessed a one-time service and administration fee and an ongoing meter reading fee for each billing cycle once the service transitions to automated reading. I also understand that I could be assessed a meter installation fee if this application is not returned at least two weeks prior to the scheduled installation of an advanced meter. I understand that I am only eligible for City Light's basic rate tariff and will not be able to receive any other enhanced benefits that the Advanced Metering system may provide. I agree that I will maintain clear and direct access to my meter(s) allowing City Light employees to manual read the meter(s) during typical business hours throughout the month.

Account Holder Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Property Owner Signature*: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

* If the requestor is not the legal owner of the premise, then the owner must approve the opt-out.

You may submit this completed form to
Seattle City Light
Attn: Advanced Metering Opt-Out / Customer Care Division
P.O. Box 34023
Seattle, WA 98124-4023
 or email to SCL_Advanced_Metering@seattle.gov
 or fax to (206) 684-3428

City Light Use Only	
Date received:	_____
Verified by:	_____
Route:	_____
Cycle:	_____

For more information on Advanced Metering and opting out, please visit: seattle.gov/light/meters or call (206)727-8777