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Commercial & Industrial Custom Lighting Program Agreement July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

It is in the joint interest of North Western Electric Cooperative (NWECC) and its electric members to reduce the demand for electricity and promote the value of replacing inefficient lighting. The Commercial & Industrial (C&I) Custom Lighting Program is designed to aid commercial electric members of NWECC by increasing the efficiency of your lighting systems, as well as the efficiency of NWECC's electric distribution operation.

The C&I Custom Lighting Program provides a rebate and encourages business-members to upgrade inefficient lighting and lower your overall costs while permitting NWECC to make more efficient use of its electric facilities.

NWECC offers the C&I Custom Lighting Program rebate which is based upon the number of watts reduced when replacing old lighting with energy efficient lighting. In order to qualify for the rebate, the business member must agree to adhere to specific program requirements. **One of the member's requirements is to contact NWECC for pre-approval prior to installation.** This and other requirements are stated below.

Specific Requirements

Additionally, the Cooperative has several requirements which can reinforce the importance of energy efficient lighting upgrades and the value of being a member of NWECC.

- The C&I Custom Lighting Program rebate is for commercial and industrial business facilities retrofit applications or an LED lighting installation for either a new construction facility or a new addition to an existing facility. Program is not applicable for installation of additional lighting in an existing facility.
- Pre-approval is required. Commercial and industrial businesses should contact NWECC prior to beginning the lighting upgrade installation.

Eligibility for Rebate

The participating member shall meet the following eligibility requirements:

- To qualify, the lighting in the facility must be used a minimum of 1,800 hours per year.

- All projects must be either a retrofit lighting installation at an existing facility or an LED lighting installation for either a new construction facility or a new addition to an existing facility. Program is not applicable for installation of additional lighting in an existing facility.
- Re-lamping of existing fixtures is allowable for rebate **only** if it includes a technology upgrade (e.g., incandescent lamp to CFL; fluorescent lighting to LED). Re-lamping to a lower wattage of the same general type of bulb is not applicable for this program.
- Existing equipment must be operational when pre-approval application is submitted to NWECC.
- Upon approval, existing equipment must be removed or permanently disconnected.
- All newly installed equipment must be new. Used or rebuilt equipment is not eligible.
- All projects must comply with applicable federal, state and local laws and building codes.

Member Eligibility

In order for the member to be eligible for the C&I Custom Lighting Program:

- The building must be a commercial structure which uses electricity from NWECC.
- The rebate is to be paid to the Cooperative member who owns the commercial structure.

Conditions of Rebate

- Funding is limited and subject to availability.
- Projects must be completed between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022. Projects installed prior to July 1, 2021, are not eligible.
- The Cooperative will need to do an onsite visit in order to confirm installation of project as submitted.
- **The C&I Custom Lighting Rebate Application must have complete information in order to be considered.**

- Project cost consists of expenses incurred to retrofit lighting including but not limited to lamps, fixtures, wiring and ballasts. For new construction or new addition to an existing facility, project cost includes LED lamps, fixtures and ballasts. Labor and/or installation costs are NOT to be included as part of the project cost to be submitted to NWECC.
- The rebate is paid as a one-time, one-program offer and cannot be combined with any other incentive payments or programs from NWECC for additional funding of this project.
- Only one incentive will be granted for each project. Only one incentive per facility per fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) is allowed.

Rebate

Rebate amount when replacing old lighting with energy efficient lighting is paid at the rate of \$1 per watt reduced based upon lamp wattages (not fixture wattages). Rebate may not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the project cost (excluding labor), up to a total maximum rebate amount of \$25,000.

Rebate amount when installing LED's for new construction or new addition to an existing facility is paid at the rate of \$1 per watt reduced, using industry benchmark for watts reduced, assuming approximately 30% Saving Factor Calculated minus LED Watts = Watts Reduced. Rebate may not exceed fifty percent (50%) of project cost (excluding labor), up to a total maximum rebate amount of \$25,000.

- **For final request for rebate**, the following information must be submitted to NWECC no later than June 30, 2022:
 - ♦ A contractor/vendor detailed invoice (including equipment and lamps installed) must include lamp quantities, wattages and type of lamps installed – including manufacturer/model and/or spec sheets – along with the project cost excluding labor and project completion date. Data regarding old lighting that was replaced (including lamp quantities, wattages and type of lamps) will also need to be submitted. This data may differ from the previously submitted pre-approval estimates.
- After the lighting project is complete, a representative of NWECC must visit the facility to verify the installation as documented.
- After rebate determination is made, NWECC will pay the rebate amount to the participating member business.

Program Review

The Cooperative will annually review this program to determine its continuance for another 12-month period.