

2009 Residential Central AC and ASHP Rebate Program

OVERVIEW

In order to generate maximum electric energy savings for the customer, the 2009 Central AC and Air Source Heat Pump Rebate program focuses on **installation** practices. We seek to validate four components of the installation: proper sizing, airflow, refrigerant charge, and duct sealing.

ELIGIBILITY

Customers applying for the rebate must reside in the service territory of a participating cooperative of Great River Energy and receive residential electric service from the electric cooperative providing service to the home.

REBATE AMOUNT

Rebate amounts may vary depending on the efficiency rating of the equipment purchased and the type of equipment purchased. (See "Selecting the Right Equipment" for more information about SEER ratings and rebate eligibility.)

SEER Rating	Rebate
13.0 – 13.9	\$30 +
14.0 – 14.9	\$180 +
15.0 – 15.9	\$280 +
16+	\$330 +

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Using a Registered Contractor

In order to receive rebates, customers must use a contractor who is currently registered through HVACReduction.net to install qualifying equipment. These contractors have agreed to the terms of the program and passed a test demonstrating their knowledge of installation practices. A list of participating contractors can be found on your local electric cooperative website or at www.greatriverenergy.com.

Selecting the Right Equipment

Only new central air conditioning or air source heat pump systems with an overall efficiency of 13.0 SEER or higher are eligible. The system must be matched, which means the outdoor condenser unit and the indoor evaporator coil were designed by the manufacturer to work together to provide top performance and maximum efficiency.

The Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute's (ARI) Unitary Directory is used to identify product classification, determine efficiency ratings, and confirm matched systems. Non-matched assemblies are not certified by the ARI and are not eligible for rebate. The ARI directory may be found at www.ahridirectory.org or by calling 315-717-5180.

The use of a furnace's variable speed fan to increase the SEER rating above the nominal rating will be allowed for determining rebate eligibility provided that the customer **simultaneously** purchased and installed a new furnace and air conditioner. The overall furnace and air conditioning rating must be found in the ARI directory.

Ground source heat pumps and mini-split/ductless equipment are not eligible for this rebate program, but may be eligible to participate in other rebate programs designed specifically for that technology.

Installing and Testing the Equipment

Qualifying equipment must be installed between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009.

In order to verify that the equipment has been properly installed, the contractor must activate the system and perform tests relating to the airflow and refrigerant charge. These tests can only be conducted when the outdoor (ambient) temperature meets manufacturer's specifications. Rebate applications may not be submitted until the equipment has been tested.

If a qualifying system is purchased and installed on or before December 31, 2009, but conditions do not allow for equipment testing at the time of installation, the customer will still be eligible for the rebate as long as testing is completed and the application submitted by June 30, 2010.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

All applicable customer and contractor information must be completed on the front of this form.

A dated sales receipt/invoice **MUST** accompany the rebate application, and it must include the following information:

- Purchase date
- Equipment manufacturer
- Condenser model and serial numbers
- Evaporator coil model and serial numbers

All information on the receipt/invoice must match the information on the rebate application **EXACTLY**.

Equipment installation and testing must be completed **before** the rebate application is submitted.

Applications must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2010. Please submit one rebate application per central air conditioner or air source heat pump.

Submit rebates to the local electric cooperative providing electric service to your home and allow at least six (6) weeks for rebate processing.

REBATE DETAILS

Your electric cooperative will issue cash rebates in the form of checks or energy bill credits.

The electric cooperative is not responsible for any lost, late, stolen, ineligible, illegible, misdirected, or "postage due" mail. All completed submissions become the property of the electric cooperative and will not be returned. Warning: Fraudulent submission of form may result in prosecution for mail fraud pursuant to Title 18 US Code sections 1341 and 1342.

Participation in this program shall impose no liability on the electric cooperative. In particular, the electric cooperative shall not be liable for the work performed by the customer's engineer, contractor or vendor. Registration by a contractor in this program does not constitute an endorsement, nor does it certify or guarantee the quality of work performed.

The electric cooperative is not responsible if your heating and cooling contractor, retailer, builder or other party provides you with inaccurate information about the amount or qualifications of the actual rebate. The electric cooperative will not rebate equipment that has been mislabeled or misrepresented.

The electric cooperative reserves the right to conduct random inspections to verify installation of the air conditioner at the address indicated on the front of this application. The customer agrees to provide reasonable access to the residence to inspect the HVAC system installed. Inspections may be performed after the rebate payment at the company's discretion up to one year after date of application.

Rebate qualifications and amounts are subject to change at any time. Please contact your local electric cooperative to determine whether any program changes have occurred.

Submit rebates to the local cooperative providing electric service to your home and allow at least six (6) weeks for rebate processing. Both parties should retain copies of the application and invoice for their records.

CUSTOMER CHECKLIST

- Did you include your account number?
- Did you sign the rebate application?
- Did you read all information on this page and save copies of the application and equipment invoice for your records?

CONTRACTOR CHECKLIST

- Did you complete a load calculation to determine the size of the system installed? (Be sure to keep a copy of the calculation with your customer's file. You will be asked to provide this information if your installation is randomly selected for inspection.)
- Did you fill in all required information on the application?
- Did your office staff verify the ARI reference number and SEER rating of the installed equipment, and list this information in the grey box on the front?
- Did you provide a dated sales receipt/invoice containing all required information listed above?
- Did you sign the rebate application and provide your contractor ID number?