

# Demand and Energy Efficiency Program

## Policy Guidelines

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OMPA's Demand and Energy Efficiency Program (DEEP) provides rebates to member cities and their qualified customers for reducing their electric service summer peak energy demands and costs. The reduction of these demands helps keep energy rates as low as possible and delays the need to add additional OMPA generation capacity to the system.

### A customer must meet the following qualifications for rebate approval of a project:

- The facility for proposed work must exist in Oklahoma and served with electricity by an OMPA Member City
- The customer's facility may have any customer classification from the member city utility other than "residential"; residential classified customers do not qualify.
- Member cities can receive DEEP rebates for qualifying facility improvements and/or installations

### Each project is individually evaluated, and rebates are provided using the following guidelines:

- Rebate amounts are up to \$200 per kW reduction during summer peak-setting times and are prorated for facilities that are open less than the maximum peak hours
- **The OMPA summer peak-setting times are 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Monday through Friday, May through September.**
- DEEP rebates cannot exceed the **total cost of the equipment**.
- Individual rebates over \$100,000 require approval by the OMPA Board
- New installations (equipment that does not replace existing equipment) may qualify. OMPA requires a comparison of the proposed equipment to the minimum requirements of current energy codes and/or current standard practices.
- For lighting retrofits replacing T12 fluorescent bulbs, the T12 ballast energy use is calculated as an averaged ballast factor of a T8 ballast.

### For projects to qualify, customers should use the following steps:

- **Contact their member city** and request an inspection by OMPA of the existing equipment **BEFORE** replacement
- Submit a DEEP Project Application (available online at [www.OMPA.com](http://www.OMPA.com) under the Programs and DEEP tabs)
- **Contact their member city** and request an inspection by OMPA of the new equipment after installation
- Provide copies of invoices showing the total **equipment** cost.

### Answers to some Frequently Asked Questions about DEEP:

- **Customer Eligibility:** Non-residential customers in **all** OMPA member cities are eligible for DEEP rebates, provided they receive their electricity from the city's electric utility. Note that WISE HVAC Rebate Program eligibility is different - see below.
- **Provision of Rebate Checks:** Rebate checks are made payable to and provided directly to the customer. If the city would like to present the check to the customer, this can be arranged. Under exceptional circumstances, checks can be provided to vendors or contractors, but this **must be prearranged** with (and approved by) both the member city and OMPA.
- **WISE HVAC Rebate Program:** HVAC equipment upgrades may qualify for both DEEP and WISE HVAC rebates. Please note that not all member cities participate in the WISE HVAC Rebate Program, and customers in those cities are not eligible for WISE HVAC rebates. For qualifying HVAC installations in member cities that do participate in the WISE HVAC Rebate Program, the member city will issue the rebate award. Please check the WISE HVAC Rebate details at [www.OMPA.com](http://www.OMPA.com) under the Programs and WISE Rebate Program tabs.

### Projects that Do Not Qualify for DEEP Rebates:

- **Exterior Lighting:** This includes awnings, canopies, etc.
- **Variable Speed Drives (VSDs).** While the installation of VSDs on electric motors can save significant amounts of energy and lower startup/inrush currents (leading to better power quality and longer motor life), our information is that they do not result in significantly lower electric demand. Unless the customer or installer can provide evidence to the contrary, VSD installations will not qualify for DEEP rebates.