



City of Lompoc's Electric Utility Business Incentive Rebate Program

Purpose:

The City of Lompoc's (City) Economic Development Department has partnered with the Electric Utility Division to increase the occupancy of vacant properties by encouraging new businesses to the community with an incentive to occupy previously vacant properties. This program provides for the reimbursement of a portion of the electric consumption and (if applicable) demand charges for a new or expanding business for a limited period not to exceed 18 months after occupying a previously vacant commercial location.

Applicability:

This rebate is available as a reimbursement to qualified customers on the A-1 and A-12 Rate Schedules. Otherwise eligible customers on the A-13 or eligible for the A-13 Rate Schedule will continue to receive the discount provided by the A-13 Schedule or will be encouraged to apply for the A-13 rate.

Intention of some terms used herein:

A **property** can be either a separate parcel or a location identified in the City's utility billing system within the City's service territory. The property or location must be individually metered. A location can be a storefront that is otherwise part of a larger complex on a parcel that is individually metered for electricity.

A property is considered **unoccupied** if the electric consumption is and has been at or near zero for at least 90 consecutive days. Incidental consumption only to maintain security or landscaping services would not cause the property to be considered occupied.

A **Business Tax Certificate (BTC)** is issued annually and expires June 30th each year. The issuance of a BTC requires compliance with applicable regulatory codes and regulations. The law provides a BTC is necessary before any business, trade, profession, enterprise, establishment, occupation, or calling is conducted within the City. A BTC is required even though the business may not have a fixed place of business in the City or has a BTC from another city.

A customer in **good standing** has paid in full all utility charges on their accounts and has paid those charges on time or has established good credit with the City. For the account the rebate applies to, good credit is required for the rebate to be credited. The qualifying customer (or related parties to the qualifying customer – a related business or the residential account of the qualifying customer), if they have other utility accounts with the City, may not have more than one delinquency within the last twelve months on those accounts to qualify for the rebate.

Eligibility criteria:

1. A qualifying customer is one who takes permitted occupancy after June 30, 2013, of property within the jurisdictional limits of the City.
2. The occupied property must receive electric service from the City and has an operational City electric meter.
3. The property must have been unoccupied prior to the subject occupancy.
4. All applicable planning and permitting costs associated with the permitted occupancy have been paid by the time the rebate application is processed.
5. Any BTC requirements must have been met and the qualifying customer must be in possession of a valid Lompoc BTC.
6. Only an electrical customer who is in good standing with all City utility charges is eligible.
7. The qualifying customer must not have otherwise received rebates under the Program at another location. If the Program is extended beyond December 31, 2020, then a qualifying customer can be eligible for the program once in every five-year period.

Discount:

The reimbursement rebate will be based on a graduated percentage over the term of eligibility for the qualifying customer. The rebate percentages are as follows:

1. Upon initiating electric service, but no earlier than the effective date of the BTC, the rebate for the first six months (or billing cycles) of electric service charges will be 20% of the charges incurred during that same six month period.
2. Following the first six months, and for an additional six months, the rebate will be 15% of the charges incurred during that same six month period.
3. The final six months of rebates will begin after the first twelve months of service and conclude eighteen months following the initiation of the rebate program for the eligible customer and will be 10% of the charges incurred during that same six month period.
4. The discount will only be calculated on electric consumption and electric demand charges, if applicable, of the eligible customer's bill.
5. The rebate does not apply to any external charges (currently the State CEC Surcharge and the Public Benefits Charges are such charges) or other charges, assessments or adjustments on the electric portion of the bill. Water, Wastewater, Solid Waste and Broadband charges on the same bill are not eligible for the rebate.

6. The rebate will be paid within 90 days following the end of each six-month period based on billed consumption upon confirmation of good standing. The rebate will be applied as a credit to the customer's account eligible for the rebate.

Verification:

Eligible customer must provide information satisfactory to the City regarding the new business planned and qualification information for the location and business. The attached form is provided to assist with the collection of data necessary to apply for the rebate. A business that ceases to operate during the 18 month period in which it is eligible for the rebate will forfeit any rebate that is due but unpaid unless any and all fees or charges due to the City have been paid timely and in full.

Sunset:

This rebate is retroactive related to the review period of a facility's use. Customers eligible for this rebate must have occupied and established electrical service at the facility no earlier than July 1, 2013. The rebate program can be discontinued by the City at any time, but in no event will someone be able to qualify for the Program after December 31, 2020, unless the Program is extended by City Council action. Any rebate approved by December 31, 2020, will be eligible to receive rebates as prescribed in the rebate terms.

**City of Lompoc's Electric Utility
New Business Incentive Rebate Application**

Customer's Business Name: _____

Customer's mailing address: _____

Customer's physical service address: _____

I certify that I meet all requirements listed above and I understand the conditions listed above.

I verify I am an authorized agent for the customer and the information I have provided is true and correct.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed name and title: _____

City of Lompoc use:

Electric service turn-on date: _____

Cumulative consumption at location for the 3 full cycles prior to the Customer's turn-on date:

Customer's payment standing over:

First six months: _____ of lates/delinquencies

Second six months: _____ of lates/delinquencies

Third six months: _____ of lates/delinquencies

Customer rebate calculation:

	First six months	Second six months	Third six months
Total eligible charges:			
Rebate amount:			
Date paid:			