

**Central Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.**  
**POLICY No. 507**

**Commercial and Industrial Lighting Rebate Program**  
**ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM**

**I. OBJECTIVE**

According to the United States Energy Information Administration, lighting accounts for over 20 percent of energy usage in commercial buildings in the U.S. Central Valley Electric Cooperative (CVE) promotes the use of energy-efficient lighting applications.

**II. POLICY CONTENT**

Energy-efficient lighting can help CVE members save money on their energy bills; at the same time, it can help the co-op lower wholesale power demands, thereby reducing the need for additional generation. Therefore, commercial and industrial members who upgrade or retrofit their lighting fixtures and bulbs to more energy-efficient bulbs and fixtures, in existing facilities/buildings, are eligible for rebates based on the kilowatts (kW) reduced. Rebates are also available for commercial and industrial members who install energy-efficient lighting for new construction.

**III. PROVISIONS**

**A. Program Qualifications and Restrictions**

1. Rebates are available for commercial and industrial members.
2. A CVE representative must complete a preliminary assessment of the location to verify existing lighting.
3. Rebates can be for new construction or retrofitting existing buildings.
4. Efficient lighting options include but are not limited to T8 Fluorescent, T5 Fluorescent, Compact Fluorescent Lighting (CFL), Light Emitting Diode (LED), and Plasma Lighting.
5. Rebates cannot exceed sixty percent (60%) of the lighting equipment cost (taxes and labor not included).
6. Outdoor lighting, including parking lot lights, outdoor wall packs, etc., is excluded from this rebate.
7. This rebate does not apply to residential members.

**B. Retrofit Rebate**

1. The rebate on retrofit lighting projects is determined by comparing the existing lighting kW usage with the proposed lighting kW usage.
2. Rebates will be paid at \$450.00 per kW reduced.

**C. New Construction**

1. Commercial and Industrial members installing LED, CFL, or Plasma lighting will receive a rebate of forty percent (40%) of the equipment cost (taxes and labor not included).

**D. Lighting Quote**

1. CVE members who are interested in energy-efficient lighting and/or this program can use the services of a professional lighting group. A CVE representative can help the member

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gather basic information (ceiling height, facility size, lighting requirements, etc.) regarding the facility's lighting needs.

2. The professional lighting group will then take that information and generate a proposal detailing the price, payback, potential energy savings, and any available tax credits or rebates.
3. The member can then order the proposed lighting equipment from this group and make arrangements for installation, or the member can get a proposal for lighting equipment and installation from a business of their choice.

**IV. RULES AND GUIDELINES**

To receive rebate funds, a completed Rebate Application with appropriate signatures and additional required documents must be submitted.

- All lighting must be installed in accordance with all applicable local, state, and national codes and ordinances.
- All lighting equipment must be installed and operational before a rebate application is submitted to CVE and any rebate is paid.
- Removed lighting systems must be disposed of in an environmentally friendly way that meets or exceeds current Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards.
- All lighting equipment must be brand new.
- When installation is complete, members must notify CVE. CVE will then conduct a post-installation inspection and verify the actual rebate amount to be issued.
- Members must apply for rebates within 90 days of installing lighting equipment. Rebates will be issued within 30 days of the approved application.
- Rebates will be given in the form of a check or utility bill credit.
- CVE does not guarantee a specific level of energy or cost savings from implementing or using products funded under this program.
- CVE is not liable for any damages caused by the operation or malfunction of the installed equipment.
- Rebates will be capped at \$75,000.00 annually for any one member. This amount applies to the combined total of all other CVE rebate programs.
- To receive the rebate, CVE members must be current (within 60 days) in the payment of their account(s).

**V. PROGRAM FUNDING**

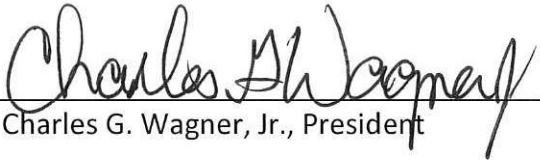
Funding for this program will be from the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Fund. Should the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Fund become deficient in funds, the Commercial and Industrial Lighting Rebate Program will become inactive until such time as funds are available.

**VI. RESPONSIBILITY**

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is responsible for implementing and administering this policy.

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