

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Platte River Power Authority Electric Efficiency Business Customers

Q: *I'm not sure if my project qualifies as a retrofit or a renovation. Which program should I choose?*

A: There is, sometimes, a fine line between retrofit and renovation projects. If you meet three out of five of the following criteria, we will treat your project as a new construction/renovation project:

1. You are undertaking the project primarily due to a change in the use of the space, which requires changes to the lighting or HVAC systems. For example, warehouse space is being converted to office space.
2. The space being renovated will be unoccupied for 30 days or more.
3. Existing light fixtures are being removed and a totally new light scheme with re-wiring is the result.
4. Required to apply for a construction permit.
5. First time install of electric operated equipment in which higher efficient models are available.

Q: *When do I need to apply for incentives:*

A: In most cases, before any work is begun on the project. And, generally, as early as possible in the project planning phase. The greatest efficiency gains can be made when the plans are developing and there is still some flexibility in the design.

Note: For some smaller projects that qualify for prescriptive rebates, an application need only be submitted after the project is completed. **Caution:** should the expected rebate be greater than \$1,000, pre-approval from Platte River is required or the rebate may be denied. Refer to the program application for specifics.

Q: *What qualifies for a Platte River rebate?*

A: The proposed energy efficient measure must be an electrically driven motor, appliance, system or device. The choice of improvement must be measurable as to energy savings or selected from the appropriate prescriptive (already predetermined as to the energy savings) rebate list. For unusual, unique or one-of-a-kind energy projects, the custom rebate process is the only way to pursue a rebate.

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