

DISTRICT ENERGY SYSTEM REBATE

CUSTOMER INFORMATION SHEET

Introduction

The purpose of New Ulm Public Utilities (NUPU) District Heating System Rebate plan is to encourage customers to repair and modernize their building's district heating systems.

Customer Eligibility

Eligible customers include existing district heating customers and potential customers within immediate reach of the district heating system. Customers not eligible for the rebate program include NUPU contract customers receiving discounted rates and Industrial Process customers.

Applications are available at the Public Utilities Energy Services Representative Office. The NUPU reserves the right to refuse rebate funding for any project. The NUPU will disperse rebate funding on a first come-first served basis.

Repair & Modernization Rebates

NUPU will offer 50% rebate up to \$7,500 for customers making repair and modernization efforts in their building and heating systems.

Improvements covered under this rebate class include steam traps and trap parts, valves, steam pipe insulation, zone controls, steam coils, and duct work. Areas not covered include any building envelope improvements, electrical end-use improvements, non-steam plumbing applications, and any other areas not specifically approved by NUPU.

Heating System-New or Converted Rebates

These rebates cover projects involving a conversion to district heating-based heating systems from other types of heating systems (electric, gas, etc.) or the installation of a new district energy heating system or hot water heat. Customers retrofitting to district energy-based heating systems are eligible for a 40% steam rate reduction for a period of up to five years. Steam rate discounts will automatically discontinue when 40% of the original project costs have been paid or five years from the date of the initial project completion. Any customers abandoning steam service within the five-year period will automatically lose any remaining rate reductions. All projects must be completed within 12 months of the Preliminary Application Approval by the NUPU Energy Services Representative.

Alternative Usage Rebates

Customers installing equipment utilizing district energy for all-season and alternative uses such as domestic hot water heating and space cooling will receive a 60% rebate in the form of a 40%

steam rate reduction for a period of up to five years. The PUC will make rebate payments in the form of a 40% reduction in steam rates for a period of up to five years. Steam rate discounts will automatically discontinue when 60% of the original project costs have been paid or five years from the date of the initial project completion. Any customers abandoning steam service within the five year period will automatically lose any remaining rate reductions. Projects must be completed within 12 months of Preliminary Application Approval by the NUPU Energy Services Representative.

Process

The rebate process consists of the following steps:

1. Call or email the New Ulm Public Utilities Energy Services Representative at (507) 233-2110 / DerekN@newulmmn.gov, for a Preliminary Rebate Application. Rebate applications can also be found on our website www.newulmmn.gov, under Public Utilities-Rebates. The Energy Services Representative will schedule a time for a preliminary inspection of your building heating system.
2. After your preliminary inspection by the Energy Services Representative, arrange for a contractor to examine your heating system and give detailed estimates for any proposed project. Use the contractor's estimates to fill out the Preliminary Application and submit to the NUPU Energy Services Representative's Office.
3. Upon project approval by the Public Utilities Energy Services Representative, schedule the project with any contractor.
4. When the project is completed, complete the Final Reimbursement Claim Form, and submit to the Public Utilities Energy Services Representative office at 310 1st North, New Ulm.

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PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FORM

Customer Information:

Name: _____ Building Address: _____

Phone:(H) _____ (W) _____ Home Address: _____

Account # _____

I. Repairs and Upgrades (Submit all project estimates)

1. Type of Work	Estimated Cost	Number of Installed Items
Trap Repairs	_____	_____
Controls	_____	_____
Control Valves	_____	_____
Manual Valves	_____	_____
Ductwork	_____	_____
Steam Coils	_____	_____
Pipe Installation	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____
Total	_____	_____

Eligible Rebate Amount: \$ _____
(50% of cost up to \$7,500)

II. Heating System Retrofits

Total Cost: \$ _____ X .40 = \$ _____

Note: Rebate will be paid off with a 40% steam rate reduction over a time period not exceeding five years.

III. All-Season and Alternative Uses

Total Cost: \$ _____ X .60 = \$ _____

Note: Rebate will be paid off with a 40% steam rate reduction over a time period not exceeding five years.

IV. Briefly describe your project in the space below. Include any drawings and use added sheets if necessary.

V. PUC Proof of Approval (For Office Use Only)

I have reviewed the proposed plan of work above and approve it for completion.

Utilities Director

Date

Derek Nelson Energy Services Representative

Date

Note: All approved projects must be completed within 12 months of project approval. Any proposed projects not completed within 12 months of approval automatically lose eligibility for rebate funding.