

Program update

The modifications to the Pacific Power FinAnswer® Express program have been approved and will become effective on November 20, 2010. This will align the FinAnswer® Express program qualifications with changes to federal efficiency standards and the Washington State Energy Code (WSEC), as well as add a new “Part-Load” cooling efficiency metric for commercial HVAC equipment. Please review the following summary of changes made to the FinAnswer® Express program in Washington.

Changes for HVAC Measures:

- Added the new Integrated Energy Efficiency Ratio (IEER) metric to the air conditioning equipment minimum efficiency requirements. These values will be an alternative to the current Integrated Part-Load Value (IPLV) values used to determine equipment eligibility for air conditioners and heat pumps.

Changes for Lighting Measures:

- Reduced the incentive for 8 or more lamp T5 high output fixtures installed in new construction/major renovation projects.
- Added Advanced/Integrated Daylighting Controls for both retrofit and new construction/major renovation projects.
- Added a sunset date of January 1, 2011 for all lighting controls (except Advanced/Integrated Daylighting Control)s installed in new construction/major renovation projects since these controls are required by the 2009 WSEC.

Changes for Motor Measures:

- Added a sunset date of **December 19, 2010** for incentives of premium efficiency motors in both retrofit and new construction/major renovation projects since AC induction motors up to 200 horsepower will be required to meet the NEMA Premium efficiency standards by the 2007 Energy Independence and Security Act. **No incentives will be available for Premium Efficiency Motors of any size purchased on or after December 19, 2010.**
- Added a sunset date of January 1, 2011 for incentives for Electronically Commutated Motors (ECM) installed in new construction and major renovation projects because ECMs are required by the 2009 WSEC.
- Increased the maximum size for eligible Green Motor Rewind motors from 500 to 5,000 horsepower.

Changes for Other Measures:

- Modified the minimum efficiency requirement for vertical solid door refrigerators and freezers to align with ENERGY STAR requirements. The cubic volume tiers were expanded from three to four to align with the ENERGY STAR categories and added an incentive for the new tier.

Important Additional Notes:

- For FinAnswer® Express lighting retrofit projects and all custom incentives, the applicable eligibility criteria and incentives are determined by the date on the first page of the valid incentive agreement.
- For FinAnswer® Express new construction/major renovation projects and all non-lighting retrofit measures, equipment purchased and installed before the approved effective date of November 20, 2010 will be subject to the previous FinAnswer® Express eligibility criteria and incentives. Equipment purchased and installed on or after the approved effective date of November 20, 2010 will be subject to the new eligibility criteria and incentives. The applicable program will be determined by the date on the second page of the signed incentive application, unless invoices are provided.

The FinAnswer® Express program website has a [notice](#) with complete details on the changes. The program materials and website will reflect the program changes as soon as possible after November 20, 2010. If you have questions, please contact your Energy Efficiency Alliance coordinator listed below.

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