

2010 Consumers Energy Business Solutions Waitlist FAQ's

Are all of the Consumers Energy Business Solutions programs on a waitlist status?

No, currently only the electric incentive program has reached its goal and all available funding has been reserved. Applications are still being accepted for the natural gas program and the New Construction program.

Will I receive my incentive funds if I begin my project while I am on the waitlist?

No, if you do not have a confirmation of reserved funds, then there is a risk that you will not receive any incentives. If you would like 100 percent certainty that you will receive the incentives, your project will have to wait until the next program year and re-apply subject to 2011 policies, procedures and incentive levels. You also are welcome to contact the program team at any time to verify your project status.

My project is currently on the waitlist. Will my project automatically roll over to 2011 program year?

No, at this time, we are not automatically rolling waitlisted projects into the following year. However, the Consumers Energy Business Solutions team is contacting customer applicants to determine their interest in moving their waitlisted projects into the 2011 program year. A new 2011 application must be submitted for 2011 funds. The Consumers Energy Business Solutions team can help with the re-application. If the scope has changed, you may be asked to provide additional information about the project this fall when the 2011 program year application forms are expected to be available.

What is the earliest date I can start my project and be eligible for 2011 program year incentives?

We are estimating November 1 as the official start of the 2011 incentive program. Any projects started between May 1 and November 1, 2010, are at risk of being on the waitlist, and not having funds reserved. Contact the Consumers Energy Business Solutions team to find the latest availability.

How will Consumers Energy decide when and which waitlist projects will be funded?

Waitlist projects may be transferred to reserved status on a first-come, first-served basis when and if funds become available.

Why are some programs being excluded from the waitlist policy?

The waitlisted programs depend on anticipated available funding per program category (ie. electric or gas).

When will 2011 program year incentives, terms and conditions be available?

We anticipate that applications and incentives for next year's program will be available in late fall 2010 on the Consumers Energy website at www.consumersenergy.com.

Will incentive levels change between 2010 and 2011?

We are not currently expecting any major incentive level changes. However, at the conclusion of the 2010 program, we will evaluate our incentive levels and determine if they still are relevant in the marketplace and appropriate for the overall cost and energy savings.

If I am on the 2010 waitlist and do not start my project, do I have to re-apply in 2011?

Yes. We are evaluating an early funding reservation process, where we would transfer your application information to 2011. The Consumers Energy Business Solutions team will be available to help you through the re-application process. Be advised that your project will be eligible for 2011 incentive levels, and they are not currently set.