PowerMIDrive Program Information

Consumers Energy’s PowerMIDrive Program is a 3-year voluntary pilot program governed by the tariff which is approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) in Case No U-20134. PowerMIDrive has been created to increase battery and plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (EV) charging capabilities and charging infrastructure across the state, while improving utilization of the electric grid to benefit all electric customers. This document is a summary of the terms governing participation in PowerMIDrive for residential and commercial Consumers Energy electric customers, but the program is ultimately governed by the MPSC and any further orders it may issue. Terms and conditions and the Company’s tariff may change without notice to program participants and shall be applicable to program participants as they become effective.

Application Review Process

All applications for rebate must be submitted online via the Consumers Energy PowerMIDrive website for consideration. Applications are not a guarantee of program acceptance or rebate payment. Completed applications will be reviewed in the order received. Rebate funds are reserved for an applicant’s project when Consumers Energy sends notice of acceptance to the applicant. Applicants are encouraged to contact the program team at PowerMIDrive@CMSEnergy.com with any questions about documentation or program requirements.

Consumers Energy will provide any awarded rebate upon verifying completion of installation of a residential or public Level 2 charger or DC Fast Charger at an approved applicant’s home or business in accordance with the specified program terms. Rebates will be issued in the form of a check, mailed to the applicant’s specified home or business address within 4-6 weeks of Consumers Energy’s verification that all requirements of program participation have been met, including receipt of required documentation. Any rebate amount provided shall not exceed the total project cost.

In order to receive a rebate, applicants must agree to comply with full terms and conditions for the duration of the PowerMIDrive Program as outlined herein:

Level 2 Residential Charger Rebates

Residential Consumers Energy electric customers can qualify for a $400 rebate upon operational status of a networked residential Level 2 charger from the PowerMIDrive Approved List, installed at their residence. The Level 2 residential rebate is limited to one rebate per EV charger combination at a residence. Low-income applicants can qualify for a $500 rebate and must self-identify during the online application process in order to receive the higher rebate amount. Applicants renting their home must provide written consent from the property owner.

Prior to rebate award, applicants must:

- Provide proof of EV ownership; EV must be registered to the applicant’s address within Consumers Energy’s electric service territory.
- Provide proof of purchase of Level 2 charger from the PowerMIDrive Approved List.
- Agree to participate in time of use (TOU) electric rate to receive lower cost for electricity during off-peak hours of 7:00pm to 11:00am for the duration of the program.
- Residential Time of Day Rate will be assigned as the interim TOU rate until the implementation of Nighttime Savers Rate occurs in 2023.
- Register Level 2 charger with the applicable network provider for 3 years or the duration of the program, whichever is longer.
- Authorize network provider to share EV charging data (electricity consumption amounts and times) with Consumers Energy for 3 years or the duration of the program, whichever is longer.
- Agree to enable Demand Response (DR) capability at the Level 2 charger.
- Participation in DR events is optional for applicants and will be confirmed by Consumers Energy prior to implementation.

Level 2 Public Charger Rebates

Commercial or industrial Consumers Energy electric customers can qualify for a rebate of up to $5,000 upon completion of installation of a Level 2 public charger from the PowerMIDrive Approved List at their business for public and/or employee use, or at a Multi-Dwelling Unit (MDU) with 4 or more dwellings for an assigned tenant or for use by any tenant within the MDU.

Pricing may be established for use of Level 2 public charger at the site host discretion, provided as an amenity, or in accordance with the charger network’s pricing strategy and in adherence to guidelines established within Consumers Energy’s rate book. The site host must report pricing strategy to Consumers Energy on an annual basis.

Applicants must own, lease or operate the site of Level 2 public charger installation to qualify for a rebate. Applicants must purchase a minimum of either one Level 2 public charger with dual charge cords, or two Level 2 public chargers with single charge cords to qualify for rebate, as specified in the PowerMIDrive Approved List.

Installation and operational status must be completed within 6 months of application approval to receive the awarded rebate.

Prior to rebate award, applicants must:

- Provide proof of purchase of Level 2 public charger(s) from the PowerMIDrive Approved List.
- Commit to one dedicated parking space per Level 2 public charge cord; minimum of two charge cords with two corresponding parking spaces are required to qualify.
- Parking spaces must be in safe, accessible locations.
- Commit to provide digital and/or physical signage to allow for easy identification of Level 2 public charger location by users.
- Register Level 2 public charger with the applicable network provider for 3 years or the duration of the program, whichever is longer.
- Authorize network provider to share EV charging station data (electricity consumption amounts and times) with Consumers Energy for 3 years or the duration of the program, whichever is longer.
- Commit to a maintenance agreement with either network provider or equipment manufacturer for a 3 year duration to maintain efficient operation, ensuring Level 2 public charger meets 98% uptime.
- Agree to enable Demand Response (DR) capability at the Level 2 public charger.
- Participation in DR events is optional for applicants and will be confirmed by Consumers Energy prior to implementation.

Public DC Fast Charger Rebates

Commercial and industrial Consumers Energy electric customers can qualify for a rebate of up to $70,000 from Consumers Energy upon completion of installation of a approved DC Fast Charger (DCFC) at their business for public use. Applicants may also apply for Level 2 public charger rebates at their business site.

Pricing may be established for use of DCFC at the site host’s discretion, provided as a amenity, or in accordance with the charger network’s pricing strategy and in adherence to guidelines established within Consumers Energy’s rate book. The site host must report pricing strategy to Consumers Energy on an annual basis.
Public DC Fast Charger Rebates (cont.)

Applicants must own, lease or operate the site of DCFC installation to qualify for a rebate. Applicants must purchase a minimum of either one DCFC with 125kW or higher electric output, or two DCFCs with 62.5kW or higher output, (including infrastructure to combine DCFCs for a cumulative 125kW electric output) to qualify for rebate, as specified in the PowerMiDrive Approved List.

Consumers Energy is partnering with the Michigan Energy Office (MEO) to provide additional funding to DCFC rebate applicants in an effort to ensure fast charging access is available throughout the state of Michigan.

Upon receipt of application for rebate, Consumers Energy and the MEO will convene to review applicant criteria in accordance with a predetermined DCFC siting strategy. DCFC rebate applicants will be required to provide a summary estimate of total cost of the project during the application review process.

Rebates will be independently provided by the PowerMiDrive Program and the MEO to the awardee. Rebate amounts will be specified to the applicant at the time notice of approval to proceed is provided. Installation and operational status must be completed within 12 months of application approval to receive the rebate. The MEO’s rebate amount will not exceed one-third of the total project cost and will be dedicated solely to covering the cost of physical equipment required for the DCFC installation project.

Locations for DCFCs must be in areas that have amenities in the immediate vicinity to accommodate for a minimum of 30-minute dwell times, and must be located within close proximity to main highways or thoroughfares to enhance public accessibility.

Prior to rebate award, applicants must:
- Provide proof of purchase of DCFC(s) from the PowerMiDrive Approved List.
- Commit to one dedicated parking space per charge cord (minimum of two parking spaces to qualify)
  - Parking spaces must be in safe, accessible locations
- Commit to provide digital and/or physical signage to allow for easy identification of DCFC location by users
- Authorize network provider to share EV charging station data (electricity consumption amounts and times) with Consumers Energy for 3 years or the duration of the program, whichever is longer
- Register DCFC with the applicable network provider for 3 years or the duration of the program, whichever is longer
- Commit to a maintenance agreement with either network provider or equipment manufacturer for the duration of the 3-year program to maintain efficient operation of charger, ensuring that DCFC meets 98% uptime
- Agree to enable Demand Response (DR) capability at the DCFC
- Participate in DR events is optional for applicants and will be confirmed by Consumers Energy prior to implementation
- Agree to incorporate electrical infrastructure to include one additional DCFC in the future

Inspections

Consumers Energy reserves the right to have its representatives inspect all projects to verify compliance with the program rules and accuracy of project documentation. This may include pre-installation and/or post-installation inspections, verification of EV charger infrastructure, and/or submittal of project documentation, including photographs of the installation, by the applicant. Photographs of public charging stations may be used in promotional materials for the program.

Permission to Use Data

Participants in the PowerMiDrive Program grant Consumers Energy the unrestricted right to access and use all data gathered as part of the PowerMiDrive Program for use in regulatory reporting, ordinary business use, industry forums, case studies, or other similar activities in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Publicly reported data will be in a pooled or anonymized format and not identify specific sites.

All approved applicant names, contact information, and authorized rebate amounts will be shared with the program’s approved charging station network providers on a one-time only basis to facilitate provision of quote for purchase and installation of charging stations unless the applicant specifically requests no contact in the “concerns pertaining to qualification guidelines” field within the online application form.

Disclaimer

Consumers Energy does not make any guarantee of the performance or operation of any EV charging equipment. Consumers Energy expressly disclaims all warranties, whether expressed or implied, including without limitation all warranties of merchantability and of fitness for a particular purpose.

Consumers Energy has no obligations regarding and does not endorse or guarantee any claims, promises, work or equipment made, performed or furnished by any contractors or equipment manufacturers that sell or install EV chargers.

Consumers Energy is not liable for any damage caused by the operation or malfunction of any equipment installed. As a condition of participating in the PowerMiDrive Program, an applicant agrees to defend and indemnify Consumers Energy against any claims arising from the installation or use of any EV charger.

Compliance with Laws

All parties shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local statutes, rules, regulations, laws, orders and decisions governing or relating to participation in the PowerMiDrive Program during installation and throughout participation in the 3-year program.

Failure to Comply with Terms & Conditions

Without limitation, Consumers Energy, and the MEO if applicable, reserves the right to seek damages and recovery for losses incurred due to any breach of terms and conditions. This may include but is not limited to refund and/or return of rebate in part or in full, along with any fees, including attorney fees, in connection with recovery for losses incurred due to any breach of terms and conditions. Consumers Energy has no obligations regarding and does not endorse or guarantee any claims, promises, work or equipment made, performed or furnished by any contractors or equipment manufacturers that sell or install EV chargers.

Failure to comply with terms and conditions set forth herein may result in termination of an applicant’s participation in the PowerMiDrive Program including revocation of rebate funds held for the applicant during installation.

Consumers Energy reserves the right to terminate an applicant’s participation in the PowerMiDrive Program, including revocation of rebate funds held for applicant during installation or recovery of any rebate funds that are paid, for any of the following reasons: environmentally hazardous conditions, imminent public safety threats, or permitting issues pertaining to the installation site; failure to comply with the PowerMiDrive Program’s terms and conditions; and/or failure to comply with local, State and Federal laws and regulations applicable during installation and/or operation of the EV charger.

As a condition of participating in the PowerMiDrive Program including revocation of rebate funds held for the applicant during installation.