

Natural Gas Demand Response Program 2026 Incentive Match Application

We administer a Firm Gas Demand Response (DR) Program which enables eligible customers to receive incentives for curtailing winter gas consumption when notified by National Grid. This Application is for Firm Gas DR customers who participated in the 2025-26 season and wish to apply for an **Incentive Match of up to 20% of their 2025-26 DR Incentive** to be applied directly to an Energy Efficiency (EE) project.

Participant Eligibility, Requirements and Rules

Eligibility

- Applications must be submitted by **May 31, 2026**.
- An Approved Project must directly reduce the gas consumption of an account enrolled in the DR program. Projects that solely reduce other forms of energy use will not be accepted. However, projects that reduce gas and electric use (i.e. weatherization) will be considered.
- The Incentive Match amount is determined based on the amount of 2025-26 DR Incentives earned and committed toward an Approved Project. The Total Payment equals the committed DR Incentive plus the Incentive Match, which can be 1 to 20% of the committed DR Incentive.
- An Approved Project must have an EE Offer Letter for a National Grid-approved EE Program project on or after November 1, 2023 to be eligible. Completed projects are not eligible for the Incentive Match.
- The customer account receiving the Incentive Match must participate in the Gas DR program for the applicable year.
- Both the individual Account receiving the Incentive Match and the larger Aggregation pool (if applicable) must have a Performance Factor greater than or equal to 50% to receive the Incentive Match.
- Customers are required to attest that the DR Incentive Match was critical to proceeding with the EE project.
- Customers may be asked to provide EE project documentation, including but not limited to contracts, work scopes, vendor names and payment schedules. We may deny an Applicant that does not provide this information when requested.

Payments

- The Incentive Match can only be paid out to a customer's third-party EE Vendor for an Approved Project.
- Customers may leverage the DR Incentive Match once at any point during a project lifecycle, provided they remain enrolled in the Gas DR program.
- Specific to Steam Trap projects, we will only pay Incentive Match to the vendor after the steam trap project is completed and a final tally of replaced steam traps is available for review. The Incentive Match amounts will be based on the final project tally.
- If, after a DR Incentive Match application has been submitted and accepted, there is an adjustment to the size, scope or thermal savings of the EE Project such that the DR Incentive Match payment to the vendor is larger than the Net Project Cost (defined as the Project Cost less the EE Incentive), the EE Incentive will be reduced.
- Customers or Aggregators receiving DR incentives for more than one account may direct any portion of those incentives to a single individual account, regardless of that account's enrollment size.
- Customers must direct National Grid to pay out the Incentive Match by March 1, 2027.
- If the Customer does not direct National Grid to pay out the incentive to an EE vendor by March 1, 2027, National Grid will remit the core DR incentive earned and set aside in 2025-26 to the Payee listed on the DR Application by March 31, 2027. In this case, the 20% Match will be forfeited.

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Limitations

- The total Incentive Match funds to be distributed for the 2025-26 Winter is limited to \$150,000 per region (Upstate NY and Downstate NY).
- A Customer or Aggregator may split their DR payment between the Incentive Match program and direct payment of the remaining DR incentive. However, a customer may not split DR Incentive payments to more than 3 entities.
- Applications will be evaluated and accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. However National Grid, at its sole discretion, may prioritize applications that generate the most benefits (in terms of EE savings) for the lowest cost.
- We will permit customers to apply after we have allotted but not yet paid out the \$150,000 funding limit. Those applications will be held on a pending list and may be approved if an existing project drops out.
- Submission of this application does not guarantee that a project will receive an EE Incentive Match. We will inform the applicant of this application's acceptance or denial by June 30, 2026.

Incentive Match Request

Please enter the details of the Energy Efficiency Project below.

Applicant:

Customer Account Number:

Customer Account Name:

2025-26 Gas DR Incentive Commitment:

Incentive Match Requested
(Cannot Exceed 20%):

Total Funds Requested:

EE Project Details

Please enter the details of the Energy Efficiency Project below.

National Grid Application # (if known):

Energy Efficiency Project Description:

Total Energy Efficiency Project Cost:

Energy Efficiency Offer Letter Date:

Projected Energy Efficiency Savings (thm per year):

Energy Efficiency Vendor:

Energy Efficiency Project Start Date:

Requested Vendor Payment Date (if known):

EE Vendor Payment Details

Check to be made out to:

Federal Tax ID:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Applicant Signature

By signing below, I agree that I understand the requirements of this program and am authorized to apply for the program on behalf of the account(s) listed in this application. I further attest that the requested DR Incentive Match is critical to proceeding with the above EE Project and furthers the Customer's ability to undertake energy efficiency measures.

Applicant Name (please print):

Applicant Signature:

Date: