

**RESIDENTIAL SERVICE
RESIDENTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM RNC-4**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Program is to incent residential construction certified by the South Carolina Building Codes council to meet or exceed the whole house (“Whole House”) standards of the current Duke Energy Progress Residential New Construction Program. If a builder or developer elects to construct to these whole house standards, the Program also offers the homebuyer an incentive guaranteeing the efficiency of the heating and cooling consumption of the dwelling’s total annual energy usage. Additionally, the Program incents the installation of high-efficiency heating ventilating and air conditioning (“HVAC”) and heat pump water heating (“HPWH”) equipment in new residential construction and encourages the Quality Installation of qualifying high efficiency central Air Conditioning (“AC”) and heat pump HVAC systems.

AVAILABILITY

This Program is available to builders and developers of single family and multi-family residential dwellings (projects of three stories and less) that comply with all requirements of the current Whole House standard and are served under any of the Company’s residential schedules. Manufactured housing, multi-family residential housing projects over three stories, and any other dwellings which do not fall within the current building codes in effect for South Carolina are not eligible for any whole house incentives.

The Program is also available to builders and developers installing high-efficiency HVAC and HPWH equipment in new single family, manufactured, and multi-family residential housing units that are served under any of the Company’s residential rate schedules. Photovoltaic solar systems installed as part of a new home are allowed but may not count toward the dwelling’s confirmed kilowatt hour (“kWh”) savings for incentive purposes.

The Program is also available to an initial homeowner served under any of the Company’s residential schedules for any home constructed to meet or exceed the Whole House standard, when the builder or developer elects to extend a heating and cooling energy usage guarantee to the homeowner.

INCENTIVE PAYMENTS APPLICABLE TO BUILDERS AND DEVELOPERS

For installations on and after January 1, 2016, builders and developers shall receive incentive(s) for either inclusion of high efficiency equipment or construction meeting the Whole House standard, but not both. Upon Company’s approval of the builder’s or developer’s application, the following incentive payment(s) are applicable to a builder, developer, Home Energy Rating System (“HERS”) rater or other designee:

Equipment Measures

	Incentive Description	Incentive
Tier 1	AC or heat pump with SEER of 14 or greater but less than 15. The HVAC system must meet the Quality Installation Standard of 90%. High Efficiency Heat Pumps: the unit(s) shall be a minimum SEER (Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio) of 14 with ECM. High Efficiency Central AC: the unit(s) shall be a minimum SEER of 14 with ECM.	\$ 250.00
Tier 2	AC or heat pump with SEER of 15 or greater	\$ 300.00
	Quality Installation Standard (Optional for Tier 2)	\$ 75.00

- a) For Quality Installation provided at time of the qualifying HVAC system installation, \$75 per measure for Tier 2. A Quality Installation requires completion of a HVAC installation checklist, or Company approved alternate method, to achieve 90% net capacity of the system as rated by AHRI (Air Conditioning Heating and Refrigeration Institute).
- b) For the installation of HPWH(s), \$350 per unit. The unit(s) shall be Energy Star qualified and have a minimum Energy Factor of 2.0.
- c) The minimum payment for Equipment Measure incentives under this program is \$75.

Whole House Measures

	Eligibility Requirement	Incentive
Whole House	Meet Whole House standards	\$750
Whole House plus HERS score	Meet Whole House standards and submit confirmed annual kWh savings from the Energy Summary Report.	\$0.90/kWh

- a) The maximum amount of kWh savings per dwelling (classified by Premise number) considered for incentive payments shall be 10,000 kWh. A minimum of 699 heated square footage is required for homes meeting Whole House standards, but not achieving a HERS score, to be considered for the Whole House Measures incentive payment.
- b) Incentive payments for the Whole House Measures will be made for dwellings achieving annual energy savings of 275 kWh or more.
- c) Homes that are listed in the RNC Program software as a participant prior to January 1, 2015 are allowed to submit for the incentive payments as stipulated in the tariff for Program RNC-2B until June 30, 2016.

INCENTIVES APPLICABLE TO HOMEOWNERS

At the sole option of the builder or developer, homeowners may be offered an incentive guaranteeing the heating and cooling portion of the dwelling’s total annual energy costs. Homeowners participating in the guarantee may receive a payment based on heating and cooling energy usage that is deemed to exceed the stated guarantee. The guarantee is applicable solely to the initial homeowner and offers payment based on annual usage that exceeds estimated usage based upon the Whole House standard used in constructing the dwelling. The guarantee shall apply for no longer than three years from registration. Guarantee incentives are only available at the end of each full year of electric service. Upon Company’s review of valid homeowner claims for payments, including a review of prudent energy management practices as defined in the guarantee, a homeowner shall receive a qualifying payment.

RESPONSIBILITY OF PARTIES

The builder, developer or designated representative shall complete and submit an application with supporting documentation, and if applying for whole house incentives, a REM/Rate™ Home Summary Report (or any Company approved Energy Software modeling report) issued by a third-party HERS Rater. The application for equipment incentives must include purchasing and contractor servicing invoices. Applications for whole house incentives must include compliance verification and a REM/Rate Home Summary Report as assessed by a qualified HERS rater recognized by the Residential Energy Services Network (“RESNET”) or any Company approved Energy Services Network.

The homeowner agrees to exercise prudent energy management of the home, as defined in the Responsibilities Section of the Heating and Cooling Limited Usage Guarantee.

CONTRACT TERM

The builder, developer or a designated representative shall complete and submit an application with supporting documentation, and if applying for whole house incentives, a REM/Rate™ Home Summary Report, no later than 6 months after completion of the dwelling established as the date the Company's electric meter is installed. Incentive application requests received after 6 months may not be accepted by the Company. All dwellings receiving incentives shall be subject to inspection by Company for the purpose of Program evaluation, measurement, and verification.

For each qualifying home, that is built by an approved Builder or Developer Program participant who agrees to the terms and payment of the Guarantee, which is built to all minimum standards and requirements of the Program, the Guarantee start date is defined as the first day of the second calendar month after the date of sales closing or lease signing.

COMPANY RETENTION OF PROGRAM BENEFITS

Incentives and other considerations offered under the terms of this Program are understood to be an essential element in the recipient's decision to participate in the Program. Upon payment of these considerations, Company will be entitled to any and all environmental, energy efficiency, and demand reduction benefits and attributes, including all reporting and compliance rights, associated with participation in the Program.

GENERAL

Service rendered under this Program is subject to the provisions of the Service Regulations of the Company on file with the state regulatory commission.

Supersedes Program RNC-2B

Effective for service rendered on and after March 9, 2016
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