



NorthWestern Energy USB 2004 Residential Photovoltaic Demonstration Program

NorthWestern Energy electric distribution customers may qualify for a rebate of \$4.00 per Watt (peak DC) for the installation of a solar electric system, up to a maximum of \$8,000.00 per customer. Under this solar electric rebates program, rebates are available for grid-intertied photovoltaic systems only. This program is being administrated by the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT), of 3040 Continental Drive, Butte, Montana 59701, (406) 494-4572. The Program Coordinator at NCAT is Ray Schott, (406) 494-8668. To be eligible for the rebate, the system components and installation must conform to NorthWestern Energy specifications and meet and pass all current local and state electrical and safety code requirements. The system must be grid-intertied and net metered by NorthWestern Energy.

The program will follow these steps:

- 1) Obtain program information from NCAT.
- 2) Submit your design and application to NCAT on or before April 23, 2004.
- 3) NCAT will evaluate and qualify all complete applications.
- 4) On April 30, 2004, locations will be chosen in a random drawing of qualified applicants.
- 5) Inform NorthWestern Energy of your intent to install a solar electric system by contacting the program manager at NorthWestern Energy.
- 6) Complete the solar electric system installation.
- 7) Have the system inspected by a state or city electrical inspector.
- 8) Send in the signed net metering agreements to NorthWestern Energy.
- 9) Call the program manager at NorthWestern Energy and request the net meter installation.
- 10) Notify NCAT by August 31, 2004, that the installation is complete.
- 11) Schedule an inspection with NCAT.
- 12) Get your rebate within 10 working days after NCAT approves the system.

For further information on renewable energy, go to: www.montanagreenpower.com

Please return your application and system design proposal to:

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Thank You,

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