

NorthWestern Energy USB 2003 Residential Wind Energy Program

Thank you for your interest in the NorthWestern Energy USB 2003 Residential Wind Energy Program. The program is being administrated by the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT).

Rebates are available to NorthWestern Energy electric distribution customers towards the purchase and installation of a wind electric generation system up to ten kilowatts in capacity. The rebate will be \$2.00 per watt of installed wind generator capacity.

To be eligible for the rebate, the system must meet all requirements on the specification sheet. A couple of key points to keep in mind:

- The system must be installed on a NorthWestern electric customer premise.
- The system must be grid intertied and net metered by NorthWestern Energy.
- The system capacity shall be no more than 10-kilowatts (kW).
- The system must meet all local and state electrical codes.

Following is the procedure to follow and timeline for the program:

- 1) Design a system that meets your needs and NorthWestern Energy's requirements.
- 2) Submit your design and application to NCAT.
- 3) NCAT will evaluate and qualify all complete applications.
- 4) Awards will made based on completeness of application, potential for maximizing power production, and quality of proposed design.
- 5) Successful applicants will be notified as soon as possible after receipt of a completed application.
- 6) An anemometer system may be installed by NCAT and data collected to confirm wind power potential. Approval to proceed with installation will be issued only after a wind power potential evaluation is made by NCAT.
- 7) Complete the wind turbine installation.
- 8) Sign a net metering agreement with NorthWestern Energy. See NorthWestern Energy's net-metering procedure.
Note: You will not receive any credit for energy produced until the agreement is in place and the net meter is installed.
- 9) Notify NCAT and schedule an inspection.
- 10) Receive your rebate within 21 working days of NCAT's approval of the system.

If you have questions about this program contact John Walden 1-866-723-8677 at NCAT. For further information on renewable energy, go to www.montanagreenpower.com.

Please send your application and proposal to:

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