

# GIVING YOU MORE CUSTOMIZED SAVINGS

## CENTERPOINT ENERGY'S 2012 CUSTOM REBATE PROGRAMS



### Get up to \$5,000 in engineering assistance

CenterPoint Energy offers engineering assistance to help alleviate the costs for evaluating and designing energy-efficient process equipment and systems, as well as retrofitting entire central heating plants. Commercial and industrial customers can be reimbursed up to \$5,000 for engineering fees assessed by consulting engineers.

Customers may qualify for an advance of up to \$2,500 in engineering financial assistance (not to exceed 50 percent of anticipated fees) to offset the initial costs. Customers may be eligible for up to \$2,500 in additional assistance for installing qualifying natural gas equipment as a result of the technical recommendations.

Engineering assistance guidelines:

- CenterPoint Energy must pre-approve your application for engineering assistance.
- Projects must be prepared by a registered professional engineer.
- You must provide CenterPoint Energy with all appropriate technical documentation.
- Engineering calculations submitted for energy and cost savings are subject to review by CenterPoint Energy.

Improve your facility's energy efficiency for less with a CenterPoint Energy Custom Rebate.

Our Custom Rebate Program is designed for the unique equipment needs of our commercial and industrial manufacturing customers. This made-to-order rebate makes it easier for your facility to increase energy efficiency, which can have a big impact on your bottom line.

### Design energy savings with made-to-order rebates

Our custom rebates can help you reduce your costs to purchase and install new high-efficiency gas equipment, cut your energy use and operating costs and offset associated project engineering costs. Simply submit your ideas for an energy-saving project and detail the associated energy savings and equipment costs before you commit to your purchase. We will then determine if your project qualifies for a CenterPoint Energy Custom Rebate.

#### Custom Rebate specifics:

- Your project must be installed and invoiced between Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2012.
- Contact CenterPoint Energy before purchasing your equipment for rebate pre-approval.
- Equipment must be installed at a location in Minnesota that is served with natural gas from a CenterPoint Energy commercial account.
- Maximum rebate is \$150,000 for most customers.

#### Most natural gas-saving projects are eligible for a Custom Rebate. Some examples are:

- Curing and coating systems
- Energy recovery systems
- Heat treating furnaces
- Infrared processing equipment
- Process dryers
- Process steam and hot water systems
- Thermal curtains
- Tower/stack melting furnaces
- Other customized equipment installations
- Control systems
- Pipeline quality biomethane production
- Pipeline insulation
- Regenerative thermal oxidizers



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## Natural gas is simply better

When you choose natural gas equipment for your business, you are making a smart decision for greater cost-savings, comfort and the environment.

### Savings and comfort

Natural gas is an abundant fuel that costs about half as much as other fuels, making it the best choice for your budget. And, according to America's Natural Gas Alliance, there is more than a 100-year supply of natural gas in the United States, much of which can be attributed to supply from shale gas fields.

With reliable natural gas service, there's no need to worry about surprise power outages that may create disruptions. Natural gas equipment is available for nearly every application with a wide range of benefits.

### Environment

Natural gas is the right choice for a cleaner tomorrow. As a primary fuel that can be used in its natural state rather than undergoing a pollution-producing, energy-wasting conversion process, natural gas is a cleaner burning fuel that leaves about half the carbon footprint compared to electricity.

For more information visit [CenterPointEnergy.com/GasisBetter](http://CenterPointEnergy.com/GasisBetter).



## How to receive your Custom Rebate

1. Contact CenterPoint Energy to discuss your project plans before you purchase equipment. Call your account manager or 612-321-4330 (800-234-5800, ext. 4330).
  2. Work with your CenterPoint Energy account manager to complete and submit all required paperwork. Your account manager will inform you of the rebate amount for which your project qualifies.
  3. Mail completed paperwork to:  
Commercial Rebate Processing  
CenterPoint Energy  
PO Box 59038  
Minneapolis, MN 55459-0038
- All applications must be received by Dec. 31 of the calendar year in which the equipment is installed. Include copies of the dated invoice and proof of installation. To avoid delays, please submit your paperwork as soon as equipment installation is complete. Program dates are Jan. 1, 2012 - Dec. 31, 2012.
4. Allow six to eight weeks for rebate processing.

*\* Rebate amounts vary by equipment. Rebate funds are limited and subject to change without prior notice. Requests will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis. Some utility rebates are taxable under Internal Revenue Service rules. Customers are responsible for all applicable taxes.*

*CenterPoint Energy reserves the right to limit any rebate and conduct on-site inspection of installed equipment. All decisions by CenterPoint Energy regarding energy savings, cost savings, rebate amounts and approvals are final. CenterPoint Energy cannot guarantee energy savings and does not warrant rebated equipment.*

## Custom Rebate Program deadline is Dec. 31, 2012

For more information on the Custom Rebate:

### Call your account manager

or 612-321-4330 (800-234-5800, ext. 4330)

### Visit us online at

[CenterPointEnergy.com/MnCustom](http://CenterPointEnergy.com/MnCustom)

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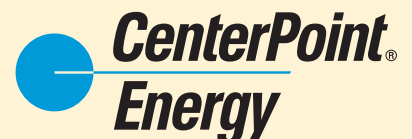
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