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Direct Load Control Program – Residential

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Purpose

The Direct Load Control Program will encourage the reduction in growth of peak demand, enabling EKPC to utilize its system more efficiently, manage market purchases, and defer the construction of new generation.

Availability

The Direct Load Control Program is available to residential retail members in the service territories of EKPC owner-members and will include the control of existing water heaters, existing and new air conditioners and heat pumps.

Availability may be denied where, in the judgment of the owner-member, installation of the load control equipment is impractical.

Eligibility

To qualify for this program, the new participant must be located in the service territory of a participating owner-member and have central air conditioning or heat pump units with single-stage compressors.

The above appliances may be electrically cycled or interrupted in accordance with the rules of this Tariff.

The participant may either own or rent the residence where the qualifying appliances are located. The residence may be either a single-family structure or a multi-family apartment facility.

The participant is responsible for obtaining the permission of the owner of the rented residence to participate in the load control program. The owner-member may require that a rental property agreement be executed between the owner-member and the owner of the rented residence.

Program Incentives

EKPC and participating owner-member will provide an incentive to the participants in this program for the following appliances:

Water Heaters: EKPC will reimburse the participating owner-member \$10.00 per water heater annually. The participating owner-member, in turn, has the option of crediting the power bill of the participant \$10.00 per water heater per year or provide the incentive via other payment means including, but not limited to, a check. The participant will receive this incentive regardless of whether the water heater is actually controlled during any program month.

Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps: EKPC and participating owner-members will provide an incentive to the participants in this program. The participant may select one of three alternatives. The participant will receive one of these incentives regardless of whether the air conditioner or heat pump is actually controlled during any program month.

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Alternative One: EKPC will reimburse the participating owner-member \$20.00 annually per participating air conditioner or heat pump. The participating owner-member will, in turn, credit the residential power bill of the participant \$20.00 per air conditioner or heat pump or provide the incentive via other payment means including, but not limited to, a check.

Alternative Two: When technically feasible, EKPC may provide and install, at no cost, one or more Wi-Fi enabled thermostats as needed for control purposes or EKPC may provide a Wi-Fi enabled thermostat and a rebate up to \$100 to offset the member's cost to have the thermostat installed by the member's own heating and air-conditioning contractor. The member must sign-up each EKPC provided thermostat within 60 days or return it to EKPC or be invoiced by EKPC for the cost of the thermostat. Wi-Fi enabled means any thermostat utilizing the Wi-Fi communication protocol or similar local networking communication protocols. The member must have a fixed location, reliable internet for communication. EKPC will reimburse the participating member \$20 per qualifying Wi-Fi enabled thermostat annually.

Alternative Three: EKPC will reimburse the participating owner-member \$20.00 annually per qualifying Wi-Fi enabled thermostat provided by the retail member that controls an air conditioner or heat pump or provide the incentive via other payment means including, but not limited to, a check. EKPC will provide a rebate up to \$100 to offset the member's cost to have the thermostat installed by the member's own heating and air-conditioning contractor. The member must have a fixed location, reliable internet for communication.

If the appliances noted above are controlled or interrupted during the time of EKPC's monthly billing peak, no additional monetary adjustments will be made. If the appliances noted above are not controlled or interrupted during the time of EKPC's monthly billing peak, then EKPC will credit the owner-member's bill by an amount which represents the savings that would have occurred had the control or interruption been made.

When the qualifying appliances are located in rental residences, program incentives will be paid to the participant, regardless of whether the participant owns or rents the residence where the qualifying appliances are located. Nothing contained in this Tariff will prohibit a further disposition of the program incentive between the participant and the owner of a rented residence.

Program Special Incentives

EKPC and participating owner-members will provide a special incentive up to \$20.00 for new participants that install a load control switch on qualifying air conditioners and heat pumps, utility supplied Wi-Fi enabled thermostat or retail member supplied Wi-Fi enabled thermostat. This one-time incentive will be in the form of a bill credit on the electric bill following the switch installation or provided via other payment means including, but not limited to, a check.

Time Periods for Direct Load Control Program

Water Heaters: Existing load control switches may be electrically interrupted for a maximum time period of six (6) hours per event during the May through September months indicated below and for a maximum time period of four (4) hours per event during the October through April months indicated below.

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EKPC will cycle the water heaters only during the hours listed below.

<u>Months</u>	<u>Hours Applicable for Demand Billing – EPT</u>
October through April	6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
May through September	4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps: A load control device (switch or Wi-Fi enabled thermostat) will be placed on each central air conditioning unit or heat pump will allow the operating characteristics of the unit to be modified to reduce demand on the system. Communication to the load control device will be accomplished via AMR, AMI, Wi-Fi or similar communication technologies.

EKPC will control the air conditioning units and heat pumps only during its summer on-peak billing hours listed below and up to (4) four hours per event.

<u>Months</u>	<u>Hours Applicable for Demand Billing – EPT</u>
May through September	10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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Terms and Conditions

1. Prior to the installation of load control devices, the owner-members may inspect the participant's electrical equipment to insure good repair and working condition, but the owner-members shall not be responsible for the repair or maintenance of the electrical equipment.
2. EKPC, on behalf of the owner-members, will install, in some cases, own, and maintain the load management devices controlling the participant's air conditioner or heat pump for Alternatives One and Two as noted in this tariff. The participant must allow the owner-member, or its representative, reasonable access to install, maintain, inspect, test and remove load control devices. Inability of the owner-member to gain access to the load management device to perform any of the above activities for a period exceeding thirty (30) days may, at the owner-member's option, result in discontinuance of credits under this tariff until such time as the owner-member is able to gain the required access.
3. Participants in the Pilot program from Big Sandy RECC and Blue Grass Energy will have the opportunity to participate in this program. Equipment already installed on the premises may be used as part of this program.
4. Participants may join the program at any time during the year. Participants with air conditioning or heat pump units who join during the months of June through September can select an incentive alternative as described in this Tariff. If the incentive is selected, incentives will be provided annually.
5. If a participant decides to withdraw from the program or change incentive alternatives, the owner-member will endeavor to implement the change as soon as possible.
6. If a participant decides to withdraw from the program, the participant may not apply to rejoin the program for a period of six (6) months. Returning participants for air conditioning and heat pump units will be required to initially select the bill credit alternative, but may change alternatives later as described in this Tariff.

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