

EmPower+ and PSEG/LIPA LMI incentive Coordination



NYSERDA
New York State Energy Research
and Development Authority

BACKGROUND

Recent cross-state funding streams such as On-Budget, IRA HEAR, RGGI, and Sustainable Futures Program have created an environment where the EmPower+ program and the PSEG Long Island Home Comfort/Home Performance Program have allowed stacking incentives of both programs on single projects. This has led to cumulative incentives that are much higher than anywhere else in NY.

The launch of higher EmPower+ incentives in March 2026 spurred an effort by both programs to right size incentives across the programs so they will be equitable with other downstate incentives.

NYSERDA and PSEG Long Island will institute an incentive stacking scheme on May 18, 2026 that would prioritize PSEG funding and use EmPower+ to provide additional incentives up to its downstate cap of \$14,000.

1: PSEG Long Island Customer engages with PSEG Long Island Home Comfort/Home Performance Program and selects an eligible PSEG Long Island contractor who is also eligible to participate in EmPower+ .

2: PSEG Long Island customer wishes to install eligible equipment and PSEG Long Island Partner submits application to PSEG Long Island for pre-approval; A pre-approval letter must be received.

3: Upon receipt of a pre-approval letter from PSEG Long Island, PSEG Long Island customer must apply directly to the NYSERDA EmPower+ Program and submit PSEG Long Island Pre-Approval letter

- Partners may not apply on behalf of the customer
- Customer must be either Low Income or Moderate Income according to NYSERDA's definition

4: Eligible PSEG Long Island customers will receive funding from PSEG Long Island, and then may be eligible for additional funding, up to a pre-determined cap, from the NYSERDA EmPower+. This funding will include the predetermined amount for PSEGT customers as well as any IRA HEAR funding that the project is eligible for.

To ensure you receive a pre-approval letter, you must indicate that the customer is intending on applying for EmPower+ funding in the portal.

*Submission Type

Paperless Submission

*Project Status

Request Reservation

*Does customer qualify as Low-Income?

Yes

*EFS File Number

123

*Will customer apply for EmPower + funding?

Yes

PSEG LONG ISLAND PRE-APPROVAL LETTERS



Subject Project 2026-196#### : ACCOUNT NAME

PSEG Long Island - Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program

The project for ACCOUNT NAME has been pre-approved for a rebate of \$XX,XXX. This pre-approval is valid for 90 days from today.

If you are applying for loan, please submit this document to Energy Finance Solutions along with your Proforma to initiate your loan.

Once your project is complete, please email all post installation and required project close out documentation* to homeperformanceli@psegliny.com

All rebate submissions are subject to post inspection.

We are here to help you. Should you require assistance regarding your rebate application, please do not hesitate to contact the PSEG Long Island Info-line at 1-800-692-2626 or email us at homeperformanceli@psegliny.com

Thank you,

PSEG Long Island's Home Performance Team

*Refer to rebate application for a list of Required Documents



Subject: Project 2026-196####: ACCOUNT NAME

Home Comfort Air Source Heat Pump Program

The project for ACCOUNT NAME has been pre-approved for a rebate of \$XX,XXX. This pre-approval is valid for 90 days from today.

If you are applying for a loan, please submit this document to Energy Finance Solutions along with your Proforma to initiate your loan.

Once your project is complete, please email all post installation and required project close out documentation* to homecomfortli@pseg.com.

PSEG Long Island reserves the right to inspect and test the equipment installation and review the original contract in order to ensure compliance with program requirements. Failure to allow PSEG Long Island access to the equipment for pre and/or post inspections will result in denial of the rebate.

We are here to help you. Should you require assistance regarding your rebate application, please do not hesitate to contact the PSEG Long Island Info line at 1-800-692-2626 or email us at homecomfortli@pseg.com.

Thank you,

PSEG Long Island's Home Comfort Team

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Effective April 20th 2026, PSEG Long Island has adjusted the income categories to align with the NYS EE/BE Orders.

2026 PSEG Long Island Income Guidelines	
Low Income	<60% AMI
Moderate Income	>60% AMI & <80% AMI
Market Rate	>80% AMI

IMPORTANT: Income approval letters do not replace Rebate Pre-Approval letters; you must still submit for a pre-approval to ensure you can get the rebates at the current level.

We have adjusted language to ensure the letters are clear.

John Smith
123 Main Street
Arverne, NY 11692

Re: File # 260212-119XXX

Dear John Smith:

Thank you for submitting a PSEG Long Island - Income Verification Application. Based on the income guidelines established by PSEG Long Island, you are eligible to receive a **Low-Income** rebate (<60% Area Median Income). Your approval is valid for six (6) months, until (Date 6 months from determination).

John Smith
123 Main Street
Huntington, NY 11743

Re: File # 260313-120XXX

Dear John Smith:

Thank you for submitting a PSEG Long Island - Income Verification Application. Based on the income guidelines established by PSEG Long Island, you are eligible to receive a **Moderate-Income** rebate (<80% Area Median Income). Your approval is valid for six (6) months, until (Date 6 months from determination).

John Smith
123 Main Street
Huntington, NY 11743

Re: File # 260313-120XXX

Dear John Smith:

Thank you for submitting a PSEG Long Island – Income Verification application. After reviewing your application materials, we have determined that you are **INELIGIBLE** to receive a Low or Moderate-Income rebate at this time for the following reasons:

PSEG Long Island Residential Weatherization program now has a rebate guideline stating

“Beginning with projects in 2026, customers may participate in the Home Performance with ENERGYSTAR Program once every two years”

✓ Customer applied in Feb 2025, can reapply in May 2026 for new measures or areas

X Customer applied in March 2026, cannot reapply in May 2026 for new measures

We are encouraging contractors to provide whole home weatherization solutions.

PSEG Long Island Heat Pump Water Heating Guidance

Customers may apply for HPWHs either in combination with the Space Heating/Building Envelope application or alone through the Online application.

Rebates are \$1,200 per HPWH

WHERE TO ADD UTILITY CONTRIBUTION IN NYHEP

12	^	X	Heat Pump Water Heater (HPWH_SFF)	Each	1	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00
Is this recommended for the assessment only (no incentives or loans)?:				No					
**Make:				Rheem					
**Model #:				WPH1000Turbo					
**Replacement Water Heater Efficiency (UEF) Enter as a Decimal:				0.96					
**Replacement Water Heater System:				Heat Pump Water Heater					
**Replacement Water Heater Fuel Type:				Electric					
Terms Per Unit:				1					
**ENERGY STAR Certified:				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
**Replacement Tank Volume (Gallons):				50.0					
**Replacement Heating Capacity (Btu/h):				35000					
**Recovery Efficiency:				4.00%					
Water Heater Location:				basement - unconditioned					
**Water Temp (*F):				120.0					
Gallons Per Day:				51.6					
**Total Cost:				\$4,500.00					
**Water Heater - Material Cost:				\$2,000.00					
**Water Heater - Labor Cost:				\$2,000.00					
**Electrical Upgrade Cost:				\$500.00					
Dollar Savings:				-\$279.15					
Lifetime Savings:				-\$279.49					
Alternate Funding:				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utility <input type="checkbox"/> WAP <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd Party					
Utility Contribution:				\$700.00					
Estimated Customer Contribution:				\$1900.00					
**Will the Customer Contribution be overridden?:				No					
True Customer Contribution:				\$1900.00					
Prequalified:				Yes					
PLCE Exempt_Enabling:				0					

Alternate Funding:

Utility WAP 3rd Party

Utility Contribution:

\$25.00

WAP Contribution:

3rd Party Contribution:

REBATE SCENARIOS

<60% State Median Income - Cold Climate Air Source Heat Pump Only (Home is "Heat Pump Ready")

5 Ton Heat Pump Only	
Rebate Source	Rebate
PSEG Long Island - Heat Pump	\$ 10,500
Empower+	\$ 3,500
HEAR - Heat Pump	\$ 8,000
Total	\$ 22,000
Project Cost	\$ 25,000
Customer Net Cost	\$ 3,000

\$14,000 EmPower + Cap

3 Ton Heat Pump Only	
Rebate Source	Rebate
PSEG Long Island - Heat Pump	\$ 9,000
Empower+	\$ 5,000
HEAR - Heat Pump	\$ 1,000
Total	\$ 15,000
Project Cost	\$ 15,000
Customer Net Cost	\$ -

\$14,000 EmPower + Cap

<60% State Median Income - Cold Climate Air Source Heat Pump & Full Weatherization

5 Ton Heat Pump & Full Weatherization	
Rebate Source	Rebate
PSEG Long Island - Heat Pump	\$ 10,500
PSEG Long Island - Wx	\$ 8,000
Empower+	\$ -
HEAR - Heat Pump	\$ 8,000
HEAR - Wx	\$ 1,600
Total	\$ 28,100
Project Cost	\$ 35,000
Customer Net Cost	\$ 6,900

\$14,000 EmPower + Cap
Exceeded

REBATE SCENARIOS

<60% State Median Income - Cold Climate Air Source Heat Pump & Air Sealing Only

3 Ton Heat Pump & Air Sealing	
Rebate Source	Rebate
PSEG Long Island - Heat Pump	\$ 9,000
PSEG Long Island - Wx	\$ 1,250
Empower+	\$ 3,750
HEAR - Heat Pump	\$ 2,400
HEAR - Wx	\$ 1,600
Total	\$ 18,000
Project Cost	\$ 18,000
Customer Net Cost	\$ -

\$14,000 EmPower + Cap

>60% SMI and <60% AMI - Cold Climate Air Source Heat Pump & Full Weatherization

5 Ton Heat Pump & Full Weatherization	
Rebate Source	Rebate
PSEG Long Island - Heat Pump	\$ 5,625
PSEG Long Island - Wx	\$ 5,000
Empower+	\$ 3,375
HEAR - Heat Pump	\$ 8,000
HEAR - Wx	\$ 1,600
Total	\$ 23,600
Project Cost	\$ 35,000
Customer Net Cost	\$ 11,400

\$14,000 EmPower + Cap

REBATE SCENARIO

>60% SMI and <80% AMI - Cold Climate Air Source Heat Pump & Full Weatherization

5 Ton Heat Pump & Full Weatherization

Rebate Source	Rebate
PSEG Long Island - Heat Pump	\$ 4,500
PSEG Long Island - Wx	\$ 4,000
Empower+	\$ -
HEAR - Heat Pump	\$ 8,000
HEAR - Wx	\$ 1,600
Total	\$ 18,100
Project Cost	\$ 35,000
Customer Net Cost	\$ 16,900

\$14,000 EmPower + Cap
Market Rate Not Eligible

Questions?



