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2013 FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR STEP PARTICIPANTS

RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EVALUATIONS & ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS

MEASURES	MAXIMUM INCENTIVE LEVELS				
	Pepco	DHCD	STEP	Federal Tax Credit	CONDITIONS
Energy Evaluation	Fee = \$100	Fee = \$100	Any Additional Fee	N/A	PEPCO: must use a Pepco Participating Contractor; includes direct install measures (up to 12 CFLs, electric water heater tank and pipe wrap, low flow showerheads, faucet aerators) DHCD: must use a Be SMART Eligible Contractor STEP: if fee in excess of \$100 is justified and preapproved, STEP will cover additional cost
Air Sealing & Insulation	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$400	10%	PEPCO: 50% of cost, up to \$2,000; air sealing costs are eligible provided air leakage reduction \geq 20% or Savings to Investment Ratio \geq 0.8; attic flat insulation costs are eligible provided existing insulation ≤ R20 and insulation level brought up to R38 or > (if not floored), or Savings to Investment Ratio \geq 0.8; certain combustion safety issues must be remediated; exhaust fans must be vented to exterior; work scope may include window replacement provided focus of work is air sealing and/or insulation; must use a Pepco Participating Contractor DHCD: 50% of cost, up to \$2,000; must use a Be SMART Eligible Contractor STEP: see "Miscellaneous" on the next page Federal Tax Credit: 10% of materials cost up to \$500
Duct Sealing	\$250	\$250		N/A	PEPCO: up to \$250 provided duct leakage reduced by at least 50%; must use a Pepco Participating Contractor DHCD: up to \$250; must use a Be SMART Eligible Contractor STEP: see "Miscellaneous" on the next page
Air Conditioning (Central)	\$100 - \$500	\$500		\$300	PEPCO: \$100 toward tune-up, \$150 toward upgrade if at least 14.5 SEER & 12 EER, \$300 toward upgrade if at least 15 SEER & 12.5 EER, \$500 toward upgrade if at least 16 SEER & 13 EER; must use a Pepco Participating HVAC Contractor DHCD: must be if at least 14.5 SEER & 12 EER; must use a Be SMART Eligible Contractor STEP: see "Miscellaneous" on the next page Federal Tax Credit: must be at least SEER 16 & EER 13
Air Source Heat Pump (Electric)	\$100 - \$500	\$500		\$300	PEPCO: \$100 toward tune-up, \$200 toward upgrade if at least 14.5 SEER & 12 EER & 8.2 HSPF, \$300 toward upgrade if at least 15 SEER & 12.5 EER & 8.5 HSPF, \$500 toward upgrade if at least 16 SEER & 13 EER & 9 HSPF; must use a Pepco Participating HVAC Contractor DHCD: must be at least 14.5 SEER & 12 EER & 8.2 HSPF; must use a Be SMART Eligible Contractor STEP: see "Miscellaneous" on the next page Federal Tax Credit: must be at least 8.5 HSPF & 12.5 EER & 15 SEER
Furnace (Gas, Oil or Propane)	N/A	\$500		\$150	DHCD: must be at least 92 AFUE with ECM blower fan; must use a Be SMART Eligible Contractor STEP: see "Miscellaneous" on the next page Federal Tax Credit: must be at least 95 AFUE
Boiler (Gas, Oil or Propane)	N/A	\$500 - \$2,000		\$150	DHCD: \$500 if at least 85 AFUE, \$1,000 if at least 90 AFUE, \$1,750 if at least 95 AFUE; \$250 additional if coupled with indirect companion tank; must use a Be SMART Eligible Contractor STEP: see "Miscellaneous" on the next page Federal Tax Credit: must be at least 95 AFUE
Heat Pump Hot Water Heater (Electric)	\$350	\$350		\$300	PEPCO: must be Energy Star qualified; must use a Pepco Participating HVAC Contractor DHCD: must be Energy Star qualified; must use a Be SMART Eligible Contractor STEP: see "Miscellaneous" on the next page Federal Tax Credit: must be at least 2.0 Energy Factor

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Hot Water Heater (Electric)	\$350	\$350	\$400	\$300	PEPCO: must be Energy Star qualified; must use a Pepco Participating HVAC Contractor DHCD: must be Energy Star qualified; must use a Be SMART Eligible Contractor STEP: see "Miscellaneous" below
Hot Water Heater (Gas, Oil or Propane)	N/A	N/A		\$300	Federal Tax Credit: must be at least 0.82 Energy Factor or 90 Thermal Efficiency STEP: see "Miscellaneous" below
Tankless Hot Water Heater	N/A	\$350		N/A	DHCD: must be Energy Star qualified; must use a Be SMART Eligible Contractor STEP: see "Miscellaneous" below
Ductless Mini-Split System (AC or Heat Pump)	\$300	\$300		N/A	PEPCO: for air conditioning system, must be at least 16 SEER & 13 EER; for heat pump system, must be at least 16 SEER & 13 EER & 9 HSPF; must use a Pepco Participating HVAC Contractor DHCD: for air conditioning system, must be at least 16 SEER & 13 EER; for heat pump system, must be at least 16 SEER & 13 EER & 9 HSPF; must use a Be SMART Eligible Contractor STEP: see "Miscellaneous" below
Appliances	\$25 - \$150 Each	\$25 - \$150 Each		N/A	PEPCO: must be Energy Star qualified; dehumidifier or room AC unit = \$25, clothes washer (tier 1) = \$50, clothes washer (tier 2/3) = \$100, freezer = \$75, refrigerator (tier 1) = \$100, refrigerator (tier 2/3) = \$150; \$50 for recycling an old working refrigerator or freezer, \$25 for recycling a working room air conditioner at the same time DHCD: must be Energy Star qualified; dehumidifier or room AC unit = \$25, clothes washer = \$50, freezer = \$75, refrigerator = \$150 STEP: see "Miscellaneous" below
Lighting	\$1.50 - \$10	N/A		N/A	PEPCO: \$1.50 per Energy Star qualified CFL; \$3 per Energy Star qualified CFL multi-pack; \$10 per Energy Star qualified light fixture; \$10 per Energy Star qualified LED lamp or fixture; instant in-store discount when purchased from a participating retailer; limit of 25 CFL or LED bulbs and 6 light fixtures per customer STEP: see "Miscellaneous" below
Miscellaneous	\$80 - \$160	N/A		N/A	PEPCO: rewards for participating in Energy Wise Rewards Program; 50% option: \$40 annually, \$40 install credit; 75% option: \$60 annually, \$60 install credit; 100% option: \$80 annually, \$80 credit; web-enabled programmable thermostat or outdoor switch STEP: up to \$400 toward any energy efficiency improvement(s) recommended in evaluation report that satisfy Pepco or Federal Tax Credit standards; covers net cost after all other applicable incentives
Low Income Households	N/A (LIEEP moved to DHCD)	LIEEP \$4,500; WAP up to \$6,500 of envelope improve- ments + appliances & HVAC upgrades	N/A	N/A	DHCD LIEEP: whole-house energy evaluation and energy efficiency improvements; household must (a) have income no more than 200% of federal poverty level, (b) have a Pepco or BGE account, and (c) own home or have landlord's agreement to participate DHCD/COUNTY WAP: whole-house energy evaluation and energy efficiency improvements; household must (a) have income no more than 200% of poverty level or 60% of state median income (priority to lower income scale), (b) be elderly (60+), disabled or have children under 5 and/or have high/excessive energy consumption (priority to elderly), and (c) not have received WAP services since 1999



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General Conditions & Information - Pepco	 PEPCO HOME PERFORMANCE WITH ENERGY STAR PROGRAM: http://homeenergysavings.pepco.com/home-performance-with-energy-star-program -Must be a Pepco customer with an active account in Maryland; must be a homeowner or tenant (with written permission of landlord) in single-family home, townhome, row home or 1 to 4 unit dwelling that are primary residences; home must have electric heat (e.g. heat pump) or central air conditioning; rebate paid 3 – 4 months after all forms submitted (post-install and test-out) PEPCO APPLIANCE REBATE PROGRAM: http://homeenergysavings.pepco.com/appliance-rebate-program PEPCO ENERGY WISE PROGRAM: https://energywiserewards.pepco.com/md/index.php PEPCO HVAC EFFICIENCY PROGRAM: https://homeenergysavings.pepco.com/hvac-efficiency-program PEPCO LIGHTING PROGRAM: https://homeenergysavings.pepco.com/lighting-program 						
General Conditions & Information - DHCD	DHCD BESMART HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY REBATE PROGRAM: www.mdhousing.org/website/programs/BeSmart/rebate.aspx -For homeowners who are not eligible for the Pepco Program; single family home or townhome -Must use a Be SMART Eligible Contractor for audit and improvements -Apply for pre-approval and reservation of rebate funds before making improvements DHCD EmPOWER Low Income Energy Efficiency Program: www.mdhousing.org/website/Programs/LIEEP/Default.aspx DHCD / Prince George's County Weatherization Assistance Program: www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/Government/Agencylndex/HCD/weatherization.asp						
General Conditions & Information - STEP	SMALL TOWN ENERGY PROGRAM: www.smalltownenergy.org -Residents of College Heights Estates, Hyattsville, Riverdale Park and University Park -Must have whole-house energy audit, share energy usage & other information, and utilize Pepco HPwES Program or Be SMART Program						
General Conditions & Information - Federal Tax Credit	FEDERAL TAX CREDITS FOR CONSUMER ENERGY EFFICIENCY: www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=tax_credits.tx_index • Must be an existing home and principal residence • Aggregate maximum tax credit = \$500 • Available to the extent that homeowner has not previously taken ≥ \$500 in federal tax credits for energy efficiency improvements in previous years						