



ADVANCED METERING Opt-Out Application

Advanced Metering Opt-Out

City Light has changed to a new electrical metering standard using a digital communicating meter (an advanced meter). For an additional charge, residential customers have the option to select a non-standard meter (a non-communicating digital meter). Both meters are described below.

Advanced meters will connect to homes and businesses to collect customer energy-use information. The meters will provide automated wireless communication to City Light.

- Advanced meters record customer energy-use information throughout the day.
- Customer energy-use data will be sent several times a day to City Light using a radio frequency (RF) wireless network. This is similar to the wireless communications used by cell phones and Wi-Fi. The meters will transmit data for a maximum of 90 seconds per day.
- Once it is within City Light's secure firewall, the energy-use data will be matched up with customer accounts for billing and other customer service activities, similar to traditional metering practices.

Non-communicating digital meters are available to residential customers who choose to opt-out of the Advanced Metering program described above.

- This meter does not have an antenna or wireless communication radio. There is no radio frequency (RF) transmission from these meters. As a result, it does not receive or transmit customer energy-use data.
- The meter will have a digital display and a blue label to clearly designate it as an opt-out meter.
- Opt-out fees will apply.

Eligibility Guidelines to Opt-Out

- You must be a residential customer.
- Non-property owners who wish to opt-out must obtain signed permission from the property owner.
- You are responsible for providing and maintaining access to City Light for meter installation, maintenance, and reading. Failure to do so may result in termination of your opt-out participation, along with the installation of an Advanced Meter.
- Owners and tenants of buildings with 4 units or less are eligible for opt-out. Tenants must have the owner's permission to opt-out. If the building owner chooses to opt-out the entire building, the owner will be responsible for paying all fees associated with the opt-out meters for all units.
- Customers who live in any type of multi-unit dwelling with five or more meters in one location (i.e. a meter room or exterior wall) are not eligible to opt out.
- Net metering and commercial customers are not eligible to opt-out.



Comparing City Light Meters

As shown by the following chart, there are additional costs associated with opting out, and fewer benefits with a non-communicating digital meter. Fees cover the City Light’s overhead, costs, ongoing maintenance, and meter reading related to the non-communicating digital meter and equipment.

	Advanced Meter	Opt-out with Non-communicating Digital Meter	Opt-out with Non-communicating Digital Meter if participating in the Utility Discount Program**
View your daily electricity use*	Yes	No	No
Outage detection*	Yes	No	No
Remotely connecting your service*	Yes	No	No
One-time service and administration fee	NO CHARGE	\$124.43	\$49.77
Recurring billing cycle fee*	NO CHARGE	\$15.87 per future billing cycle	\$6.35 per future billing cycle

*When advanced meter system is fully automated.

** Income-qualified participants in the Utility Discount Program will receive a 60% discount.

Summary of Fees as Presented in the Table Above

- A one-time service and administration fee of \$124.43.
- An ongoing charge of \$15.87 for each billing cycle will begin after the customer’s meter reading route transitions to automated reading. This includes the cost of manually reading maintaining your meter.
- Installation fee will be waived in instances where City Light replaces meter in field for maintenance purposes.



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Steps to Opt-Out

- Submit a complete application. Incomplete applications may delay processing.
- After City Light receives an application, the customer will receive an email to confirm the application has been received. If no email address is provided, a letter will be mailed.
- City Light will do its best to process applications in a timely manner. However, there may be cases where more information is needed before approval. For example, if a property owner in King County records does not match the owner listed on a City Light account, more information may be requested by City Light to confirm eligibility. This could delay processing of the application.



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Terms & Conditions, Customer Application

I represent and warrant that I am the named, authorized person on the customer account number provided. I further represent and warrant that I am either the legal owner of the premise* or a tenant at the premise who has obtained permission from the owner as indicated below.

By signing this form, I am indicating that I want to opt-out of City Light's Advanced Metering program. By signing this form, I acknowledge that a non-communicating digital meter shall

be installed at the premise listed on this form in lieu of an Advanced Meter.

I understand that, in accordance with City Light's Opt-Out Policy (DPP III-427), my account will be assessed a one-time service and administration fee and an ongoing meter reading fee for each billing cycle once the service transitions to automated reading.

I also understand that I could be assessed a meter installation fee if this application is not

returned at least two weeks prior to the scheduled installation of an advanced meter.

I understand that I am only eligible for City Light's basic rate tariff and will not be able to receive any other enhanced benefits that the Advanced Metering system may provide.

I agree that I will maintain clear and direct access to my meter(s) allowing City Light employees to manual read the meter(s) during typical business hours throughout the month.

Customer Information (please check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> I am a tenant that is making this request	<input type="checkbox"/> Tenant Lives at Premise
<input type="checkbox"/> I am an owner/landlord that is making this request	<input type="checkbox"/> Owner Lives at Premise

Account Number:		Date:
Name of Person Requesting Opt-Out:		
Phone Number:	Email:	
Service Address:		
Property Owner (If different than person requesting opt-out):		
Property Owner Phone Number:		
Reason for Opt-Out:		

By signing this application, I agree to the terms listed above.

Account Holder Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Property Owner Signature*: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

** If the requestor is not the legal owner of the premise, then the owner must approve the opt-out.*

You may submit this completed form to:
Seattle City Light
Attn: Advanced Metering Opt-Out / Customer Care Division
P.O. Box 34023
Seattle, WA 98124-4023
or email to SCL_Advanced_Metering@seattle.gov

For more information on Advanced Metering and opting out, please visit: seattle.gov/city-light/meters or call (206) 727-8777.

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DATE RECEIVED:	_____
VERIFIED BY:	_____
CYCLE:	_____ ROUTE: _____
UDP: YES / NO	TENANT: YES / NO
SOLAR: YES / NO	