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## Qualified Improvement Applicability Criteria

**Furnace/Boiler Rebates** - The rebate applies when an atmospheric furnace or boiler is replaced with a high-efficiency unit with a minimum AFUE of 92% for furnaces, or 90% for boilers. The rebate applies for each natural gas furnace or boiler replaced. There is no limit to the number of units replaced; however this form will accommodate only two units. Should you replace more than that, submit an additional form in the **same** package. Your invoice should clearly show the age and KBTU input of the existing unit and the make, model, KBTU input and AFUE of the new units, and the total number of units replaced.

**Programmable Thermostat** - The rebate applies when a standard thermostat, one with no automatic setback capabilities, controlling a natural gas heating system, is replaced with a thermostat that has automatic set back capabilities that are user-friendly. There is no limit to the number of units replaced; however this form will accommodate only two units. Should you replace more than that, submit an additional form in the **same** package. Your invoice should clearly show the make and model of the new units, and total number of units installed.

**Tubular Radiant Space Heater** – The rebate applies when a convective type gas space heater is replaced with a gas tubular radiant space heater. There is no limit to the number of units replaced; however this form will accommodate only two units. Should you replace more than that, submit an additional form in the **same** package. Your invoice should clearly show the existing unit KBTU input, new unit KBTU input and total number of units installed.

**Duct Sealing and Insulation** - The rebate applies when a duct system connected to a natural gas heating appliance is sealed with mastic or tapes meeting UL181 B-FX and insulated with a minimum of R-6 insulation. Up to 25% of the total sealing and insulation cost up to \$250 can be claimed as a rebate. Your invoice must clearly show total duct sealing and insulation costs, and the linear feet of ducts sealed and insulated.

**Infrared Fryer** - The rebate applies when a fryer using an infrared natural gas burner is installed to replace an existing natural gas fueled fryer or in a new installation where there is no other fryer in use. The rebate applies for each ENERGY STAR® infrared fryer installed. A complete list of qualified infrared fryers can be found at [http://www.energystar.gov/ia/products/prod\\_lists/Fryers\\_prod\\_list.xls](http://www.energystar.gov/ia/products/prod_lists/Fryers_prod_list.xls). There is no limit to the number of units installed; however this form will accommodate only two units. Should you install more than that, submit an additional form in the **same** package. Your invoice should clearly show the make and model of the new units and total number of units installed. For new installations, please enter “None” for existing model.

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### 1. Customer Eligibility

The customer must be an individually metered commercial customer of Columbia Gas of Ohio, using on average less than 3,000 Ccf per year, to qualify. The program starts on February 15, 2010. Equipment purchases and installations done by Pre-qualified Contractors are eligible for rebates until December 31, 2011 or until rebate funds are exhausted. Applications must be received no later than thirty days after this date to be processed. Equipment and/or materials must be installed by a Pre-qualified Contractor at the customer's address listed on the Rebate Application Form. The Rebate Application Form must be filled out completely, signed and accompanied by dated invoice copies and received by the **Small Business Energy Solutions** program. Please see Qualified Improvement Applicability Criteria for requirements specific to individual rebates. In the case of rented/leased buildings, both the owner and customer must sign the Rebate Application Form regardless of who is paying for the improvements.

### 2. Installation Verification

Prior to honoring any rebate request, **Small Business Energy Solutions** reserves the right to conduct an on-site verification that the qualified improvements have been installed according to Program Standards and are in operation. This site visit, and all aspects related to the site visit, is conducted solely for such purpose. The site visit is not a safety review, nor is it intended for any other purpose.

### 3. Documentation

Pre-qualified Contractor invoices, marked as paid, must be attached and include the Pre-qualified Contractor name / address / phone number and installation costs. Invoices to the customer must show a reduction that matches dollar for dollar to the rebates being claimed by the Pre-qualified Contractor. Pre-qualified Contractor must also supply model numbers, unit efficiencies and test results as listed on the form. A copy of the customer's Columbia Gas bill must be enclosed to verify that the customer's annual use does not exceed 3,000 Ccf.

### 4. Warranties

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Conservation Services Group (CSG) and the Rebate Administrator do not endorse, guarantee or warrant any particular contractor, manufacturer or installation.

### 5. Changes to the Small Business Energy Solutions Program

Program is subject to change without prior notice, and rebate offers may increase or decrease at any time.

### 6. Liability and Release

As part of the consideration for participating in the program, participant hereby releases and shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend Columbia Gas, CSG and the Rebate Administrator from any and all claims, losses, harm, costs, liabilities, damages and expenses (including attorneys' fees) of any nature whatsoever arising directly or indirectly out of or in connection with the installation of energy efficiency measures at the premises or any material and labor required for such installation.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. What is the purpose of the Small Business Energy Solutions program?

The purpose of the program is to reduce the gas use of small commercial customers by encouraging them or the building owner to purchase and install energy efficiency improvements. Columbia Gas provides a rebate to cover a portion of the costs for qualified improvements.

### 2. How do I know what the customer is eligible for?

The qualified energy efficiency improvement must appear on this form and meet the criteria on the Qualified Improvement Applicability page. For questions regarding eligibility, please call **Small Business Energy Solutions** at 1-877-644-6674.

### 3. When will I receive my rebate?

The customer or owner receives the rebate as a reduction in the invoice amount on the Pre-qualified Contractor invoice(s). The program will pay the rebate amount directly to the contractor within 30 days of receipt of completed application package.