



# **CHEF Manual**

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# WELCOME

Welcome to the 2021 CenterPoint Energy Commercial High Efficiency Foodservice Program.

This guide provides you with program information for your participation in the CenterPoint Energy Commercial High Efficiency Foodservice (CHEF) Program.

CenterPoint Energy has contracted with TRC Companies (TRC) to implement the Commercial High Efficiency Foodservice Program for 2021.TRC Companies is nationally recognized for their successful program design and



implementation of utility distributed energy solutions. TRC's dedicated program team works closely with CenterPoint Energy program staff to support all Trade Allies in the commercial foodservice market and succeed in the CHEF Program.

We all look forward to working with you to advance energy efficiency equipment and practices in Texas's commercial foodservice industry. Should you run into any problems or have additional questions, please do not hesitate to call us. We are here to help you.

Thank you for your participation.

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## **OVERVIEW**

The CenterPoint Energy CHEF Program is a pilot commercial market transformation program offered by CenterPoint Energy and implemented by TRC Companies. The program goal is to introduce measures that encourage the adoption of qualified energy-efficient equipment in commercial kitchens in CenterPoint Energy's electric service area and help achieve the State's Energy Efficiency Goal.

Funding for the CenterPoint CHEF Program comes from transmission and distribution charges paid by electricity consumers. As such, we strive to deliver the Program in a market neutral, non-discriminatory manner to all eligible customers and all areas of CenterPoint Energy's electric utility service area.

As a market transformation program, the CenterPoint Energy CHEF program works closely with commercial foodservice market actors to promote incentives and education to reduce market barriers and encourage the adoption of energy-efficient equipment and best practices.



## **CENTERPOINT ENERGY, TRC & YOU**

CenterPoint Energy is a transmission and distribution utility (TDU) that provides safe and reliable electric service to over 2.5 million customers in the Greater Houston metro area. As a TDU in the deregulated electricity market, CenterPoint Energy, as required by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT), offers various energy efficiency programs to customers that provide value and verified savings.

TRC is one of the largest implementers of energy efficiency projects in the United States and partners with government, industrial and commercial customers to deliver energy savings.TRC manages energy efficiency projects to ensure customers conserve energy, increase operational efficiencies and minimize capital spending.

With your help, CenterPoint Energy, TRC, and the CHEF Program can contribute to the State of Texas' energy savings goals and benefit commercial foodservice stakeholders in the region through incentives, education, and reduced costs.



# **PROGRAM PROCESS AND SAVINGS**

The CHEF Program connects eligible businesses with participating distributors who can offer an instant rebate on ENERGY STAR® rated foodservice appliances. The program combines a supply-side participant incentive (SPIF) and a prescriptive equipment incentive for the end-user. The end-user incentives help distributors reduce the incremental cost differences between energy-efficient and conventional equipment. Meanwhile, the Market Network Partner supply-side incentive helps ease any administrative burden associated with the Program.

## QUALIFYING EQUIPMENT AND INCENTIVES<sup>1</sup>

Equipment must be ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> qualified, and incentives are only eligible for new electric appliances. The incentive range will vary based on the following equipment types:

- Commercial Dishwasher
- Commercial Ice Maker
- Commercial Combination Oven
- Commercial Convection Oven
- Commercial Fryers
- Commercial Steam Cooker
- Hot Food Holding Cabinets
- Commercial Solid or Glass Door Reach-in Refrigerators or Freezers





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please see Appendix for complete list of ENERGY STAR qualifying equipment.



## QUALIFYING EQUIPMENT AND INCENTIVES<sup>1</sup>

Electric equipment	Equipme	nt description	Customer Incentive/unit Electric water heating*	<b>Customer</b> Incentive/unit Sanitation method = high temp gas water heating*
Commercial dishwasher <sup>†</sup>	Stationary sing Multiple tank i Single tank ra	rack conveyor ck conveyor	\$1,300	\$600
	Pot, pan & ute Under counter		\$250	\$50
Electric equipment		Equipment	description	Customer Incentive/unit
		Harvest rate: 300-7	/99 lbs ice/day	\$50
Commercial ic	e maker <sup>†</sup>	Harvest rate: 800-1	,499 lbs ice/day	\$150
		Harvest rate: ≥1,50	0 lbs ice/day	\$250
Combination oven <sup>+</sup>		Pan capacity 5-14 pans		\$650
		Pan capacity 15-20 pans		\$1,400
Convection oven <sup>†</sup> F		Full-size		\$200
Fryer <sup>†</sup>		Large and standar	d vat	\$400
		3-pan capacity		\$1,300
Steam cooker <sup>†</sup>		4-pan capacity		\$1,500
Steam COOKER	Steam Cooker			\$1,700
		6-pan capacity or	greater	\$1,900
		Greater than 28 ft <sup>3</sup>		\$800
Hot food holdi	ng cabinet <sup>+</sup>	13-27.99 ft <sup>3</sup>		\$500
		Up to 12.99 ft <sup>3</sup>		\$50
		Up to 14.99 ft <sup>3</sup>		\$50
Vertical solid ( (transparent) d	•	15-29.99 ft <sup>3</sup>		\$50
refrigerator <sup>†</sup>		30-49.99 ft <sup>3</sup>		\$100
		Greater than 50 ft <sup>3</sup>		\$150
Vertical solid o	ar alace	Up to 14.99 ft <sup>3</sup>		\$50
(transparent) d	-	15-29.99 ft <sup>3</sup>		\$150
freezer <sup>†</sup>		30-49.99 ft <sup>3</sup>		\$250
		Greater than 50 ft <sup>3</sup>		\$350

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please go to www.CenterPointEnergy.com/CHEF for a complete Qualified Products List



## PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS

The CHEF Program is a Midstream Program. There are no Direct-to-Customer rebates.

All participants must complete a Vendor Application, W-9, and Participant Agreement on file. Participants that qualify to join the Market Network Program include organizations and Trade Allies that sell qualified ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> equipment to eligible customers, including:

- Wholesale Distributors
- Direct Sale Manufacturers
- Direct Sale Manufacturer Representatives
- Brand Dealers

- Design Consultants
- Buying Groups
- Franchise Groups
- Service and Management Companies

### CUSTOMER ELIGIBILITY

#### Account requirements

Eligible customers must meet the following criteria:

- Customers must be located within the Greater-Houston area of CenterPoint Energy's service territory and receive an electric distribution from CenterPoint Energy
- Customers must have qualified equipment installed on a non-residential meter in CenterPoint Energy's service territory

#### **Eligible Commercial Businesses**

Commercial kitchens can vary significantly based on their purpose and customer base. Eligible customers for the CHEF program are businesses involved in commercial foodservice preparation, including:

- Full Menu Restaurant
- Bars & Taverns
- Quick Service Restaurants (QSR)
- Stadium & Entertainment Venues
- Schools K-12
- Contract Feeders
- Colleges/Universities

- Military
- Healthcare
- Hotels & Motels
- Supermarket Deli & Bakeries
- Virtual/Ghost Kitchens
- Convenience Stores





# **CHEF PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The CHEF Program is a midstream instant rebate program. An eligible customer will purchase their equipment and receive a discount on the qualifying equipment immediately. Upon completing the sale, the Market Network Partner must apply to CenterPoint Energy for their incentive.

### PROCESS<sup>2</sup>

CenterPoint Energy uses a platform, AEG Vision, for Market Network Partner applications, approval, data collection, and incentive processing. Please feel free to contact program management if you have questions or need help with an application.

#### Joining the Market Partner Network, becoming a CHEF Participant

- New participants register on CenterPoint Energy's Energy Efficiency Sponsor Portal
- Participants will need to complete a sponsor application and upload their:
  - W9
  - CenterPoint Energy Vendor Agreement
  - Participation Agreement (MOU)

#### **Application Process<sup>3</sup>**

- Participants can apply for incentives through the CHEF Portal
- Participants can apply with either a stand-alone application or bulk upload
- Incentive applications over \$7500 per Customer need pre-approval

#### QUALITY ASSURANCE/QUALITY CONTROL

We review each incentive request to validate equipment and program eligibility. Additional QA/QC is achieved through site visits to verify that installed products match incentive claims.

As needed, results are shared with distributors to recognize achievements or suggest corrective actions. Should participants deviate from the program requirements stated in this guide, corrective action may be taken, such as:

- Step 1: Program management will notify the distributor and discuss corrective action.
- Step 2: Program management will notify the distributor, and the incentive may be forfeited at the Program's discretion.
- Step 3: Program management will notify and may suspend the distributor from participating for the program year's remainder at the Program's discretion.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Please see Appendix for Application Instructions in Appendix



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Please see Appendix for Sponsor Portal Application Instructions

#### **PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION**

The CHEF program will provide support throughout the Program to ensure participant success and, ultimately, market transformation.

#### Outreach and Marketing

TRC seeks to engage stakeholders from multiple markets to promote CenterPoint Energy's CHEF Program.

#### Training

The Program can guide participants in promoting the ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> brand, communicating the associated benefits of buying ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> high-efficiency equipment, and improving their Customers' bottom line.

Additional training workshops focusing on energy-efficient equipment and best practices will be shared throughout the program and the Trade Allies network in the commercial foodservice market to promote the CHEF program and its participants.

#### Availability

Please do not hesitate to call or email if you have a question. We are keen to share this program with the Houston foodservice community and welcome your questions and feedback. Your success is our success.





# Instructions for Participant Enrollment

## STEP 1:

Go to https://cnpsponsor.programprocessing.com

Sponsor Application 📎

#### **Energy Efficiency Sponsor Portal**

#### CenterPoint Energy's Energy Efficiency Mission Statement

To effectively and productively create and implement energy efficiency programs for all customer classes that will achieve demand and energy savings, while enabling the market to take advantage of new technologies.

#### **General Participation Information**

CenterPoint Energy's energy efficiency programs are designed to comply with state legislation requiring each investor-owned utility to implement energy efficiency incentives programs in a market-neutral, nondiscriminatory manner, that will reduce electric energy peak demand through either standard offer or market transformation programs.

All Energy Conservation Measures must be installed within CenterPoint Energy's Houston Electric footprint. The ESID that is unique to CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric's transmission and distribution area is **1008901**.

All sponsors are required to first complete the sponsor registration process by clicking on the Sponsor Application link above. This task needs to be completed prior to participating in the programs and only needs to be completed one time.

Existing Sponsor 📀





If you are not currently registered with CenterPoint Energy, choose: Sponsor Application

Thank you for your interest in our Energy Efficiency Programs.



## STEP 3:

To begin the Sponsor Application, you will need a signed copy of your:

- a. W9
- b. CenterPoint Energy Vendor Master Agreement
- c. Participant Agreement



#### STEP 4:

If you are already a past participant, please enter your email and password.

If you are a new participant, choose: **Create Account** 

	Returning User? Please Log In:
	Email Address: *
	Enter Emsil Address
	Password: *
	Enter Password
	Account Login
	Forget your personant? Clars HEIRE to relative it
Ν	lew User? Please Create An Account:
	Create Account

## **STEP 5**:

Enter required fields and Submit

First Name	Enter First Name *	
Last Name	Enter Last Name *	
Email	Enter Email Address *	
Re-Enter Email	Re-Enter Email Address *	
Password	*	
Re-enter Password	*	

## STEP 6:

Once you have submitted your information, you will return to the login screen.

## **STEP 7**:

Login

## **STEP 8**:

You will be asked if you are a registered sponsor, if you are new, choose: **No** 

Registered Sponsor			
Are you currently a Re	gistered Sponsor?*		
-Select- 🗸			
		Continue >	



#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPANT ENROLLMENT IN CENTERPOINT ENERGY SPONSOR PORTAL

STEP 9: Complete Sponsor Premise Contact	Sponsor Premise Contact ABC, ABC CENTERPOINT ENERGY SERVICE	COMPANY LLC 1111 LOUISIANA ST 👻
and Continue	First Name: * First & Last or Company ABC	Address: *
	Last Name: * First & Last or Company ABC	Address (cont):
	Company: * First & Last or Company	City: *
	ABC	HOUSTON State/Province: *
		TEXAS ~ Postal Code: *
		77002 Phone: *
		1232456789

Program Selection

#### **STEP 10:**

Under Program Selection choose, CHEF: Commercial High Efficiency Foodservice

Which program would you like to apply to: *	~	
Advanced Lighting		
CHEF: Commercial High Efficiency Foodservice		
Commercial and Industrial Standard Offer	OR - Save & Complete Later >	
Commercial Cool Saver		
Commercial Load Management 2020 Commercial Load Management 2021		
Commercial MTP-DCEEP		
Commercial MTP-HEEP		
Commercial MTP-SCORE		
Commercial Retro-Commissioning		
Efficiency Connection		
Hard-to-Reach Standard Offer		
High Efficiency Homes		
Historic Data - 2015 - 2019		
Historic Data - CSOP		
Historic Data - Residential Load Management		
Midstream MTP		
Multi Family Direct Install		

eMail: \*
test@test.com



#### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPANT ENROLLMENT IN CENTERPOINT ENERGY SPONSOR PORTAL**



Upload your W9, CenterPoint Energy Vendor Master Agreement and Participant Agreement and **Complete** Application

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W9 Form		Vendor Master		Participation Agreemer	ıt		

# Thank you for registering as a Market Network Partner for Centerpoint Energy's CHEF Program.





# Instructions for Stand Alone Incentive Application

## **AEG VISION**

Market Network Partner

## https://chef.programprocessing.com

#### **STEP 1**:

**STEP 2**:

Please scroll down to the bottom of the page, select **Stand-Alone Application** 

#### **Program Contacts**

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Julia Emerson jemerson@trccompanies.com 281-841-9927

Rebate portal for approved MPN members



#### **Program Application**

Thank you for your interest in this program.

To complete the application process, you will need to enter details regarding the following items:

- A valid account in our system, which can be created when you start your application or have been created prior to this application
- Your contact information (utility account number, address, telephone, etc)
- The location contact information (where the proposed changes will occur)
- · The contractor's contact information (who will be performing the installation)
- · A description of the work to be completed

Are you ready to begin your application?





CenterPoint Energy



Log in to your account

Returning User? Please Log In:
Email Address: *
Enter Email Address
Password: *
Enter Password
Account Login 🔊
Forgot your password? Click HERE to retrieve it

HOME

START AN APPLICATION

MANAGE APPLICATIONS

MANAGE APPLICATIONS

### STEP 4:

Enter the Customer ESI ID number.

Click here to search

by address and

zip code

## Program Application

Thank you for your interest in this program.

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To complete the application process, you will need to enter details regarding the following items:

• A valid account in our system, which can be created when you start your application or have been created prior to this application

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START AN APPLICATION

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- The location contact information (where the proposed changes will occur)
- The contractor's contact information (who will be performing the installation)
   A description of the work to be completed
- Please enter your ESID number in the account number field below
- If your site address does not match the ESID address generated after pressing continue,
  - click on the back button on your browser to input the correct ESID

Please enter the following customer validation information below







#### **STEP 5**: chef.programprocessing.com says A valid account in our system, which can be cre This will begin the application process for this address contact. to this application Confirm Customer • Your contact information (utility account numbe Are you sure you want to do this? · The location contact information (where the pro address and click on • The contractor's contact information (who will b Cancel • A description of the work to be completed the "green circle". Please enter your ESID number in the account. If your site address does not match the ESID address generated after pressing continue. Confirm again click on the back button on your browser to input the correct ESID by selecting OK The following records have been located using the information you provid

The following records have been located using the information you provid Please select the appropriate account record from the list below.

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Premise City	
Houston	
Premise State	
Tx	
Premise Zip	
77002	
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### **STEP 6**:

Enter CHEF Customer, Installer, and Distributor information.

Note: You can search and select your name in the Contractors list and **Continue** 



#### **STEP 7:**

Select the "green circle" to Add Equipment Items

Note: Enter the model number exactly as seen in the ENERGY STAR Dataset list here: ENERGY STAR Product Finder API & Datasets I EPA ENERGY STAR. If you have questions, please call 281-841-9927.

New Project: Add Equipment Items







## **STEP 8:** Choose CHEF Measures then **Food Service**







## **STEP 9**:

Select your equipment by clicking the green circle under **Action** for each equipment type

dd Equipment	- ×
Current Navigation: Catalog Home CHEF Measures Food Service	ĺ
Catalog nume Chicr measures rood service	
Please select from the following list of measures:	
Name	Action
ENERGY STAR COMBINATION OVEN	0
ENERGY STAR COMMERCIAL DISHWASHERS	ο
ENERGY STAR COMMERCIAL HOT FOOD HOLDING CABINETS	0
ENERGY STAR ELECTRIC CONVECTION OVEN	0
ENERGY STAR ELECTRIC FRYERS	0
ENERGY STAR ELECTRIC STEAM COOKERS	Θ
SOLID AND GLASS DOOR REACH-INS	0
_	<page 1=""> Viewing 1 - 7 of 7 Records</page>

## **STEP 10**:

Please enter the exact model number as seen in the Qualified Product List Page: 1

NOTE: Please use the Qualified Product List. Not everything in ENERGY STAR qualifies in this program. If you encounter a problem, you can enter your model number manually. Or, please call 281-841-9927 for help.

Add Equipment	
	ons listed below, exactly as they are found on the packaging/description of the item you as much information as possible to help us locate the correct item.
	ng a value for a question if you cannot locate one. However, skipping too many values o locate the item you are attempting to add.
Brand Name	Enter Brand Name
Model Number	Enter Model Number
	SUBMIT INFORMATION AND CONTINUE
← Start Over	



## **STEP 11**:

Confirm equipment type and quantity

#### Add Equipm

We've located the equipment that we think matches the item you are attempting to add.

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Please review the information displayed below to verify that it is the correct item you would like to add. If the information is correct, press the button below to add the item to your application.

ENERGY STAR UNIQUE ID	2355485
BRAND NAME	True Refrigeration
MODEL NUMBER	STR1R-1G-HC
TYPE	Vertical Transparent Door Refrigerator
CONFIGURATION VERTICALCHEST	Vertical
PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	Reach-in
DEFROST TYPE	Automatic
NUMBER OF DOORS	1
VOLUME CU FT	22.86
HEIGHT IN	78.25
WIDTH IN	27.5
DEPTH IN	33.75
REFRIGERANT TYPE	R-290
DATE QUALIFIED	03/02/2020
ENERGY USE DAILY ENERGY CONSUMPTION KWHDAY	1.74

Quantity

YES, THE INFORMATION MATCHES AND IT'S THE ITEM I'D LIKE TO ADD

🗲 Start Over



## **STEP 12**:

Enter equipment and sales details, select **Continue** 

#### Add Equipment

Equipmer	nt Details
PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	Reach-in
ESTIMATED DATE INSTALLED (mm/dd/yyyy) *	
DATE QUALIFIED (mm/dd/yyyy)	03/02/2020
DEFROST TYPE	Automatic
DEPTH (IN.)	33.75
DESCRIPTION	
NCENTIVE	
CONFIGURATION (VERTICAL/CHEST)	Vertical
HEIGHT (IN.)	78.25
KW IMPACT	
KWH IMPACT	
BRAND NAME	True Refrigeration
MODEL NUMBER	STR1R-1G-HC
ADDITIONAL MODEL INFORMATION	
NUMBER OF DOORS	1
QUANTITY *	1
ENERGY STAR UNIQUE ID *	2355485
REFRIGERANT TYPE	R-290
SERIAL NUMBER	
ALGORITHM - SLOPE - BL	
ALGORITHM - INTERCEPT - BL	
ТҮРЕ	Vertical Transparent Door Refrigerator

## **STEP 13**:

Enter equipment and sales details, select **Continue** 

#### Document Upl

Please upload all invoicing associated with the equipment installed for this site. If you have multiple files you will need to combine them into one file or into a zip file.

Document Upload	
CHEF Invoicing Documentation	
All Items Have Bee	n Completed
	Back 🔊 Continue 🔊 - OR - Save & Complete Later 🔊



### **STEP 14:**

The **Measure Summary** displays your equipment and incentives

#### Aeasure Summar

Measure Summary

Measure Name	Number	Incentive	Admin	Pass-Through	Brand	Model	Retail
measure Name	Units	Amount	Incentive	Incentive	Name	Number	Price
					Angelo		
ENERGY STAR Combination Oven	1	1500	100	1400	Po	FX82E3	10000
ENERGY STAR Commercial Hot Food							
Holding Cabinets	1	600	100	500	Cambro	CMBH1826	15000
Total Incentive		\$2100					

HOME

START AN APPLICATION

Back 📎 Complete Application 📎 Save & Complete Later > - OR - (

## **STEP 15**:

Select **Complete Application** and finish on your personalized dashboard.

The dashboard allows you to view all your applications. You can also communicate with the program administrator from this page.



Action	
My Applications	>
My Contacts	>
L My Account	>
🖌 Log Out	>

tem	Total	
# Of Applications	4	
Total Rebates Paid		

MANAGE APPLICATIONS

CONTACT US

Applications By Status	
Status	# of Apps
Add Contractor	1
Application Submitted (Distributor)	2

