



## **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 customers are not eligible to opt-out.

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- Commercial customers are not eligible to opt out.



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### 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
One-time installation fee per meter	NO CHARGE	NO CHARGE with two-week notice prior to scheduled meter installation	NO CHARGE with two-week notice prior to scheduled meter installation
		\$84.21 without two-week notice	\$33.68 without two-week notice
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.
- An installation fee of \$84.21 may be charged if an application is not received at least two weeks prior to scheduled installation of advanced meters in your area.
- 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.
- Application must be received by City Light at least two weeks before your neighborhood's scheduled installation date to avoid an installation fee.
  - If this deadline is missed, you will likely receive an advanced meter on your neighborhood's installation date until a technician can revisit your home later to install an opt-out meter. An installation fee will be added to your bill after the opt-out meter is installed. It might be days or weeks after your neighborhood's installation date before you receive an opt-out meter.
- 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.
- After an application is processed, the customer will receive an approval or denial letter in the mail. 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](mailto:SCL_Advanced_Metering@seattle.gov)**  
**or fax to (206) 684-3428**

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

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