2020 Central Air Conditioning (Standard CAC or ASHP) Proper Installation Program Overview with Participation Requirements

Contractors:

- System must be installed by participating contractor.
- System must be installed by a bonded and/or licensed contractor as applicable under state and local requirements.
- Participating contractor and/or designee must complete manufacturer approved product training and utility program training with a verified (signed) participation agreement. Contractor must meet manufacturer and/or Minnesota Power continuing education and customer satisfaction requirements to be eligible to offer Minnesota Power rebates.

Qualifying Central Air Conditioning Types, Applications and Rebates:

CAC must have a minimum SEER Rating of 13 to qualify for rebates, must be a split system and no larger than 5 Tons.

New Standard Central Air Conditioner (CAC) or a ducted Air Source Heat Pump (non-ENERGY STAR®) Installation: $50 rebate to customer for proper installation.

New Furnace or Air Handler with ECM and CAC combo for rebate of $375

$50 rebate on Smart thermostats that **control an electric heat source**. The thermostat must give the customer access to set points and schedules from anywhere using a smart device (phone, tablet or computer).

Requirements to Qualify for the Rebate and Maintain Participating Contractor Status:

- Must be a customer of one of these participating utilities: **Minnesota Power, City of Ely, Grand Rapids Public Utilities, City of Mountain Iron**
- This list may change, please visit **www.mnpower.com/ParticipatingUtilities** for updates.
- **CAC must have a minimum SEER rating of 13.**
- The contractor must submit the required paperwork for the customer to qualify for the rebate. Before a rebate is issued to the customer, a third party contractor will review the paperwork for quality assurance, track the results, and prepare and submit the rebate check. **Note:** A product trained installer must be noted on the rebate form to verify proper installation.

- Must include a copy of the invoice with a completed rebate form.
- Rebates must be submitted within 30 days after project is completed.
- Minnesota Power rebates and required paperwork may not be withheld in the event of a customer/contractor dispute.
- Central Air Conditioner must be a split system, no larger than five tons, to qualify.
- Provide product warranty information and maintenance agreement.
- Participating contractors will be required to explain operational and maintenance items specific to type of Central Air Conditioning unit as part of the installation process. This includes reviewing and providing a manufacturer specific checklist and operating manuals. This will be noted on the Central Air Conditioning rebate form.
- Every customer will be surveyed to determine their satisfaction with the Central Air Conditioning system (met their expectations) and the installation process. This information will be shared with specific contractor to identify ways to improve the quality of the customer experience and affirm the system is performing according to expectations. Any performance issues will be addressed immediately with the applicable contractor. Performance issues will be noted and may affect participating contractor status.

Refrigerant Charge and Airflow (RCA) data sheet is no longer required. However a Certified Technician must sign off on the following:

- Certified technician has inspected the installation.
- The installation meets proper refrigerant charging and indoor airflow specifications.
- Sized properly according to manual J Calculations.
- Ducts have been sealed to the extent practical.
- Verify that the indoor and outdoor units are part of a matched system according to AHRI Certification Directory (www.ahridirectory.org) or other recognized service.

Certified Technician must have passed HVAC Certification by NATE, HVACeducation.com or similar certification.

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