



Maquoketa Valley
Electric Cooperative

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Heat Plus Rate

What is it?

Maquoketa Valley Electric Cooperative (MVEC) offers an optional electric rate, Heat Plus, for members with electric heating systems. Electric heat may include ground source heat pumps or air source heat pumps. Electric boilers and/or electric furnaces are eligible if accompanied with an air source heat pump.

The Heat Plus Rate applies annually to electricity use from **October 1 through May 31**. (Electricity use on this meter during other times of the year will be billed at the full standard rate.) This is a market-based rate currently at \$.0460 per kilowatt-hour that will fluctuate in future heating seasons. It is the intent of MVEC to keep this Heat Plus Rate as low as possible to encourage members to install energy efficient, clean, convenient electric heat. Members will be notified in writing of any changes to this heat rate.

How do I apply?

Notify MVEC of your desire to install electric heat by calling 319-462-3542 or 800-927-6068. Upon completion of the electric heat installation, please contact MVEC to coordinate installation of a separate electric meter that measures the electric heat usage at your location. There is a \$325 charge plus tax for equipment (billed to Cooperative Heat Plus member). A basic service charge of \$5.00 plus tax will be billed monthly year-round.

Terms and Conditions

This heating rate applies to members with approved electric space heating equipment. The Heat Plus Rate will be effective annually for energy use from October 1 through May 31.

Requirements:

1. Eligible facilities include:
 - A) Single family permanent dwellings, outbuildings sharing a meter with a permanent dwelling, residential apartments, and multi-family buildings.
 - B) Non-residential buildings where the entire facility (one or more buildings with the same owner at one location) is served by one or more transformers with a combined rated capacity of 75KVA or less.
 - C) Separately metered building spaces that maintain an actual combined peak of 75 kW or less.
2. The primary heating system must be electric and metered separately.
 - A) The only other types of equipment that can be connected behind the Heat Plus meter are an HRV or ERV. Electric supplemental heating loads including but not limited to electric boilers for in-floor heating, fireplaces, heat tape, garage heaters. (Assuming each has a dedicated circuit and are directly wired.)
 - B) Only water heaters associated with geothermal systems that have a desuperheater can be connected behind the Heat Plus Meter
 - C) No other equipment can be connected behind the Heat Plus Meter.
3. The primary electric heating source must operate first, with the backup system operating only when the primary system is unable to satisfy the indoor thermostat setting.
4. A premium electric tank water heater must be installed and provide 100% of the domestic water heating for the home (except for energy supplied from an electric heat pump desuperheater. Tankless water heaters for domestic water heating are not eligible.
5. The space heated by the primary electric system must be an area of 400 square feet or more.
6. Must qualify and comply with MVEC's Electric Tariff.
7. Maintenance or wiring upgrades to the Heat Plus meter connections must be approved by MVEC. Please affix provided labels to your heating/cooling service panel to assist contractors with contacting MVEC.
8. All buildings shall meet the Iowa Building Code.
9. The rate is not available to properties having on-site generation behind the meter (this does not include emergency generators that operate only when normal power is interrupted and battery only applications).

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Note: MVEC reserves the right to suspend the rate and remove any metering equipment owned by MVEC if the member is no longer using the equipment on a regular basis or is in violation of any terms, conditions, and requirements. The Heat Plus Rate is not intended to be applied to periodic heating applications or to provide heating during peak winter conditions only. A system where the building is totally unheated during the unoccupied times is unacceptable. The Heat Plus Rate is not available for seasonal applications. A broken meter seal may disqualify you from the Heat Plus rate.

Warranty Information: MVEC makes no warranties, expressed or implied, with respect to equipment operation, material, workmanship, or manufacturing. The Cooperative does not guarantee that a certain level of energy or cost savings will result from the use of products covered by this program.

Limitation of Liability: Participating members agree that the Cooperative's liability, in connection with this program, is limited to paying the program rate (when all Terms and Conditions have been satisfied by member). Under no circumstances shall MVEC be liable for any consequential or incidental damages resulting from participation in this program. The Cooperative will not be responsible for any tax liability that may be imposed on the participating member as a result of the payment of the program rate.

Participating Member's Certification: Participating member certifies that he/she operates the equipment listed in their application at their defined location served by the Cooperative. Participating member agrees that all information is true and that he/she has conformed to all of the program and equipment requirements listed in the application.

Program Changes/Termination: While this rebate program will be in effect for an indefinite period, the Cooperative reserves the right to extend, modify (this includes the Heat Plus rate), or terminate this program without prior or further notice. Typically, a 60-day notice will be made in the event the program is terminated.

Other: MVEC reserves the right to inspect installations before or after establishing the Heat Plus rate. If the application does not comply with the Cooperative's rules and qualifications, the rate may be adjusted.

Members must apply for the Heat Plus rate within one year of the purchase date (as shown on the member's invoice). Past eligibility, however, does not guarantee that equipment will meet criteria for current programs in effect.