

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) New York's Great Appliance Swap Out Program

General Description

As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) administered an \$18.7 million residential rebate program to incentivize New York residents to purchase higher efficiency appliances. On December 1, 2009, NYSEDA's plan for the Great Appliance Swap Out, was approved by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

Under the approved plan, the Great Appliance Swap Out program:

- Provided New York consumers, who own their own appliances, with rebates for purchasing certain energy-efficient refrigerators, clothes washers, freezers and dishwashers
- Offered a larger rebate to consumers who recycle their discarded appliances

Eligible Appliances

Under the approved plan, consumers received rebates for purchasing eligible appliances individually or in a bundle. Appliances qualified only if they had earned the ENERGY STAR® label, meaning that they were up to 30 percent more efficient than standard models on the market. Consumers received a larger rebate by purchasing three eligible appliances that met standards issued by the Consortium of Energy Efficiency (CEE) that are higher than ENERGY STAR standards.

Under the approved plan, customers purchasing appliances qualified for a rebate of \$75 (\$105 with documented recycling) for ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerators, \$75 (\$100 with documented recycling) for clothes washers and \$50 (\$75 with documented recycling) for freezers. \$500 rebate (\$555 with documented recycling) were also available for high-efficiency dishwashers, clothes washers and refrigerators that meet CEE super efficiency levels when they were purchased as part of a three-appliance package.

Time Table

The plan was approved by the DOE on December 1, 2009. NYSEDA launched the program February 12, 2010 and closed March 4, 2011 after processing over \$16.58 million in rebates.

Data Collection Methodology

Data was collected from rebate applicants using both electronic and paper-based solutions to provide consumers with a variety of options to submit their rebate application.

Statistical and Analytic Issues

Blanks represent the data was not required.

Data labeled as "Unknown" represents the rebate applicant was not able to adequately provide the information about the recycled appliance.

The rebate applicant ID is a randomly generated unique identifier that cannot be used to connect with other data sets to access additional information.

Age of recycled appliance is estimated.

Limitations of Data Use

Requests for additional data should be directed to NYSEDA.