

New Mexico Interruptible Credit Option (ICO)

BUSINESS PROGRAM OFFERS SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS OPPORTUNITIES

The 2010 ICO program offers significant savings opportunities and important flexibility for New Mexico businesses that can reduce their electric demand when notified.

Earn Big Savings

During periods of peak demand, such as hot summer days, our system may require more power than is normally available. Customers who participate in the ICO program help reduce the amount of electricity we purchase or generate, which helps us meet electric system requirements at critical times.

In return for participating, you receive a monthly credit, with your annual total savings depending on the options you select. The more load you agree to control, the more you'll save.

Program Highlights

- Qualification requirements are 500 kW of interruptible demand.
- You can control your energy use through your own energy management system when selecting the No-Notice option.
- You can join the program without having prior-year history, and sign contracts up to May 1st and still participate in the current year.
- You can waive the four-hour minimum interruption timeframe.
- Generous credits for participating.

How It Works

To get started, just sign a contract that includes your selected firm demand, the hours of interruption per year, your advance-notice requirement and other options referenced above. You'll use electricity as usual until the start of a control event.

Then, during the interruption period, you'll reduce your electricity use down to the firm demand chosen in your program agreement. If the event is identified as an economic interruption you may choose to buy-through the interruption and avoid controlling part of or your entire interruptible load.

Interruption events are triggered as a result of capacity, contingency and/or economic constraints. Economic interruptions are the only interruptions that offer a buy-through option.



Interruption Period Details

- You choose the maximum annual hours of interruption appropriate for your facility, amount of notice given, firm demand (load not exposed to interruption) and other options.
- Your credit is tied to the options you select. The more load you agree to control, the higher your credit will be.

Are you a good candidate? We'll help you decide.

Ask your Xcel Energy account manager for an electric usage analysis that can help you determine whether our New Mexico Interruptible Credit Option (ICO) program is a good fit for your business.

If you don't have an account manager, please call our Business Solutions Center at **1-800-481-4700**.



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Credits for ICO Tariff

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| | | One-hour notice | | No notice | |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | Winter per kW Month Credit | Summer per kW Month Credit | Winter per kW Month Credit | Summer per kW Month Credit |
| 40 Hours | Secondary Voltage | \$3.03 | \$4.64 | \$3.26 | \$4.99 |
| | Primary Voltage | \$2.99 | \$4.57 | \$3.22 | \$4.92 |
| | Sub-Transmission Voltage | \$2.75 | \$4.20 | \$2.96 | \$4.52 |
| | Backbone-Transmission Voltage | \$2.72 | \$4.17 | \$2.93 | \$4.48 |
| 80 Hours | Secondary Voltage | \$5.01 | \$7.67 | \$5.39 | \$8.24 |
| | Primary Voltage | \$4.94 | \$7.56 | \$5.31 | \$8.13 |
| | Sub-Transmission Voltage | \$4.54 | \$6.95 | \$4.88 | \$7.47 |
| | Backbone-Transmission Voltage | \$4.50 | \$6.89 | \$4.84 | \$7.40 |
| 160 Hours | Secondary Voltage | \$7.62 | \$11.65 | \$8.20 | \$12.54 |
| | Primary Voltage | \$7.51 | \$11.49 | \$8.08 | \$12.36 |
| | Sub-Transmission Voltage | \$6.90 | \$10.56 | \$7.43 | \$11.36 |
| | Backbone-Transmission Voltage | \$6.84 | \$10.47 | \$7.36 | \$11.26 |