

Con Edison Light-Duty Make-Ready Program for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)*

Application and Process

Q1: How do I start?

A: You can learn all about the program and apply through the portal on our [program website](#). The Con Edison EV Team will review your application and respond with a letter evaluating your eligibility. You can then attach that letter when you apply for service at Con Edison's Project Center.

Q2: How long will it take to get my eligibility letter?

A: Two weeks or less. This letter is the first step in the program process and simply states whether the project meets the eligibility requirements for the program and which incentive tier applies to the project. It is not intended to be an incentive determination, which happens after engineering review as part of the energy service ruling process.

Q3: How long will it take to get a service ruling?

A: Service rulings are returned in approximately 30 calendar days.

Q4: What should be included in a site plan?

A: The site plan should include the following items:

- Indicate whether asking for new point of entry
- Include approximate distance from the nearest curb line with streets labeled
- Indicate whether the customer will be installing a property line manhole (if applicable)

Q5: Are there rough guidelines I can use to estimate make-ready incentive levels?

A: The incentive determination depends on a variety of factors which vary from site to site including whether or not the project includes utility side costs, the number of plugs, the site configuration, and the type of plugs. The Con Edison team is available to discuss project specifics and support interested participants in pursuing a project.

Contractors

Q6: Does every single contractor I hire for my customer-side work need to be on the approved contractor list?

A: No. Only the general contractor needs to be on the list. Individual subcontractors such as electricians or civil contractors do not need to be on the list. However, the Participant is responsible for ensuring that all work meets local and state code requirements.

Equipment Eligibility

Q7: Are bollards eligible?

A: No.

Q8: Are rectifying cabinets eligible?

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A: No

Q9: Is customer-owned sub-metering equipment eligible?

A: No.

Q10: Are permitting, design, and project management costs eligible?

A: Soft costs such as these associated with installing eligible equipment are eligible. Con Edison will require documentation of these costs upon project completion.

Q11: Is there a maximum number of plugs that is eligible for an incentive?

A: There is no limit for L2 plugs, but there is a site-specific maximum of ten (10) plugs for DCFC sites. Fast charging sites with more than 10 plugs are allowed only if developing the site does not cause the utility to incur new business costs greater than those that would have been incurred to develop a site with a maximum demand of 2 MW. This will be assessed after Con Edison's engineering analysis.

Q12: Will Con Edison require easements for new utility structures such as pad mounted transformers?

A: No.

Q13: Are we able to choose a pad mount transformer rather than an underground transformer to avoid the need for NYC DOT underground transformer approval?

A: It depends on the type of grid infrastructure where the station is being built (i.e. network vs non-network). Typically, the option for transformers in network areas is to install in-vault, which means some coordination with NYC DOT may be necessary.

Incentive Tier

Q14: Can proprietary L2 plugs be eligible for up to 90% incentive if they co-locate with non-proprietary L2s?

A: Yes, as long as there are as many or more non-proprietary plugs as the proprietary plugs.

Q15: Can proprietary L2s plugs be eligible for up to 100% incentive if they are at a multi-family building in a Disadvantaged Community?

A: No

Q16: How can I tell if my project site is in a Disadvantaged Community?

A: Refer to the PDF [map](#) on our [website](#). If you need to search by address, you can also see these maps on our EV Load Capacity [maps](#).

Project Eligibility

Q17: My site is not connected to Con Edison's grid and does not have an active Con Edison meter. Would chargers at my site be eligible for this program?

A: No.

Q18: Construction on my project began after July 16, 2020, but I hired my contractor and work was completed before my contractor was included on the Approved Contractor list. Is my project eligible for incentives?

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A: Yes, as long as the contractor is on the Approved Contractor list at the time of program agreement signing and your project otherwise meets the program requirements.

Q19: Can we apply for funding for projects that are already well advanced, including those already in construction?

A: Yes, as long as construction began after July 16, 2020. This date requirement applies to actual construction work, not building permit dates.

Q20: I am updating an existing charging station with new equipment. Is this eligible?

A: Please contact us at EVMRP@coned.com to discuss the specifics of your project and we can determine if it is eligible.

Operating Requirements

Q21: For how long will my project be required to meet the operating requirements of the program?

A: For five years from the date of your post-construction approval.