

Commercial New Construction or Major Renovation

PATH 1: NET ZERO/DEEP ENERGY SAVINGS



Reach Net Zero with Help from The Energize ConnecticutSM Sponsors

Interested in a net zero project, but not sure where to start? Work with The Companies*, and our net zero advisors and incentive support can help you get there! Whether you're planning a new building or a major renovation, your project can be the next success story. New in 2025, municipal projects in [Priority Communities](#) can receive additional technical assistance funding in this pathway. Contact your Companies consultant for more information.

Low Site EUI and Post-Occupancy Performance

Setting a low site energy use intensity (EUI) target is a critical step in designing the most energy-efficient buildings. EUI measures a building's annual energy usage per square foot. The lower the EUI, the more efficient the building. It's one way to understand your building's energy usage and how it compares to others. An EUI target (kBTU/sf/year)** keeps the team focused. It acts as a benchmark you can reference throughout project design.

Our support helps line up your building's design for net-zero and low-EUI success, making it ready for on-site generation when you are. We support you all the way through a one-year post-occupancy period. We'll help you achieve your goals in operation, not just on paper.

Our incentives help pay for efficient equipment and systems. We even have a special incentive adder if you choose to install cold-climate heat pumps for space heating and cooling. Ask about these and our other incentive offers!

Project Eligibility Requirements

1. Target an ultra-low site EUI. Net zero-level EUI targets are shown in the table below
2. Minimum of 10,000 square feet (sf) of heated and cooled space
3. Engage The Companies early in your project's design (concept or feasibility), but before 100% design development

EUI by Building Type (kBTU/sf/year)**	
Building Type	Net Zero Level EUI Targets
Hotel	Tier 1: 35 or less Tier 2: 36-40
K-12 School	Tier 1: 25 or less Tier 2 (high schools only): 26-29
Library	Tier 1: 30 or less Tier 2: 31-35
Office	Tier 1: 30 or less Tier 2: 31-35
Fire/Police Station	Tier 1: 35 or less Tier 2: 36-40
Other Sectors	25 or site-specific



* The Companies refers to Eversource and United Illuminating (UI), Southern Connecticut Gas (SCG) and Connecticut Natural Gas (CNG), subsidiaries of AVANGRID, Inc.
**kBTU/sf/year = Thousands of BTU/square foot/year

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PATH BENEFITS

By partnering with The Companies early on in your high-performing building project, you get:

- A net zero expert to help you set an EUI target and develop the most cost-effective low-carbon EUI reduction strategies to meet it. The Companies will cost share this service up to \$10,000 per project.
- Deep experience from a portfolio of net zero projects to inform your build.
- Financial incentives paid at construction completion, featuring the highest level of support for customers who pursue efficient electric heating solutions.
- Additional financial incentives after a one-year post-occupancy period if the project achieves the target EUI after the building is up and running.
- Optional Net Zero and Passive House certification incentives.
- Support during the post-occupancy period to help ensure the building performs as designed.

Summary of ZNE/Deep Energy Savings Incentives

Customer Incentives

Construction Incentive	Paid if the project design successfully achieves target site EUI or alternative target approved by The Companies	Tier 1: \$2.50/sf Tier 2: \$2.00/sf
Post-Occupancy Incentive	Available following the one-year post-occupancy period if customer successfully shows the project achieved the target site EUI	\$1.50/sf
Technical Assistance for net zero and low EUI support services		Up to \$10,000
Energy Modeling Services (energy modeler must be separate from Net-Zero advisor organization)		Up to \$12,000
Verification Incentive		50% of fee up to \$10,000

Design Team Incentives

Calculated at \$0.20/sf and capped at \$15,000, but no less than \$8,000 per project

Heat Pump Adder

Air Source: \$640/ton capped at: \$400,000 (Eversource) or \$200,000 (Avangrid)
 Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF): \$1,000/ton capped at: \$500,000 (Eversource) or \$300,000 (Avangrid)
 Ground Source: \$4,000/ton capped at: \$600,000 (Eversource) or \$400,000 (Avangrid)

2025 Grid-Interactive Efficient Building Incentives

Technical Assistance: 75% of fee for a grid-interactivity specialist with 25% cost share reimbursement potential***
 \$3,000 per program for successful enrollment in the demand response or battery storage programs, up to \$6,000

***Projects can be reimbursed their 25% cost share for grid-interactive efficient building technical assistance upon successful enrollment in Energy Storage Solutions and the Companies' other demand response programs.

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