

## Overview: Performance Payment Calculator

### What it is

The Performance Payment Calculator is the tool BPA has created to enable our customers to reduce the amount of performance payments they receive. This calculator is only needed when a utility requests an amount less than the maximum allowable amount per invoice.

Utilities are eligible for performance payments depending on their Small, Rural, or Residential (SRR) status. Non-SRR customers are eligible to claim up to \$.04 per kWh, whereas SRR customers may claim up to \$.08 per kWh. The total of all performance payments is capped at 30% of the rate period implementation budget for SRR customers and at 20% of the rate period implementation budget for non-SRR customers. If for any reason a customer wishes to reduce this allocation they would use this tool to do so.

### Why it is important

Performance payments are a means by which utilities can support the infrastructure and overhead necessary to conduct a robust efficiency program, but these funds are included in each customer's rate period EEI allocation. Some utilities would prefer to dedicate some or all of the funds that would otherwise support program infrastructure to incentives for their customers.

### How it works

At a high level the Performance Payment Calculator works as follows

1. Select your utility name.
2. Enter a dollar figure at which to cap your performance payment for the invoice package.
3. Save this file using the [File Naming Tool](#) convention, and submit it with your invoice package.

**Note:** This tool requires the selection of an exact dollar figure; it cannot accommodate any other means of indicating a reduced performance payment (e.g. reduced \$/kWh figure or a reduced percentage).

