Air Quality

Zero Emission and Electric Vehicle Rebate Program Rules



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Background

- House Bill 2017 (2017) directed DEQ to implement a zero emission electric vehicle rebate program in Oregon
 - EQC adopted rules in May 2018
- House Bill 4059 (2018) clarified rebate requirements
 - EQC adopted rules in January 2019
- House Bill 2592 (2019) made additional revisions to increase access to rebates



 EQC adopted temporary rules in September 2019



Types of rebates

Standard rebates

- \$750-\$2500 rebates
- Anyone can purchase or lease a new electric vehicle or motorcycle



Charge Ahead rebates

- \$2500 rebate
- Low and moderate income households only
- Purchase or lease of new or <u>used</u> electric vehicle
- Can be combined with Standard rebate



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Program status

- As of Jan. 16, 2020, DEQ has awarded 3,808 rebates for a total of \$9.15 million
- The Center for Sustainable Energy (CSE) was awarded the contract in September 2019 to implement the program
 - CSE will take over processing of rebates no later than February 2020
 - Charge Ahead rebates will be processed and issued
 - In Summer 2020, CSE will launch a prequalification program for Charge Ahead
 - Makes it easier to receive rebates at the time of purchase





Proposed rule changes

Charge Ahead Rebate Program

- Allow plug-in hybrid electric vehicles to qualify for the Charge Ahead rebate
- Request information that the person has not previously owned or leased the vehicle for which it is now requesting a Charge Ahead rebate
- Definition of "household" for income verification purposes



Vehicle Ownership Provision

- If car is sold or has lease terminated prior to 24 months, the rebate recipient must reimburse DEQ for a prorated amount
 - DEQ may waive the reimbursement requirement



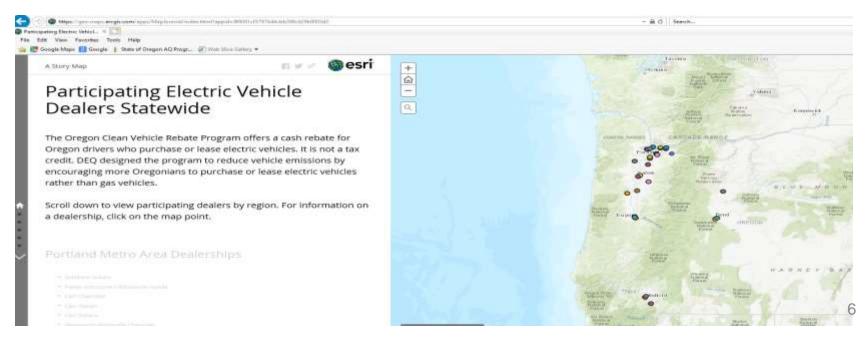
Proposed rule changes

Additional six-month window for certain program participants to apply for a rebate

 Allows people who purchased or leased an eligible vehicle between Jan. 1, 2018, and Aug. 2, 2018, to apply for and receive a rebate.

Application Review Process

Allows DEQ to process dealer applications on a priority basis



Stakeholder involvement

- Advisory Committee meeting Sept. 10, 2019
- Public comment period Oct. 15 Nov. 22, 2019
 - Public hearing in Portland
 - Outreach via Facebook, Twitter, GovDelivery, coordinated with stakeholders to reach out to various affected communities
- Received 18 public comments



Public comment – Key issue



- Definition of household
 - Proposed definition: "Household" means all individuals who reside in the place of residence, including all family members and roommates who are not related and not part of a separate lease agreement.
 - Revised definition: "Household" means an individual living alone, a family with or without children, or a group of individuals who are living together as one economic unit.

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Requested EQC Action

 DEQ recommends that the Environmental Quality Commission adopt the proposed rules in Attachment A as part of Chapter 340, Division 270 of the Oregon Administrative Rules.



