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PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON

Wattsmart Batteries

Pacific Power's **Wattsmart Battery Program** is a **grid-connected battery storage incentive and demand response program** available to **Washington customers**. It pays customers who install qualifying battery storage systems and allows Pacific Power to occasionally use stored energy to support the electric grid. In practical terms, it functions as a **virtual power plant (VPP)** made up of customer-owned batteries[1].

Who is eligible in Washington

The program is available to residential and non-residential Pacific Power customers in Washington who install an approved battery storage system and meet interconnection and communication requirements.
Key eligibility points include:

- Must be a Pacific Power Washington customer
- Battery must be on Pacific Power's approved equipment list
- Customer must have a customer generation meter
- Battery must have a reliable internet connection for utility communication
- Customers agree to allow Pacific Power to dispatch the battery during grid events
- A minimum four-year participation commitment applies for upfront incentives

Solar is recommended but not always required; some battery-only systems may qualify depending on configuration and battery model

Incentives and payments (Washington)

Upfront enrollment incentive

- **$600 per kilowatt (kW)** of battery output capacity
- **Residential cap:**
  - **$3,000 per battery storage system**
  - **Maximum of two batteries per household**
- **Non-residential cap:**
  - **$600 per kilowatt (kW)**, up to **30 kW per site**
  - **Batteries larger than 30kW require additional review and preapproval**
- Incentive may not exceed **70% of battery equipment cost**.

Ongoing bill credits

- **$15 per kW per year**, starting in **year two**
- Applied as a **monthly bill credit**

[1] Wattsmart Battery program

- Existing batteries (installed before the program) may qualify for **bill credits only**, not the upfront payment.

How battery dispatch works

Pacific Power uses enrolled batteries to help manage grid conditions such as:

- Peak demand reduction
- Frequency regulation
- Local congestion relief

Battery dispatch typically occurs:

- In **short intervals (often 5-minute increments)**
- More frequently during **summer and winter peak periods**
- Without fully draining the battery, preserving backup functionality,

Customers **retain outage backup power**, and system settings generally include a reserve to prevent full discharge. Customers can typically track event information through their battery storage management platform.

Approved and qualifying batteries

Pacific Power maintains a list of **approved battery manufacturers and models**. In 2025, **SolarEdge and Tesla batteries became newly approved**, joining other established vendors and enabling incentives up to $3,000 per battery in Washington.

Battery eligibility depends on:

- Output capability (kW, not kWh)
- Software integration with Pacific Power systems
- Installer compliance with program rules

Customer obligations and risks

- **Four-year participation requirement** for upfront incentives
- **Early termination** may require repayment of a prorated portion of the enrollment incentive
- Battery and communications must **remain in working condition**
- Customer must notify Pacific Power if they **move or sell the property**

Enrollment information

- Program details and enrollment: **PacificPower.net/Battery**
- Customers typically enroll **in coordination with their installer**, who verifies eligibility and helps to submit the necessary documentation.