

COWLITZ PUD

Low-Income Disabled Discount Rate (DDR) Program Guidelines

A discount is available for Cowlitz PUD customers who qualify for special parking privileges, blind, disabled, and handicapped or an incapacitated person as defined under the Revised Code of the State of Washington (RCW) and receive a disability income, and meet all eligibility guidelines noted below.

Eligibility guidelines

1. The Customer must occupy the subject premises and must provide documentation that they:
 - Qualify for special parking privileges under RCW 46.16.381(1) (a through h) or are a blind person as defined in RCW 74.18.020(4), or
 - Earn an SSDI income, or
 - Provide a physician's certification that they are disabled, handicapped, or an incapacitated person as defined under RCW 71A.10.020 (3) or any other existing state or federal program.
2. The customer must earn a long-term or permanent disability income (i.e. SSI, SSDI) and have an annual gross household income of:

Persons in HH	Gross HH income – 20% discount	Gross HH income – 10% discount
1-2	Up to 14,000	\$14,000 - \$21,000
3	Up to 17,600	\$17,600 - \$26,400
4+	Up to 21,200	\$21,200 - \$31,800

Based on 2008 HHS poverty guidelines as published in the Federal Register, Vol. 73, No. 15, January 23, 2008, pp. 3971–3972

3. Electric service must be in the qualified low-income disabled customer's name.
4. The Customer must have been signed for service as a Cowlitz PUD residential electric customer for not less than the past 12 consecutive months.
5. The Customer must apply for the discounted rate and meet with CAP to provide proof of disability, income and residency as determined by the District.
6. Eligible residential electric customers must reapply for this rate on an annual basis and the period for determination of the customer's eligibility will be limited, as set by the District.
7. The low-income disabled citizen discount applies only to the qualified customer's primary residence and is not available for seasonal or other secondary residences.

TO APPLY

1. The Customer must contact CAP and request an appointment to review their gross income earnings for the past 12 months. A CAP representative will inform the customer of all documentation required for the appointment.
2. Prior to the CAP appointment, the Customer must come to Cowlitz PUD and ask for information related to their history as a PUD customer. Photo ID is required. The PUD information must be taken to the CAP appointment.
3. If it is not possible for the Customer to come to the PUD due to a physical disability, they may send a family member or a friend as their representative. They must have photo ID and a signed note from the Customer requesting the required information.
4. After the appointment at CAP, a CAP representative will inform the Customer whether or not they qualify for the reduced electric rate for the coming year.