

# ENERGY STAR® New Homes Program Builder Ally Agreement

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The Ameren Illinois Utilities offer a limited number of monetary incentives to homebuilders to construct energy-efficient homes qualified as ENERGY STAR. In addition to incentives, homebuilders accepted into the Program will benefit from marketing activities that will raise awareness of the ENERGY STAR brand, promote the benefits of purchasing energy-efficient homes, and increase demand for ENERGY STAR qualified homes in Illinois.

## Agreement:

I, the undersigned ("Builder"), agree to the guidelines below and understand that in order for homes to be labeled as ENERGY STAR by the HERS Rating Company, all minimum national ENERGY STAR guidelines must be met.

- I understand that the submission of this Builder Ally Agreement does not guarantee receipt of incentives and that each home (or project for multiple homes) must register with Ameren Illinois Utilities through the submission of a Project Enrollment Form by a qualified HERS Rater. I will receive an Enrollment Confirmation Letter from the Ameren Illinois Utilities that clearly states the number of incentives I am eligible for and that no incentives will be paid for any home constructed prior to written confirmation from the Ameren Illinois Utilities of incentives having been reserved for the home(s).
- I understand that the incentives awarded are to assist in the defrayment of costs associated with engaging a Home Energy Rater and any additional construction costs incurred in achieving ENERGY STAR.
- I understand that all homes must be completed between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2010 and must meet all minimum national ENERGY STAR guidelines in order to receive incentives requested. These standards shall be verified during site inspections by a certified HERS Rater.
- I understand that fund reservations may be modified or even cancelled in the event that a project falls behind schedule to the extent that completion by December 31, 2010 is judged by the Ameren Illinois Utilities to be unlikely.
- I understand that incentive payments are directly tied to a homes' energy performance and any changes to the original design or specifications of any of the homes may result in the loss of incentives.
- I understand that the homes will earn the ENERGY STAR only after I submit a Partnership Agreement to the EPA, and the homes have been approved as such, following onsite verification inspections performed by a qualified HERS Rater.
- I understand that the inspections conducted by the HERS Rater are solely for the purpose of determining if the home(s) will earn the ENERGY STAR rating, and are not safety or building code inspections.
- I understand the HERS rating incentives are only available for homes whose primary heating fuel is natural gas supplied by the Ameren Illinois Utilities.
- I understand that I am entering into a voluntary Builder Ally Agreement and agree to indemnify the Ameren Illinois Utilities and its agents, and employees against all loss, damage, expense, and liability, resulting from injury to, or death, of persons; and against all injury to property arising out of, or in any way connected with, the performance of this Agreement.
- I understand that participation in the Ameren Illinois Utilities ENERGY STAR New Homes Program is voluntary on behalf of the Ameren Illinois Utilities and the Applicant.
- I understand that the Ameren Illinois Utilities shall have the right to change or modify the existing Program at any time.

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Please direct all correspondence to:

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300 Liberty Street, 4th Floor, Peoria, IL 61602

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Builder (Company)	Federal Tax I.D.# or SS# (must be provided to receive incentives)	
Address	Phone Number	Fax Number
City, State, Zip	Web site	
Primary Contact	Email	

Builder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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