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New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and President Fox Honored with Achievement Awards

(NEWARK, NJ) – Jeanne M. Fox, President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) was recently honored with the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) 2009 Michael C. Thompson ENERGY STAR® award. Additionally, the Southern New Jersey Development Council presented the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities a 2009 Distinguished Achievement award.

Created in 2003 in recognition of the late Michael C. Thompson, former Director of the Whirlpool Corporation, the Michael C. Thompson Award recognizes visionary leaders within the ENERGY STAR network who successfully promote and deliver ENERGY STAR qualified products, which save consumers money and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Award winners are selected from thousands of organizations that participate in the ENERGY STAR program.

The EPA recognized President Fox for her leadership in spearheading the launch of *New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program*™ and the expansion of its ENERGY STAR appliance incentive programs. Sponsored by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, *New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program* provides information, education, and financial incentives to help New Jersey residents, businesses, and communities reduce their energy use, lower costs, and protect the environment.

Under President Fox’s leadership, the BPU has successfully implemented incentives for the purchase of ENERGY STAR qualified appliances, including clothes washers, dehumidifiers, room air conditioners, and discounted compact fluorescent lighting. ENERGY STAR appliances are also heavily promoted through the State’s other energy efficiency programs, such as *Home Performance with ENERGY STAR*® and *New Jersey ENERGY STAR Homes*. In addition, energy efficiency is cross promoted through the State’s renewable energy program with higher incentives for customers that have pursued energy efficiency improvements in advance of renewable installations.

The BPU was also recently honored with the Southern New Jersey Development Council’s 2009 Distinguished Achievement award. The Southern New Jersey Development Council annually honors businesses and individuals who have contributed to economic development, job creation and quality of life in the eight county region of South Jersey. The BPU won the award for initiating numerous “green” projects and programs that have benefited the entire state.

“The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities is proud of our work through *New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program* to promote energy efficiency while increasing the amount of electricity generated from clean, renewable resources,” said BPU President Jeanne M. Fox. “These programs are an important part of New Jersey’s comprehensive Energy Master Plan goal to reduce the growth of energy use 20 percent by 2020.”

For more information about *New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program*, visit www.NJCleanEnergy.com or call 866-NJSMART (866-657-6278).

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About the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU)

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities is a state agency and regulatory authority mandated to ensure safe, adequate, and proper utility services at reasonable rates for New Jersey customers. Critical services regulated by the NJBPU include natural gas, electricity, water, wastewater, telecommunications and cable television. The Board has general oversight responsibility for monitoring utility service, responding to consumer complaints, and investigating utility accidents. To find out more about the NJBPU, visit our web site at www.bpu.state.nj.us

About the New Jersey Clean Energy Program

New Jersey's Clean Energy Program, established on January 22, 2003, in accordance with the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act (EDECA), provides financial and other incentives to the State's residential customers, businesses and schools that install high-efficiency or renewable energy technologies, thereby reducing energy usage, lowering customers' energy bills and reducing environmental impacts. The program is authorized and overseen by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU), and its website is www.njcleanenergy.com.