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NJBPU WINS NATIONAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY AWARDS

(NEWARK, NJ) – *New Jersey's Clean Energy Program*[™], sponsored by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU), has been named *ENERGY STAR*[®] *Partner of the Year for Energy Efficiency Program Delivery* by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – as part of the *2009 National ENERGY STAR Awards*.

The Partner of the Year Award recognizes organizations leading comprehensive, high performing, energy efficiency initiatives that leverage ENERGY STAR programs to advance local and national energy efficiency and related greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.

The EPA has recognized *New Jersey ENERGY STAR Homes* for making it easier for New Jersey residents to save energy, lower utility costs and help protect the environment. Last year, the BPU won the *Excellence in ENERGY STAR Promotion for Home Performance with ENERGY STAR* and *Excellence in Energy Efficient Affordable Housing* for its *Comfort Partners Program*.

“We are proud to receive national recognition for our efforts in promoting residential energy efficiency,” said BPU President Jeanne M. Fox. “*New Jersey's Clean Energy Program* offers tremendous resources to help residents, as well as businesses and communities, reduce their energy use and costs. These programs are an important part of Governor Corzine’s goal to reduce overall energy use 20 percent by 2020.”

Governor Corzine’s 2008 Energy Master Plan emphasizes energy efficiency and renewable energy. Among its goals are reducing projected growth in energy use by 20 percent, decreasing peak electricity demand by 5,700 MW and meeting 30 percent of the state’s electricity needs from renewable sources, all by 2020.

For the second year in a row, *New Jersey's Clean Energy Program* also is being honored with the *ENERGY STAR Sustained Excellence Award* as part of the Northeast ENERGY STAR Lighting and Appliance Initiative, a coalition of regional electric utility and energy efficiency program administrators in New England, New York and New Jersey. The coalition provides efficiency services to more than 15 million households.

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The Sustained Excellence Awards are presented to a select group of organizations that have exhibited outstanding leadership year after year. These winners have reduced greenhouse gas emissions by setting and achieving aggressive goals, employing innovative approaches and showing others what can be achieved through energy efficiency.

For more information about *New Jersey's Clean Energy Program*, visit www.njcleanenergy.com or call 1-866-NJSMART (1-866-657-6278).

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About the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBP)

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 NJBP 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 NJBP, visit our web site at www.nj.gov/bpu.

About the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (NJCEP)

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 (NJBP), and its website is www.njcleanenergy.com.