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NJBPU Honored With National ENERGY STAR Award

TRENTON, N.J. – The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) was honored today with the 2011 ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year award for its New Jersey ENERGY STAR Homes Program. Each year, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the US Department of Energy (DOE) honor organizations that have made outstanding contributions to protecting the environment through energy efficiency. The award was presented at a special ceremony held in Washington D.C.

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 reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

“New Jersey is proud to receive national recognition for its efforts through *New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program* to promote energy efficiency solutions for our residents,” said BPU President Lee A. Solomon. “Equally impressive are New Jersey’s efforts to help business and municipalities reduce energy costs through energy efficient measures.”

New Jersey ENERGY STAR Homes is an energy efficiency based residential new construction program in which all homes are built to meet or exceed the national ENERGY STAR Homes standard, while being at least 15 to 35 percent more energy efficient than traditionally built new homes. Despite the current real estate market, 4,400 new homes were built and certified to New Jersey ENERGY STAR Homes standards as of December 2010.

“The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities is a leader in showing how they can help protect our environment while saving energy and money,” said Elizabeth Craig, Acting Director of EPA’s Office of Atmospheric Programs. “NJBPU’s creative solutions are a model for fighting climate change through greater energy efficiency. We look to these winners to provide us energy efficiency leadership now and in the years to come.”

Features of a New Jersey ENERGY STAR Home include: high-efficiency heating, cooling, and water heating systems; added levels of insulation in walls, foundation, and attic; sealed and insulated duct systems; and ENERGY STAR qualified windows, appliances, and lighting.

For more information about the NJBPU or *New Jersey's Clean Energy Program*, visit NJCleanEnergy.com or call 866-NJSMART. For more information about ENERGY STAR, go to energystar.gov.

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About the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU)

The NJBPU 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.nj.gov/bpu.

About the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (NJCEP)

NJCEP, 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.