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NJBPU HELPS UNVEIL STATE'S FIRST COASTAL WIND FARM

Jersey-Atlantic Wind Farm Will Produce 20 Million KWh of Emission-Free Electricity Annually;

Project Made Possible Due in Part to \$3.5 Million Rebate from the New Jersey Clean Energy Program

(ATLANTIC CITY) - The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU), along with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA) and Community Energy, Inc., today dedicated the Garden State's first wind farm. The \$12 million Jersey-Atlantic Wind Farm, which also is the first coastal wind farm in the U.S., is expected to produce approximately 20 million kilowatt-hours of emission-free electricity per year. The electricity produced will be used by the ACUA Wastewater Treatment Plant and delivered to the regional electric grid.

The project was made possible due in part to a \$3.5 million rebate from the New Jersey Clean Energy Program.

Once completed, the wind farm will produce enough emission-free electricity to power more than 2,500 homes each year, the pollution-offset equivalent of planting almost 1.5 million trees, or not driving 19 million miles. Built on existing industrial-use land, the project pioneers the use of commercial-scale renewable energy technology in a well developed part of the country.

What's more, the Jersey-Atlantic Wind Farm will produce no greenhouse gases. This is an important step to reducing the impacts of global warming. As pointed out in a recent Princeton University report, reducing greenhouse gases will help protect the state's 127 miles of shoreline from possible flood damage due to climate change. This is particularly important because the state depends on the billions of dollars invested in the infrastructure and recreational benefits from coastal resources.

"New Jersey is again leading the nation in clean energy investment," said NJBPU President Jeanne M. Fox. "Projects like this not only help the environment by reducing air pollution and nuclear waste, but they also create tremendous supply for our state's clean energy initiatives."

Residential and commercial customers can individually support the development of more renewable energy generation by enrolling in the state's new Clean Power Choice Program, sponsored by the NJBPU's Office of Clean Energy. Under the program, customers who wish to

pay a slight premium to encourage the development and expansion of renewable energy sources - like wind and solar - are now able to select from multiple clean power products and marketers, without having to switch their supplier. Customers interested in subscribing to the program should visit www.njcleanpower.com.

The New Jersey Clean Power Choice Program is the first statewide program of its kind where multiple utilities and clean power marketers participate in a joint effort with the state to give consumers access to the regional market for renewable energy.

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