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NJ BPU RECOGNIZES HOPEWELL VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR CLEAN ENERGY EFFORTS

*BPU President Fox presents school district with 2008 NJ Clean Energy Leadership Award
for Clean Energy Educator*

(PENNINGTON, NJ) – The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) yesterday recognized Hopewell Valley Regional School District with the 2008 NJ Clean Energy Leadership Award for Clean Energy Educator. BPU Jeanne M. Fox presented the award to Norman Torkelson, Hopewell Valley’s Director of Facilities, during a ceremony at the Hopewell Middle School in Pennington.

The retrofit project that earned Hopewell Valley Regional School District this prestigious award centered on the installation of leading-edge, high efficiency energy recovery units and supporting solar panels. This project has resulted in an annual reduction of more than 300,000 kWh of electricity and decreased CO₂ emissions by nearly 200,000 pounds/year. This is equivalent to CO₂ emissions from the electricity use of 12.6 homes for one year. Key to the District winning this award was Torkelson’s comprehensive outreach program, through which he educated students, staff, faculty and other school district facilities managers about successful implementation of clean energy technologies.

“Hopewell Valley Regional School District has distinguished itself as a proven clean energy leader,” said BPU President Fox. “Norman Torkelson has provided all of New Jersey an enormous service by actively sharing his knowledge and experience with others to promote clean energy efforts throughout the state.

“I am honored to present Hopewell Valley Regional School District with this award. This district is truly making an impact in New Jersey’s clean energy efforts, both through its actions and through Mr. Torkelson’s advocacy.”

On his educational efforts with students in the district, Torkelson said, “The goal is to make kids aware of the high-efficiency buildings they’re in so they, in turn, become better energy consumers when they graduate.”

The fourth annual New Jersey Clean Energy Leadership Awards highlight the way New Jersey's support of clean energy investment encourages entities to develop projects that reduce greenhouse gases, increase the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency and strengthen the 'growing green' economy in New Jersey. Through its Clean Energy Program, which has provided nearly \$900 million dollars to Garden State businesses, residents and municipalities since its inception in 2001, New Jersey has emerged as a national leader and one of the fastest growing clean energy markets in the country.

All award winners were initially announced on October 17, 2008, at the NJ Clean Energy Conference at the Hyatt Regency in Jersey City. Other winners included Aspen Ice – *Project of the Year*; Bristol Myers Squibb – *Business Leader of the Year*; Renewable Energy International – *Cleantech Company of the Year*; EarthColor – *Clean Power Purchaser of the Year*; Sun Farm Ventures – *Clean Energy Market Innovator of the Year*; Ocean Gate, NJ – *Clean Energy Municipality of the Year*; and Energy Kinetics – *Clean Energy Small Business Leader of the Year*.

For more information on the 2008 New Jersey Clean Energy Leadership Awards and information on clean energy incentives for school districts, municipalities, businesses and residents, visit www.NJCleanEnergy.com or call 1-866-NJSMART.

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