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New Jersey Extends Home Appliance Rebate Program to Residents

Funding is available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

NEWARK, N.J. – The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPUB) approved the extension (phase III) of the federally funded appliance rebate program at its most recent board meeting. The rebate program, which originally ran through April and re-launched in July, utilizes funds the state received from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to encourage all New Jersey residents to purchase ENERGY STAR® qualified home appliances. The second phase of the program, which began July 1 and was scheduled to end August 31 of this year, has been extended through December 31, 2010 – or while funding remains available.

“These federally funded rebates give all New Jersey residents an opportunity to upgrade their appliances to ENERGY STAR qualified models, which helps reduce their home energy usage,” said NJBPUB President Lee A. Solomon. “This program helps residents save money and protect the environment.”

The specific ENERGY STAR appliances, rebate amounts and product specifications, which will be offered through December 31, 2010 – or while funding lasts – are as follows:

| ENERGY STAR Products | Rebate Amount | Specifications/Range (Ask your retailer for more information or visit NJCleanEnergy.com) |
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| Clothes Washers | \$35 | Clothes washers must have a modified energy factor (MEF) of 1.8 – 2.19. |
| Dishwashers* | \$25 or \$50 | Customers receive a \$25 rebate for dishwashers that use 5.8 gallons of water or less per cycle and use less than 324 kWh per year. Customers receive a \$50 rebate for dishwashers that use 5.0 gallons of water or less per cycle and use less than 307 kWh per year. |

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| Refrigerators* | \$75 or \$100 | <p>Customers receive a \$75 rebate if the refrigerator they purchase is 20 percent better than the federal standard; the refrigerators have to be 7.75 cubic feet or greater in volume.</p> <p>Customers receive a \$100 rebate if the refrigerator they purchase is 25 percent better than the federal standard; the refrigerators have to be 7.75 cubic feet or greater in volume.</p> |
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* Compact dishwashers and refrigerators are not eligible for rebates.

These rebates are offered for a limited time and may end before December 31, 2010, based on availability of funds. The program will terminate the promotion when funds are exhausted. Program termination will be posted at NJCleanEnergy.com.

Rebates will be available through a mail in rebate or by instant rebate from participating retailers. For a complete list of retailers offering instant rebates, visit the *New Jersey's Clean Energy Program* website at NJCleanEnergy.com or call 866-NJ SMART.

In addition to the federally funded appliance rebates, *New Jersey's Clean Energy Program* also offers rebates for ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers and dehumidifiers to eligible customers. Visit NJCleanEnergy.com or call 866-NJ SMART for eligibility requirements. The current ENERGY STAR qualified product rebate programs offered through *New Jersey's Clean Energy Program* are as follows:

| ENERGY STAR Qualified Products | Rebate Amount | Specifications |
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| Clothes Washers | \$50 | For ENERGY STAR qualified products with an MEF of 2.2 or higher. |
| Dehumidifiers | \$25 | All qualified ENERGY STAR dehumidifiers. |

New Jersey's Clean Energy Program also offers a year round, refrigerator/freezer recycling program, where eligible residents may be paid \$50 and receive convenient, free pick up of their old, working refrigerators or freezers. Customers taking advantage of the ARRA incentives on the purchase of new refrigerators may also take advantage of this program.

For more information about the NJBPU or *New Jersey's Clean Energy Program* visit NJCleanEnergy.com or call 866-NJSMART.

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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.