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GRANT PROGRAM SUPPORTS COMMUNITY-BASED CLEAN ENERGY EFFORTS

\$400,000 Available to New Jersey Non-Profit Organizations

(NEWARK) -- The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Office of Clean Energy today announced the launch of the solicitation for its 2005 Clean Energy Education & Outreach Grant Program that will provide \$400,000 in supporting funds to New Jersey non-profit organizations that promote clean energy in the state.

"The continued success of New Jersey's Clean Energy program will grow in partnerships with state environmental and educational organizations," said Jeanne M. Fox, NJBPU President. "Both groups play a vital role in helping us reach our clean energy goals."

The Clean Energy Education & Outreach Grant Program helps educate consumers and generate public interest about the benefits of renewable energy and energy efficiency and builds a viable market for clean energy technologies.

Installation of energy-efficient equipment, adoption of energy-saving practices and generation of renewable energy provide New Jersey ratepayers with energy cost savings and offer substantial environmental and public health benefits. At the same time, they help preserve our natural resources. Together, these strategies reduce the need to add conventional power plants while improving overall system reliability.

Information about the New Jersey Clean Energy Education & Outreach Grant Program and application guidelines are available online at www.NJCleanEnergy.com.

The application deadline is May 15, 2005.

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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). For additional information visit www.njcleanenergy.com

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (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.bpu.state.nj.us