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NEW JERSEY'S CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM RECEIVES NATIONAL "EXCELLENCE" AWARD FROM EPA & DOE

Recognition earned for protecting the environment through energy efficiency & education

(NEWARK) -- New Jersey's Clean Energy Program, an innovative program developed and administered by The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU), received the Excellence in Energy Efficiency and Environmental Education Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Energy (DOE). The NJBPU program was selected from over 3,000 applicants across the country for its accomplishments and outstanding contributions to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and saving New Jerseyans millions in energy by promoting ENERGY STAR programs and products.

"ENERGY STAR is a great fit for us and the communities we serve," said Jeanne M. Fox, President of NJBPU which administers New Jersey's Clean Energy Program, "It ensures that our customers have access to energy-efficient products and services that help them save money on utility bills while helping the environment."

Last year alone, New Jersey customers saved over \$5 million of the cost of ENERGY STAR lighting products (exterior and interior energy efficient lighting fixtures and bulbs) that were sold statewide under the "Change A Light Campaign." The program offered consumers up to 80 percent off the retail cost of the energy efficiency lighting where more than 2 million energy efficient lighting products sold from October to November of 2004.

"We're glad to have the NJBPU on board to bring this message to its community," said Kathleen Hogan, director of EPA's Climate Protection Partnerships Division. "ENERGY STAR partners such as New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) and New Jersey's Clean Energy Program demonstrate how utilities and efficiency organizations can help consumers choose energy-efficient products that save them money and make a difference for the environment."

This award is another example of New Jersey's leadership in developing a comprehensive Clean Energy Program that is one of the best in the country. The investments being made today will have benefits for years to come. New Jerseyans will save over \$400 million over the life of products installed through New Jersey's Clean Energy Program including the ENERGY STAR

homes, Residential Home Heating and Cooling Programs and the Customer-On-Site Renewable Energy rebates programs.

NJBPU will be recognized for its accomplishments and Michael Winka, Director of the Office of Clean Energy will receive the *Excellence in Energy Efficiency and Environmental Education Award* at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. on March 15, 2005.

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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:

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.

About ENERGY STAR:

ENERGY STAR was introduced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1992 as a voluntary market-based partnership to reduce air pollution through increased energy efficiency. Today, with assistance from the Department of Energy, the ENERGY STAR program offers businesses and consumers energy-efficient solutions to save energy, money and help protect the environment for future generations. More than 7,000 organizations have become ENERGY STAR partners and are committed to improving the energy efficiency of products, homes and businesses. For more information about ENERGY STAR, visit www.energystar.gov or call toll-

free 1-888-STAR-YES (1-888-782-7937).

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2005 ENERGY STAR Award for Excellence in Energy Efficiency and Environmental Education



Pictured from Top to Bottom (Left to Right): Fred Lynk - PSE&G, Kathleen Hogan - EPA, Michael Winka - NJBPU, Michael McCabe - DOE, Walt Davis - Conectiv Power Delivery, David Holland - Honeywell, John Raudenbush - Honeywell, Maura Watkins - JCP&L, Bruce Grossman - South Jersey Gas