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Christie Administration Receives National Recognition for Accomplishments in Energy Efficiency

EPA Recognizes New Jersey's Clean Energy Program™ with 2016 ENERGY STAR®
Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence Award

TRENTON, N.J. – The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) announced that New Jersey's Clean Energy Program will receive the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2016 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence Award for its continued leadership in protecting the environment through superior energy efficiency achievements.

“We are proud to once again receive EPA's national recognition of New Jersey being a leader in promoting and implementing energy efficiency solutions and the positive impacts these policies have for New Jerseyans, businesses and the environment,” said Richard S. Mroz, President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. “While energy efficiency and conservation have been and continue to be a priority of the Christie Administration's Energy Master Plan, it is my hope that as the national conversation on clean energy policy continues that the full spectrum of State energy efficiency accomplishments are recognized for the important role energy conservation plays in reaching future environmental policy goals.”

NJBPU has been an ENERGY STAR partner since 2001. In 2015, NJBPU received Partner of the Year - Sustained Excellence Award for the Energy Efficiency Products Program. In 2014, 2013 and 2012, NJBPU also received the ENERGY STAR Sustained Excellence Award for Home Performance with ENERGY STAR. In 2011, NJBPU was honored with the award for delivery of its New Jersey ENERGY STAR Homes Program.

The 2016 Partner of the Year - Sustained Excellence Awards are given to a variety of organizations to recognize their contributions to reducing harmful emissions through superior energy efficiency efforts. These awards recognize ongoing leadership across the ENERGY STAR program, including energy-efficient products, services, new homes, and buildings in the commercial, industrial, and public sectors.

The NJBPU will be honored for their commitment to energy efficiency in Washington, D.C. on April 13, 2016, specifically for the accomplishments of the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program.

“By continued collaboration with ENERGY STAR, New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program is helping Americans save money, save energy, and do their part to reduce our nation’s greenhouse gas emissions that exacerbate climate change,” said EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. “I’m proud to recognize the NJBPU with the highest form of ENERGY STAR recognition, as the winner of the 2016 Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence Award. The BPU demonstrates a strong commitment to energy efficiency and to preserving a healthy planet for future generations.”

The Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program (HPwES) helps homeowners save up to 30% on their energy bills by incentivizing energy efficient upgrades installed in their homes by Building Performance Institute (BPI) GoldStar contractors. The program provides up to \$4,000 in rebates and 0% interest loans up to \$10,000 or 4.99% interest loans up to \$15,000 to NJ residents. The HPwES program completed 6,248 projects in 2015 alone. Since 2007, HPwES has helped 28,842 homes in NJ to become more energy efficient.

New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program provides financial and other incentives to the state's residential customers, businesses and local governments that install high-efficiency or renewable energy technologies. These programs are administered by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

For more information about the BPU or its Clean Energy Programs, 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.

About ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR® is the simple choice for energy efficiency. For more than 20 years, people across America have looked to EPA's ENERGY STAR program for guidance on how to save energy, save money, and protect the environment. Behind each blue label is a product, building, or home that is independently certified to use less energy and cause fewer of the emissions that contribute to climate change. Today, ENERGY STAR is the most widely recognized symbol for energy efficiency in the world, helping families and businesses save \$362 billion on utility bills, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions by more than 2.4 billion metric tons since 1992. Join the millions who are already making a difference at energystar.gov.