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Dear Program Participant,

Thank you for your commitment to the New Jersey ENERGY STAR[®] Homes Program. We appreciate your participation and your efforts to reduce New Jersey's energy dependence. This notice is to inform you of important changes for 2013.

The HERS score criteria for incentive levels for *NJ ENERGYefficient Homes (Tier 1)* and *ENERGY STAR Homes (Tier 2)* are being increased slightly as detailed below. These changes are effective for new enrollments received on or after February 15, 2013 only. All other Program requirements and standards, as well as incentives for *Climate Choice Homes (Tier 3)* and Multi-family High-rise, remain the same as 2012. For complete Program requirements, including links to ENERGY STAR technical requirements please refer to the NJ ENERGY STAR Homes web site.

To help New Jersey recover from Hurricane Sandy's impact, the Smart Growth requirement to obtain incentives for qualified projects enrolled on October 29, 2012 through June 30, 2013 will be waived for Residential New Construction within NJ BPU Hurricane Sandy designated storm damaged areas.

PROGRAM CHANGES - Incentives:*

Table 1: 2013 Financial Incentives per Single Family Unit for NJ ENERGYefficient Homes (Tier 1) and ENERGY STAR Homes (Tier 2)

Incentives by Tier, Code & Index				
	vs. IECC 2006		vs. IECC 2009	
HERS	Tier 1 NJ ENERGYefficient Home	Tier 2 ENERGY STAR Home	Tier 1 NJ ENERGYefficient Home	Tier 2 ENERGY STAR Home
85	\$1,250	\$2,250		
80	\$1,500	\$2,500		
75	\$1,750	\$2,750	\$1,250	\$2,250
70	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$2,500
65	\$2,250	\$3,250	\$1,750	\$2,750
60	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$3,000
55	\$2,750	\$3,750	\$2,250	\$3,250
50	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$2,500	\$3,500

*Multi-single units receive 75% and low-rise multi-family units receive 50% of the incentive levels listed above.

Table 2: 2013 Financial Incentives for Climate Choice Homes (Tier 3)¹

Building Type	2012-2013 NJ Climate Choice Homes
Single Family	\$10,000 to achieve 50 points, plus \$800 per index point below 50 points (maximum incentive is \$26,000/unit)
Multiple Single Family (“Townhouse”)	\$7,000 to achieve 50 points, plus \$500 per index point below 50 points (maximum incentive is \$17,000/unit)
Multiple-Family Building (“Multi-family”)	\$4,000 to achieve 50 points, plus \$400 per index point below 50 points (maximum incentive is \$12,000/unit)

¹ The per point incentives for HERS indices below 50 is for efficiency improvements only, not including renewables.

Table 3: 2013 Climate Choice Homes Staged Incentive Payment Schedule

Building Type	At Completion of Enrollment (Sign-In)*	At Completion of Pre-Drywall Inspection(s)*	At Final Certification
Single Family	\$3,000	\$3,000	Balance
Multiple Single Family (“Townhouse”)	\$2,000	\$2,000	Balance
Multiple-family Building (“Multi-family”)	\$1,000	\$1,000	Balance

* Failure to complete the project, or to meet Tier 3 (NJ Climate Choice Homes) minimum specifications and/or performance goals, will result in repayment to the program of incentives paid, less any applicable incentives for meeting all lower tier (Tier 1 or 2) qualifying level requirements. In this circumstance, the Market Manager will generate a letter to the appropriate party requesting any monies due.

Table 4: 2013 Financial Incentives for ENERGY STAR Multi-family High-rise

Multi-family High-Rise	Incentive
Incentive per Qualifying Unit	\$1,000

Should you have any questions please feel free to reply to this email or to contact us at the numbers listed below.

Sincerely,
New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program