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GE ENERGY'S JACK DUNCAN TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT 2006 CLEAN ENERGY CONFERENCE & LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Meeting Will Highlight Milestones Made in New Jersey's Clean Energy Program

(NEWARK, NJ) – Clean energy is smart business, and New Jersey is ahead of the energy curve. That's the message Jack T. Duncan, Region Executive, GE Energy Company will relay to New Jersey's business leaders during his keynote address at the New Jersey Clean Energy Conference and Leadership Awards on September 18th in New Brunswick.

The keynote address will kick off a day-long conference where business leaders will learn about the latest trends in renewable energy financing and technologies as well as develop a better understanding of ways to lower overall energy costs and improve environmental performance.

Ecomagination - GE's commitment to imagine and build innovative technologies that address today's environmental and financial needs, will be featured in the Keynote address. "We view this as an opportunity to engage New Jersey's business in considering today's complex energy challenges," said Jack T. Duncan of GE Energy "and how GE Ecomagination together with New Jersey's Clean Energy Program can help businesses meet those challenges."

Hosted by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) and its Clean Energy Program, with Johnson & Johnson as honorary chair, the conference also will feature the second annual New Jersey Clean Energy Leadership Awards, which recognize businesses and communities and other entities that have made the powerful choice to take advantage of renewable energy and energy efficient programs.

"Finance markets and shareholders have begun to take account of risks and opportunities related to fossil fuel dependence, and there are significant benefits of clean energy investment to reduce risk, hedge against rising energy prices, and respond to shareholder concerns," said BPU President Jeanne M. Fox. "This year's conference will provide the perfect forum for business leaders and others to get ahead of the curve and understand how clean energy can work for them in the coming years."

The New Jersey Clean Energy Conference will bring more than 400 leading businesses and energy professionals together to learn, network and discuss issues shaping the Mid Atlantic energy market in general and the New Jersey energy market in particular.

The meeting will feature a variety of speakers and market leaders who have already invested in clean energy technologies including Neil Hall, CEO of Regional Community Banking, PNC Bank; Alice LeBlanc, Director, Office of Environment and Climate Change for AIG; John Subacus, Director, Facility Management for Janssen Pharmaceuticals (a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson) and others.

Highlights will include presentations by leading energy experts and breakout sessions featuring topical discussions on the practical application of clean energy to business and how to take advantage of financial incentives available to New Jersey businesses. Specific panel discussions will focus on Clean Energy Project Financing, Federal Tax Credits, Renewable Energy Certificate Markets, and "Green" Building Design.

The one-day conference will take place from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. To register or for more information, visit <http://www.njcleanenergy.com>.

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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

New Jersey's 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), and its website is www.njcleanenergy.com.