

# New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

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### **Christie Administration Approves Energy Efficiency and Resiliency Improvement Incentives for 15 Supermarkets**

- Two ShopRite Supermarkets Projects to allow Continued Operations during Electrical Outages with On-site Generation -

Trenton, NJ – In support of the N.J. State Energy Master Plan, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) today approved approximately \$2.3 million in incentives for energy efficiency and/or combined heat and power (CHP) projects at 15 supermarkets across the state. Efficiency improvements benefit all ratepayers by reducing existing demands on the electric power grid; thus driving the cost of electric down for all.

The Board approved incentives, provided through New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program™ (NJCEP), will make possible total investment of more than \$5.4 million in equipment upgrades. The efficiency improvements are expected to save the grocery stores a combined \$1.1 million annually in electricity costs.

“While the Christie Administration continues its work to help residents and business alike to become more energy efficient, it’s also important to improve the resiliency of businesses such as supermarkets that serve a critical need during major outages,” said Richard S. Mroz, President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. “Projects like those approved today have played a vital role in reducing electricity costs by approximately 8% over the last three years for the typical New Jersey resident.”

ShopRite Supermarkets will receive a total of \$1.8 million for CHP on-site generation at two store locations. In the event of a power outage, the CHP systems will provide their respective supermarkets with electricity to operate independently from the grid, allowing each store to continue to operate and service their customers’ needs during an emergent situation.

ShopRite, the retailer-owned supermarket chain, plans to install high-efficient, 450-kW CHP systems at stores in Burlington and Bergen counties. Each store will receive \$900,000 in incentives through the Combined Heat and Power & Fuel Cells Program, covering 38 percent of the \$4.75 million project cost. The CHP systems are expected to result in a combined \$507,628 in annual energy savings.

Ahold USA, Inc, owners and operators of 62 Stop & Shop grocery stores in New Jersey, will receive \$504,253 for energy efficiency improvements at 13 Stop & Shop locations across northern and central New Jersey. The NJCEP incentives will provide 73 percent of the total project costs of \$688,889. The new equipment is expected to result in \$568,792 in annual energy savings.

New high energy efficient equipment upgrades, made possible with incentives through NJCEP Large Energy Users Program, includes variable speed drives and motor controls on store refrigerators as well as variable speed drives and fan controls for rooftop heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) units.

The Stop & Shop improvements are projected to save the stores 4.62 GWh in electricity per year. Savings due to lower energy, operations and maintenance costs are expected to result in the projects paying for themselves within 15 months.

“It is Stop & Shop’s goal for each of our stores to be as energy efficient as possible,” said Don Sussman, President, Stop & Shop New York Metro Division. “The State of New Jersey’s investment in our efforts assists Stop & Shop in reducing our energy consumption, sending a clear message to the entire New Jersey business community and those who embrace energy efficient opportunities. We appreciate that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities is not only dedicated to protecting our environment but also has the foresight to commit financial resources to members of the New Jersey corporate community who strive to make a difference.”

The NJCEP Large Energy Users Program is designed to promote investment in energy efficiency and CHP projects among the state’s largest commercial and industrial facilities. As much as \$4 million in incentives are available for eligible entities who provide annual contributions of \$300,000 or more to the New Jersey Clean Energy Fund. [Visit the NJCEP website](#) for additional program requirements or instructions on how to apply.

NJCEP also offers energy efficiency incentives for residential and smaller energy users in both new construction and existing buildings. For more information visit the NJCEP website at <http://www.njcleanenergy.com> or contact a NJCEP representative at 866-NJSMART.

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**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 (NJBP), and its website is [www.NJCleanEnergy.com](http://www.NJCleanEnergy.com). <http://www.NJCleanEnergy.com>*