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New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Receives National Award for Accomplishments in Energy Efficiency

Agency Honored in Washington, D.C. for Energy Star Program before Earth Day

TRENTON, NJ - The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) announced today that its *Clean Energy Program* has received the 2018 ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year Sustained Excellence Award for its continued leadership in protecting the environment through achievements in superior energy efficiency. NJBPU was honored, in a ceremony last Friday, April 20, 2018, for its commitment to energy efficiency by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington, D.C., specifically for the NJBPU's accomplishments regarding the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program.

"New Jersey is a national leader in energy efficiency," said NJBPU President Joseph L. Fiordaliso, "I am so pleased that this BPU program continues to be nationally recognized for its contributions to making New Jersey cleaner and greener."

The Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program offers rebates and loans aimed at making homes safer and more comfortable. The program, through the NJBPU, provides financial incentives of up to \$4,000 and low interest loans to pay for energy efficiency upgrades. The loan program offers zero percent financing on a seven-year loan up to \$10,000 or 4.99% financing on a ten-year loan up to \$15,000.

This is the ninth time NJBPU has been honored with an ENERGY STAR award in the past 10 years.

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. For more information about the programs, visit NJCleanEnergy.com or call 866-NJSMART.

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 and 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 over 25 years, EPA's ENERGY STAR program has been America's resource for saving energy and protecting the environment. Join the millions already making a difference at energystar.gov. More background information about ENERGY STAR can be found at energystar.gov/about and energystar.gov/numbers.

Thousands of industrial, commercial, utility, state, and local organizations—including more than 40 percent of the Fortune 500®—rely on their partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to deliver cost-saving energy efficiency solutions. Together, since 1992, ENERGY STAR and its partners have helped save American families and businesses over \$450 billion and over 3.5 trillion kilowatt-hours of electricity while also achieving broad emissions reductions—all through voluntary action.

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