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Christie Administration Approves Energy Efficient Lighting Upgrades for Battleship New Jersey to Reduce Energy Costs and Promote Energy Conservation

TRENTON, N.J. - The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Board) today approved a grant of \$383,420 in federal funds for a LED lighting retrofit project on board the USS New Jersey (BB-62). The LED retrofit project will provide the Home Port Alliance for the USS New Jersey, Inc., which is responsible for the restoration and management of the Battleship New Jersey, annual energy cost savings of approximately \$30,000.

“While many New Jersey residents and businesses are already taking advantage of the benefits offered by energy-efficiency improvements, the installation of LED lighting at a high profile tourism destination such as the Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial will help raise awareness of the benefits offered by energy conservation,” said Richard S. Mroz, President of the N.J. Board of Public Utilities. “As more and more residents and businesses participate in energy efficiency and conservation efforts, the benefits are shared by all ratepayers in the form of lower energy costs. From LED lights to onsite energy generation, New Jersey residents, businesses and state agencies are installing equipment that reduces energy costs, improves the environment and improves resiliency of the distribution grid.”

The approved funding will be used to convert 2,500 onboard T-12 light fixtures to LED technology. The energy efficient LED lighting improvements will reduce demand on the power grid by conserving 255,499 kWh of electricity annually.

“The Battleship New Jersey Museum & Memorial is excited to be awarded the necessary funding to permit us to install modern energy efficient lighting on the world's greatest battleship,” said Phil

Rowan, CEO, Battleship New Jersey. “In addition to saving energy, the new lighting project will save on annual operating costs and permit us to increase our visitor experience.”

The New Jersey State Energy Master Plan (EMP) supports of energy efficiency and energy conservation efforts, which play a vital role in reaching the EMP’s goals of driving down the cost of energy and rewarding energy efficiency, energy conservation and reduced peak demand.

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