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Roundtables Next Step in Public Dialogue on Draft Energy Master Plan

(NEWARK, N.J.) -- The next step in the on-going public dialogue about New Jersey's draft Energy Master Plan takes place next week, when three roundtables are planned in Camden, Newark and New Brunswick featuring panel discussions on crucial energy issues: green technology and economic growth, supply and demand.

Each meeting will be devoted to one topic. In these moderated discussions, panels of stakeholders conversant about energy issues will offer and discuss their views. After that, audience members will be given opportunities to ask questions. Those planning to attend these public meetings are asked to register ahead of time. Send separate RSVP for each roundtable session to: energymasterplan@bpu.state.nj.us.

"New Jersey needs to build a diverse energy portfolio that relies less on fossil fuels and more on clean sources of energy, that reduces our carbon footprint and preserves the natural beauty and resources of our state, and that stabilizes energy prices and stimulates economic growth. We need to make the decisions to build that diverse portfolio now," said Jeanne Fox, President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and Chair of the Energy Master Plan Committee. "We need all hands on deck to help us address the energy challenges we face. That's why the public dialogue surrounding the draft Energy Master Plan is essential. It will help New Jersey come up with the best plan possible."

The Draft EMP considers five broad goals:

- energy conservation and energy efficiency
- peak electricity demand
- electricity needs from renewable sources
- closing the gap between the supply and demand of electricity
- investing in innovative clean energy technologies and businesses

Roundtable Schedule

Technology and Economic Development

Tuesday, June 24, 10am to 1pm.

Rutgers University Camden Campus Center & Conference Services, S-ABC Conference Room,
326 Penn Street, Camden.

Energy Demand

Wednesday, June 25, 9:30am to 12:30pm.

Rutgers University Newark, Paul Robeson Campus Center, 350 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.,
Newark.

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Energy Supply

Thursday, June 26, from 9:30am to 12:30pm.

The Heldrich, Raritan River Conference Center, Perkins/Roosevelt Room, 30 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick.

Read Draft EMP at www.nj.gov/emp. Companion Documents to Draft EMP: Implementation Strategies and Modeling Report are also available the site.

By law, public hearings must be held after release of the Energy Master Plan draft. Those hearings will be held in July. See the www.nj.gov/emp for details.

At the conclusion of those hearings, a final Energy Master Plan will be submitted to the Governor. For the draft plan, fact sheets and an FAQ are available at www.nj.gov/emp/.

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