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CLEAN ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2009 STATE ENERGY) ORDER
EFFICIENCY APPLIANCE REBATE PROGRAM -)
AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT)
ACT - FUNDING PLAN) DOCKET NO. EG09080611

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

This Order¹ memorializes action taken by the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") at its October 7, 2009 Agenda meeting. At that meeting, the Board approved the comprehensive application for the State Energy Efficiency Appliance Rebate Program funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111-5 ("Recovery Act").

The Recovery Act provides \$296 million to implement section 124 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which established Department of Energy ("USDOE") support for state rebate programs for residential ENERGY STAR appliance products (those products that represent improvements in efficiency compared to the majority of products in the market). The State Energy Efficiency Appliance Rebate Program ("SEEARP") is intended to save energy by encouraging appliance replacement through consumer rebates; to make rebates available to consumers; to enhance existing rebate programs; to keep administrative costs low while adhering to monitoring and evaluation requirements; to promote State and national tracking and accountability; and to use existing ENERGY STAR consumer education and outreach materials. States will receive formula-based funding to establish or supplement established ENERGY STAR appliance rebate programs to achieve these objectives.

¹ The caption of this order differs from the caption published in the agenda, but the docket number remains unchanged.

Using the designated USDOE formula, New Jersey's allocation is \$8,330,740. Federal funds awarded from the USDOE may be used to pay up to 50% of the administrative costs to carry out the State's rebate program. New Jersey intends to use its allocation to pay for the full cost of all product rebates.

The USDOE, through the Idaho Operations Office, has made funds available to states to implement the SEEARP. The USDOE created a two-step application process for SEEARP funding. As a first step in applying for SEEARP funds, an Initial Application was submitted by August 15, 2009 on behalf of the State. The Initial Application consisted of an Application for Federal Assistance SF-424. By submitting the SF-424, the State provided a written assurance that it will comply with all of the requirements set forth in the Recovery Act. The second step of the application process requires the submittal of a comprehensive application package by October 15, 2009. The comprehensive application package includes, among other things, the detailed descriptions of the planned program activities and budget justification information. This Order reflects the Board's review of the comprehensive application.

As set forth in the attached application, Recovery Act funding through the SEEARP will utilize the existing energy efficiency program within the New Jersey Clean Energy Program ("NJCEP"). New Jersey has managed an Energy Star products and HVAC equipment rebate program for the last 8 years. These programs have provided over 330,000 rebates for furnaces, boilers, hot water heaters, central air conditions, heat exchangers (including both air to air and geothermal), room air conditioners, clothes washers and dehumidifiers to homeowners and small businesses during the past 8 years. In addition, the NJCEP has provided rebates for over 12,000,000 compact florescent lamps (CFL). These rebate programs have saved customers over 652,000,000 kWh of electricity and 12,000,000 therms of natural gas. This has resulted in over \$78,000,000 in energy costs savings for the home owners and businesses that have used the NJCEP Energy Star product and HVAC equipment rebate programs.

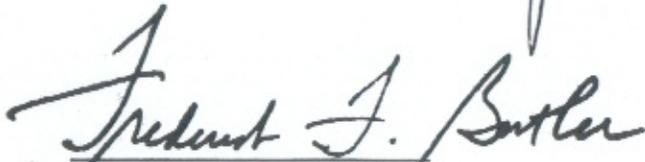
The products selected for the funding through the SEEARP will complement and expand the current list of efficient products offered through the Board's existing residential Energy Efficient Products and Gas & Electric HVAC programs. The Board's Office of Clean Energy will work with its current retail and contractor partners to effectively roll out the programs, expand on this network, and look to incorporate the participation of individual utilities to raise awareness of the program offerings. By managing and offering the SEEARP through our existing NJCEP Energy Star products rebate program, the State of New Jersey will more efficiently and effectively achieve the SEEARP objectives as well as the goals of the Recovery Act. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Board approve the application package and authorize its submittal to the USDOE.

Having reviewed the application and Staff's recommendation, the Board HEREBY FINDS that the SEEARP contains programs designed to further State and federal energy conservation and efficiency goals. The Board FURTHER FINDS that the SEEARP plan will enable the State to achieve the program objectives and advance the goals of the Recovery Act. Thus, the Board HEREBY APPROVES the comprehensive application package for submittal to the USDOE.

DATED: 10/30/09

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
BY:


JEANNE M. FOX
PRESIDENT

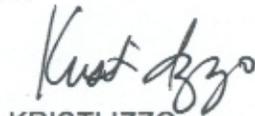

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