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GOVERNOR CORZINE ANNOUNCES DIRECTOR OF ENERGY SAVINGS *Office Housed in Treasury Department*

TRENTON – Gov. Jon S. Corzine today announced that he will appoint John H. Rhodes as New Jersey’s Director of Energy Savings.

The Governor created the position in April through Executive Order 11, which calls for the director to conduct energy audits at state buildings and facilities, take steps to maximize New Jersey’s purchasing power by buying energy in bulk, and help develop a plan for the use of renewable energy and advanced energy sources.

“Reducing New Jersey state government’s energy usage through energy efficiency and increased use of renewable energy will improve the state’s economy, and John Rhodes is uniquely qualified to help us attain those goals,” said Governor Corzine. “He has spent his career managing energy consumption and finding ways to reduce costs, and his efforts in his new role will help us save money and lessen the environmental impact of state government.”

Rhodes has been director of energy supply and conservation for The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company since 2004. While there he saved the company almost \$3 million in energy costs and developed and launched a major conservation program. Previously, Rhodes held energy management positions with Rhodia Inc. Connectiv Solutions, Burns and Roe Enterprises and Public Service Electric & Gas. He earned a bachelor’s degree in industrial engineering from Fairleigh Dickinson University and a master’s in business administration from Rider University. He lives in Washington Township, Mercer County, with his wife and son.

As the Director of Energy Savings, Rhodes will be responsible for creating and implementing a program to increase energy efficiency, reduce energy usage, lower energy costs, and improve the procurement of energy for the hundreds of facilities owned by the state. He will also be involved in developing an innovative energy policy for New

Jersey state government with other state agencies to promote sustainability and advancement of new markets for clean energy technologies.

New Jersey state government spends nearly \$128 million a year on energy for its various facilities. Through energy audits, bulk purchasing of energy, increased use of Energy Star compliant products and implementation of energy efficient practices at state facilities, New Jersey will save millions of dollars.

“I am pleased and honored by the trust that Governor Corzine has placed in me,” said Rhodes. “I have spent my career working to help companies reduce their energy consumption and costs, and look forward to applying best practices to how New Jersey deals with its energy management and working to reduce costs for the taxpayers.”

In addition to finding savings through energy efficiencies, the director will also take steps to establish New Jersey as a leader in its responsible stewardship of natural resources. Whenever possible, the state will purchase products that are made from renewable materials and composed of low or no toxicity materials, and print state brochures and pamphlets on recycled paper.

Finally, the director will work with state environmental and economic development agencies to promote economic development around renewable and advanced energy technologies. This will help to stem the flow of energy dollars to out-of-state entities and create local jobs. The position will be housed in the Department of Treasury.

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