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GRANT PROGRAM SUPPORTS COMMUNITY-BASED CLEAN ENERGY EFFORTS

\$400,000 Available to New Jersey Non-Profit Organizations

(NEWARK, NJ) -- The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' (NJBP) Office of Clean Energy today announced the release of solicitation for its *2007 Clean Energy Education & Outreach Grant Program* that will provide \$400,000 in supporting funds to New Jersey non-profit organizations that promote clean energy in the state.

"NJBP and its Office of Clean Energy are committed to working in partnership with New Jersey's educational institutions and environmental organizations on our clean energy goals," said Jeanne M. Fox, NJBP President. "These groups play a significant role in helping us to engage residents and community members in saving energy and increasing our use of clean, renewable resources."

The Clean Energy Education & Outreach Grant Program provides funding to community-based organizations to educate consumers and generate public interest about the benefits of renewable energy and energy efficiency. Installation of energy-efficient equipment, adoption of energy-saving practices and generation of renewable energy provide New Jersey ratepayers with energy cost savings and offer substantial environmental and public health benefits including the reduction of greenhouse gases responsible for climate change. Together, these strategies reduce the need to add conventional power plants while improving overall system reliability and help move New Jersey toward a clean energy future.

Information about the New Jersey Clean Energy Education & Outreach Grant Program and application guidelines are available online at www.NJCleanEnergy.com.

The application deadline is May 30, 2007.

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About the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU)

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 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 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.bpu.state.nj.us

About the New Jersey Clean Energy Program

New Jersey's Clean Energy Program, 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 (BPU), and its website is www.njcleanenergy.com