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2007 NEW JERSEY CLEAN ENERGY CONFERENCE TO PROMOTE 'PARTNERING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS'

Event to Highlight Climate Change Solutions for the Garden State

(NEWARK, NJ) – The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) and its Clean Energy Program today announced that its 2007 Clean Energy Conference & Leadership Awards Program will be held September 27th and 28th at the New Brunswick Hyatt Regency Hotel. The theme for the 2007 Conference will be ***“Partnering for Climate Change Solutions”*** and will focus on bringing together the clean energy marketplace, leading businesses and municipalities to achieve New Jersey’s clean energy goals of 20% by 2020.

Governor Jon S. Corzine recently signed an Executive Order to adopt proactive and ambitious goals for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in New Jersey, even further emphasizing the importance of climate change issues. The order specifically calls for reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, a reduction of approximately 20 percent, followed by a further reduction of emissions to 80 percent below 2006 levels by 2050. These goals compliment existing clean energy goals which call for the use of 20 percent renewable energy by 2020 and a 20 percent increase in energy efficiency by 2020.

“With the nation focusing on global warming, the issues at this year's two-day conference become more relevant than ever,” said NJBPU President Jeanne M. Fox. “This year’s conference will emphasize the use of energy efficient and renewable energy technologies in reducing greenhouse gases and contributing to the state’s goal of a 20 percent reduction in CO₂ gases by 2020. This conference is an example of the leadership role that New Jersey has taken in promoting clean energy solutions in response to climate change.”

The Annual Clean Energy Conference is expected to welcome more than 700 leading businesses, municipalities and energy professionals to discuss and debate the most effective means to reach our clean energy goals.

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“As the nation continues to focus on climate change and greenhouse gas reduction, it is the responsibility of the consumer, business owner and utility alike to create solutions to global warming,” said Scott Connor, Engineering Manager, New Jersey American Water and the *New Jersey 2006 Clean Energy Business of the Year*. “New Jersey’s Clean Energy Conference provides one of the best opportunities to network and learn from industry professionals and state leaders. No other conference on the East Coast brings together all of the clean energy organizations in the capacity that the Clean Energy Conference does; and we have easy access to that right here in New Jersey.”

This year’s conference – “*Partnering for Climate Change Solutions*” – will engage both the public and private sector in working together to create clean energy solutions. The two-day conference will begin on Thursday September 27th with Pre-Event Technical Workshops for municipalities, focusing on municipal energy audits, contracting for clean energy technologies and community planning around green building standards. An Opening Reception and Networking Event will be held the evening of September 27th. On Friday, September 28th, the conference will convene from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. featuring presentations by leading energy experts and breakout sessions on *New Jersey’s Energy Master Plan, Clean Energy Project Finance, Renewable Energy Certificate Markets, Green Building Design* and *Clean Energy Strategies to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint*.

The conference will also feature the third annual New Jersey Clean Energy Leadership Awards, which honor individuals, municipalities, businesses, industries and organizations that have improved New Jersey’s economic competitiveness and its environment through effective and innovative use of renewable energy, energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction strategies.

To register for the conference or to learn more about this year’s New Jersey Clean Energy Conference & Leadership Awards, visit www.njcleanenergy.com.

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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.