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<u>NJ'S CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAMTM HELPS RESIDENTS SAVE ENERGY AND</u> <u>MONEY WITH ENERGY STAR[®] QUALIFIED CLOTHES WASHER REBATE</u>

(NEWARK, NJ) – With energy prices going up and winter quickly approaching, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) and New Jersey's **Clean Energy** ProgramTM are offering rebates of \$50 and \$75 on select ENERGY STAR[®] qualified clothes washers now through December 31, 2007. These washers will substantially reduce both energy and natural gas usage to help New Jersey residents save energy, money and the environment.

"New Jersey's **Clean Energy** Program is rewarding customers who use the most efficient ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers," said NJBPU President Jeanne M. Fox. "On average, these washers use 53 percent less energy and 70 percent less water than a conventional model. It's one of many program offerings that help residents become a part of New Jersey's plan to use energy more wisely."

Consumers can get \$50 back from New Jersey's **Clean Energy** Program when they purchase eligible ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers with a **Modified Energy Factor** (**MEF**) of 2.0-2.19 or \$75 back when they purchase ENERGY STAR qualified models with an **MEF of 2.2 or higher**.

The MEF is a measure of the energy consumption of the total laundry cycle and indicates how many cubic feet of laundry can be washed and dried with one kilowatt-hour of electricity; the higher the number, the better the efficiency.

Rebate applicants must be a customer of Atlantic City Electric, Jersey Central Power and Light, PSE&G Electric or Rockland Electric Company. Completed rebate forms must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2008, and must be accompanied by proof of purchase from a legible copy of a dated sales receipt.

Look for specially marked products at participating retailers throughout the state, or visit <u>www.njcleanenergy.com/clotheswashers</u> for a complete list of ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers.

The ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washer rebate is one of many offerings from Jersey's **Clean Energy** ProgramTM. To learn more about other program offerings, visit <u>www.njcleanenergy.com</u> or call 1-866-NJSMART.

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.nj.gov/bpu.

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 (NJBPU), and its website is <u>www.njcleanenergy.com</u>.