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NJ BPU REMINDS RESIDENTS DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION SET FOR JUNE 12

*Federal Communications Commission Sets up Walk-In Clinics to Assist Residents
With “Over the Air” Television Transmission*

(NEWARK, NJ) – With only days remaining before the transition to digital broadcast television on June 12, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) today announced that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is providing walk-in clinics in the Garden State for consumers who still need help preparing for the switch.

Clinics are scheduled at various sites around the state and more are being added. Currently scheduled clinics are listed below and are available at <http://www.nj.gov/bpu/pdf/cablepdfs/DTVlinks.pdf>. The BPU will update the web listing as additional clinics are scheduled.

Name	Date	Time	Address
Middlesex Public Library	6/6/2009	11:00 a.m. – 12 noon	1300 Mountain Ave., Middlesex NJ, 08846
Hoboken Health Fair	6/6/2009	12 noon – 3 p.m.	Outdoor Health Fair at ball park at 400 Jackson Street – Mama Johnson Ball Field – 4 th Annual Health Fair sponsored by the Hoboken Housing Authority. Contact: Evelyn Mercado at 201-876-2935
DTV Exhibit -- Wildwood, NJ	6/6/2009	2 p.m. – 6 p.m.	3600 Boardwalk, Wildwood, NJ 08260
DTV Presentation and Exhibit	6/8/2009	6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Mercer County Hispanic Association, 18 East 6th Avenue, Hamilton, NJ 08619
Ewing Library Branch of Mercer County Library System	6/9/2009	10 a.m. - 12 noon	61 Scotch Road, Ewing, NJ 08628
Lawrenceville Branch of the Mercer County Library System	6/9/2009	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	2751 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648
DTV Clinic	6/11/2009	4 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Spanish Community Center, 3900 Ventnor Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 08401

“There are still a number of New Jerseyans who risk losing free over-the-air television unless they act before June 12,” said BPU President Jeanne M. Fox. “For these households, the walk-in clinics can provide the information they need to be prepared for the transition.”

On June 12, all full-power broadcast television stations in the United States will stop analog broadcast service and transmit only digital signals. Consumers who do not subscribe to pay television services and have older, analog televisions will need to have digital-to-analog converter boxes attached to their televisions in order to continue receiving over-the-air television programming. They may also need to adjust or upgrade their television set-top antennas.

According to the FCC, approximately 250 FCC staffers have been working with the public at events and DTV clinics nationwide – including New Jersey. In addition, the FCC is providing in-home assistance for over 200,000 homes through independent contractors, with additional in-home assistance being provided by AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps members and firefighters in cooperation with the International Association of Fire Chiefs. All of these in-home installation services are at no charge to the consumer. Consumers also can take advantage of these services by calling 1-888-CALL-FCC, or visiting www.dtv.gov.

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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.nj.gov/bpu.

About the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (NJCEP):

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.