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Statement by BPU President Jeanne M. Fox on South Jersey Gas' ENERGY STAR Award for Energy Efficient Housing Construction Program

“On behalf of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and its Commissioners I want to extend my congratulations to South Jersey Gas (SJG) on being awarded the 2009 *ENERGY STAR Leadership in Housing Award* from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In recognizing SJG’s work in promoting energy efficient home construction, EPA highlights, once again, the leading role New Jersey’s utilities are playing in support of the energy efficiency goals outlined in Governor Corzine’s Energy Master Plan.

The SJG award is the third ENERGY STAR award received this year for New Jersey’s energy efficiency work. Earlier this year, New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program, which is administered by the state’s Board of Public Utilities, was named *ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year for Energy Efficiency Program Delivery* by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. For the second year in a row, New Jersey also received the *ENERGY STAR Sustained Excellence Award* as part of the Northeast ENERGY STAR Lighting and Appliance Initiative, a coalition of regional electric utility and energy efficiency program administrators in New England, New York and New Jersey.

I’m confident New Jersey’s leadership in promoting energy efficiency will only grow as we begin to implement both President Obama and Governor Corzine’s economic stimulus programs promoting energy efficiency as part of the federal and state effort to create jobs, reduce climate-changing greenhouse gas emissions and build a green economy to foster our future economic growth.”

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