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NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES HOSTS VISITING KOREAN DELEGATION

*South Korean municipal officials visit New Jersey to learn best practices
in energy efficiency and renewable technologies*

NEWARK, N.J. – The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) welcomed a visiting South Korea delegation this morning and conducted a series of energy presentations to inform the fifteen-member delegation about New Jersey's policies, practices and incentives for producing energy savings through its successful Clean Energy Program (NJCEP).

BPU Commissioner Joseph Fiordaliso welcomed the group and provided attendees with a general overview of the BPU and the accomplishments of NJCEP. "New Jersey is nationally recognized for our focus on creating a diverse energy supply that reduces our reliance on carbon-based fuels," said Commissioner Fiordaliso. "We have helped to lay the groundwork for producing significant energy savings in residential, commercial and institutional buildings throughout the state."

Staff from the Clean Energy Program presented information about NJ SmartStart Buildings, which provides financial incentives for energy efficient equipment, and other programs including the Local Government Energy Audit, Pay for Performance and Direct Install. An overview of each program was discussed outlining ways in which municipal and local government officials in New Jersey are able to utilize those initiatives to improve energy efficiency in their own buildings as well as among businesses in their communities.

The series of presentations continued, focusing on residential energy efficiency and renewable energy. New Jersey's wind, solar and biopower programs also were covered, including the specifics behind the use of renewable energy credits to grow the solar industry across the state.

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A question and answer session followed the BPU presentations, allowing members of the Korean Delegation, who are from various provinces, cities and counties in South Korea, to deepen their understanding of New Jersey's approach to program development and implementation. Officials expressed their thanks to the BPU for hosting their delegation and for helping them to learn from New Jersey's experience.

Commissioner Fiordaliso said, "We're immensely proud that NJCEP has put New Jersey on the map as a worldwide leader in energy efficiency and clean power, and we're honored to share what we've learned with leaders from all around the globe."

For more information on New Jersey's Clean Energy Program or details on program incentives for businesses, local governments, school districts and residents, visit www.NJCleanEnergy.com or call 1-866-NJSMART.

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NJ Board of Public Utilities Commissioner Joseph Fiordaliso addresses South Korean municipal officials on New Jersey's approach to promoting energy efficiency and renewable technologies.

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.