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BPU's Comfort Partners Program Reaches Major Milestone **Surpasses 90,000 Low-Income Homes Upgraded with Energy-Efficiency Improvements**

Speaking Program and Home Tour

Friday, January 9, 2015, at 11:00 A.M. in Atlantic City

WHO:

- Dianne Solomon, Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
- Don Guardian, Mayor, Atlantic City
- Vince Maione, Region President, Atlantic City Electric
- Jeff DuBois, President, South Jersey Gas
- Louis Crumble and his wife, Mary (homeowners)

WHAT:

The Crumble family home, built in the 1950s, was very drafty, with wind and moisture penetrating the exterior walls. The family of six at one point had to evacuate due to carbon monoxide leaks from the heating system. When Superstorm Sandy battered the New Jersey shoreline, conditions in the home worsened.

The family learned of the Comfort Partners Program through GreenLife Energy Solutions, a Comfort Partners participating contractor, and learned that they qualified for extensive energy and safety-related assistance. Thanks to the combined efforts of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and its *Clean Energy Program*, along with Atlantic City Electric and South Jersey Gas, a thorough audit of the home was performed. The audit identified a number of deficiencies that needed to be corrected; including carbon monoxide leaks which posed a danger to the family.

Corrective measures and efficiency improvements included new insulation and air sealing throughout the home, a new boiler, a new hot water heater, energy-saving light-bulbs and a new carbon monoxide detector, plus new and repaired gutters and downspouts. The house also underwent a full mold remediation process – necessary after year upon year of moisture penetration that led to high levels of unhealthy mold.

The end result is a safer, healthier, tightly insulated home with dramatic energy savings and increased indoor comfort all year round for the Crumble family.

New Jersey residents can call 866-NJSMART (866-657-6278) or visit NJCleanEnergy.com/CP to learn about eligibility requirements and services available through Comfort Partners.

WHERE: 1008 N. Michigan Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 08401

WHEN: 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 9, 2015

VISUALS: After short remarks from officials, media representatives will be given a tour of the dwelling that will include before and after pictures of many of the energy-efficiency and mold remediation measures installed at the home. Measures included new insulation and air sealing, a new boiler, a new hot water heater, energy-saving light-bulbs and a new carbon monoxide detector.

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FOR MORE INFO: For more information about *New Jersey's Clean Energy Program* and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities visit NJCleanEnergy.com or call 866-NJSMART.