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NJBPU Receives Highest Honor Among National ENERGY STAR® Awards

Award Marks Tenth Time NJBPU Has Been Recognized by the Federal Program

TRENTON—The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) today announced it has received the 2019 ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence Award for its continued leadership and superior contributions to ENERGY STAR through its Clean Energy Program.

The Sustained Excellence Award is the highest honor of all the ENERGY STAR awards.

NJBPU was recognized within the Home Performance category.

The accomplishment will be acknowledged by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. on April 11.

“Under the leadership of Governor Murphy, NJBPU is implementing an ambitious clean energy agenda that is aimed at combatting the impact of climate change,” said NJBPU President Joseph L. Fiordaliso. “Our offshore wind and community solar programs have received quite a bit of public attention, but just as important are the many energy efficiency programs that we manage. Helping New Jersey residents to be more efficient in their energy usage is a vitally important way to address climate change, and we are honored to have our efforts recognized with this distinguished national award.”

The Home Performance category of the ENERGY STAR Program offers rebates and loans aimed at making homes safer and more comfortable. The program, which NJBPU administers in

New Jersey, provides low-interest loans and financial incentives of up to \$4,000 to help residents pay for energy efficiency upgrades. The loan program offers zero percent financing on a seven-year loan up to \$10,000, or 4.99% financing on a ten-year loan up to \$15,000.

In Fiscal Year 2018 the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program had 4,377 completed jobs, provided \$18,534,693 in incentives toward projects and resulted in annual energy savings of 2,653 MWh of electricity and 97,449 Dekatherms of natural gas.

This is the tenth time NJBPU has been honored with an ENERGY STAR award in the past 11 years.

About the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU)

The NJBPU 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 and 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)

The NJCEP, 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 www.NJCleanEnergy.com.

About ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR® is the government-backed symbol for energy efficiency, providing simple, credible, and unbiased information that consumers and businesses rely on to make well-informed decisions. Thousands of industrial, commercial, utility, state, and local organizations—including more than 40 percent of the Fortune 500®—rely on their partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to deliver cost-saving energy efficiency solutions. Since 1992, ENERGY STAR and its partners helped save American families and businesses nearly 4 trillion kilowatt-hours of electricity with associated reductions of over 3 billion metric tons of greenhouse gases. In 2017 alone, ENERGY STAR and its partners helped Americans save \$30 billion in energy costs.