



New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and Department of Community Affairs



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BPU and DCA to host Energy Efficiency (EE) and Renewable Energy (RE) Training for Local Governments

State Programs, Financial Incentives and Legislative Initiatives to be Reviewed

(NEWARK, NJ) – Over 300 local government officials are expected to gather on Wednesday, **April 15, 2009** at the New Brunswick Hyatt to learn about the state's programs and financial incentives for renewable energy and energy efficiency work at the local level. The program is jointly sponsored by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) and Department of Community Affairs (DCA). Officials representing municipalities, counties and local authorities will be provided briefings on a number of programs designed to help local governments save money and protect the environment by achieving the goals of Governor Corzine's Energy Master Plan. Among the agenda items is the first public "roll-out" of the new Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP), information about the state's new Solar Power Purchase Agreements, the BPU Community Partners and other BPU energy policy initiatives.

Renewable Energy (RE) and Energy Efficiency (EE) initiatives are both a state priority and a priority of the federal government's economic stimulus spending. Investments in these initiatives can lower energy costs, which directly affects local property taxes. Governor Corzine's Energy Master Plan has identified RE/EE as major priorities for the state in the coming years. It calls for achieving 30% of the State's electricity needs from renewable sources by 2020. It also calls for EE initiatives to save electricity equivalent to the amount of power needed to run 2.2 million homes for a year (20,000 GWh) and to save heating energy equivalent to the amount of energy needed to warm 1.1 million homes in one year (110 trillion BTUs).

WHAT: Local Government Energy Savings Resources Meeting

WHEN: Wednesday, **April 15, 2009** – 9 a.m. - Noon

WHERE: New Brunswick Hyatt - New Brunswick, New Jersey

WHY: The forum will provide a good primer for renewable energy/energy efficiency initiatives and incentives for local government. These issues will be key drivers of state and federal energy policy for the foreseeable future. The information presented will provide a solid foundation for reporters covering these issues in the coming years.

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AGENDA:

- A. Introductions – 9:00-9:10
 - 1. BPU Commissioner Joseph Fiordaliso
 - 2. League of Municipalities – Deputy Mayor Fred Profetta, Township of Maplewood
- B. Local Government Energy Audit Program and BPU Energy Savings Incentive Programs
 - 1. 9:15-9:45 – Roger Kliemisch, TRC
- C. Energy Savings Improvement Program Legislation (C. 4, PL 2009)
 - 1. 9:45-10:30 – Marc Pfeiffer, Division of Local Government Services
- D. Break – 10:30-10:45
- E. Power Purchase Agreements for Renewables (c.83, PL 2008, and amended by c.4, PL 2009)
 - 1. 10:45-11:05 – Joseph Sullivan and Michael Winka, BPU
 - 2. 11:05 -11:15 – Review of guidelines and competitive contracting - Joe Valenti, Division of Local Government Services
- F. Introduction to Sustainable Jersey
 - 1. 11:15-11:40 – Randy Solomon, Sustainable Jersey
- G. 11:40-Noon BPU *CleanPower Community Partners* – Joe Genello, Honeywell
- H. Noon until 1– Questions and Answers in Display area

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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 Department of Community Affairs

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is a State agency created to provide administrative guidance, financial support and technical assistance to local governments, community development organizations, businesses and individuals to improve the quality of life in New Jersey.

DCA offers a wide range of programs and services that respond to issues of public concern including fire and building safety, housing production, community planning and development, and local government management and finance.