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N.J. Board of Public Utilities Announces Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program

Program to Fund a Portion of Incremental Cost of CNG Heavy Duty Trucks and Buses

Trenton, N.J. - The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Board) today announced a compressed natural gas (CNG) heavy vehicle grant program available for trucks and buses that are listed as heavy duty vehicles Class 5 through 8. The \$200,000 grant program will fund a portion of incremental cost of a CNG powered vehicle over a comparable diesel vehicle.

“This is yet another positive step in implementing the State Energy Master Plan policies that support alternative fuel vehicles comprehensively and are accelerating the adoption of alternative fuel vehicles including electric and CNG vehicles,” said Richard S. Mroz, Board President. “In making these grants available we can gauge interest in cleaner and quieter running CNG trucks and buses.”

Awards will be capped at \$20,000 per vehicle and \$40,000 per applicant and will be processed on a first-come-first-served basis until funding is exhausted.

Eligibility is limited to Class 5 through 8 trucks and buses registered in the seven counties that the DEP’s Air Quality Index has previously classified as unhealthy for sensitive groups for ten or more days in 2015 and 2016. These are the counties of Camden, Mercer, Middlesex, Bergen, Gloucester, Hudson, and Ocean.

Eligible applicants for the grant program include municipalities, political subdivisions, incorporated nonprofit entities, corporations and limited liability companies or partnerships registered to do business in New Jersey.

The application window opens no sooner than noon on November 20, 2017, and the window closes at noon on December 20, 2017. The application, program description and approval process details are posted on the Board’s website at: <http://www.nj.gov/bpu/commercial/>. The application is also posted on the NJ Clean Energy Program website at www.njcleanenergy.com. The Board will accept applications submitted to the email address: BPU.CNGVehicleGrant@BPU.NJ.Gov

The program is expected to result in at least ten CNG powered trucks and buses replacing similar vehicles powered by diesel fuel. The vehicles will only operate on compressed natural gas to qualify for the grant program.

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