



NJ Board of Public Utilities Revises Clean Energy Programs

On June 18, 2010, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) approved a revised *Clean Energy Program* (NJCEP) budget with \$459 million in total funding (including past commitments) to promote and deliver renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions to the state's municipal, residential, non-profit, commercial and industrial ratepayers. Due to recent unprecedented numbers of applications submitted to many of the NJCEP programs, the following changes to program funding were made:

Local Government Energy Audit

Applications are again being accepted after a temporary suspension due to budget issues.

Direct Install

- The incentive level has been **reduced from 80% to 60%** of the installed cost for approved projects.
- The incentive cap on each project has been **reduced from \$80,000 to \$50,000**.
- The 200 kW peak demand threshold has been waived for local government entities who receive and utilize their Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant in conjunction with Direct Install.
- On a case-by-case basis, the Market Manager may accept a project for a customer that is within 10% of the 200 kW peak demand threshold.

NJ SmartStart Buildings

- Applications are again being accepted for new construction projects after a temporary suspension due to budget issues.
- The Multiple Measure Bonus has been eliminated.
- Two additional changes will become effective 30 days from the date of the Order:
 - Performance Lighting incentives will be available for new construction projects only. Complete renovation work will no longer qualify for incentives under the Performance Lighting path.
 - Prescriptive Lighting incentives for retrofitting a T12 to T8/T5 (1-4 lamp) fixture will be reduced from \$15 to \$10 per fixture.

Renewable Energy Programs

Lower rebate levels and new eligibility requirements take effect with the *Renewable Energy Incentive Program* (REIP) Solar Funding Cycle 3. An updated REIP Solar Technical Worksheet with new rebate levels and other program changes will soon be available.

Funding Cycle 3 opens up for new applications on September 1, 2010. All application packets received in Funding Cycle 3 must include the new REIP Solar Technical Worksheet dated June 2010.

REIP applications are still being accepted for wind and biopower projects and for the SREC Registration Program.