



New Jersey's Clean Energy Program Newsletter Winter 2007

Thank you for choosing to subscribe to New Jersey's Clean Energy Program™ (NJCEP) Newsletter. We designed it to provide you with the "Power to Save" - information you need to connect to programs that provide financial and environmental savings for New Jersey residents and businesses. This issue also contains news about some recent NJCEP program additions, our accomplishments, and web site updates.

We hope you find the NJCEP Newsletter to be useful and that you visit the links below to learn more about the programs and online tools that can help you save energy, reduce costs, and protect the environment. We welcome all feedback, especially story ideas. Just send us an email at info@njcep.com.

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NEW! New Jersey Launches Solar Market Transition and Proposes Pilot Program

New Jersey launched a series of solar market discussions that will be ongoing as New Jersey's solar market transitions from rebates to RECs-based financing. Future meetings on NJ Solar Transition will be held at Thomas Edison State College and at NJIT. The Board will also have hearings on the ACP in April. A

newly released White Paper Series summarizes the strategies under consideration and the steps necessary to implement the transition including adjustment to ACP / SACP and the establishment of a REC-only Pilot Program. Go to [NJ Solar Transition](#) to read the *White Paper Series: New Jersey's Solar Market. Transition to a Market-based REC Financing System* and learn more about the general process and timeline for implementing New Jersey's solar transition.

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NJ Solar Round-table and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Monmouth University

Over 60 leading solar market participants and community representatives gathered at Monmouth University in Long Branch, NJ, to celebrate the installation of one of the largest university solar systems on the east coast and to discuss the future of New Jersey's solar market. Visit [Press & Media](#) for more information on the event and Monmouth University's 454 kW solar installation.

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NJ Energy Master Plan Gains Momentum

New Jersey's demand for energy has increased significantly over the years, prompting the State to put together stakeholder meetings to discuss the needs of the state. These meetings took place October 23-26 in Newark, Trenton, Camden, and Atlantic City. Click [here](#) to view the meeting summaries and learn more about New Jersey's Energy Master Plan.

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CleanPower Choice on the Rise

The New Jersey **CleanPower** Choice ProgramSM, which was launched in October 2005, currently has over 10,000 enrollments! With strong campaigns planned throughout the state of New Jersey, the **CleanPower** Choice Program looks to significantly add to these numbers. To sign up for the **CleanPower** Choice Program or to join the **CleanPower** Choice Coalition of business, civic, and environmental leaders, visit us at www.NJCleanPower.com.

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New Jersey Wind Working Group for Terrestrial and Small Wind Systems

The New Jersey Wind Working Group for Terrestrial and Small Wind Systems met January 12th to discuss strategies and tactics to overcome financial barriers to small wind development in New Jersey; REC markets for customer-sited wind; and zoning barriers to small wind systems in New Jersey. Visit the [New Jersey Wind Working Group](#) web pages for upcoming meeting notices and updates.

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NEW! Wind Turbine Survey – New Jerseyans Support the Use of Off-Shore Wind Turbines

New Jersey residents report that they are in favor of the use of off-shore wind turbines as a source of clean, renewable energy. Because of the economic

importance of tourism at the New Jersey Shore, a research study was conducted to measure the opinions of people who live in shore communities and visit there. The study was conducted for the New Jersey Commerce, Economic Growth and Tourism Commission. For a link to the complete study, [click here](#).

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Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® Saves New Jersey Residents up to 30%

New Jersey's Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® is a new initiative with a wide array of opportunities available to homeowners who have access to BPI-accredited contractors. These contractors can show homeowners how to save on energy costs. Please visit the [Home Performance](#) web pages in the Residential Section of NJCleanEnergy.com for more information!

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Winter Tips – Residential Savings: Helping Consumers Conserve Energy

With the winter heating season here, we've posted a series of practical tips to help consumers conserve energy and lower their energy costs. These easy Power Tips could help consumers save up to 30% on their heating bills. For more information and energy-saving ideas, visit [Energy Saving Tips](#) in the Residential Section of NJCleanEnergy.com.

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Energy Cost Cutter Kit

To help save money on energy costs, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and New Jersey's gas utilities are making an Energy Cost Cutter Kit available for only \$5. The kit contains a variety of items that will help lower your energy consumption, provide tips on how to use less energy, and help save on your energy bill. Save up to \$170 this year.* For more information, call 866-522-3806, look in your February utility bill, or [click here](#). **Based on an average of 106 therm savings at \$1.60 per therm.*

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New Jersey Solar Financing

New Jersey's Clean Energy Program makes installing a solar energy system in your home or business affordable, practical, and just plain smart for New Jersey homeowners and businesses. [Click here](#) for more information.

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Clean Energy Financing for Municipalities Presented at 91st Annual New Jersey State League of Municipalities Conference

More than 20,000 New Jersey elected and appointed officials from across the state gathered from Tuesday, November 14, through Friday, November 17, 2006, for the 91st annual meeting of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities at the Atlantic City Convention Center. NJCEP organized a panel discussion on November 15 on "Clean Energy Financing for Municipalities." Click [here](#) to view the PowerPoint presentation on Clean Energy Financing for Municipalities.

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NJBPU Wins Inaugural 'Golden Meter' Award from Network for New Energy Choices

Described as a “model for other states” throughout the nation to emulate, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities recently became the inaugural recipient of the Network for New Energy Choices (NNEC)’s Golden Meter Award. Visit [Press & Media](#) for more information.

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Frequently Asked Questions

You can find answers to many frequently asked questions about New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program; General Energy Issues; New Jersey **CleanPower** Choice Program; Residential and ENERGY STAR®; Solar Renewable Energy Certificates; Off-Shore Wind Systems; New Jersey SmartStart Buildings®; Renewable Energy Business Venture Assistance Program; and Federal Tax Credits. Please click here for [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

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New at NJCleanEnergy.com

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Clean Energy Events: Save the Date

- 2007 ACI New Jersey Home Performance Conference, January 24-25, 2007
- State Energy Programs for Federal Facilities - New York and New Jersey Energy Incentive Programs Workshop, January 30, 2007
- Energy Management & Technology Seminar and Trade Show, sponsored by Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey, March 13-14, 2007
- GLOBALCON 2007, sponsored by Association of Energy Engineers, April 4-5, 2007

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New Jersey Board of Public Utilities – 2007 Agenda Dates

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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM NEW JERSEY’S CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM

We would like to remind you all, during this holiday season, to turn off lights when not in use, lower your thermostat while you are out, and continue to visit us at

www.NJCleanEnergy.com so that we can keep you up to date on all of the ways you can save energy in New Jersey.

Best Wishes for the New Year!

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