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## **Jamestown BPU Outlines Changes for 2012 Energy Efficiency Rebate Programs**

The Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) today announced its electric energy efficiency rebate programs for 2012.

### **Energy Star Residential Program**

The BPU Energy Star program in 2012 will be limited to Energy Star residential window and door rebates and will not include appliance rebates for the coming year. This program will be open to BPU electric customers who are homeowners and landlords.

The focus on rebates for windows and doors has been selected because windows and doors are permanently installed home improvements that provide long-lasting energy efficiency savings. Rebates for Energy Star products in 2012 will include: residential windows, \$25 each; residential entry doors, \$50 each; and residential skylights, \$25 each.

Upon verification by the BPU, homeowners will receive the rebate in the form of a credit on their next electric bills. For rental property owners, all rebates less than \$500 will be applied to their electric accounts. If the rebate exceeds the \$500 threshold, the rental property owner may request a check for the rebate.

The limits for rebates are \$1,000 per customer account per calendar year and \$5,000 per year for rental property owners.

To participate, an electric customer may simply mail or bring to the BPU the original receipt and NFRC label from the purchase of a new product. A BPU rebate form also must be completed. The forms and informational brochures are available at the BPU Customer Service Office or from the BPU website at [www.jamestownbpu.com](http://www.jamestownbpu.com).

### **New Residential Attic Insulation Program**

The BPU's first Residential Attic Insulation Program will be open to BPU customers who use permanently installed electric heating equipment as the primary heat source in a residence. This new program for BPU electric homeowners and landlords takes effect on January 1, 2012.

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Attic insulation should have an R-value of 49-60 in the northern climate zone. To achieve this level of insulation, home owners need to have 12-16 inches of insulation in their attics.

To participate in the attic insulation program, a BPU electric customer should take a picture showing the depth of insulation before and after the installation. Pictures must be submitted with the original receipt or invoice from the insulation purchase and the rebate form. Rebates are available for fiberglass and cellulose insulation, but not for the cost to install the material.

Rebates are limited to 50 percent of the cost of material and \$500 maximum per building and \$5,000 per landlord. Rebates will be in the form of a credit on the BPU bill for owner-occupied residences and by check for rental property units.

More information, brochures and forms for the program will be available on-line at [www.jamestownbpu.com](http://www.jamestownbpu.com) and at the BPU Customer Service Department. For information about attic insulation, contact Reynolds at 661-1646 or by e-mail at [dreynolds@jamestownbpu.com](mailto:dreynolds@jamestownbpu.com).

### **Lighting and Motor Rebates for Small Commercial/Industrial Customers Expanded**

The popular BPU Lighting and Motor Rebate Program for Small Commercial and Industrial Customers will be expanded to include larger customers. In the first two years of the program, participants were limited to customers who paid \$30,000 and then up to \$45,000 in annual electric bills. The 2012 program will include all commercial and industrial electric customers with the exception of service classification 6 (SC-6 Flex rate) customers.

The 2012 Lighting and Motor Rebate Program will help off-set the purchase cost of new permanently installed light fixtures, ballasts, bulbs, sockets, LED exit signs, occupancy sensors, electric motor and variable speed drives. All T8 lamps and ballasts must be listed in the CEE directory which is available on-line at [www.cee1.org](http://www.cee1.org). Portable equipment and labor costs to install equipment are not included.

Companies are limited to a maximum of \$15,000 of rebates annually.

To qualify for the rebates, an electric customer considering a project with a total anticipated rebate of \$1,000 or more, must contact Reynolds to schedule a lighting assessment before the project begins. Information and application forms also are available at [www.jamestownbpu.com](http://www.jamestownbpu.com) and in the BPU Customer Service Department. The BPU reserves the right to inspect the work before issuing a rebate.

### **Home Energy Audit and Weatherization Program**

The BPU's Home Energy Audit and Weatherization Rebate Program for Residential Customers continues into 2012 with no changes. The program provides subsidized audits of \$200 toward a \$300 audit, with the remaining \$100 charged to the customer.

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BPU Customers requesting an audit must own and occupy the property being audited. To qualify for the subsidized audits, an electric customer also must contact Reynolds at 661-1646 to obtain the list of local Business Performance Institute (BPI) contractors who are authorized to conduct the audits. Rebates will be provided for 25 percent of the cost of the weatherization improvements with a \$1,000 maximum limit per audit; and 50 percent of the cost up to \$2,000 for customers who have used electricity as their primary heat source for at least three years.

The New York State Energy Research and Development (NYSERDA) “Green Jobs – Green New York” (GJGNY) program currently offers free energy audits for qualifying homes, small businesses and non-profit organizations. GJGNY residential audits are free-of-charge for New Yorkers who earn \$102,000 or less a year.

BPU customers who qualify for a free GJGMY audit may still apply for rebates on work completed as a result of the GJGNY audit.

### **Call for Advice**

BPU electric customers with questions about any of the 2012 BPU energy efficiency programs, may contact BPU Energy Efficiency Coordinator Dan Reynolds by telephone at 661-1646 or by e-mail: [dreynolds@jamestownbpu.com](mailto:dreynolds@jamestownbpu.com). Information is also available on the [www.jamestownbpu.com](http://www.jamestownbpu.com) website and at BPU Customer Service Department, 92 Steele Street, open 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. weekdays.