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BPU Extends and Expands ENERGY STAR Rebate Credit Program for Its Electric Customers

The Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) ENERGY STAR rebate program has been extended through December 31, 2010, and expanded to benefit BPU electric customers.

The program, initiated in October, 2008, was designed to offer rebate credits to BPU electric customers who purchase certain ENERGY STAR products, with the goal of encouraging electric conservation in the community. The BPU has returned more than \$76,000 in rebate credits to its electric customers since the program was announced.

Originally, the program was planned to end on December 31, 2009, but the BPU decided to continue the rebate credit opportunities into a second year.

The extension of the program comes with the addition of a rebate credit for ENERGY STAR qualified residential entry doors, which were not included in the original program. Also, programmable thermostats have been eliminated because they have lost the ENERGY STAR qualification. Electric water heaters were eliminated during the past year because they never became ENERGY STAR certified.

Through the program, the BPU offers rebates credits on accounts for electric customers who purchase certain ENERGY STAR qualified products and submit paperwork to the BPU. A rebate form and brochure are available at BPU Customer Service, 92 Steele Street, Jamestown, and on the www.jamestownbpu.com web site. Brochures about the program also are provided in public locations around the city.

To receive the electric rebate credit, the BPU form should be submitted by mail or in person to BPU Customer Service, P.O. Box 700, 92 Steele Street, Jamestown, with the *original* purchase receipt and the yellow Energy Star guide or National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) label which comes with the product. NFRC labels come with windows and entry doors.

Once validated, credit will be placed on the BPU customer's account within one-two months. The original receipt will be returned to the customer.

The BPU ENERGY STAR Rebate Program will offer rebate credits on the following products purchased between October 1, 2008, and December 31, 2010 (rebate credit is shown):

Refrigerator, \$100
Clothes washer, \$100
Dehumidifier, \$30
Dishwasher, \$50
Window Air Conditioner Unit, \$50
Residential Windows, \$25 each
HVAC Heat Pump, \$100 per ton #
Central A/C unit, \$50 per ton#
(# one ton of heating or cooling capacity equals approximately 12,000 btu)

The BPU ENERGY STAR Rebate Program will offer a rebate credit for Residential Entry Doors (\$50 each) for doors purchased between October 1, 2009, and December 31, 2010.

The limit on how much can be claimed is \$1,000 per BPU customer account per calendar year.

As part of the rebate, and only after eligibility for the rebate has been established, the BPU also offers curbside pick-up for most rebate items that the ENERGY STAR model replaces at no cost, within 60 days of purchase. Appointments for curbside pickup may be made by calling the BPU Garbage Hotline at (716)661-1651. Note that pick-up service will not be available for residential doors and windows, HVAC heat pumps or central air conditioning units.

According to BPU General Manager Dave Leathers, using ENERGY STAR qualified products is one important way to reduce overall energy consumption to benefit the environment and to reduce energy bills. The idea of the BPU ENERGY STAR Rebate Program and other energy efficiency programs grew from a BPU employee energy efficiency team which worked to develop a comprehensive plan for energy conservation for BPU customers.

The plan led to the 2009 creation and hiring of an Energy Efficiency Coordinator to implement the BPU's energy efficiency programs, which also include the Energy Depot for Homes link at www.jamestownbpu.com web site; home energy audits/weatherization rebates; and small commercial/industrial lighting and motor rebates.

Dan Reynolds, BPU Energy Efficiency Coordinator, is available at (716)661-1646 weekdays to answer questions about energy efficiency and the BPU programs he directs. Information also is available at BPU Customer Service, 92 Steele Street, open 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. weekdays; and on www.jamestownbpu.com web site.