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**Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) Offers Rebate Program
to Electric Customers for Certain ENERGY STAR Products**

The Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) announces a BPU ENERGY STAR Rebate Program to benefit BPU electric customers.

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

To receive the electric rebate credit, the form should be submitted by mail or in person to BPU Customer Service, P.O. Box 0700, 92 Steele Street, Jamestown, with a copy of the purchase receipt and the ENERGY STAR label which comes with the product. Once validated, credit will be placed on the customer's BPU account.

The BPU ENERGY STAR Rebate Program will offer rebate credits on the following products purchased between October 1, 2008, and December 31, 2009 (rebate credit amount shown):

Refrigerator, \$100	Clothes washer, \$100
Dehumidifier, \$30	Dishwasher, \$50
Window air conditioner unit, \$50	Electric water heater, \$75
Programmable thermostat, \$10	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 limit on how much can be claimed is \$1,000 per customer account. Rebates are available for products purchased from October 1, 2008, through December 31, 2009.

As part of the rebate, and only after eligibility for the rebate has been established, the BPU also offers *curbside* pickup for most rebate items that the ENERGY STAR model is replacing 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 pickup

service will not be available for residential windows, HVAC heat pumps, central air conditioning units or thermostats.

According to David Leathers, BPU General Manager, using ENERGY STAR qualified products is one way of reducing overall energy consumption to benefit the environment and to reduce energy bills. The idea for the BPU ENERGY STAR Rebate Program grew from a BPU employee energy conservation team which has been meeting with a goal of developing a comprehensive plan for energy conservation for BPU customers. The plan is expected to be finalized during the first six months of 2009.

Last spring, the team initiated “Energy Depot for Homes,” a link on the BPU web site at www.jamestownbpu.com. Energy Depot for Homes includes an energy library; a comparison tool for energy use and potential savings for appliances; an energy savings calculator; an e-mail link to an energy advisor; and an on-line, do-it-yourself, password-protected home energy audit in short and long versions.

The ENERGY STAR label was created by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy to help consumers identify and purchase energy-efficient products. ENERGY STAR products are the same or better than standard products, and the saved energy lowers energy bills and helps the environment.

For further information, customers may inquire at BPU Customer Service, 92 Steele Street, Jamestown, open 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. weekdays. Questions also may be directed to BPU Communications Coordinator Becky Robbins at (716)661-1666.