

Alliance to Save Energy Charles Percy Award Nomination **Jeanne M. Fox, president of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities**

Jeanne M. Fox is one of the nation's energy and environmental leaders, tackling a wide range of energy and environmental issues over the past three decades. She is currently the President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and a member of Governor Jon S. Corzine's Cabinet.

As the leader of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities since 2002, Ms. Fox helped to launch New Jersey's nationally recognized **Clean Energy** Program, which promotes increased energy efficiency and the use of clean, renewable sources of energy. This innovative program has set the standard for the nation in promoting clean energy technologies.

Overall, under Ms. Fox's leadership, the Clean Energy Program has reduced pollution and electricity demand in New Jersey, and has mitigated the impact of high electricity prices on New Jersey's customers. Since 2001, New Jersey's Clean Energy Program has helped **reduced demand on the electric system by 550 MW**, eliminating the need to site, construct and operate one mid-sized power plant. In 2007 alone, New Jersey's Clean Energy Program achieved the following highlights:

- Launched an ENERGY STAR Lighting Incentive Program coinciding with the 2007 national ENERGY STAR Change a Light, Change the World campaign. Ranked fourth in the nation among government agencies, New Jersey's Clean Energy Program has collected 9,143 ENERGY STAR Change a Light pledges to change out 79,227 light bulbs to date, saving more than 22 million kWh of electricity and more than 32 million pounds of carbon dioxide emissions;
- Offered contractors and builders throughout the state technical training and marketing support for the delivery of residential energy efficiency services through Home Performance with ENERGY STAR and New Jersey ENERGY STAR Homes;
- Increased rebates for high efficiency natural gas heating furnaces and boilers and central air conditioning equipment to help consumers replace old equipment with new, high efficient equipment and reduce energy usage and costs by more than 20 percent;
- Developed a winter and summer energy savings campaign called "Your Power to Save" that incorporated "Power Tips" to inform customers about ways to reduce energy usage and costs.

In addition to the pioneering work of the Clean Energy Program, the Board under Ms. Fox has forged new territory in energy efficiency that has set a national standard.

In December 2006, the BPU approved a 3-year pilot program to provide long-term reductions in the use of natural gas. Under the program, utilities initiate and fully fund programs to encourage customer conservation efforts. The program is not the "decoupling" advocated by some electric and gas utilities; instead, it allows the utilities to share in the savings that result from a reduced need for natural gas capacity, without the possibility of negatively impacting customers.

President Fox has been an integral member of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative planning group since its inception four years ago. This ten-state northeastern coalition negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for reducing carbon emissions from stationary power sources using trading certificates, the first plan of its kind in the United States that will help reduce carbon emissions. As a member of the planning group, President Fox helped the MOU become a more salient agreement by ensuring that consumers benefit from the proceeds and that low-income consumers are protected.

Ms. Fox is active with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) as a member of the Board of Directors. She is Chair of the National Council on Electricity Policy; and President of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioner.

Previously, Ms. Fox served as Regional Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy.