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Jamestown Board of Public Utilities Announces 2015 Energy Efficiency Rebate Programs

The Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) today approved its Energy Efficiency Rebate Programs for 2015. Only two programs have changed.

The ENERGY STAR Rebate Program continues into 2015, with one rebate increase for the coming year. The ENERGY STAR Rebate Program offers the following rebate credits for the purchase of certain, new ENERGY STAR products:

Residential Window \$35	Skylights \$25
Residential Entry Door \$50	HVAC Heat Pumps \$500 per ton#, up from \$250 per ton
Through the Wall A/C Unit \$100*	Central Air Conditioning Units \$100 per ton#

* indicates minimum of 12,000 BTU
one ton of heating or cooling capacity equals approximately 12,000BTU

Participants in this program may mail or bring into Customer Service the receipt from the purchase of the new product, the completed rebate form and the energy guide label from the manufacturer. For windows, skylights and entry doors, the original NFRC labels also must be provided. Rebate forms are supplied by BPU Customer Service or may be downloaded from www.jamestownbpu.com.

Upon verification, the rebate will be issued in the form of a credit on the electric bill. For rental property owners, rebates less than \$500 will be applied as credits to the accounts. If the rebate exceeds the \$500 limit, the rental property owner may request a check for the rebate.

The limit for BPU ENERGY STAR rebate credits is \$1,000 per customer account per calendar year and \$5,000 per year for rental property owners. Rebate applications take 4-6 weeks for processing.

Home Energy Audits & Weatherization Rebates for Residential Customers

New York State offers free home energy audits to homeowners who make less than \$108,000 a year under its New York State Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) Green Jobs, Green New York program. BPU electric customers who complete projects as a result of such audits – performed by a BPI-certified contractor - may be eligible for BPU rebate credits.

For BPU electric customers making more than \$108,000 a year, the BPU offers subsidized audits at a fee of \$100. Again, work suggested by the audit is eligible for rebates.

Jamestown BPU rebates will cover twenty-five percent of the cost of the weatherization improvements, with a \$1,500 maximum limit per audit, for all residential electric customers. They will cover fifty percent, up to \$3,000, for customers who have used electric as their primary heat source for at least three years. Upon verification, rebates will be issued in the form of a check, within four-six weeks of the date that the rebate request is received.

NYSERDA also provides rebates as a result of their free audits. Rebates of ten percent up to a \$3,000 maximum are available on eligible measures. Rebates of fifty percent, up to \$5,000, are available on eligible measures for households with annual income below eighty percent of the state median (\$65,000 for a family of four).

NYSERDA offers low interest loan financing. For more information on NYSERDA programs, visit the www.nyserda.ny.gov website.

Audits include blower door testing, thermal imaging photography to locate air leakage and assess insulation levels, electrical metering of large appliances, a lighting review, combustion efficiency tests for natural gas-fired heating and hot water tanks, carbon monoxide and gas leak detection and more.

Residential Attic Insulation Program

The BPU's third energy efficiency residential program is the Residential Attic Insulation Program which is designed to assist electric customers who use permanently installed electric heating equipment as the residence's primary heat source.

Rebates are limited to fifty percent of the cost of material; \$500 maximum per building and \$5,000 per person.

Participating customers must submit a picture showing the depth of insulation before and after the installation. The pictures may be submitted with the original receipt or invoice from the insulation purchase and the rebate form. Rebates are available for fiberglass and cellulose insulation.

Rebates are in the form of a check and take four-six weeks for processing.

Lighting and Motor Rebates for Commercial and Industrial Customers

The Lighting and Motor Rebates Program for BPU commercial and industrial customers promotes investment in new high quality lighting and motor equipment that operate at a very high level of electrical efficiency. Commercial and industrial electric customers classified as Service Class 2 or 3 qualify for the program.

The purchase cost of new, permanently-installed light fixtures, ballasts, bulbs, sockets, LED exit signs, occupancy sensors, electric motor and variable speed drives all qualify for the program. LED Light fixtures of 200 watts or greater have been added to the program with a \$400 rebate each. Certain restrictions apply, so interested customers should stop at BPU Customer Service for a program brochure or click on the energy efficiency opportunities icon on the home page at www.jamestownbpu.com.

Portable equipment and labor costs to install equipment are not included.

Companies are limited to a maximum of \$15,000 of rebates annually. The rebates are in the form of a check.

Weatherization for Commercial and Industrial Customers Program

This commercial and industrial program is open to customers classified as Service Class 2 and 3 who use electric or district heat as their primary heat source. The goal of the program is to encourage investment in improvement of the thermal envelope of the customer's building to lower energy consumption.

Rebates up to \$10,000 annually are offered for windows, glass doors, air ceiling, strip doors and insulation of walls, ceilings, floors and pipes. Full information is available at BPU Customer Service, at www.jamestownbpu.com or by contacting BPU Energy Efficiency Coordinator Dan Reynolds.

Any project with a total anticipated rebate of \$1,000 or more *must contact* Reynolds to gain pre-approval.

Customized Incentive Program for Commercial & Industrial Customers

The Customized Incentive Program is available to commercial and industrial customers who improve energy efficiency at their businesses in a way that they think is most beneficial to them. They essentially design a program and suggest it to the BPU as a way to improve their own facilities' energy efficiency.

Commercial and industrial electric customers classified as Service Class 2, 3 or 6 qualify for the program.

The companies are limited to a maximum of \$15,000 in rebates annually.

Under the program, customers are paid based on energy savings (kWh) or a specific amount for each kWh of electricity saved. These savings may result from efficiency measures that the company has researched on their own. Customers have to provide supporting documentation to demonstrate potential energy savings.

Energy efficiency measures that could receive funding under the custom incentive program include but are not limited to: building system automation, heat recovery systems, natural lighting, efficient equipment, fixing leaks in air systems, reflective surfaces for roofs and windows and air or ground source heat pumps. Any project that would not be covered by another BPU energy efficiency program may qualify.

All projects must receive pre-approval from Jamestown BPU Energy Efficiency Coordinator Dan Reynolds.

For all questions about any of the 2015 BPU Energy Efficiency Programs, electric customers may contact Reynolds at 661-1646 or by e-mail: dreynolds@jamestownbpu.com. Information about all the programs is available at www.jamestownbpu.com – click the white energy efficiency opportunities icon. Brochures about the programs are available at BPU Customer Service, 92 Steele Street, Jamestown.