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CAPE LIGHT COMPACT WINS TWO NATIONAL AWARDS FROM EPA FOR PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

2009 ENERGY STAR® PARTNER OF THE YEAR FOR PROGRAM DELIVERY 2009 ENERGY STAR® SUSTAINED EXCELLENCE AWARD

Barnstable, MA, March 4, 2009 – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will honor **Cape Light Compact** with a *2009 ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year Award* for its outstanding contributions to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by delivering information and services to its customers to increase energy efficiency. Cape Light Compact will also receive the *2009 ENERGY STAR® Sustained Excellence Award* in recognition of its continued leadership in protecting our environment through energy efficiency. Cape Light Compact's accomplishments will be recognized at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. on March 31, 2009.

Cape Light Compact, (www.capelightcompact.org), an inter-municipal service agency which purchases electricity and provides energy efficiency programs for residents and businesses of Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard, has been an ENERGY STAR® partner since 2001. Cape Light Compact is being honored for their work to increase market share of energy-efficient ENERGY STAR® qualified homes and products through comprehensive outreach, education, and marketing programs as well as for their long-term commitment to energy efficiency.

Cape Light Compact, along with other sponsor organizations, implemented the Massachusetts New Homes with ENERGY STAR® program which successfully trained 1,147 partnering homebuilders in 2007, with 503 active builders completing 1,466 projects using ENERGY STAR® guidelines and products state-wide. These homes will yield over 676,000 kWh of energy savings, the equivalent carbon emissions reduction of more than 55,000 gallons of gasoline consumed annually by drivers.

Cape Light Compact and its energy partners also embarked on an ambitious program through the Northeast ENERGY STAR® Products Initiative to increase the use of ENERGY STAR® qualified products through consumer education, partnerships with key retailers and manufacturers, and enhanced product incentives through coupons, markdowns, and rebates. These efforts will result in over 1.5 million Metric Tons in greenhouse gas emission reductions and over 2 million MWh in lifetime energy savings.

Last year alone, Americans with the help of ENERGY STAR®, saved \$19 billion on their energy bills and reduced greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those of 29 million vehicles.

“Cape Light Compact is proud of our partnership with ENERGY STAR® and our contribution to increasing energy efficiency,” said Bob Mahoney, Cape Light Compact Board Chairman. “We see great value in educating our customers about how the use of ENERGY STAR® homes and products can save money and energy while fighting global warming on a regional, state, and national level.”

The ENERGY STAR[®] Partner of the Year Awards for Program Delivery are given to a variety of organizations to recognize their efforts to improve energy efficiency and reduce pollution, resulting in significant cost savings. Award winners are selected from more than 12,000 organizations that participate in the ENERGY STAR[®] program.

The 2009 Sustained Excellence Awards are given to a select group of organizations that have exhibited outstanding leadership year after year. These winners have reduced greenhouse gas emissions by setting and achieving aggressive goals, employing innovative approaches, and showing others what can be achieved through energy efficiency. These awards recognize ongoing leadership across the ENERGY STAR[®] program including energy-efficient products, services, new homes and buildings in the commercial, industrial and public sectors. Award winners are selected from more than 12,000 organizations that participate in the ENERGY STAR[®] program.

“EPA is pleased to recognize Cape Light Compact for leadership in addressing global warming through greater energy efficiency,” said Kathleen Hogan, Director of the Climate Protection Partnerships Division at the U.S. EPA. “Cape Light Compact has excelled at helping its customers improve their efficiency, save money, and better understand the steps they can take to help in the fight against global warming.”

About CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

The Cape Light Compact, as administered through Barnstable County, is an inter-municipal regional energy services organization made up of all 21 towns of Barnstable and Dukes counties. The purpose of the Compact is to represent and protect consumer interests in a restructured utility industry. As authorized by each town, the Compact administers the regional energy efficiency program and works with the combined buying power of the region's over 200,000 electric consumers to negotiate for lower cost electricity, including a green power offering, and other public benefits. For more information on Cape Light Compact and its energy efficiency programs, please visit www.capelightcompact.org or call 1-800-797-6699.

About ENERGY STAR[®]

ENERGY STAR[®] was introduced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1992 as a voluntary market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased energy efficiency. Today, ENERGY STAR[®] offers businesses and consumers energy-efficient solutions to save energy, money and help protect the environment for future generations. More than 12,000 organizations are ENERGY STAR[®] partners committed to improving the energy efficiency of products, homes, buildings and businesses. For more information about ENERGY STAR[®], visit www.energystar.gov or call toll-free 1-888-STAR-YES (1-888-782-7937).

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