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NOTE TO NEWS MEDIA: *Demonstration of the online application process is available from 1 to 3 p.m. today at the N.C. Energy Office, 1830A Tillery Place, Raleigh.*

June 1 Marks Next Opportunity to Save on Energy Star Appliances *Water Heaters, Central Air Conditioners, Heat Pumps & More Qualify for Rebates*

RALEIGH – Starting June 1, consumers may apply for appliance purchase rebates with the launch of Phase 2 of North Carolina's Energy Star Appliance Replacement and Rebate Program. In the second phase, more appliances are eligible for rebates to consumers seeking to cut energy costs by replacing older, less-efficient models. Appliances must be purchased June 1 or after to qualify for rebates, which are available until \$1 million set aside for the program is exhausted.

Consumers may go online or call a special telephone number to start the application process to receive their rebate. The link to the N.C. Energy Star Appliance Replacement and Rebate Program can be found at www.energync.net. Look for the blue Energy Star logo. Consumers without Internet access may call 1-877-379-7323. The application and the telephone line will be activated Tuesday morning, June 1.

North Carolina received \$8.8 million through the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to participate in the Energy Star program. During the program's first phase, which ran from April 22 to April 25, about \$7 million or 87 percent of the money was spent on the purchase of more than 54,400 appliances, leaving approximately \$1 million for this second phase.

In the second phase, rebates will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and continue until the funds are exhausted. To be eligible for the rebate, consumers must be replacing older appliances with a new Energy Star appliance and must provide information required by the U.S. Department of Energy. That information will include: name, address, telephone number and electricity provider. In addition, people seeking rebates will need to provide the date the appliance was purchased, product price, name and location of the retailer, the type of product, the manufacturer and the model number.

Those applying online will receive a confirmation page which should be printed out, signed and mailed to the listed address, along with a copy of the sales receipt. That information must be sent within 15 days of applying for the rebate. Consumers applying for rebates by telephone will be mailed the confirmation sheet and must return it by the listed date. Rebates will be sent in the form of a prepaid debit card that can be used toward purchases at stores that accept debit cards.

A chart listing appliances, Energy Star criteria and rebates appears below.

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Phase 2 Energy Star Appliance Criteria & Rebates

APPLIANCE	ENERGY STAR CRITERIA	REBATE AMOUNT
Central Air Conditioner	Split SEER of 14.5 or more and EER of 12 or more Single-package SEER of 14 or more and EER of 12 or more	\$300
Gas Furnace	AFUE 90% or greater	\$300
Heat Pumps	Air-Source split SEER of 14.5 or greater and EER of 12 or more Air-Source packaged SEER of 14 or greater and EER of 11 or more Ground-Source open loop EER of 16.2 or more Ground-Source closed loop EER of 14.1 or more Ground-Source DX EER of 15 or greater	\$300
Gas Storage Water Heater	Energy Factor 0.62 or more	\$200
Gas Tankless Water Heater	Energy Factor 0.82 or more	\$200
Solar Water Heater (electric back-up)	Solar Fraction 0.5 or greater	\$200
Solar Water Heater (gas back-up)	Solar Fraction 0.5 or greater	\$200
Refrigerator	Energy Star-rated	\$150
Clothes Washing Machine	Energy Star-rated	\$100
Dishwashing Machine	Energy Star-rated	\$75
Freezer	Energy Star-rated	\$75

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