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## Atlantic City Electric Encourages Customers to Take Advantage of Helpful Energy Assistance Programs August Declared LIHEAP Action Month

MAYS LANDING, N.J. (August 9, 2016) – The National Energy and Utility Affordability Coalition (NEUAC) has declared August as Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Action Month. Atlantic City Electric reminds customers about numerous options to apply for energy assistance including LIHEAP, which provides critical home heating and cooling assistance to those who qualify.

LIHEAP, administered by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, is a federally funded program that assists low-income households – both homeowners and renters – with their energy bills. While many people associate LIHEAP with heating costs, assistance is also provided for an emergency crisis and medically necessary cooling costs.

"In New Jersey, we are fortunate to have a wide range of programs that offer our customers financial assistance with their electric bills," said Vince Maione, Atlantic City Electric region president. "We thank the legislators for their continued support of these critical programs and encourage residents of South Jersey to use the financial assistance available to them."

Customers can apply starting Oct. 1 through April 30, 2017, through a network of local agencies. For more information or to apply for LIHEAP assistance, call 800-510-3102 or visit energyassistance.nj.gov.

In addition to LIHEAP, customers can also take advantage of the Universal Service Fund (USF) which helps ensure energy bills are more affordable for eligible low income customers. Call 1-800-510-3102 or visit energyassistance.nj.gov for details.

Moderate income energy assistance programs include:

• The Payment Assistance for Gas and Electric (PAGE) program provides relief on natural gas and electric bills for low to moderate-income New Jersey households that are experiencing a temporary financial crisis. For more information, call 1-855-465-8783 or visit nipoweron.org.

- The TRUE Grant program assists customers who are ineligible for low-income programs by providing up to \$750 toward their Atlantic City Electric bill. Visit <u>njpoweron.org</u> or call 1-855-465-8783 for more information.
- New Jersey SHARES is a nonprofit corporation that provides assistance to income eligible New Jersey households with energy, telephone and water bills. Visit <u>njshares.org</u> or call 1-866-657-4273 for details.

In addition, senior citizens and disabled adults can take advantage of Lifeline, a utility assistance program that offers \$225 to persons who meet certain income guidelines. This benefit includes utility customers as well as tenants whose utility bills are included in their rent. For more information about Lifeline, call 1-800-792-9745.

Customers can also contact Atlantic City Electric's Customer Care Center at 1-800-642-3780 and ask about Budget Billing or register for *My Account*, a web-based interactive tool that provides customers with a detailed analysis of their specific electric use and offers ways to save energy and save money on their monthly energy bill.

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