

## **TUTUNJIAN SUPPORTS “APPLIANCE SWAP OUT”**

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(Troy – February 11, 2010) Mayor Harry Tutunjian highlighted the beginning of the state’s “Great Appliance Swap Out”, which is a stimulus-funded program run by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). This is a nationwide program designed to incentivize the purchase of Energy Star-rated products, by providing consumers rebates for purchasing new energy efficient appliances and swapping out their old ones.

“Simple changes in your energy consumption, like using fluorescent light bulbs, can make a huge difference. Upgrading to a newer, energy efficient appliance is a great way to save money on a family’s utility bills,” said Mayor Tutunjian. “Now is a great time to take advantage of the state’s rebates for refrigerators, stoves, and other costly appliances to save you some money and help the environment.”

President and CEO of NYSERDA Francis J. Murray said “New Yorkers have an unprecedented opportunity to save money on energy efficient appliances that could save them hundreds of dollars a year in energy costs. I encourage New Yorkers to take advantage of this opportunity and to help New York achieve the ambitious energy efficiency goals that Governor Paterson has set for us.”

The program will include rebates on individual Energy Star appliances as described in Option 1 below:

- Refrigerators: \$75 or \$105 with documented recycling
- Clothes washers: \$75 or \$100 with documented recycling
- Freezers: \$50 or \$75 with documented recycling

Option 2 outlined below is for rebates on bundles of three Energy Star appliances:

- Refrigerators: \$200 or \$225 with documented recycling
- Clothes washers: \$200 or \$215 with documented recycling
- Dishwashers: \$100 or \$115 with documented recycling

Rebates are only available for dishwashers when purchased as a bundle with at least 2 other energy efficient-rated appliances. The guidelines for the program include:

- Consumers must be New York State residents;
- Replacement appliances must meet specified ENERGY STAR standards;
- Replacement appliances must be for individual residences;
- Consumers must submit in writing that purchased appliances are replacing existing appliances; and
- Proof of recycling of the replaced appliance must be submitted to NYSERDA.

Rebate forms will be available at [www.NYApplianceSwapOut.com](http://www.NYApplianceSwapOut.com) or through NYSERDA’s hotline at 1-877-NY-SMART starting on February 12, 2010. More information is also available by visiting [www.GetEnergySmart.org](http://www.GetEnergySmart.org).

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