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**Additional rebates available for FEMA-registered homeowners**

MINOT – Flood-affected homeowners received good news today when the N.D. Department of Commerce and local utilities announced that FEMA-registered homeowners could qualify for increased rebate amounts for energy efficient equipment such as furnaces, water heaters and air conditioners.

“We were pleased that the Department of Energy approved our recommendation to direct available stimulus funds to help flood-affected customers replace damaged equipment with energy efficient models,” said Alan Anderson, commissioner of the North Dakota Department of Commerce. “These extra rebates will help make it more affordable for homeowners to choose efficient furnaces, water heaters and air conditioners. And, they’ll benefit for many years to come from the energy savings.”

North Dakota utilities began offering rebates last June for a variety of energy efficient equipment made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in partnership with the North Dakota Department of Commerce. Now, each customer who submits their FEMA letter with their rebate form is eligible to receive an additional rebate as indicated below:

<b>Equipment</b>	<b>ARRA Standard Rebate</b>	<b>Additional Rebate for FEMA-registered homeowner</b>	<b>Maximum Available</b> <i>(Based on type of equipment &amp; efficiency)</i>
Central Air Conditioner	\$100 or \$200 per ton	\$400	\$1,500
Air Source Heat Pump	\$200 or \$400 per ton	\$400	\$2,600
Geothermal Heat Pump	\$600 per ton	\$400	\$3,700
Natural Gas Boiler or Furnace	\$200 or \$400	\$400	\$800
Natural Gas Water Heater	\$50-\$250	\$100	\$350

To determine which equipment qualifies for the rebates, homeowners are encouraged to request information from a heating and air conditioning contractor or contact their utility company:

Montana Dakota Utilities Co.	<a href="http://www.montana-dakota.com">www.montana-dakota.com</a>	1-800-638-3278
Xcel Energy	<a href="http://www.xcelenergy.com">www.xcelenergy.com</a>	1-800-895-4999
Verendrye Electric Cooperative	<a href="http://www.verendrye.com">www.verendrye.com</a>	1-800-472-2141

Energy efficient rebates are also available to businesses. Customers should check with their utility regarding the specific programs offered. Each business can qualify for up to \$15,000 in rebates.

Rebates will be available on a first come, first served basis until the funding is depleted or until December 31, 2011. Applications must be received by a customer's utility company by January 31, 2012 in order to receive the rebate.

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