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WEST DEPTFORD, NJ— Today the New Jersey Energy Coalition, the state's leading energy advocacy organization, applauded the groundbreaking of the LS Power facility.

"This project is a win for the state, jobseekers, and most importantly electricity consumers," said Bob Marshall, Executive Director of the Coalition.

"The LS Power project demonstrates that New Jersey promotes an atmosphere for the competitive power market. This facility is a significant success because it pulled together a variety of interested parties for a common goal."

The natural gas-fueled electric power plant will provide an estimated 650 jobs over the course of construction. The facility will provide over \$100 million in taxes with most of it staying locally. It will generate enough electricity to power more than 700,000 homes in the region.

The Coalition increases awareness of the need to develop new affordable clean generation sources, create sustainable job growth through the energy industry, and maintain a suitable infrastructure for delivering energy needs to our citizens. The partnership of LS Power, Gloucester County and West Deptford Township serves as a model to other areas of the State. The LS Power groundbreaking and subsequent construction is an example of the energy sector putting New Jerseyans to work.

The membership of the New Jersey Energy Coalition includes statewide and local leaders and organizations representing the environmental, business, health care, labor, trade, consumer, academic, and civic communities. Its focus is to provide education and outreach that stresses the need for a broad energy platform in New Jersey.

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The mission of the NJ Energy Coalition is to generate public support for the production and delivery of affordable, clean, reliable, American energy to help meet New Jersey's growing energy needs. The Coalition seeks to achieve this goal through increasing the public's awareness of the need to keep existing clean energy providers operational, to develop new affordable clean sources of in-state generation and to maintain a suitable transmission and distribution infrastructure for delivering electricity to our citizens.

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