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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **JUST ENERGY GROUP INC. ANNOUNCES \$105 MILLION INVESTMENT BY CPPIB CREDIT INVESTMENTS INC.**

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TORONTO, ONTARIO – December 12, 2012 - - Just Energy Group Inc. (“Just Energy” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that it has closed an investment with CPPIB Credit Investments Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Canada Pension Plan Investment Board ("CPPIB"). The investment is in the form of C\$105 million of unsecured, five and a half year term notes with a 9.75% coupon (the "Notes"), issued pursuant to a trust indenture with Computershare Trust Company of Canada (the "Indenture").

Just Energy intends to use the net proceeds from the financing to reduce its drawings on its working capital line, fund future growth and for general corporate purposes. CIBC World Markets Inc. and National Bank Financial Inc. acted as agents on the transaction.

The key terms of the Notes are as follows:

Principal:	C\$105 million investment
Coupon:	9.75%
Pricing:	Issued at par
Ranking:	Senior unsecured indebtedness
Term:	Five and a half years
Prepayment:	Make whole and change of control provisions as described in the Indenture
Covenants:	Certain customary covenants with respect to additional debt incurrence, dividends, asset sales and other usual covenants to be set forth in the Indenture

Rebecca MacDonald, Executive Chair of Just Energy, said: “We are pleased to have completed this financing with CPPIB, a leading global institutional investor. Their thorough professionalism made this a straightforward transaction during a time of volatile markets.”

Ken Hartwick, Chief Executive Officer, added: “This financing is important to Just Energy because it provides the capital necessary to fund our growth and support near term refinancing requirements. We will continue to assess our capital needs to ensure that a stable, long term funding model remains in place.”

## **About Just Energy Group Inc.**

Established in 1997, Just Energy is primarily a competitive retailer of natural gas and electricity. With offices located across the United States, Canada and, commencing in July 2012, the United Kingdom, Just Energy serves close to 2 million residential and commercial customers through a wide range of energy programs and home comfort services, including fixed-price or price-protected energy program contracts, the rental of water heaters, furnaces and air conditioners and the installation of solar panels. The Company's JustGreen<sup>®</sup> products provide consumers with the ability to help them reduce the environmental impact of their everyday energy use. Just Energy is the parent to Amigo Energy, Commerce Energy, Hudson Energy, Hudson Energy Solar, National Home Services, Momentis, Tara Energy and Terra Grain Fuels.

## **About CPPIB Credit Investments Inc.:**

CPPIB Credit Investments Inc. is a multi-faceted global credit investment provider wholly owned by Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB). Since its inception, the group has invested approximately C\$10 billion of capital and currently holds approximately C\$4 billion of credit investments. With investments in the Americas, Europe and Asia, the team is focused on providing debt financing across the entire capital structure including term loans, high-yield bonds, mezzanine lending and other solutions for corporations.

CPPIB is a professional investment management organization that invests the funds not needed by the Canada Pension Plan ("CPP") to pay current benefits on behalf of 18 million Canadian contributors and beneficiaries. In order to build a diversified portfolio of CPP assets, CPPIB invests in public equities, private equities, real estate, inflation-linked bonds, infrastructure and fixed income instruments. Headquartered in Toronto, with offices in London and Hong Kong, CPPIB is governed and managed independently of the Canada Pension Plan and at arm's length from governments. At September 30, 2012, the CPP Fund totaled \$170.1 billion. For more information about CPPIB, please visit [www.cppib.ca](http://www.cppib.ca)

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authorities which can be accessed through the SEDAR website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com), on the U.S. Securities Exchange Commission's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or through Just Energy's website at [www.justenergygroup.com](http://www.justenergygroup.com).

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*Neither the Toronto Stock Exchange or the New York Stock Exchange has approved nor disapproved of the information contained herein.*

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