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THREE STATER BROS. SUPERMARKETS EARN AWARDS FROM U.S. GOVERNEMENT FOR THEIR EARTH FRIENDLY REFRIGERATION SYSTEMS

Stater Bros. at 14425 Moreno Beach Drive in Moreno Valley (Riverside County)

Stater Bros. at 67-800 Vista Chino in Cathedral City (Riverside County)

Stater Bros. at 2687 Gateway Road in Carlsbad (San Diego County)

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA (MAY 2, 2011) – Stater Bros. is pleased to announce that three of the company's newest Supermarkets have earned the prestigious EPA GreenChill Award for meeting tough standards and using refrigerants that do not harm the earth's ozone layer.

Each of these "Blue Ribbon" Stater Bros. Supermarkets has earned the Gold Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) GreenChill Partnership for helping the economy and the environment. The Gold Certificate is the second highest award from GreenChill, and Stater Bros. is the only Southern California grocer to have three stores that are certified at the Gold Level.

"Stater Bros. is very proud to receive these awards from the EPA's GreenChill Partnership," stated Jack H. Brown, Stater Bros. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "We are happy to be doing our part to protect our Planet Earth, and we are especially pleased that the EPA has recognized our environmental achievements."

Other organizations that have recognized Stater Bros. for its commitment to our environment include the California State Parks Foundation. In January 2011, the California State Parks Foundation presented Stater Bros. and Coca Cola Refreshments with the "Golden Poppy Award" in recognition of the unique public-private partnership between Stater Bros., Coca Cola Refreshments and California State Parks that for the last three years has raised much needed funds to preserve the state's parks.

In addition, on Earth Day 2009, Stater Bros. introduced a "Green Waste" Composting Program in all its 167 Supermarket locations to turn organic waste into compost that is sold to area farmers. For this environmentally friendly program along with the Company's many other recycling efforts, Stater Bros. was recognized as a 2010 WRAP (Waste Reduction Awards Program) Winner by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

About EPA's GreenChill Partnership

EPA's GreenChill Partnership works with supermarkets to reduce refrigerant emissions and decrease their impact on the ozone layer and climate change. The Partnership provides information and assistance to help supermarkets transition to environmentally-friendlier refrigerants; reduce harmful refrigerant emissions; and adopt green refrigeration technologies, strategies and practices. For more information on EPA's GreenChill Partnership, including its store certification program, please visit www.epa.gov/greenchill.

About Stater Bros. Supermarkets

Stater Bros. was founded in 1936 in Yucaipa, California, and has grown steadily through the years to become the largest privately owned Supermarket Chain in Southern California and the largest private employer in both San Bernardino County and Riverside County, with annual sales in 2010 of \$3.6 billion. The Company currently operates 167 Supermarkets, and there are over 18,000 members of the Stater Bros. Supermarket Family. Throughout the year 2011, Stater Bros. will be celebrating 75 years of proudly serving Southern California Families.

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