

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

LOCAL FINANCE BOARD

Notice of Action on Petition for Rulemaking

Electronic Disbursement Controls for Payment Purposes

N.J.A.C. 5:30-17

Petitioner: Mr. Anthony Cancro, Business Administrator, Plainsboro Township, New Jersey.

Take notice that on July 2, 2015, the Local Finance Board received a petition for rulemaking from the above petitioner requesting that the Board amend N.J.A.C. 5:30-17 to permit local units to utilize third party payment systems for energy and utility bills. A notice acknowledging receipt of the petition and summarizing its contents was published in the August 3, 2015, New Jersey Register at 47 N.J.R. 2004(b).

Take further notice that the above-referenced petition was considered by the Local Finance Board at its public meeting on August 13, 2015. At that time, the Board determined to refer the matter to Division of Local Government Services staff for further deliberation and recommendation on further action, pursuant to the time period set forth in N.J.A.C. 1:30-4.2(a)3. A notice of Board action on the petition was published in the September 21, 2015, New Jersey Register at 47 N.J.R. 2395(a).

Take further notice that Division of Local Government Services staff recommended that the Board find the rulemaking petition meritorious, and further recommended that the Board promulgate amendments to N.J.A.C. 5:30-17 necessary to expressly

authorize local units to utilize energy third party payment systems for energy and utility bills. At its December 9, 2015, meeting, the Local Finance Board upon due consideration determined that the rulemaking petition has merit, and further directed Division of Local Government Services staff to craft appropriate rule amendments to be considered by the Board for proposal and solicitation of public comment. As such, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:30-4.2(a)3, the Board has 90 days from November 11, 2015, (the close of the deliberation period) to promulgate proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 5:30-17; however, petitioner has agreed to extend this deadline by an additional 45 days pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:30-4.2(b).

A copy of this public notice has been mailed to the petitioner.