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#### FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 9739-14 D.M.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA557486 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals the Respondent Agency's allegedly delayed determination of her application for Emergency Assistance ("EA") in the form of Temporary Rental Assistance. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On August 7, 2014, the Honorable Tiffany Williams, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, admitted documents and issued an Initial Decision which directed the Agency to process Petitioner's EA application within five days.

Neither party submitted exceptions.

As Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I independently reviewed the record and hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision.

Petitioner receives Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA").

Petitioner applied for EA sometime in June 2014 after her rent was three months in arrears. N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.1(a)(1)(ii). Petitioner contends the Agency has unreasonably delayed determination of her application. N.J.A.C. 10:90-9.10. There is sufficient credible evidence to support the ALJ's findings that Petitioner has "rendered all necessary paperwork" and the Agency's delay in processing the application is "unwarranted and without excuse" leaving Petitioner in a precarious situation facing possible eviction.

For the foregoing reasons, I ADOPT the Initial Decision.

**AUG 19 2014**

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Jeanette Page-Hawkins  
Director