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STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 16637-15 L.S.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C289676 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of her application for an extension of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits in the form of Temporary Rental Assistance ("TRA"). The Agency denied Petitioner EA benefits because it determined that she had exhausted her lifetime limit of EA, and all available extensions. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On December 8, 2015, the Honorable Richard McGill, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents. On December 10, 2015, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its denial of an extension of EA benefits to Petitioner. Therefore, as the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the Agency to provide Petitioner with EA benefits, and further, I find that this matter has now been rendered moot, and I therefore, DISMISS Petitioner's appeal.

Accordingly, Petitioner's appeal now being deemed moot, the matter is hereby DISMISSED.

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Natasha Johnson
Director