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-- IMPORTANT NOTICE --

An important change has occurred in the application process for the Board of Public Utilities' programs for commercial and industrial customers.

Effective January 28, 2008, a new state law (P.L. 2007, c. 101) will go into effect. **It will require that businesses must apply for and receive a Tax Clearance Certificate** from the Director of the New Jersey Division of Taxation before they can receive any rebate, grant or other financial assistance (including services such as energy audits, design support or technical assistance) from any of the programs we administer. The intent of this law is to ensure that businesses receiving taxpayer or ratepayer dollars through these programs are themselves in full compliance with their state tax obligations and don't have any outstanding delinquencies or deficiencies.

Our goal at the Board of Public Utilities is to make this new requirement as simple and seamless as possible for businesses by incorporating the Tax Clearance Certificate into our standard application process. **We are currently revising both the printed and online versions of our application forms to reflect the need to file an accompanying Application for Tax Clearance when a business applies to any program.** We will have the Application for Tax Clearance in an electronic format on our website and will include a printed version in all of our program kits.

As an added convenience, the Application for Tax Clearance may be sent along with the program application to our program manager, rather than mailed separately to the Division of Taxation. Our program manager will see to it that the Application for Tax Clearance is properly filed and will request notification when the Certificate of Tax Clearance is issued. This will help us expedite the delivery of the program rebate, grant or service. We do not expect that the requirement for a Certificate of Tax Clearance will result in any undue delays to our programs.

If you have any questions about the effect of this new requirement on our programs, please contact Ron Reisman of our Office of the Business Energy Ombudsperson at 973-648-3908 or ronald.reisman@bpu.state.nj.us.