

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

LOCAL FINANCE BOARD

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking

Electronic Disbursement Controls for Payment Purposes

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

Petitioner: Mr. Anthony Cancro, Business Administrator, Springfield Township (Union County), 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.

Petitioner states that the above-referenced amendment would provide significant value to local units as it simplifies local unit billing and payment processing, easing the burden on handling and processing multiple monthly vouchers and checks. The Division of Purchase and Property in the New Jersey Department of Treasury has awarded a contract (State Contract T-2605) for such services that local units are expressly permitted to utilize, and a number of local units in fact do so. According to the petitioner, the proposed rule amendment is necessary to expressly permit the use of such third-party services for energy and utility billing, or in the alternate clarifying guidance from the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs that same is statutorily permitted.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 1:30-4.2, the Board shall subsequently mail to the petitioner, and file with the Office of Administrative Law, a notice of action on the petition.

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