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Deadline for Homestead and Senior Freeze Applications Extended to November 7

TRENTON – State Treasurer Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff today extended the deadline for this year’s Homestead Benefit and Senior Freeze applications by one week to November 7.

“Governor Christie has approved the new deadline for these property tax relief programs because of Saturday’s rare October snowstorm,” Sidamon-Eristoff said. “New Jerseyans who lost power or can’t travel safely will get the extra time they need to file.”

The old deadline was today, Oct. 31. Homeowners who have not yet filed for the Homestead Benefit can do so either online at www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ or by phone at 1-877- 658-2972. Automated application is possible 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Residents who do not have an application or who need assistance can call the Homestead Benefit Hotline toll free at 1-888-238-1233 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. To be eligible for the Homestead Benefit, a resident must have owned and occupied a home in New Jersey as a principal residence as of October 1, 2010. In addition, property taxes must have been paid on the home during 2010. Those aged 65 or older or who are blind or disabled must have earned \$150,000 or less for 2010, and \$75,000 or less for 2010 if they were under age 65 and not blind or disabled.

Applicants and potential applicants to the Senior Freeze program can call 1-800-882-6597 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays to speak to a Taxation representative, get information on the status of a reimbursement check or request an application.

Information about the Homestead Benefit and Senior Freeze Programs, as well as other New Jersey property tax relief programs, is available on the Division of Taxation’s Web site at www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/relief.shtml. Residents who need information and filing assistance may also visit one of the Division of Taxation’s Regional Offices located throughout the State. Directions to the offices are available on the Division’s Web site at: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ot1.shtml