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**TITLE 50 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL
GOVERNMENT FINANCE**

LSA Document #03-6

October 9, 2003

The Honorable Jerry Denbo, Chair
Administrative Rules Oversight Committee

Re: Notice of Delay in Adoption of Rule providing for a uniform approval of both a mileage and per diem allowance rates that any new assessing official or county assessor who attends the required new official training -- LSA Document #03-6

Dear Representative Denbo:

Notice of Delay

This is to notify you that pursuant to IC 4-22-2-25, the Department of Local Government Finance has determined that it may not be able to adopt, and obtain the Governor's approval of, the proposed rule providing for both mileage and a per diem allowance for any new assessing official or county assessor attending the required new official training pursuant to Indiana Code §6-1.1-35.2-2 (LSA Document #03-6) within one (1) year of the date of the notice of intent to adopt the rule as published under IC 4-22-2-23.

Reasons for Delay

This rule requires the Department of Local Government Finance to prescribe both a mileage and per diem allowance for new assessing official or county assessor. The Department as well as the counties have given all their attention to the 2002 statewide general reassessment trying to complete the process as efficiently as possible. The Department has also been extremely busy with Lake County and have just had the Form 11s sent out for one of the townships last week. Additionally, the Department has been dealing with the counties that have still not submitted their equalization studies.

Expected Adoption Date

The Department of Local Government Finance expects to forward a proposed rule to LSA of Document #03-6 in the near future. It is anticipated that we will be able to adopt the rule and obtain the Governor's approval sometime in the middle of 2004.

Because the stated "expected date" will control the validity of the rule, we present this notice and state that we now expect to adopt and obtain the Governor's approval of the rules governing the mileage and per diem allowance rates for new assessing officials (LSA Doc. #03-6), before June 30, 2004.

Your understanding of these circumstances is greatly appreciated. If you need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me at 233-4361. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Appeals Manager

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