TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: 1994-95 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A - Public Hearing Registration Form - available on-line
Attachment B - Public Notice - available on-line

This is to advise you that the New York State Department of Social Services will be conducting three public hearings on the proposed 1994-95 Home Energy Assistance Program State Plan.

The hearings have been scheduled as follows:

  Albany, Wednesday, September 21, 1994 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 7th Floor Conference Room, 40 North Pearl Street.

  Buffalo, Thursday, September 22, 1994 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Mahoney State Office Building, Hearing Room, Part I, 65 Court Street.

  New York City, Friday, September 23, 1994 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 80 Maiden Lane, Room 603B.

A copy of the proposed plan will be provided to your district shortly.

We want to encourage local districts to take this opportunity to provide input on the proposed plan for the 1994-95 program.

Attached is a registration form for the hearing and a copy of the public notice which will appear in newspapers statewide and in the NYS Register on September 12 and 14, 1994, respectively.
Written comments are also encouraged and will be accepted through September 30, 1994. Comments should be addressed to:

John C. Fredericks
Director, Bureau of Energy Programs
New York State Department of Social Services
40 North Pearl Street 7D
Albany, NY 12243

If you have any questions, please contact your NYSDSS Bureau of Energy Programs' liaison at 1-800-343-8859, ext. 4-9321.

Oscar R. Best, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner
Division of Economic Security
New York State Department of Social Services
PUBLIC HEARINGS
TO
PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON THE PROPOSED
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Persons wishing to present their views at the hearing are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible and mail to:

Mr. John C. Fredericks, Director  Telephone: 1-800-342-3009
Energy Bureau  Extension 4-9321
New York State Department of Energy Bureau  or
Social Services  (518) 474-9321
40 North Pearl Street
7th Floor, Section D
Albany, New York 12243

To assure your pre-registration, please respond three days prior to the scheduled hearing date, or call the above number if you have any questions.

I plan to attend the public hearing and I plan to make a public statement at the hearing. I will limit my statement to a maximum of five minutes and I will provide three copies of my prepared statement.

NOTE: There will not be any photocopying facilities available at the hearing.

STATEMENTS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED NEW YORK STATE PLAN FOR THE 1994-95 HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP) ONLY.

NAME _____________________________________________________________

TELEPHONE __________________________________________________________

TITLE ________________________________________________________________

AFFILIATION _________________________________________________________

ADDRESS ____________________________________________________________

HEARING I WILL ATTEND (please check):

Albany _______ Buffalo _______ New York City _______
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

1994-95 Home Energy Assistance Program

Proposed State Plan

In accordance with the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, the State of New York is making available for public review and comment the 1994-95 proposed Home Energy Assistance Program State Plan.

REVIEWING OR OBTAINING THE PROPOSED STATE PLAN: The 1994-95 proposed State Plan will be available for inspection at local department of social services' offices. Copies of the proposed State Plan may be requested by calling, toll-free, 1-800-342-3009, extension 4-9321 or by writing to the Bureau of Energy Programs, New York State Department of Social Services, 40 North Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12243.

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Individuals/organizations wishing to present their views at these hearings should register by calling 1-800-342-3009, extension 4-9321. Persons who have pre-registered will be called upon to speak first. Others will be called in the order in which they register.

Testimony is limited to five minutes. Speakers must submit three (3) written copies of their statements.

There will be no photocopying facilities available at this hearing.

WRITTEN COMMENTS: Written comments on the proposed plan will be accepted no later than September 30, 1994 and should be addressed to: John C. Fredericks, Director, Bureau of Energy Programs, New York State Department of Social Services, 40 N. Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12243. Written comments received by the Department will be available for public inspection.