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Subject: Two Issues

LEAGUE ALERT

Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.

January 14, 2010

**Re: I Court Grants League Status In
Telecommunications Tax Case**

**Re: II UPDATED SPEAKER - League Professional
Development Seminar
"Health Benefits Negotiations Primer"**

Re: I. Court Grants League Status In Telecommunications Tax Case

Dear Mayor:

New Jersey Tax Court Judge Gail Menyuk has granted our motion to appear as *amicus*, in the case of Verizon – New Jersey, Inc. versus Borough of Hopewell. We had advised you of our application to the Court in our letter of December 2, 2009. (<http://www.njslom.org/ml120209-verizon.html>)

This case will test Verizon's claimed exemption from local business personal property taxes, in those municipalities where it claims to no longer supply dial tone to a majority of the telephone market.

In granting our motion to appear as a 'friend of the Court,' Judge Menyuk acknowledged the League's identity as the representative of municipalities throughout the state, and found that the issues in this case are of public importance in terms of both revenue and the constitutional validity of the BPPT statute. She further found that the League's motion was timely, that no party would be unduly prejudiced by its participation, and that the League will assist the Court in addressing the far reaching effects of the Court's decision. Finally, she stated that the League's participation will be helpful because the League has a broader point of view than a single municipality.

Verizon's brief in response to Hopewell's motion for partial summary judgment is due March

1. The Court has scheduled a conference call on March 4, to discuss when additional briefs are to be filed.

We commend and thank the League's Special Utility Counsel, Joel L. Shain, Esq., for his guidance and advocacy on this. We will keep you posted of further developments. If you have any questions, contact Jon Moran at 609-695-3481, ext. 121.

Very truly yours,

Hon Brian Wahler
Mayor, Piscataway
Member, League Executive Board
Chair, League Telecommunications Taxation Task Force

William G. Dressel, Jr.
Executive Director

Re: II. UPDATED SPEAKER - League Professional Development Seminar

"Health Benefits Negotiations Primer"
Cherry Hill Library, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
Tuesday, March 9, 2010
9:30am-1:30pm

This seminar will cover the basics involved in health care plan design and negotiations with bargaining units. Topics to be discussed include the relative effectiveness of a wide range of health plan design and the negotiation strategies to put these designs in place.

9:30a.m.-10:00a.m. Registration, networking and continental breakfast

Presiding Mayor:

Mayor Chuck Chiarello, Mayor Buena Vista Township, 1st Vice President, New Jersey State League of Municipalities

10:00a.m.-11:00a.m. Plan design and the relative effectiveness of various options

Presenter: Joseph DiBella, Executive Vice President, Health Benefits, PERMA

Presenter: Christopher Lowry, Sales and Marketing, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield

Presenter: Brian Kronick, Esq., League Labor Relations Counsel; Genova, Burns & Vernoia

11:00a.m. -11:15a.m. -Break

11:15a.m.-12:15 a.m. Negotiating strategies and

Presenter: Thomas Gannon, Esq, Hering, Gannon & McKenna

12:15a.m.-1:15p.m Budget Implications

Presenter: Marc H. Pfeiffer, Deputy Director, Division of Local Government Services

REGISTRATION FEE: Member Rate:\$55.00* Non-Member: \$75.00

*Member rate applies to: Municipalities, State, County, and Municipal Utilities & Authorities.

To register:

- Visit www.njslom.org and click on *Services*
- Select *Calendar of Events*, Go to the date you are attending
- Download registration form, complete and fax it with your voucher to (609) 695-0151

Questions about registering – contact Suzanne Delany SDelany@njslom.com or 609-695-3481 ext. 111.

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