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**TITLE 50 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL
GOVERNMENT FINANCE**

NOTE: Under IC 6-1.1-31-1, the name of the State Board of Tax Commissioners is changed to Department of Local Government Finance, effective January 1, 2002.

LSA Document #02-83

December 5, 2002

The Honorable Luke Kenley, Chair
Administrative Rules Oversight Committee

Re: Notice of Delay in Adoption of Rules Governing standards for computer systems used in Indiana counties for the administration of the property tax assessment process LSA Document #02-83

Dear Senator Kenley:

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 governing computer specification standards and for the certification of computer operating systems; computer software, software providers, computer service providers and computer equipment providers IC 6-1.1-31. (LSA Document #02-83) within one (1) year of the date of notice of intent to adopt the rule as published under IC 4-22-2-23.

Reasons for Delay

The proposed rule will provide for prompt updating of assessment data and standards for the administration of information contained in the sales disclosure forms as well as provide requirements for compiling and reporting information necessary to carry out the administration of the property tax assessment laws. The department did publish a non-rule policy document detailing certain standards that the local officials were asked to adhere to like the need for a standard parceling system, but to date is still receiving feedback from assessing officials and software vendors. A Notice of Intent was published in the Indiana Register April 1, 2002, and the department is in the process on drafting a proposed rule.

Expected Adoption Date

The Department of Local Government Finance expects to forward the promulgation of LSA Document #02-83 as quickly and efficiently as possible. It is anticipated that we will be able to adopt the rule and obtain the Governor's approval, before November 1, 2003. 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 computer specification (LSA Doc. #02-83), before November 1, 2003.

Your understanding of these circumstances is greatly appreciated. If you need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me at 232-5895. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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