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Dear Tax Tribunal Practitioners:

A public hearing to take comments on the Tribunal's proposed revisions to its Rules of Practice and Procedure is scheduled to commence in the Tribunal's Lansing office on Wednesday, July 22, 2009, at 10:00 am. The proposed revisions have been reviewed and approved by the State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules and address recent statutory changes to the Tax Tribunal Act, facilitate processing of appeals, and implement a new fee structure designed to achieve the goal of self-funding. The proposed revisions are attached to this Listserve and are posted on the Tribunal's website. If you do not want to attend the hearing but would like to submit written comments regarding the proposed revisions, please submit these comments to the Tribunal on or before July 24, 2009, to the attention of Marijo Wakley at wakleym1@michigan.gov.

The July 31st deadline for filing certain property valuation appeals is approaching. The Tribunal is unable to accept appeals via facsimile; therefore, we will be disconnecting our fax machine at the close of business on July 30, 2009, and reconnecting it as of the opening of business on August 3, 2009. This brief interlude will allow the Tribunal to dedicate its efforts to processing new appeals. The Tribunal wishes to remind parties that no document is accepted as filed by fax or by e-mail, other than emergency motions to adjourn upcoming hearings, which must be followed by a hard copy with appropriate fee. Additionally, all appeals are required to be submitted by mail or designated delivery service, as provided by MCL 205.735a. See also Tribunal Notice 2008-9.

The Tribunal is pleased to announce that Cynthia Knoll has been appointed to replace Susan Grimes Width as the Tribunal's CPA member. The Tribunal extends its sincere gratitude to Judge Susan Width and wishes her the very best in her new endeavors.

Finally, as a reminder, the State of Michigan, through Executive Order 2009-22, has required that state employees take six unpaid furlough days. The remaining furlough days are: Friday, July 24; Friday, August 7; Friday, August 21; and Friday, September 4. Given this, the Tribunal will be closed on those days.

If you have colleagues or acquaintances that would benefit from keeping up-to-date with Tribunal developments, simply have them send an e-mail message to Marijo Wakley at wakleym1@michigan.gov with "SUBSCRIBE" in the subject line. To unsubscribe, simply reply to this e-mail with the word "UNSUBSCRIBE" in the subject line.

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