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Friday, June 30, 2006

To: Mark Diefendorf
From: Kathy D’Arminio
Re: Time Accruals due to Flood Disaster

First, I would like to thank DDD/OTDA through GOER for approving the EXA for the time that our members were asked to vacate the Glendale facility, Wednesday, June 28th. I am asking DDD/OTDA to **request from GOER a waiver of the attendance rules** to allow the other employees to receive EXA, as they were unable to come to work. These employees were not able to find a way to work due to flooding and road closures. Some of our members were instructed by law enforcement to return home.

Around 12:30 PM Wednesday, June 28th, Governor Pataki was on our local news visiting the Broome County area. Governor Pataki announced that he declared a **state disaster emergency** for nine counties, including Broome, Chenango, Delaware and Tioga counties. He stated that the “County Executive has announced No unnecessary travel – no travel going to work unless essential services should be undertaken”. Our members are **NOT** considered essential employees.

What I would like to see is an immediate resolution regarding this matter and **not** for it to be tied up in **grievances for months**. I would find this **unconscionable** for the Governor’s office **not** to take **immediate action** on this matter.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Cc President Roger Benson
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Paul West
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Robert Carrothers
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