

## CHAPTER 34

COMMERCIAL RECORDING-PUBLICATION OF  
BULK ACCESS FEE SCHEDULES

## Authority

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56:1-1 et seq. and 56:3-1 et seq.

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## Chapter Expiration Date

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1b, Chapter 34, Commercial Recording-Publication of Bulk Access Fee Schedules, expires on December 4, 2015. See: 43 N.J.R. 1203(a).

## Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 34, Nonpublic Records: Registered Bondholder Listing, was adopted as R.1991 d.219, effective May 6, 1991. See: 23 N.J.R. 291(a), 23 N.J.R. 1421(c). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 34, Nonpublic Records: Registered Bondholder Listing, expired on May 6, 1996.

Chapter 34, Nonpublic Records: Registered Bondholder Listing, was adopted as R.1996 d.377, effective August 5, 1996. See: 28 N.J.R. 2835(a), 28 N.J.R. 3809(a). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 34, Nonpublic Records: Registered Bondholder Listing, expired on August 5, 2001.

Chapter 34, Commercial Recording-Publication of Bulk Access Fee Schedules, was adopted as new rules by R.2003 d.283, effective July 21, 2003. See: 35 N.J.R. 1524(a), 35 N.J.R. 3384(a).

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## SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

## 17:34-1.1 Purpose

(a) These rules outline the basic procedures for publishing fee schedules for bulk access to commercial recording records and reports maintained by the State's filing officer, the State Treasurer, and the designated filing office, the Business Support Services Bureau, Division of Revenue. The rules also set forth procedures for obtaining records in bulk from the Business Support Services Bureau and the specific circumstances under which direct cost alternatives may apply to bulk access requests.

(b) Generally, these rules are designed to foster greater understanding and awareness of this access option.

## 17:34-1.2 Definitions

For the purposes of these procedures, the definitions below apply.

"Bulk access" means access to and dissemination of records and reports from the State's commercial recording record systems in quantities of not less than 500 records or reports per request, in various formats including paper, magnetic and other digital media.

"Commercial recording record system" means any of the State's traditional commercial recording records systems including, but not limited to, the corporate/business entity, trade name, trade/service mark, Uniform Commercial Code, and collection agency bond systems.

"Filing office" means the Department of the Treasury, Division of Revenue, Business Support Services Bureau, which hereafter shall be cited as DOR/BSSB.

"Filing officer" means the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey.

"Record/report" means any filed document or information stored in one of the State's Commercial Recording systems.

SUBCHAPTER 2. PUBLISHING BULK ACCESS FEE  
SCHEDULES17:34-2.1 Procedure for publishing bulk access fee  
schedules

(a) The filing officer may publish fees schedules for bulk access to records maintained within the State's existing commercial recording record systems. Such schedules must contain line item numbers for each fee, the type of record or report associated with each line item, its informational content, the media on which the record or report will be provided, the manner in which the records/reports may be

selected (for example, filing date range, or filing number range), the per record/report fee amount and the statutory basis for the fee.

(b) DOR/BSSB shall publish any fee schedules for bulk access online at the Division of Revenue's Internet site ([www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue)). DOR/BSSB shall also provide paper copies of bulk access fee schedules upon receipt of written requests directed to the Division of Revenue's e-mail address ([info@revenue.state.nj.us](mailto:info@revenue.state.nj.us)) or sent via regular mail to PO Box 450, Trenton, NJ 08625.

### SUBCHAPTER 3. PROCEDURES FOR BULK ACCESS

#### 17:34-3.1 Procedure for obtaining commercial recording records/ reports in bulk

(a) Bulk access requests may be delivered to the DOR/BSSB through any of the means outlined below:

1. Personal delivery, at the DOR/BSSB's street address. The address is 225 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608, 3rd Floor;
2. Courier delivery, at the DOR/BSSB's street address. The address is 225 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608, 3rd Floor;
3. Postal service delivery, to the DOR/BSSB's mailing address. The address is PO Box 450, Trenton, New Jersey 08625; or
4. Electronic Mail. The e-mail address is [info@revenue.state.nj.us](mailto:info@revenue.state.nj.us).

#### 17:34-3.2 Request format and process

(a) Bulk access requests must clearly reference the line item from the applicable DOR/BSSB bulk access fee schedule, the type of record/report involved and the selection criteria (for example, filing date range or filing range number), the medium on which the records/reports should be returned to the requester and a return address. If the bulk request relates to a record/report format not currently listed on a bulk access fee schedule, the request must reference the record system involved and the specific type of information required, along with suggested selection criteria and output media designation.

(b) Upon receipt of a bulk access request, DOR/BSSB shall determine whether the request meets the criterion for bulk access (500 records/reports or more) and then determine the total cost of the request based on the volume of records/reports associated with the selection criteria and applicable per record/report fee. If the request is for records/reports not listed on an existing bulk fee schedule, DOR/BSSB will assess the informational content of the request, determine which existing access fee applies, and then calculate the total cost of the request. The filing officer must concur with the

DOR/BSSB's fee determination before work on the request may proceed.

(c) For requests that meet the bulk access criterion and that can be output to the requested medium, DOR/BSSB will write back to the requester indicating the total cost and estimated time frame for providing the requested records/reports. The requester may submit, via a method of delivery listed in this subchapter, a written authorization to proceed to DOR/BSSB, along with payment of the fee amount by one of the methods listed in this subchapter. Alternately, the requester may submit a modified access request by adjusting the selection criteria. Upon receipt of authorization and payment in full for a bulk request, DOR/BSSB will produce the requested records/reports and send them to the requester (to the requester's specified address), on the specified media.

(d) For requests that do not meet the bulk access criterion or that are otherwise not feasible to process due to technical limitations associated with output media or filing office processing capabilities, DOR/BSSB will advise the requester in writing, and specify the reasons that the bulk request cannot be fulfilled. In the same communication, DOR/BSSB shall advise the requester of any alternative methods for obtaining the requested records/reports.

(e) DOR/BSSB will add new line items to its bulk access fee schedules each time a new bulk request is fulfilled in accordance with the procedures set forth at N.J.A.C. 17:34-2.1.

(f) Bulk access requesters may pay for bulk access services by the following methods:

1. Checks. Personal, cashier's or certified checks made payable to the "Treasurer, State of New Jersey" are acceptable.

- i. Restrictions on the use of cashier's checks or certified checks. The DOR/BSSB may from time to time disallow the use of specific banks and financial institutions. Restrictions in this area must be for cause and such shall be communicated to the affected drawer and the drawer's bank or financial institution.

- ii. Restrictions on the use of personal checks. DOR/BSSB may require a requester to use cashier's checks or certified checks in place of personal checks. Restrictions in this area must be for cause and such shall be communicated to the affected party.

2. Prepaid account. A requester may open an account for prepayment of fees by submitting an application furnished by the DOR/BSSB. The minimum balance for a prepaid account is \$500.00. The DOR/BSSB shall issue an account number to be used by a requester who chooses to pay fees in advance. The DOR/BSSB shall deduct fees from the requester's prepaid account when DOR/BSSB performs a bulk access service. Upon written request to PO Box 455, Trenton, NJ 08625 (ATTN: Depository Ac-