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New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal
Office of Rent Administration
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May 27, 2009

Your letter to Gregory Fewer dated February 19, 2009 was directed to my office for a reply.

" In your letter, you request an advisory opinion concerning an owner's intention to replace the building's house phone/intercom system. You describe, the current system, the proposed new "PBX" system and cite a previous DHCR case, No. PG-430053-RT, which addressed a similar situation in another building.

The issue you raise is beyond the scope of this opinion letter process. It is recommended that the owner file the enclosed modification of services application prior to the commencement of the work. The tenants will be served with a copy of the application and their responses will be taken into consideration, prior to the issuance of an order.

Any arguments submitted by the owner or their authorized representative, as to how the subject proposal merits similar treatment as to the decision rendered in the previously referenced case, will be taken into consideration as well.

I trust this general information is of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bruce Falbo".

Bruce Falbo
Bureau Chief
Rent Information Bureau

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Enclosures