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Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.  
Acting Administrative Director of the Courts  
Rules Comments  
Hughes Justice Complex  
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Dear Judge Grant:

If I understand it correctly, this proposed rule change would mandate that Economic Mediators who need to make application for fees because the litigants do not make payment (per the Court's Order referring the matter) start an action in Law Division (Special Civil Part) to collect. This process is not only cumbersome and costly to the mediator, but it is onerous not only to the mediators but also to the court system. If the courts want to support this mediation program, there has to be an incentive to those who do this kind of work. The proposed rule change directly undermines the value of economic mediators to the courts, and is a disincentive to anyone wanting to do this kind of work.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

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