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Ms. Jacqueline Allen
Village of Coal City
515 S. Broadway
Coal City, IL 60416

RE: FOIA Pre-Approval Request – No. PAC2010005234

Dear Ms. Greiner and Ms. Allen:

The Office of the Public Access Counselor has received and reviewed the written notice from the Village of Coal City of its intent to deny Minooka High School's request for water/utility bills, receipts, stubs and miscellaneous information for the address 45 E. Spring Road, Coal City, IL 60416, as information which is exempt from disclosure under subsections 7(1)(c) and 7(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act, as required by 5 ILCS 140/9.5(b).

Please note that pre-approval from this Office is only required with regard to assertion of two exemptions; the **Section 7(1)(c)** personal privacy exemption or the **Section 7(1)(f)** exemption for predecisional, deliberative process materials. Denials based on other exemptions can be issued directly to the requester without notification to this Office. This letter is not intended to advise with regard to the applicability of any other exemption to the requested documents. The purpose of this letter is solely to make a determination as to the Village's intent to deny the request on the basis of **Section 7(1)(c)**.

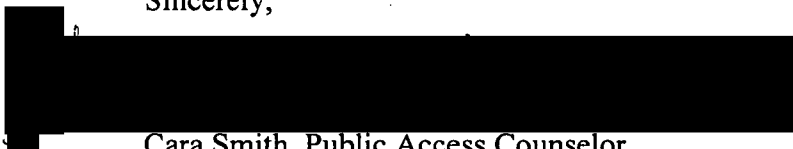
As a result of this review, we have determined that it is **not appropriate** for the Village to decline to disclose this information under subsection 7(1)(c). Usage of water supplied by a public body is not deemed to be information the release of which would be highly personal or objectionable to a reasonable person, and in our reasoned opinion would not appear to outweigh a legitimate public interest in this information, which directly relates to the obligation, receipt and use of public funds. Thus, the Village of Coal City's request to assert the exemption under 7(1)(c) is hereby **denied**, and the information should, accordingly, be released as requested without further inquiry.

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Please note that this determination is only intended to address the applicability of the Section 7(1)(c) exemption to the records. Those records may still contain personal information, such as account numbers and personal contact information, that may be redacted under **Section 7(1)(b)** of the Illinois freedom of Information Act.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (217) 785-7438. This letter shall serve to close this file.

Sincerely,

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Cara Smith, Public Access Counselor,
by Amanda M. Lundeen, Assistant Public
Access Counselor