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STATE OF ILLINOIS

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

September 15, 2010

Village Clerk Judy Rossi  
Village of Rockton  
110 East Main Street  
Rockton, Illinois 61072

RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 5924  
Requester: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Rossi:

We have reviewed the written notice from the Village of Rockton (Village) of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f). The Village's written notice relates to a FOIA request from [REDACTED] for records including a "feasibility study concerning the purchase of [a] utility company" (Study). The Village asserted that the Study is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA.

Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA exempts from inspection and copying "[p]reliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f).

**Determination**

The Village's use of the Section 7(1)(f) exemption with regard to the Study is approved. The Study examines the feasibility of litigation stemming from the purchase of a utility company and contains recommendations to the Village Board of Trustees with regard to that litigation. The Village asserted that the Study has never been publicly cited or identified by the Village President. Thus, the Study is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA.

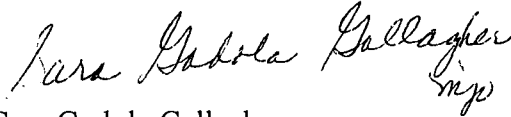
Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (312) 793-0865. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

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September 14, 2010  
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Sincerely,

Cara Smith  
Public Access Counselor

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Sara Gadola Gallagher  
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