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Claudette Worth,

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Complainant(s)

Notice of Meeting

against

Docket #FIC 2016-0367

Treasurer, State of Connecticut, Office of the Treasurer; and State of Connecticut, Office of the Treasurer, Respondent(s)

November 10, 2016

Transmittal of Proposed Final Decision

In accordance with Section 4-179 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Freedom of Information Commission hereby transmits to you the proposed finding and decision prepared by the hearing officer in the above-captioned matter.

This will notify you that the Commission will consider this matter for disposition at its meeting which will be held in the Freedom of Information Commission Hearing Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Ist floor, Hartford, Connecticut, at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2016. At that time and place you will be allowed to offer oral argument concerning this proposed finding and order. Oral argument shall be limited to ten (10) minutes. For good cause shown, however, the Commission may increase the period of time for argument. A request for additional time must be made in writing and should be filed with the Commission *ON OR BEFORE November 22, 2016.* Such request MUST BE (1) copied to all parties, or if the parties are represented, to such representatives, and (2) include a notation indicating such notice to all parties or their representatives.

Although a brief or memorandum of law is not required, if you decide to submit such a document, an <u>original and fourteen (14) copies</u> must be filed *ON OR BEFORE November 22, 2016.* PLEASE NOTE: Any correspondence, brief or memorandum directed to the Commissioners by any party or representative of any party MUST BE (1) copied to all parties, or if the parties are represented, to such representatives, (2) include a notation indicating such notice to all parties or their representatives and (3) be limited to argument. NO NEW EVIDENCE MAY BE SUBMITTED.

If you have already filed a brief or memorandum with the hearing officer and wish to have that document distributed to each member of the Commission, it is requested that <u>fifteen (15)</u> <u>copies</u> be filed *ON OR BEFORE November 22, 2016*, and that notice be given to all parties or if the parties are represented, to their representatives, that such previously filed document is being submitted to the Commissioners for review.

By Order of the Freedom of Information Commission

W. Paradis

Acting Clerk of the Commission

Notice to: Claudette Worth

Attorney Catherine E. LaMarr

FIC# 2016-0367/Trans/wrbp/VDH//KKR/2016-11-10

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

Report of Hearing Officer

Claudette Worth,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2016-0367

Treasurer, State of Connecticut, Office of the Treasurer; and State of Connecticut Office of the Treasurer,

Respondents

August 11, 2016

The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on August 9, 2016 at 2:30 P.M., at which time Attorney Catherine E. LaMarr appeared on behalf of the respondents, but the complainant did not appear to prosecute the case.

The hearing officer notes that Attorney LaMarr represented that the respondents had spent considerable time searching for records responsive to the request. Specifically, Attorney LaMarr represented that, prior to the scheduled hearing, her clients had thoroughly searched eight databases and had expended approximately 12 hours of staff time doing do. Attorney LaMarr also represented that she too had also spent considerable time meeting with her clients in order to review their search efforts and strategize about where responsive records might be located within the Office of the Treasurer. The hearing officer notes that the underlying request for records in this case sought any and all records (without a date limitation) that the respondents maintained that contained complainant's name, or any of the complainant's seven aliases.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above-captioned complaint:

- 1. The complaint is hereby dismissed.
- 2. The complainant is admonished for her failure to appear at the hearing in this matter, which failure resulted in a waste of scarce state resources.

Valicia Dee Harmon as Hearing Officer