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Ms. Lisa Calem-Lindström
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Texas Facilities Commission
P.O. Box 13047
Austin, Texas 78711-3047

OR2015-23053

Dear Ms. Calem-Lindström:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 585887.

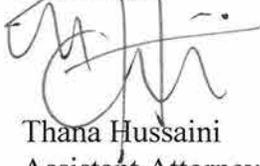
The Texas Facilities Commission (the "commission") received a request for the audio recordings of monthly commission meetings pertaining to the report for the Internal Audit and Risk Management division held over a specified period of time. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.103 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

We note the submitted information consists of audio recordings of commission meetings conducted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, chapter 551 of the Government Code. *See* Gov't Code §§ 551.001-.146. Section 551.022 of the Government Code expressly provides that "[t]he minutes and recordings of an open meeting are public records and shall be available for public inspection and copying on request to the governmental body's chief administrative officer or the officer's designee." *Id.* § 551.022. Accordingly, we find section 551.022 is applicable to the submitted recordings. Although you raise section 552.103 of the Government Code as an exception to disclosure of this information, we note that as a general rule, the exceptions to disclosure found in the Act are not applicable to information that other statutes make public. *See* Open Records Decision Nos. 623 at 3 (1994), 525 at 3 (1989). Therefore, the commission must release the submitted information in its entirety to the requestor pursuant to section 551.022 of the Government Code.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml, or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thana Hussaini', written over a horizontal line.

Thana Hussaini
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)