

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Meghan Portfolio,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2021-0349

Commissioner, State of Connecticut,
Department of Energy and Environmental
Protection; and State of Connecticut,
Department of Energy and Environmental
Protection,

Respondents

September 14, 2022

The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a remote contested case on August 22, 2022, at 2:00 PM, at which time the respondents appeared, but the complainant did not appear to prosecute the case.

The hearing officer notes that Attorney Robert Snook, counsel for the respondents, appeared at the hearing with one witness. Specifically, it is noted that Attorney Snook appeared with Attorney Kirsten Rigney, Legal Director of the respondent agency. Attorney Snook represented that Attorney Rigney was prepared to testify at the scheduled hearing, and that he had spent approximately five hours reviewing the case file, meeting with Attorney Rigney, conducting legal research, and participating in a moot court in preparation for the hearing. Attorney Rigney represented that she had spent approximately seven hours preparing for the hearing, including meeting with Attorney Snook, preparing the respondents' proposed exhibits, and reviewing all relevant documents.

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.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of September 14, 2022.



Cynthia A. Cannata

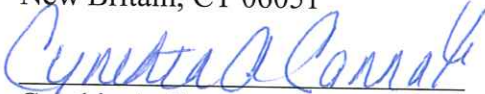
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PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-180(c), G.S., THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF EACH PARTY AND THE MOST RECENT MAILING ADDRESS, PROVIDED TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

THE PARTIES TO THIS CONTESTED CASE ARE:

MEGHAN PORTFOLIO, 193 McCormick Lane, Middletown, CT 06457

COMMISSIONER, STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION; AND STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, c/o Attorney Kirsten Rigney and Attorney Robert Snook, DEEP, Office of Legal Counsel, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051



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