

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by
Natalie Sirkin,

Complainant

Final Decision

against

Docket #FIC79-115

Northwestern Connecticut Regional
Planning Agency; and Executive
Director of the Northwestern
Connecticut Regional Planning
Agency,

March 12, 1980

Respondents

The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on December 6, 1979, at which time the complainant and respondents appeared and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

After consideration of the entire record, the following facts are found:

1. The respondents are public agencies as defined by §1-18a(a), G.S.
2. On April 23, 1979, the complainant requested a document referred to as the final "Management Plan for Northwest Connecticut."
3. By letter filed with this Commission on May 23, 1979, the complainant alleged that she had not yet received the requested document and that it had not yet been released to the public.
4. By way of general background, the respondents are under contract with the United States Department of Interior to prepare the requested document.
5. The respondents have not yet completed work on the requested document. In this regard, a draft of the document does not exist at this time.
6. It is therefore found that the complainant was not improperly denied a copy of a public record under §1-19(a), G.S.
7. It should be noted that the complainant's essential contention is that the respondents have intentionally delayed the preparation of the requested document so that it would not be necessary for them to show the same to the Housatonic towns before the towns voted on whether or not to accept it.
8. Such a claim is not a matter within the jurisdiction or authority of this Commission.

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.

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on March 12, 1980.



Leslie Ann McGuire
Clerk of the Commission