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Dear Ms. Leal:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 7476; this decision is OR90-046.

The El Paso County Lower Valley Water District Authority (the authority) received an open records request for itemized attorney billing statements. This office has considered the exception you claimed, specifically the attorney-client privilege aspect of section 3(a)(1), and reviewed the documents at issue. A previous determination of this office, Open Records Decision No. 399 (1983), resolves your request. For this reason, you may withhold the portions of the billing statements that detail the actual work performed by the authority's attorneys; the remaining information contained in the statements must be released.

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR90-046.

Yours very truly,

Susan Garrison

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