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Ms. Neera Chatterjee  
The University of Texas System  
Office of General Counsel  
201 West Seventh Street  
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OR2009-05872

Dear Ms. Chatterjee:

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# 346261 (PIR# 26).

The University of Texas System (the "system") received a request for information "related to the potential closing or relocation of UTMB." The requestor subsequently clarified the request to include only "with-in system" information. You state that some responsive information has been released to the requestor, but claim that some of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.137 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.137 of the Government Code requires a governmental body to withhold the e-mail address of a member of the general public, unless the individual to whom the e-mail address belongs has affirmatively consented to its public disclosure. *See id.* § 552.137 (b). You do not inform us that the owner of the e-mail address has affirmatively consented to release of the e-mail address. Therefore, unless the system receives consent to release the marked e-mail address, the system must withhold it under section 552.137 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.oag.state.tx.us/open/index\\_orl.php](http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index_orl.php), 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 must be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the Office of the Attorney General at (512) 475-2497.

Sincerely,



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Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
(w/o enclosures)