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Ms. Hadassah Schloss
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OR2016-12835

Dear Ms. Schloss:

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# 613083.

The General Land Office (the "GLO") received a request for a specified contract. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.104 and 552.110 of the Government Code. You also state release of the submitted information may implicate the proprietary interests of Cavallo Energy Texas ("Cavallo"). Accordingly, you state, and provide documentation showing, you notified Cavallo of the request for information and of its right to submit arguments to this office as to why the submitted information should not be released. *See* Gov't Code § 552.305(d); *see also* Open Records Decision No. 542 (1990) (statutory predecessor to section 552.305 permits governmental body to rely on interested third party to raise and explain applicability of exception in the Act in certain circumstances). We have considered your arguments and reviewed the submitted information.

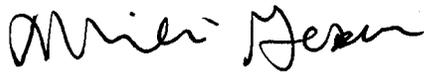
You state, and we agree, the submitted information was the subject of a previous request for information, as a result of which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2016-04920 (2016). In that ruling, we determined, in pertinent part, the information at issue may be withheld under section 552.104 of the Government Code. You state there has not been any change in the law, facts, or circumstances on which the previous ruling was based. Accordingly, we conclude the GLO may rely on Open Records Letter No. 2016-04920 as a

previous determination and withhold Exhibit 3 in accordance with that ruling.¹ See Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (so long as law, facts, and circumstances on which prior ruling was based have not changed, first type of previous determination exists where requested information is precisely same information as was addressed in prior attorney general ruling, ruling is addressed to same governmental body, and ruling concludes that information is or is not excepted from disclosure).

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,



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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)

Third Party
(w/o enclosures)

¹As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your arguments against disclosure of this information.