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ORDER OF DETERMINATION May 5, 2023

DATE DECISION ISSUED April 5, 2023

CASE TITLE

File No. 21128: Complaint filed by Maria Schulman against Mayara Ruski, Augusto Sa, and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21, 67.26(b) and 67.27, and California Public Records Action, Section 6253(d), by failing to respond to a request for public records in a timely and/or complete manner and failing to provide written justification for withholdings.

HEARING AND ACTION ON THE COMPLAINT

On September 20, 2022, Complaint Committee acting in its capacity to hear petitions/complaints heard the matter.

On September 20, 2022, the Complaint Committee moved by Member Stein, seconded by Chair Schmidt, to find that the SOTF has jurisdiction, find that the requested records are public and to refer the matter to the SOTF for hearing for consideration of timeliness delays and overbroad interpretation of privacy exemptions.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Hyland, Padmanabhan, Yankee

Noes: 0 - None

On April 5, 2023, the SOTF held a hearing to review the recommendation from committee and/or to review the merits of the petition/complaint.

Moved by Vice-Chair Wong, seconded by Member Wolfe, to find that the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission violated, Administrative Code, Sunshine Ordinance Section 67.26, by failing to key by footnote, or other clear reference and not keeping withholding to a minimum as well and order that the SFPUC key their redactions and/or un-redact informant that does not fall under their justifications for redactions, and forward this case to the Compliance and Amendments Committee for monitoring.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Wong, Wolfe, Hill, Padmanabhan, Yankee, Hyland, Stein, LaHood, Schmidt

Noes: 0 - None

The Order of Determination was approved by the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force on: May 3, 2023

cc. Petitioner Respondent