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**ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

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**AmAudit, Inc.**  
**Consultant for**  
**The Village of Melrose Park, Cook County**

**Petition for Confidential Treatment of**  
**The Village of Melrose Park's**  
**Request for promulgation of municipal**  
**electric use tax rates under Section 8-11-2**  
**of the Illinois Municipal Code**

**Docket No. 12 - 0416**

**PETITION**

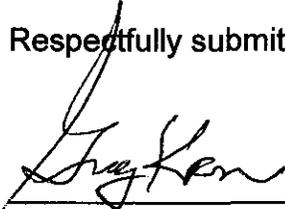
AmAudit, Inc., consultant for the Village of Melrose Park ("Petitioner") hereby petitions the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") to protect from public disclosure the Village of Melrose Park's Request for promulgation of municipal electric use tax rates under Section 8-11-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code in order to protect highly proprietary information included therein. In support of this Petition, Petitioner states as follows:

1. Petitioner is an American Association of Utility Auditors company working as a consultant for the Village of Melrose Park ("Village"); and Petitioner assisted the Village in formulating and drafting the passed ordinance that imposes a use tax on electricity usage within the incorporated boundaries of the Village.
2. Petitioner invested numerous hours in research and development of a new approach to electricity tax.
3. The utility auditing industry is highly competitive, and public disclosure of this new approach would likely cause competitive harm to the Petitioner; the value of the Petitioner as a consulting company will be lost.
4. Section 7 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(g) exempts from public disclosure "[t]rade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person or business where the trade secrets or commercial or financial information are furnished under a claim that they are proprietary, privileged or confidential, and that disclosure of the trade secrets or commercial or financial information would cause competitive harm..." The Request for promulgation of municipal electric use tax rates for the Village, which is the subject matter of this Petition, falls within this exemption.

For these reasons, Petitioner requests that the Village of Melrose Park's Request for promulgation of municipal electric use tax rates and Ordinance No. 1601 be treated as confidential information and not made part of public record.

Wherefore, Petitioner respectfully requests the Commission enter an Order without hearing, granting protection from disclosure in its entirety of the Village of Melrose Park, Cook County, Request for promulgation of municipal electric use tax rates under Section 8-11-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

Respectfully submitted,

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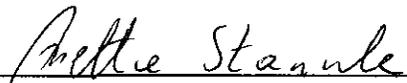
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**VERIFICATION**

I, Greg Karr, being first duly sworn upon oath depose and say that I am President of AmAudit, an American Association of Utility Auditors company, acting as a consultant for the Village of Melrose Park, County of Cook, State of Illinois; that I have read the above Petition by me subscribed and know the contents thereof; that the contents of the Petition are true in substance and in fact, except as to those matters stated upon information and belief, and as to those, I believe the same to be true.

  
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Greg Karr

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2012.

  
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Notary Public

