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August 18, 2009

VIA E-MAIL

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302 West Superior Street, Suite 700
Duluth, MN 55802

Re: Preparation for orderly annexation hearing;
OA-1449-1 Ranier/Rainy Lake Unorganized Territory; 1,142 acres)

Dear Mr. Hanka:

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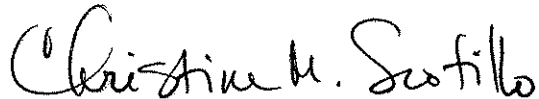
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Please contact our office if you have any questions or if additional clarification is needed.

Sincerely,

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Christine M. Scotillo
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Dear Mr. Hanka:

The Office of Administrative Hearings-Municipal Boundary Adjustments has scheduled a hearing on the above-described matter. As the party initiating the proposed boundary adjustment, a notice of hearing is enclosed, and a sample form outlining the basic issues that are considered at the hearing.

In order for Municipal Boundary Adjustments to give proper notification of the hearing to all parties pursuant to M.S. 414.09, you must submit to our office the names of the following parties:

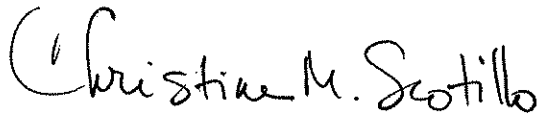
1. The township or municipality presently governing the affected territory;
2. Any township or municipality abutting the affected territory; (NOTE: M.S. 414.011, Subd. 6 states, "The terms "abut," "abuts," and "abutting" refer to areas whose boundaries at least touch one another at a single point, including areas whose boundaries would touch but for an intervening roadway, railroad, waterway or parcel of publicly owned land.")
3. The county or counties where the affected territory is situated;
4. Any planning agency or commission which has jurisdiction over the affected area.

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If there is a failure to properly and fully inform Municipal Boundary Adjustments of all such parties, upon motion of any party, the hearing may be continued until proper notice is made. Since there is a statutory time limitation on the scheduling of the hearing and publication requirements, we would appreciate your early attention to this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

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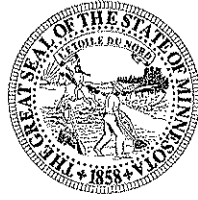
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c: Kim Nuthak, Ranier City Clerk (via E-mail)
Teresa Jaksa, Koochiching County Coordinate (via E-mail)



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Dear Mr. Hanka:

Our office will be e-mailing the Notice of Hearing to The Daily Journal (International Falls). The Notice will be published (at the petitioners' expense) on Tuesday, August 25th and September 1st. We have requested that the paper mail the invoice for publishing to you and the Affidavit of Publication to our office.

Please contact this office if you have any questions.

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Ranier City Clerk
Ranier City Hall
P.O. Box 186
Ranier, MN 56668-0186

Re: Preparation for orderly annexation hearing;
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Koochiching County Courthouse
715 – 4th Street
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Dear Ms. Jaksa:

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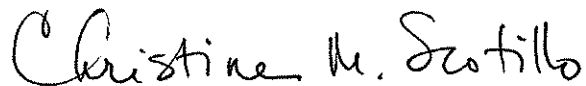
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