February 3, 2017

VIA E-MAIL
Mr. Tom Stone

RE: 17-FOIA-020 Info – Iowa Pacific Trips

Dear Mr. Stone:

We are in receipt of your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq. (“FOIA”).

On January 20, 2017, we received your request for:

1) Any and all contracts, board resolutions and management decisions that allowed Iowa Pacific and its subsidiaries to operate passenger trains on any and all Metra routes in the year 2016;

   a) The dates, origination and destination points and number of trips made by Iowa Pacific under the contract(s), etc. in Item #2 in the year 2016;

   b) The revenue due to Metra from Iowa Pacific for each and every trip for each date in item "a" under the contract(s) etc. in Item #2 in the year 2016;

   c) The revenue actually paid to Metra from Iowa Pacific under the contracts, etc. for each and every trip for each date in Item #2 in the year 2016;

   d) The names and dates of any and all Metra Management staff, including members of the board of directors, who rode any of these trips of the trains in item #2 in the year 2016, as well as an explanation of the business purposes of these trips; and

   e) The names and dates of any and all Metra Management staff, including members of the board of directors, who rode any of these trips of the trains in item #2 in the year 2016, as well as a listing of any fare payments made by these Metra managers (“Request”).

After performing a diligent search of Metra’s records, we have been unable to locate any records responsive to your Request regarding Iowa Pacific, or its subsidiaries, operating passenger trains on any and all Metra routes in 2016. Metra’s Budget Management Analysis & Contract Department has advised that the Engineer Pilot Agreement, dated September 27, 2013, between Iowa Pacific Holdings, LLC; its wholly-owned subsidiary Chicago Terminal Railroad and Metra, is limited to non-revenue equipment transport, and it does not allow for the operation of passenger trains.
If we can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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