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February 19, 2016

VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Jesse Rose Cottrell Dominion Due Diligence Group Email: <u>j.cottrell@d3g.com</u>

RE: 16-FOIA-038 Noise Survey Info – McHenry, IL

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

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 February 17, 2016, we received your request for answers to the following questions in connection with a noise survey on a new construction project located near the Union Pacific Northwest Line in McHenry, Illinois:

- Are the engines on the UPNW line diesel;
- How many cars and engines are there per train to and from the McHenry station; and
- What is the average train speed between Crystal Lake and McHenry

("Request").

After a diligent search of our records, Metra was unable to locate any records responsive to your Request. The train line referenced in your Request, the Union Pacific Northwest line, is owned and operated by the Union Pacific Railroad ("**UP**"). We contacted the UP for any information that would be responsive to your Request. In their response to us, the UP advised that the requested information are non-public records and accordingly, are not subject to production under the Purchase of Service Agreement with Metra or the FOIA.

However, the Federal Railroad Administration maintains a website at: <u>https://www.fra.dot.gov/Page/P0001</u>, which may contain some of the information you are interested in obtaining. Additionally, train count information can be obtained through the Federal Railroad Administration's Highway-Rail Crossing Inventory database at the links below:

http://safetydata.fra.dot.gov/OfficeofSafety/publicsite/crossing/xingqryloc.aspx http://safetydata.fra.dot.gov/OfficeofSafety/publicsite/crossing/crossing.aspx

If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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