

May 31, 2016

# **VIA E-MAIL**

Mr. Anthony Fallico, Chairman IBEW Local 134

Email: ajfallico@gmail.com

RE: 16-FOIA-135 Phone Records

Dear Mr. Fallico:

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

## I. <u>Background</u>

On May 20, 2016, we received your request for phone records for Metra telephone #\_\_\_\_\_\_, for the dates of April 22, 2016 and April 25, 2016 ("Request"). Your Request is granted in part and denied in part.

# II. Responsive Document

In response to your Request, Metra is providing you with a copy of the above-referenced phone records for the dates of April 22, 2016 and April 25, 2016 ("Responsive Document").

## III. Partial Denial

While FOIA requires public bodies to provide access to public records generally, FOIA also authorizes units of government to withhold certain "private information." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b). "Private information" is defined as "unique identifiers, including a person's social security number, driver's license number, employee identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial information, passwords or other access codes, medical records, home or personal telephone numbers, and personal e-mail addresses," as well as home address, and personal license plates. 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5). Accordingly, per Attorney Thomas Stuebner, any such private information within the above-mentioned Responsive Document has been redacted.

## V. Right of Review

You have the right to have the partial denial of your Request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor ("PAC") of the Illinois Attorney General's Office. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor Office of the Attorney General 500 South 2nd Street Springfield, Illinois 62706

Fax: 217-782-1396

E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us.

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If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this partial denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this partial denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

You also have the right to seek judicial review of your partial denial by filing a lawsuit in the circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

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

Sincerely,

Kathleen E. Haton

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Freedom of Information Officer

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FOIA Hotline #312-663-3642

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