



February 15, 2019

VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Tom Mack
[REDACTED]

RE: 19-FOIA-034 Request for Metra RFP 224

Dear Mr. Mack:

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. Background

On February 1, 2019, we received your request for a copy of the original Metra RFP 224 for “New or Remanufactured Passenger Diesel/Electric Locomotives”, including all sections, specifications, and Appendices A through I (“Request”).

Your Request is granted in part and denied in part.

II. Responsive Document

In response to your Request, Metra’s Procurement department is providing you with Request for Proposals for New or Remanufactured Passenger Diesel/Electric Locomotives (RFP No. 224) (“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 information. Attorney Keith Pardonnet has determined the insurance information referenced in the Responsive Document is redacted under Section 7(1)(s) of FOIA which authorizes units of government to withhold “[a]ny and all proprietary information and records related to the operation of an intergovernmental risk management association or self-insurance pool or jointly self-administered health and accident cooperative or pool Insurance or self-insurance (including any intergovernmental risk management association or self-insurance pool) claims, loss or risk management information, records, data, advice or communications.” 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(s).

IV. 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

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500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396
E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us.

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 assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Angela K. Ollie".

Angela K. Ollie
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Attachment