



June 24, 2019

VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Charles Compher, Jr.

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RE: 19-FOIA-159 Metra Contract No. B42189

Dear Mr. Compher:

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 June 14, 2019, we received your request for Metra Contract B42189 (PA42189), executed between Petroleum Traders Corporation and Metra; additionally, you asked that we also provide any and all corresponding counterparts, addendums and Change Orders that relate to Metra Contract B42189 (PA 42189) (“Request”).

Your Request is granted in part and denied in part.

II. Responsive Documents

In response to your Request, Metra’s Procurement department is providing you with a copy of the above-referenced contract with Change Order Nos. 1, 2 & 3; and Addendum No. 1 (“Responsive Documents”).

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. Therefore, Attorney Keith Pardonnet has determined that the following portions of the Responsive Documents are exempt from disclosure under certain provisions of FOIA:

1. The unique identifier (tax identification number) of the party mentioned in the Responsive Documents is redacted because it is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(b) of FOIA, which exempts “private information.” "Private information" means 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 email addresses. 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5).
2. Insurance information referenced in the Responsive Documents 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). Accordingly, per Attorney Keith Pardonnet, all information regarding insurance within the Responsive Documents has been redacted.

IV. Right of Review

A person whose request to inspect or copy a public record was treated by the public body as a request for a commercial purpose under Section 3.1 of FOIA may file a request for review with the Public Access Counselor (“PAC”) of the Illinois Attorney General’s Office for the limited purpose of reviewing whether the public body properly determined that the request was made for a commercial purpose. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(b). 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.

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 we can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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