



September 12, 2019

VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Kevin Smith
Petroleum Traders Corporation
Email: ksmith@PetroleumTraders.com

RE: 19-FOIA-187 Invoices & Bill of Ladings for Fuel Deliveries

Dear Mr. Smith:

Metra's FOIA Department ("FOIA Department") is responding to your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* ("FOIA").

I. Background

On July 3, 2019, the FOIA Department received your request: "two (2) invoices per month from your current contract delivered by your current vendor(s) and corresponding bill of ladings. Please only send the most recent 12 months." ("**Request**"). Your Request is granted in part and denied in part.

II. Responsive Documents

In response to your Request, Metra's FOIA Department is providing you with two (2) invoices and corresponding bills of lading from our current vendor for fuel, Mansfield Oil Co., regarding fuel deliveries dated June 26, 2018 – June 17, 2019 ("**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 Aruj Chaudhry has determined that unique identifiers (account numbers, FEIN numbers, miscellaneous identification numbers) and employee identification numbers of the parties mentioned in the Responsive Documents are redacted because they are 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).

IV. Right of Review

A person whose request to inspect or copy a public record that 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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