

March 30, 2016

**VIA E-MAIL**

Mr. T.N. Tancula  
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Rail World, Inc.  
Email: [tntancula@railworld-inc.com](mailto:tntancula@railworld-inc.com)

RE: 16-FOIA-049 Land Lease Agreement - Rondout Iron and Metal Co., LLC

Dear Mr. Tancula:

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 March 1, 2016, we received your request for a complete copy of the Land Lease Agreement (“**Agreement**”) as referenced in the Capital Oversight Committee memo dated March 7, 2013, between Metra and Rondout Iron and Metal Co., LLC (“**Request**”).

**II. Responsive Document**

In response to your Request, Metra is providing you with a copy of the above-referenced Agreement (“**Responsive Document**”).

**III. Partial Denial**

While FOIA requires public bodies to provide access to public records generally, Section 7(1)(s) of FOIA 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 Thomas Stuebner, 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:

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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](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us).

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen E. Haton".

Kathleen E. Haton  
Freedom of Information Officer  
[foia@metrarr.com](mailto:foia@metrarr.com)

Attachments