

August 22, 2019

#### **VIA EMAIL**

Mr. Greg Goetzke
Black Dog Corporation
E: greg@blackdogcorp.com

RE: 19-FOIA-232 Metra and Petroleum Traders Corp. Contract

Dear Mr. Goetzke:

Metra's FOIA Department (the "FOIA Department") is 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 August 15, 2019, the FOIA Department received your request for a copy of the contract between Metra and Petroleum Traders Corporation for "Emergency Fuel Services" ("Request"). Your Request is granted in part and denied in part.

# II. Responsive Document

In response to your Request, the FOIA Department is providing you with Purchase Agreement Number PA0000531 ("**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. Therefore, Attorney Keith Pardonnet has determined that the tax identification number of the party mentioned in the Responsive Document 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).

## 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.

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,

Angela K. Ollie

Freedom of Information Officer

foia@metrarr.com

FOIA Hotline #312-663-3642

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