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of Transportation

**Federal Railroad  
Administration**

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John Quarterman  
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**Re: FRA FOIA File No. FFRA-24-00257**

Dear John Quarterman:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for “Florida East Coast Railway’s (FEC) request under Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 174.63 for the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) approval to transport liquefied natural gas (methane, refrigerated liquid (UN 1972), or LNG) by rail, in intermodal (IM) portable tanks in container-on-flatcar or trailer-on-flatcar Service, from origination and destination points on the FEC network, copies of any letters, memorandums, or notes in response to or related to that FEC request, both from FRA and from FEC as well as third parties, including FEC’s “various documents it submitted to FRA in 2015 and 2016, in addition to any docket number or file number associated with that FEC request or the other materials.

In accordance with the FOIA, please find records responsive to your request attached.

It is FRA’s policy to exempt material pursuant to FOIA Exemption (b)(2). Exemption 2 exempts from mandatory disclosure records that are “related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency.” This includes information solely internal to an agency that has little interest to the public. Pursuant to Exemption 2, FRA redacted internal intranet website URLs from these documents.

Portions of the enclosed documents such as financial information, price, and technical proposals have been redacted pursuant to exemption 4, 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(4), which protects “trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person [that is] privileged or confidential”. FRA has determined this information is commercial or financial.

It is also FRA's policy to withhold the names and related personal information of individuals from the enclosed materials because such information constitutes sensitive, personal, and private information. Therefore, pursuant to FOIA, the individuals' name and related personal information portions of these materials have been exempted from disclosure by exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), which exempts personnel and medical and similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

No fee has been assessed for the documents considering the minimal cost incurred in providing you with these documents.

You may appeal this decision to the Administrator; Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, DC 20590. According to the FOIA statute, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(A)(i)(III) (aa), your appeal must be submitted in writing within ninety (90) days of your receipt of this letter. Per the Department's FOIA regulations, 49 C.F.R. Part 7 the appeal must indicate that it is an appeal under FOIA, it must include all arguments and information upon which you rely, and the envelope in which the appeal is sent must be prominently marked, "FOIA Appeal."

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is below:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001  
Email - [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Telephone - 202-741-5770 or 1-877-684-6448  
Fax - 202-741-5769

If you have any questions regarding your FOIA request, you may contact FRA's FOIA Office at: [FRAFOIA@dot.gov](mailto:FRAFOIA@dot.gov). You may also contact FRA's FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. William Wong, at [FRAFOIALiaison@dot.gov](mailto:FRAFOIALiaison@dot.gov) for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request.

Since FRA has no additional information responsive to your request, I am closing your file in this office.

Sincerely,

*Syreeta Jackson*  
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Government Information Specialist

Attachment(s)