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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.